



# Galloway

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***AGA Members Out and About...***

# President's Report

## Shane Smeathers

The Association has forged ahead this year with many new members and great displays of the Galloway Family at field days and shows around the country.

The Association's Annual General Meeting and Field Day at Ocean Shores, NSW, held in early March 2018 was a great success and enjoyed by all members attending. The field day on the Saturday, hosted by Phill and Vicki Morrow, at Dragon Bridge Stud, was very informative, and many thanks are extended to them, and also to Vicki's daughter Amy who helped provide a delicious morning tea, afternoon tea and lunch.

The Annual General Meeting for 2019 is planned to be held at the Royal Canberra Show, February 2019. The Galloway Family has been chosen as the feature beef cattle breed for this show, and it's currently shaping up to have record numbers of Galloway cattle present. I'd like to encourage members to come along and, if not showing your cattle, support those who are and catch up and have a chat with them after judging or at one of the social functions planned.

We look forward to catching up with visitors to Australia at the 12th World Galloway Congress in September and October this year, and I am sure they will all enjoy the conference, activities and tours organised for them by

the Australian Belted Galloway Association, which is hosting the event. Please make the delegates feel welcome; it's a great opportunity to discuss the Galloway breed with others from around the world and learn from their experiences.

The drought presently affecting many areas of Australia is, of course, having an affect on the cattle herd numbers throughout the country. Many cattle breeders have had to reduce their herd numbers in order to survive the harsh conditions, and this does include some of our Association members. Whilst we know our Galloways are a very hardy and adaptable breed, the current drought is having a terrible affect, with no feed in paddocks, and dwindling reserves of fodder available. Please consider our fellow members who may be doing it tough, as well as other drought affected people, and be ready to lend an ear to listen, or offer assistance of some kind if you are able.

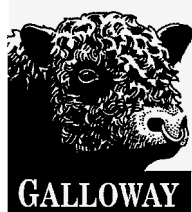
The Annual this year focuses on our young members and other young people. It is important to encourage the next generation as they are the future custodians of the Galloway Family genetics.

With best wishes for improved weather conditions and plenty of feed growing in your paddocks.

*Shane Smeathers*

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# Gleneagles Miniature Galloway Stud



*Gleneagles Nymeria*

*Gleneagles Miniature Galloway Stud was established by Ian and Rhonda Bull in 2010. It is located at Corbie Hill, a rural residential suburb eight kilometres from Leeton in the New South Wales Riverina area. The Bulls moved to the area in 2004 as part of a tree change. Ian worked for Sydney Water for 36 years, and Rhonda was with Telstra for 20 years.*

Ian's time is now taken up with feeding cattle, fixing and improving Gleneagles infrastructure, or playing music. Evenings will find Ian on his PC, out playing music or watching TV. Ian is involved with Leeton Town Band as a trumpet player and committee member and in the past has been the uniform officer, librarian, treasurer and stage manager for the main concert of the annual Outback Band Spectacular. Mostly Blues is another band which Ian plays trumpet or drums with, as well as playing trumpet most Sunday mornings in Church.

Ian says "My wife Rhonnie looks after me very well, as well as all the in house stuff. Any job I need a hand with on the farm, Rhonnie is there. She also gives time as a volunteer at the local Leeton Community Op Shop and has developed some good friendships through her time at the store."

The Bulls' aim is to produce well structured miniature Galloway stud animals that will improve the Galloway breed and make the general public more aware of Galloways, especially miniature Galloways.

Ian says "I have a passion to add as many White with red points Galloway animals as I can to the herd book of the Australian Galloway Association (AGA). My original White with red points cow is Glenayr Empress E7. We purchased her from Max and Pam Meacham at West Wyalong NSW, in 2011 as a heifer." A couple of other females from the Meacham's

herd disposal were purchased to form the nucleus of the Gleneagles stud.

Ian has had a lifelong interest in colour, and during his teens and into his twenties, he carried out extensive colour experiments with lots of different coloured mice. During these experiments Ian discovered the double recessive nature of the red gene purely by accident. So in selecting the first bull for the Gleneagles herd, Ian looked for a solid red coloured bull, which he found by a search through the AGA herd book. Glen El Rusty D2 joined the herd.

The Gleneagles herd isn't joined at the same time, ensuring calves are born all through the year, which suits the market the Bulls have targeted. Ian encourages most of his customers to establish a Galloway stud, therefore giving his clients an extra option to sell their calves: the registered stud



*Rhonda and Ian Bull at Gleneagles Miniature Galloway Stud, Leeton, NSW*

market. They can also sell as pets, lawn mowers and paddock grazers or into the meat market, but only registered animals can be sold into the stud market. Some of his clients who have since established studs are Murrinoak, Trascott Park and Balytyckle in Victoria, as well as Bondi Farm, Rock View, Glen Bryan and Werriberri in New South Wales. Progeny from Gleneagles have also joined several other established studs, travelling as far north as Cooran, in Queensland.

Peter Tunks, the Agriculture teacher for Wadalba Community School, Wyong, NSW, approached Ian wishing to purchase some calves with a view to showing them at local shows and bringing residents from nearby aged care facilities to visit the cattle.

Ian and Rhonda decided to partially sponsor three heifer calves to assist the school with this programme; Gleneagles Nicola N7 (white with red points), Gleneagles Nellie N8 (white with black points), and Gleneagles Navarone N9 (white with black Points) are now the happy residents at the Wadalba Community School.

The AGA will be following the progress of the school and the three heifers with interest.

During his time at Sydney Water Ian developed "a thing" for MS Excel spreadsheets. He keeps all the Gleneagles cattle records on spreadsheets and does all his invoices and receipts using a series of template documents in MS Word merging the information from Excel into Word.

Ian is happy to help out others and says: "If you have a stud and are interested, I am prepared to share my templates and help you set up your record keeping systems ... just contact me through my website. <http://bullie49.wix.com/gallowayminiatures#!home/mainPage>.

Ian's work around the farm, driving a bus for Yanco Agricultural High School, picking up hay and music has kept him away from the cattle show scene but hopefully the 2019 Royal Canberra Show will be his debut as an exhibitor. Ian plans to show two miniature Galloways, both white with red points - not with an expectation of winning but just to show how attractive and gorgeous these smaller animals are. So watch for Gleneagles Miniature Galloway Stud!



*Ian Bull with Gleneagles Mondeo IRB M1*

# Wadalba Community School

Within our local community there are many aged care facilities, and along with our own special needs unit, our goal is to bring the two together and of course include our little Galloways in active learning throughout the school.

*Peter Tunks from Wadalba Community School has provided the following:*

Wadalba Community School is the only public Kindergarten to Year 12 school on the Central Coast of NSW, one hour north of Sydney. Our student population is 1500 plus, which also includes students in our special needs unit.

Our school caters for all students and is a safe school for gender difference. At Wadalba we pride ourselves on the inclusion of all our students and staff.

The school agricultural plot or school farm has run for many years housing many different farm animals and aquatic species to enhance the learning opportunities for our cohort.

Five years ago the Ag Team developed a five year plan for future projects and developments within our unit. A purpose built pig enclosure was constructed with the help of different construction classes, Ag classes and a class of disengaged students. These students were taught life skills and experienced learning opportunities from trade trained staff. Today we still run a group in the same format to ensure their engagement in learning is both beneficial but most of all to ensure they want to come to school.

Currently we run pigs, goats, Dorper sheep, a host of different aquaculture and chickens. Along with our livestock, there are sixteen large gardens growing vegetables and fodder.

Over the past years the school

has engaged in cattle, mainly steers for the paddock to plate competition. As many of you would have experienced, sometimes cattle do not have the right temperament for students. We sat down one day and set out to meet both the curriculum needs of our classes and also to develop a programme that was not the usual format in government run schools.

After much deliberation we agreed on miniature Galloway; these gentle, small and intelligent animals were going to meet our needs.

With the help of Ian Bull and his wife Rhonda, we have joined forces. Ian has provided sponsorship, guidance and a wealth of knowledge, and our next major goal is slowly coming into a reality. The school plans to show the cattle eventually and commence a breeding programme. But most of all it will be a community based learning environment.

Our school starts at kindergarten through to primary industries for the HSC. Many hurdles have been presented to the Ag Team, feeding, housing, socialising and of course 1500 sets of eyes and hands. Feed was always going to be a major contributing factor for the them to work on.

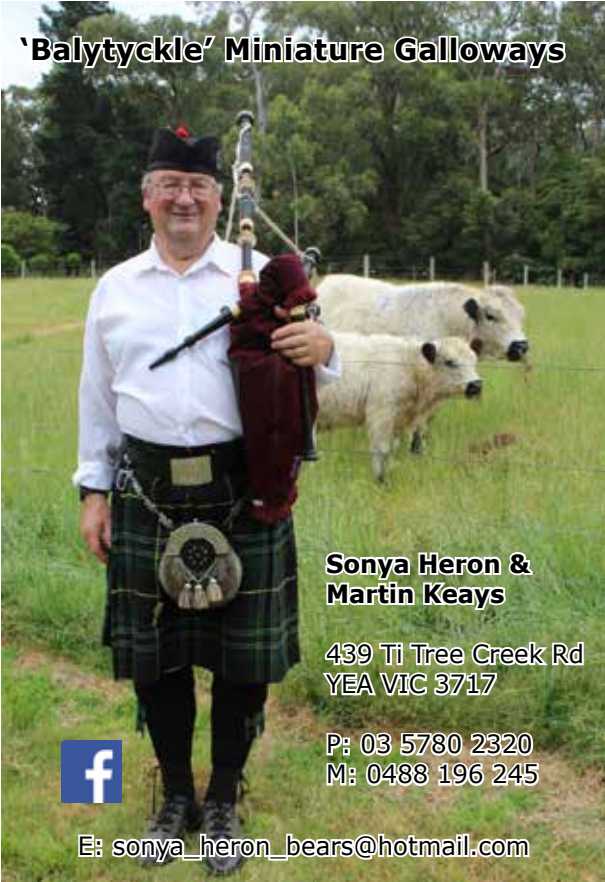
This year our disengaged student group along with their teachers have designed and built a hydroponic grass growing facility, ensuring nutrient enriched fodder mats are available daily. Portable fencing has been purchased, so the cattle can be grazed throughout the school. We needed to ensure everyone's safety, animals included, by covering the portable fencing with chain mesh. This is so the students can't climb in when the cattle are grazing and teachers are in class - workplace health and safety is a priority at all times.

With the pending arrival



*One of the specially constructed pens for the heifers.*

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*Gleneagles miniature heifers*



*Arrival of the Gleneagles heifers at Wadalba Community School*



*Racks constructed by the Wadalba Community School students for the hydroponic fodder production*

of the cattle, the Ag team has organised a paddock naming competition for them. Being conscious of the ever-growing waste of resources, it was coordinated with the IT Department to design an online competition and advertising procedure. Every time the students log in to the school computers, a pop up appears advising them of what is happening with the arrivals, so no waste of paper. I have also created a Gmail account for the cattle, so the junior students can email the cows and I will reply on their behalf, wadalbagalloways@gmail.com. At Wadalba everyone is inclusive and our new little family members will become a part of our larger school family. I am a strong advocate of our school community involvement, one in all in.

As this report is going to press we are fine tuning all measures, to ensure a safe transition for our new arrivals. The wheat grass units that we have built are in the testing stage now. Yesterday we laid out the first tubs with grain. This will assist us in gauging how much seed each tub will need to produce a juicy rug of fodder. Our units have 60 tub capacity and it will be staggered so that each day the cows will have 9 tubs of fodder, plus grazing and lucerne.

Our cattle yard is up and ready to go. The portable yard fencing is just about completed with chain mesh on it, we had to re wire it so the students can not climb into the yard when the cows are moved around the school to graze. Today one of the classes started assembling the panels for a practice run. If the goats can't get out no one will! The students certainly have built some muscles up in the exercise.

Wadalba thanks the AGA for its interest and will keep the association up to date with our progress. Thanks for the support and best wishes.

# Glenblairie

## BELTED GALLOWAYS



### Standard

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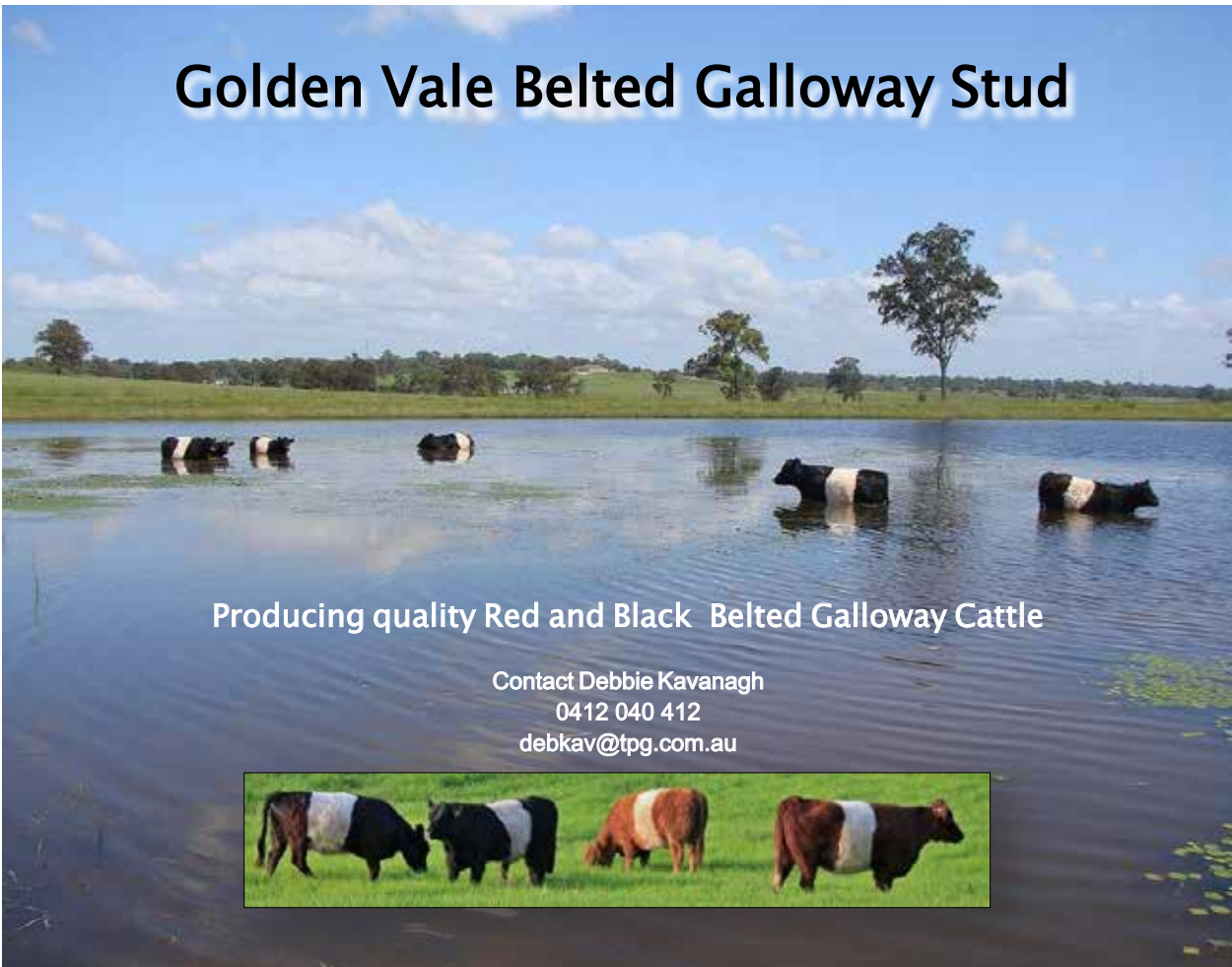


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# Annual General Meeting and Field Day

*The Association's Annual General Meeting and Field Day was held over the weekend of 10th and 11th March, at Ocean Shores, on the north coast of New South Wales.*

Phill and Vicki Morrow kindly hosted the field day on their very green and lush property, Dragon Bridge Stud. The few showers in the morning did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm of the 40 or so who attended this most enjoyable day. Phill was one step ahead of the weather and had set up two canopies for the hip height measuring exercise and the fitting demonstration. Troy Hepburn gave a very professional demonstration about clipping and show preparation, and was able to answer all questions that were posed to him.

It was then up to the house for a scrumptious lunch, prepared by Vicki and her daughter Amy, who must have been up all night preparing this feast. There was plenty of conversation as people caught up with old friends and introduced themselves to new ones.

Dr Phil Kemsley, from Local Land Services, took to the floor in the afternoon, filling us in on the perils of the diseases that cattle could succumb to in Northern New South Wales and Queensland, and in particular ticks and tick related diseases. He certainly caused some consternation amongst those present with his graphic descriptions and worse case scenarios, but on the upside, everyone is now prepared and knows what signs to look for if they think their cattle may be ailing. Theileria, a tick borne

disease causing anaemia in cattle was highlighted, as it is becoming more prevalent, and in particular spreading more into the southern states. Q Fever was also discussed: a disease spread to humans by bacteria from cattle (as well as sheep and goats). We now know what to look for in symptoms for ourselves as well as our cattle!

The Ocean Shores Country Club was the venue for the delicious three course dinner at night, with Hayley Robertson from the MLA as the guest speaker, keeping everyone informed and interested with her presentation about Meat and Livestock Australia.

Peter Jones organised a raffle, and sold a large number of tickets during the day, with the winning tickets being drawn during the dinner. Prizes

ranged from light hearted novelty items to useful things, and lead to some laughter amongst the prize recipients. This was followed by an auction of low maintenance Galloways (soft toys) made and kindly donated by Vicki Morrow. This auction was also well supported, with these Galloways finding new homes.

Sunday morning saw a well attended Annual General Meeting, which proceeded smoothly. Shane welcomed new Committee member Pam Brown, with all the other Committee members returned. Shane Smeathers was re-elected as President at a brief Committee meeting following the Annual General Meeting, with Luke Bonar and Phill Morrow being elected as Vice Presidents, and Sallie Wadley elected as Treasurer.

Following morning tea the Members Forum took place, with those present having the opportunity to ask questions and have general discussions about various topics.

A great weekend was enjoyed by all who attended.



*Troy Hepburn explaining some of the finer points of clipping cattle during the field day.*

# Farewell to Gordon Matheson



Gordon Matheson passed away unexpectedly on Monday 19th February 2018.

Gordon and his wife Jan joined the Australian Galloway Association in 2001, establishing their Honey Pot Miniature Galloway Stud, and in 2004 Gordon also started Yasmin Park Stud, which he operated until 2016.

Gordon joined the AGA Committee in May 2006, was appointed President in May 2010 and served until May 2016, when he stepped down from the Committee due to serving maximum time without a break. Whilst a part of the Committee, Gordon was a sounding board for many ideas, giving everyone a fair and balanced opportunity to put their views forward, listening impartially to all opinions. He travelled to many shows to support fellow Galloway exhibitors as well as his friends who showed other breeds of cattle.

Gordon very much enjoyed helping other members, trying to make the processes easier to deal with, and generally talking about and working with the cattle. He was respected and loved by many members of the Association, and he worked long and hard to make it successful.

Together with the late Bob Kidd, Gordon produced and distributed a New South Wales local newsletter for several years. The two of them also ran field days from the years 2004 to 2008 which were full of information for new members with little or no experience with cattle. During Murrumbateman Field Day in 2016 Gordon and

his wife Jan generously donated a miniature Galloway steer for a charitable fundraising auction. At that very same auction Gordon also purchased what was referred to at the time as "the world's most expensive Kelpie"!

Gordon took on a mail run, and he'd set off every morning with his vehicle full of mail, his Kelpie and his other dog, stopping to enjoy a chat with people along the way. Once he'd finish the mail run he'd travel to his son's farm, not far from Honey Pot Farm, where he spent many happy hours there tending to the sheep and cattle, playing with the tractors and keeping watch over the fodder crops growing there. Gordon was able to convince his son to purchase some Galloway/Angus crossbred steers and was very proud of the price they achieved when they were finished and sent to market.

Gordon loved his cattle and cattle people, but he especially enjoyed working with children, or the kids from the local high school. He got more pleasure when people he had helped found success, than he ever took from his own many successes. He never let anyone go without help, his advice was free and frank, and he could cheer up a room with a single phrase. In later years Gordon took to facebook with great relish adding irreverent comments to many posts.

At a time like this we are sad – and we should be – but we can also remember Gordon's sense of fun, his care for others, the almost bottomless favour bank which he never collected on, his devotion to his family and his ability to speak his mind on any subject without fear or favour.



*Gordon and Jan Matheson at Royal Canberra Show in the early 2000's*

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# Snippets

## **Shiralee Tomahawk and Frank Allen Memorial Trophies**

There are two trophies which are presented annually to a Galloway Family animal which scores the highest points in a carcass competition. The Shiralee Tomahawk Trophy is presented to a Belted Galloway and the Frank Allen Trophy is awarded to any animal which is a member of the Galloway family, whether it is a straight bred or a cross bred.

At the Annual General Meeting this year, both awards were presented to Gareth Ellem. A steer from Gareth's Bangalla Miniature Belted Galloway Stud, Bangalla Spaceghost, was entered in the Hoof and Hook competition at the 2017 Royal Canberra Show and achieved a score of 87.5 points in the Middleweight class. This is the third year that Gareth has won the Shiralee Tomahawk trophy, and the second time he has also been awarded the Frank Allen Trophy. Congratulations to Gareth and his team for presenting a great steer. The Association's thanks are once again extended to Peter Koppman and the family of Frank Allen for sponsoring these awards.



*Bangalla Spaceghost*

## **World Galloway Bull of the Year 2017 - Southern Cross El Toro**

Facebook page "Galloway Breeder" ran an inaugural competition in 2017 for "Galloway - Champion of the World". Southern Cross El Toro was picked as winner of the bull section for the Australia/Asia area and then went on to be declared the world winner, judged against bulls from America, Europe and the United Kingdom. The judges were four prominent people in the international beef industry, and three of the four chose Southern Cross El Toro.

Southern Cross El Toro was a calf at foot of Southern Cross Lady Zorro SX Z11, when Peter McKeon sold his Southern Cross Galloway herd to Chris Malcolm, who owns Glenburn Station.

Southern Cross El Toro's sire and dam were both champions and he has the structure and performance to be a great champion of champions ... as it proved to be. Royal

Canberra Show in 2012 saw Southern Cross El Toro awarded Interbreed Champion Bull and later that year he competed at Royal Melbourne Show and was awarded Reserve Champion interbreed bull against very strong company.

El Toro's Structural Assessment numbers are also very impressive. This is an independent assessment of structural characteristics such as leg and foot structure. This is especially important in regard to bulls which need to cover a lot of ground when out with a herd of cows.

For information about Structural Assessment a good explanation and examples can be found at <https://www.simmental.co.nz/resources/beef-class-explained/>.

Galloway enthusiasts will have a chance to see Southern Cross El Toro as part of the World Galloway Congress tours being held in Melbourne at the end of September and beginning of October. The tours follow the formal part of the Congress and will take in a number of Galloway and Belted Galloway herds including Glenburn Station, where Southern Cross El Toro stands. Delegates will also be able to see the first Australian calves by German sire, Holsten Hag V14, as well as two other imported AI sires.



*Southern Cross El Toro SX D13*

## **Warialda Belted Galloway Beef Recognised Again!**

Allen and Lizette Snaith have been breeding Belted Galloways at Clonbinane, Victoria, for over 35 years, and during that time have built up a very successful business, Warialda Belted Galloway Beef, producing 100% grass fed, dry aged beef which they supply to Victorian Restaurants, as well as selling it at weekly regional Farmers Markets across Victoria.

The Association is pleased to be able to congratulate Allen and Lizette on becoming Victorian state finalists for 2018 in the "delicious Produce Awards", in the From the Paddock section. The awards, now in their 14th year, unearth and champion Australia's best and most innovative primary produce and producers with an emphasis on provenance, seasonality and sustainable production methods. The four award categories, from the

Dairy, Earth, Paddock and Sea, celebrate Australia's best tasting primary produce as nominated by Australia's leading chefs, where Chefs are invited to nominate products they use and/or are familiar with, and



consider to be the best of their kind within their category.

This award joins three other delicious awards, in 2017 when the Snaiths were a Gold Medallist, and in 2014 when they won the trophy for Best Product from The Paddock, as well as a Gold Medal at the RASV Royal Melbourne Fine Food Awards.

The Snaiths are now also taking the "nose to tail" meat production concept of use of an animal to the next level, marketing the spectacular Belted Galloway hides, as well as teaming with a leather goods manufacturer to create stunning cushions and bags (pictured left).

World Galloway Congress participants will be visiting Warialda during one of the after Congress tours and will be treated to a delicious Belted Galloway Beef lunch during their time there.

It is wonderful to have such dedicated and enthusiastic people promoting the Belted Galloway breed and keeping the breed in the public eye. Congratulations Allen and Lizette!

For more information about Warialda Belted Galloway Beef check out their websites [www.warialdahidegoods.com](http://www.warialdahidegoods.com), [www.wbgbeef.com.au](http://www.wbgbeef.com.au), or check out their facebook page.

## **STATE WINNER**



### **Show Uniform**

The approved show uniform for the Australian Galloway Association is denim jeans and a blue chambray shirt, a black woolen vest with the Association's logo, and a galloway tartan tie or scarf. The vest, scarf and tie are available from the Association's office, and are also great for wearing at Field Days where you have stock on display, as they immediately identify you as being connected with the cattle there.

A range of vests of varying sizes are generally in stock - if you need a different size it takes about three weeks to have it manufactured. Prices for each item can be found on the Association's website.

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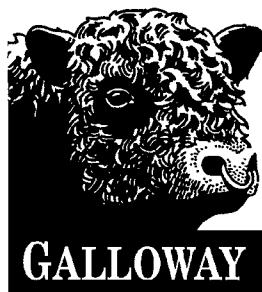
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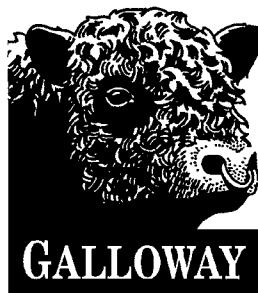
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# Spotlight on Young Members

## Troy and Kate Hepburn

### *Foxtail Hill Stud*

At the age of five, Troy Hepburn started showing an interest in cattle at the local shows around the family's hometown area of Lismore, NSW, and surrounds. In 2010 Troy's parents Wayne and Alicia decided to purchase a steer for Troy. This was to be the start of something special and he has never looked back. Troy then saved hard to purchase his first miniature Belted Galloway heifer from a local breeder.

Foxtail Hill Stud was then born, and Troy commenced entering numerous led steer competitions. Held in May each year, Casino Beef Week is one of the largest and longest running beef cattle events in Australia, with seminars, cattle sales and stud stock competitions. There is also the keenly contested led steer Hoof and

Hook competition, which Troy has entered, with great results over the years. During one memorable year for Troy, the morning television programme "The Today Show" filmed a section there, and interviewed him on live television - what a thrill being broadcast around the country talking about what you love!

Troy has continued to purchase more cattle throughout the following years with his dad even driving 15 hours to buy him a bull from Victoria.

Two years ago Troy was employed to prepare and look after cattle at the Royal Canberra Royal Show for a fellow Galloway breeder, and he has done this for two years now. He also assisted in breaking in the cattle at their owner's property which is a major achievement for a 15 year old.

Troy's younger sister Kate



*Getting a heifer ready to go out in the ring is a joint effort at Foxtail Hill Stud!*

has also become interested in the stud and showing cattle. Kate started showing their miniature Belted Galloways with her brother and has been very successful in the ring. A highlight to date for Kate was winning Supreme Exhibit at the 2017 Mullumbimby Show with her miniature Belted Galloway Pardy's Laura, a tremendous achievement for a 12 year old competitor.

Troy and Kate take their stud animals to local youth camps for other children to begin with and learn from: how to wash, prepare and parade cattle. It has been a busy few years for the two of them, getting out and about most weekends during the three month season of shows - being out there in the public eye, promoting the breed and enjoying it along the way.

The Foxtail Hill herd is now shared with Kate by Troy, and with a few calves on the ground at the moment they have the 2019 Royal Canberra Galloway Family feature show firmly in their sights.

The future of the Galloway Family is sure to be sound with such dedicated young people coming up through the ranks.



*Kate Hepburn and her miniature Belted Galloway heifer, Pardy's Laura.*



## Chelsea Filmer Pageoway Stud

Pageoway Belted Galloways, situated in East Gippsland, Victoria is a small stud established in 2016 by an enthusiastic 12 year old, Chelsea Filmer. With the help and support of her parents Chelsea purchased one heifer and a pregnant cow, two years later she now has a herd of seven!

Growing up on a beef farm and helping raise poddy calves, Chelsea's interest in cattle grew at the age of nine, when she first learnt to halter train a calf and attended the local show. It was from there her interest in showing began. Several more calves were trained and the local show became an annual event.

For Chelsea, starting her own stud then became a passion. She researched different

cattle breeds and decided her stud cattle would be Belted Galloways; due to them being a unique breed, unusual appearance, having a docile disposition, naturally polled, ease of calving, hardiness and adaptability.

With help from Alison Hilli at Jalaway Belted Galloways, Chelsea purchased her first two cows. Since then Chelsea has attended more rural shows, the 2017 Beef Victoria Junior Cattle Handlers Camp, and in February 2018 the Royal Canberra Show. Chelsea's cow Jalaway Princess Lahdidah was awarded Senior Champion Belted Galloway Female.

After meeting Pam Brown at the Royal Canberra Show, two heifers were then purchased from Red Ochre Belted Galloways to introduce new genetics to the Pageoway herd.

All of Chelsea's cattle are halter trained and her after school relaxation is to feed and brush

them while gaining their trust and forming a bond. As both her parents have extensive AI experience, quality straws are sourced to take the stud further to it's goal of producing quality stock.

From training her cattle, to walking around the show ring, Chelsea feels a great sense of achievement. She plans to continue to expand her knowledge, while enjoying researching, sourcing and introducing new bloodlines to continue her passion to grow a successful stud that breeds and shows top quality cattle. In her journey so far she has met some wonderful people within the industry who share her passion and enthusiasm and have warmly welcomed the entire Filmer family into the Galloway Family. Their advice and willingness to share their knowledge has been warmly received and the more Chelsea becomes involved within the industry the more friends she will make along the way.



*Chelsea Filmer with Jalaway Princess Lahdidah and calf Pageoway Lahdidah Nemo at Royal Canberra Show 2018*

## Hannah Cock

### Amberley Park Stud

The Amberley Park Galloway stud herd is the oldest active herd of registered Galloway cattle in Australia. Amberley Park was established in 1962 by Hainsworth T. Cock, Hannah Cock's great grandfather. Malcolm Cock, who took over the management of the Amberley Park herd from Hainsworth T. Cock, retired in 2017 and dispersed much of the cow herd. He then turned to his family to help keep the remaining Galloways in the family name, and his niece Hannah is now the proud manager and co-principal of this renowned stud.

Hannah has her own stock management pedigree, growing up on a grain and sheep property in Narrandera, NSW. Her parents recently purchased a 2,500 acre grazing property "Strathvean", at Tarcutta NSW. This has given Hannah the opportunity to run the Galloways

in a renowned livestock region, following the herd's relocation from Gippsland in Victoria.

Growing up, Hannah always helped out on the farm, and she is currently studying for her psychology degree. Horses are a particular passion, and Hannah trains and rides her horses in three day eventing competitions. This particular aspect of riding takes a lot of skill, effort, guts and discipline. This passion for horses and riding and her upbringing has given Hannah the opportunity to work very closely with stock and helped to develop skills required for any livestock operation.

Why did Hannah take on Amberley Park Galloways? "I have a very strong sense of family and Galloways have always been a big part of that. I really like working with animals and enjoy challenges".

Malcolm Cock, the other co-principal of Amberley Park Galloways, is excited about the next generation taking over the herd. "It would have been a

great shame if the herd hadn't continued after 55 years of breeding. The minor breeds really need the young people to step up and carry on developing gene diversity and us oldies need to help them all we can".

Hannah's main aims are:

- for Amberley Park to continue to produce Galloways that 'survive and thrive'.
- to have a small bull breeding enterprise of Galloway and Scottish Black (Angus/Galloway composite) bulls.
- to sell mainly to commercial producers, including her parents who run over two hundred pure Angus cows.
- to continue performance recording, and have strict selection traits to keep the herd to a world standard.
- to have repeat clients returning to purchase Amberley Park bulls for their ongoing breeding requirements.

Hannah will be sure to reach her goals with such a strong cow herd as a basis to build upon.



*Hannah Cock and her Amberley Park cow herd at "Strathvean", Tarcutta, NSW*

## World Galloway Congress Scholarships

*The Galloway Cattle Society of UK and Ireland has an exciting future ahead as it has secured funding for its Defining Galloway Beef project.*

This project has been two years in the making and includes a Quality Assurance scheme, which will enable it to grow supplies of its quality beef product through new outlets. The next generation is also being encouraged to farm Galloways and three international learning journeys to Denver, USA, the Galloway World Congress, Melbourne, Australia and Green Week in Germany have been planned for them.

In June 2018, the Quality Assurance Scheme was launched at the Royal Highland Show, Edinburgh, and the names were announced of the three young people who will be going on an international learning journey to the Galloway World Congress in Melbourne,

Australia, during September. The three young people who have been selected represent the full supply chain of beef production, from paddock to plate.

Fraser Cameron, aged 21, is the Senior sous chef at the Michelin starred restaurant 21212 in Edinburgh. He is originally from St John's Town of Dalry in Galloway, and is passionate about the quality of Galloway beef, in particular the intense flavour and consistent fat marbling. He is hoping to develop his knowledge about the breed and intends to share his experiences with his peers.

Ian Carlisle, aged 20, from Dumfries, works in his family business, Border Meats, which is based in Lockerbie. Ian is interested in developing an insight into the Australian farming and meat processing industries and hopes to apply that insight to develop how Galloways are processed in Scotland.

Callum Park, aged 25, from Sanquhar, is Vice Chair of Dumfries and Galloway Young Farmers. Callum is interested in learning about different beef cattle management techniques, in particular exploring different approaches to producing quality beef profitably.

We welcome these three young men to Australia and the World Galloway Congress and trust they will enjoy their time here.



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# Calving and Calving Problems

*We all know that Galloways are renowned for their easy calving ability, but sometimes things can go pear shaped...*

The ideal outcome of a successful calving is a healthy cow with a strong vigorous live calf at her side, but the reality is that this is not always possible. Management and nutrition of your pregnant cows and heifers is the key to minimizing risks to ensure the best possible result. Pregnant heifers and cows should be in good condition, especially in the last one-third of their pregnancy. Increasing the energy content in late pregnancy may have some helpful effects on shortening labor times and decreasing calving problems.

Because heifers have higher nutritional needs than cows, ideally they should be kept or fed separately during the last two to three months of pregnancy. This will also prevent cows from being overfed, which has also been shown to increase the likelihood of calving problems. Additionally, separate pasturing is helpful during calving as "higher-risk" heifers will be together and can be watched more closely.

The main aim of management during calving is to minimise complications or deaths of calves and cows or heifers that may result from a difficult calving. Cows and heifers should be observed frequently, but disturbed as little as possible. They should be checked twice daily as a minimum and if possible or practical, more often in the case of heifers. If needed, early assistance can then be given, and this can help to avoid deaths, and other complications

such as calving paralysis and uterine prolapse.

The average length of gestation for cattle is 280 days, with a normal range of 273 to 296 days. A twin pregnancy will average 3 to 6 days less.

There are three stages of labour in normal calving:

## *First stage*

The first stage of labour is when the cervix is dilating. This stage can last between 1 and 24 hours, but usually it is between 2 to 6 hours. Cows will often separate from the herd, and may be restless. They will not eat or drink and can have a vaginal discharge.

## *Second stage*

The second stage begins when the cow starts contracting and continues until the calf is delivered. The amniotic sac, or water bag, will appear at the vulva. The foetus starts to enter the birth canal which then stimulates contractions that can be seen as abdominal press. A general rule is that delivery should be complete within 2 hours after the amniotic sac

appears. If the calf is not born within three hours of the appearance of the water bag, the cow or heifer should be examined. If there is any doubt about the time of the appearance of the water bag, an examination should be carried out immediately. If you do not know when the animal began labour, the most reliable way to assess if the animal is having trouble is the progress it is making. A cow or heifer should be making visible progress every 20 to 30 minutes that she is in active second-stage labor. One that frequently tries to urinate or walks with her tail up and extended for more than 3 to 4 hours may have a uterine torsion (twisted uterus), an abnormally positioned calf, or other condition that blocks passage of the foetus and membranes so they are not visible.

## *Third stage*

The third stage is when the placenta (afterbirth) is delivered. The placenta usually passes within the first 8 hours after birth. It is considered "retained" at 12 to 24 hours, but manually removing the afterbirth is not recommended and veterinary assistance should be sought.

## *Dystocia*

Dystocia, or a difficult or abnormal birth, is when it becomes difficult or impossible for the cow to deliver her calf without assistance. It can occur in the first and/or second stage of labour. Breeders may not



*Active second stage labour*



know the exact time the cow goes into labour, but careful observation as outlined above and knowing the general guidelines will help identify dystocias early.

The most common causes of dystocia are maternal/foetal disproportion, abnormal position of the calf during delivery (malpresentation), incomplete dilation of the cervix, uterine inertia (the uterus will not contract, or becomes "exhausted"), uterine torsion, twins, and abnormal fetuses.

In addition, improper nutrition may not only result in heifers being too small at breeding, but also may compromise the amount of energy available for labor. Undernourished heifers are more likely to become exhausted and have prolonged deliveries. In contrast, heifers that are too fat may have difficulty delivering calves because of the excess fat in the birth canal and large calves caused by the overfeeding in the last six weeks before birth.

#### *Maternal/foetal disproportion*

This is a condition when the calf is too large for the female to deliver without difficulty. Heifers are at the greatest risk of maternal/foetal disproportion. Well-managed and properly grown heifers calving at 24 months of age will only be approximately 85 percent to 90 percent of mature cow size and will therefore not have as much room in their pelvis as mature cows. On the other hand however, underdeveloped heifers may only be 60 percent the size of mature cows and are

therefore at a much greater risk of dystocia.

#### *Malpresentation*

The decision to give assistance to the cow or heifer should be based firstly on the position of the calf. If a hind leg is visible or if only one foreleg is presented, or if there is any other evidence of mal-presentation of the calf, assistance should be given immediately. The calf's chance of survival is greater if assistance is given early. Never attempt to deliver a calf in an abnormal position without first correcting its presentation as you could cause irreparable damage to the cow.

If the position of the calf appears normal, with both front legs extended and the head following and facing forward in a "diving" position, then the condition of the cow or heifer should be considered. If no progress is being made, maternal/foetal disproportion is likely. A female that has ceased straining and appears weak or exhausted should be assisted immediately. If the cow or heifer is straining vigorously, and the birth appears to be progressing normally, she should be left alone for a short time. If there has been no real progress after an hour has elapsed, assistance may be required.

When a cow or heifer is found to have difficulty calving, and the examination has confirmed

that assistance is required, veterinary assistance should be sought if you feel a successful delivery would be more likely with professional help. In particular, a veterinary surgeon may be required to prescribe and administer any drugs required to assist with calf and cow survival during and after calving and in some circumstances may have to perform a surgical caesarian delivery.

After a difficult birth, young cows in particular may desert their calves. It would be wise to keep the cow and calf confined in a small area after any assistance has been given. They can be watched and if the cow does not allow the calf to suck it may be necessary to run the cow in to a crush or race and force her to allow the calf to drink for the first few days. They should not be put back with the main herd until the cow has accepted the calf and will allow it to suck.

Importantly, don't forget, once your heifer or cow has calved successfully they are required to produce a good supply of milk and become pregnant again soon. To achieve this they must be well fed from calving until the end of mating.

For more information see: <http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/agriculture/livestock/beef/breeding/management-of-beef-heifers-during-and-after-calving>



*Successful outcome - strong healthy calf and maternal cow*

# Royal Show Roundup

## Royal Melbourne Show 23 Sept - 2 Oct 2017

### Belted Galloways

Junior Champion Female – A Hilli – Jalaway Show Me  
Reserve Junior Champion Female – D & R Avery – Windy Hollow Meadow  
Senior Champion Female - Heazlewood Family - Pine Gully Park Jacaranda  
Reserve Senior Champion Female – RW & JE Davidson - Karandrea Heidi  
Grand Champion Female - Jalaway Show Me  
Junior Champion Bull - A Hilli - Whola Hut Ziggie  
Reserve Junior Champion Bull - A Hilli - Jalaway Mont Mandalay  
Senior Champion Bull – Heazlewood Family - Pine Gully Park Lord Lockhart  
Reserve Senior Champion Bull - A Hilli - Cumbria Branthwaite Heskett  
Grand Champion Bull - Pine Gully Park Lord Lockhart  
Supreme Belted Galloway Exhibit – Jalaway Show Me  
Best Three Head - A Hilli - Jalaway Belted Galloway

### Galloways

Junior Champion Cow - R & J Davidson - Karandrea Milly  
Grand Champion Cow - Karandrea Milly  
Supreme Galloway Exhibit - Karandrea Milly

## Royal Launceston Show 11 - 14 October 2017

### Belted Galloways

Junior Champion Female - L & E Bonar - Lazy B Maddison  
Grand Champion Female - Lazy B Maddison  
Junior Champion Bull - A & S Wadley - Spring Rises Muir  
Grand Champion Bull - Spring Rises Muir

### Galloways

Junior Champion Female - L & E Bonar - Lazy B Macy  
Grand Champion Female - Lazy B Macy  
Junior Champion Bull - L & E Bonar - Lazy B Milo  
Grand Champion Bull - Lazy B Milo

## Royal Geelong Show 19 - 22 October 2017

### Belted Galloways

Junior Champion Female - A Hilli - Jalaway Show Me  
Reserve Junior Champion Female - A Hilli - Jalaway Princess Mayla  
Grand Champion Female - Jalaway Show Me  
Junior Champion Bull - A Hilli - Whola Hut Ziggie  
Grand Champion Bull - Whola Hut Ziggie  
Supreme Belted Galloway Exhibit - Whola Hut Ziggie

## Royal Canberra Show 23 - 25 February 2018

### Belted Galloways

Junior Champion Female - P Munday - 7 Hills Nana  
Reserve Junior Champion Female - P Munday - 7 Hills Money Penny  
Senior Champion Female - C Filmer - Jalaway Princess Lahdidah  
Reserve Senior Champion Female - G Stuart - Benvuie Glad  
Grand Champion Female - 7 Hills Nana  
Junior Champion Bull - P Brown & J Maiolo - Red Ochre Nitro  
Grand Champion Bull - Red Ochre Nitro  
Supreme Belted Galloway Exhibit - Red Ochre Nitro



*Jalaway Show Me*



*Karandrea Heidi*



*Whola Hut Ziggie*



*Karandrea Millie*



*Spring Rises Muir*

### Miniature Galloways

Junior Champion Female - A & P Dunk - Tumblegum Ella Rose  
Reserve Junior Champion Female - S Smeathers & W Brigham - Romani Non Stop Diva  
Senior Champion Female - K Black - Tarxien Hill Lilly  
Reserve Senior Champion Female - S Smeathers & W Brigham - Romani Liberty  
Grand Champion Female - Tarxien Hill Lilly  
Junior Champion Bull - S Smeathers & W Brigham - Romani Norman  
Reserve Junior Champion Bull - A & P Dunk - Tumblegum William  
Senior Champion Bull - A & P Dunk - Torcroft Thyme  
Grand Champion Bull - Romani Norman  
Supreme Miniature Galloway Exhibit - Romani Norman



*7 Hills Nana*

### Galloways

Junior Champion Female - G Stuart - Minto Gretel 18th  
Reserve Junior Champion Female - J & S Vials - Monreith Miranda  
Senior Champion Female - G Stuart - Minto Gretel 18th  
Reserve Senior Champion Female - J & S Vials - Monreith Josephine  
Grand Champion Female - Minto Gretel 18th  
Junior Champion Bull - G Stuart - Minto Lyndon  
Senior Champion Bull - Orange High School - Elm Park Montgomery  
Grand Champion Bull - Elm Park Montgomery  
Supreme Galloway Exhibit - Minto Gretel 18th



*Red Ochre Nitro*

## Royal Bathurst Show 13 - 15 April 2018

### Belted Galloways

Junior Champion Female - P Munday - 7 Hills Nana  
Reserve Junior Champion Female - 7 Hills Nana  
Senior Champion Female - Benvuie Belted Galloways - Benvuie Glad  
Grand Champion Female - 7 Hills Nana  
Supreme Belted Galloway Exhibit - 7 Hills Nana



*Romani Norman*

### Miniature Belted Galloways

Junior Champion Female - G D Ellem - Bangalla Muffit  
Reserve Junior Champion Female - K Black - Kermond Park Nina  
Senior Champion Female - K Black - Tarxien Hill Lilly  
Grand Champion Female - Tarxien Hill Lilly  
Supreme Miniature Belted Galloway Exhibit - Tarxien Hill Lilly

### Miniature Galloways

Junior Champion Female - A & P Dunk - Tumblegum Ella Rose  
Senior Champion Female - A & P Dunk - Tumblegum Lorna  
Grand Champion Female - Tumblegum Lorna  
Senior Champion Bull - A & P Dunk - Torcroft Thyme  
Grand Champion Bull - Torcroft Thyme  
Supreme Miniature Galloway Exhibit - Torcroft Thyme



*Torcroft Thyme*

### Galloways

Junior Champion Female - J & S Vials - Monreith Menai  
Reserve Junior Champion Female - J & S Vials - Monreith Moonstone  
Senior Champion Female - Minto Galloways - Minto Lolita 13th  
Reserve Senior Champion Female - J & S Vials - Monreith Josephine  
Grand Champion Female - Monreith Menai  
Junior Champion Bull - J & S Vials - Monreith Napoleon  
Reserve Junior Champion Bull - Minto Galloways - Minto Lyndon  
Senior Champion Bull - Orange High School - Elm Park Montgomery  
Grand Champion Bull - Monreith Napoleon  
Supreme Galloway Exhibit - Monreith Menai



*Tumblegum Lorna*



*Tarxien Hill Lilly*

# Semen List

<b>Section A Available Sires, no permit required for registration of calves.</b>			
<b>Name of Sire</b>	<b>Colour</b>	<b>Price per straw GST Inclusive</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Ashleigh Grason	Black Belted	\$20	Bovine Breeders P: 02 6775 1231
Braveheart of Gall-way*	Black	\$66	Chris McIlroy, Agri-Gene P: 03 5722 2666 E: chris@agrigen.com.au
Clanfingon Limelight*	Black Belted	\$55	Judith McKinnon P: 08 8389 4401 E: mckinnonjudith@ymail.com
Du Rapide Legacy 17K (CAN)*	Black Belted	POA	Simone Lagace P: +1 405 799 5117
Grandview Grantley*	Black Belted	POA	Anne Wilson P: 0418 139 621 E: anne.w5@bigpond.com
Grandview Hecta*	Black Belted	POA	Anne Wilson P: 0418 139 621 E: anne.w5@bigpond.com
Grandview Joshua*	Black Belted	POA	Anne Wilson P: 0418 139 621 E: anne.w5@bigpond.com
Hawkshead Lynwood Harry	Dun	\$20	Bovine Breeders P: 02 6775 1231
Kilworth Dougal J	Black Belted	\$20	Bovine Breeders P: 02 6775 1231
Midfern Norman	Black Belted	\$20	Bovine Breeders P: 02 6775 1231
Mochrum Huckleberry*	Red Belted	\$55	Chris McIlroy, Agri-Gene P: 03 5722 2666 E: chris@agrigen.com.au
Wilkamdai Zikomo* Eligible for export to NZ, USA, Canada, Brazil, Norfolk Is & S Africa	Black Belted	\$22.50 Export POA	Cameron Woolfe P: 0409 190 776 P: 03 534 0588 E: clanwoolfebelties@gmail.com

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<b>Section B Privately owned sires, sire permit required for registration of calves.</b>			
<b>Name of Sire</b>	<b>Colour</b>	<b>Price per straw GST Inclusive</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Anderson Hill Jackson	Black Belted	\$55, min 5 includes SP	Arie Eyles P: 03 5345 6468 E: arie@activ8.net.au
Budawang Max	Black Belted	\$22 SP \$55	Chris McIlroy, Agri-Gene, P: 03 5722 2666 E: chris@agrigenec.com.au
Clanfingon Nixen*	Black Belted	\$55	Judith McKinnon P: 08 8389 4401 E: mckinnonjudith@ymail.com
Glenkiln Dynamite (UK)*	Black	\$25 includes SP	Merlin Bradley P: 02 6027 3464 E: globex@globex-au.com Agri-Gene P: 03 5722 2666
Globe Magnet (CAN)	Black	\$11 SP \$550	Amberley Park P: 03 9444 1112 Agri-Gene P: 03 5722 2666
Globex Kingpin 57K	Black	\$25 includes SP	Merlin Bradley P: 02 6027 3464 E: globex@globex-au.com Agri-Gene P: 03 5722 2666
Globex Kings Crown 42K	Black	\$10 SP \$50	Mark Bailey P: 0427 095 054 Farmwest P: 08 9726 2626
Globex Quota 39Q*	Black	\$25 includes SP	Merlin Bradley P: 02 6027 3464 E: globex@globex-au.com Agri-Gene P: 03 5722 2666
JR Hotshot	Red	\$49.50 inc SP	Robert Maddern P: 02 6037 1249
Ngutunui White Clem 145 (Min) NZ*	Miniature White	\$100 SP \$10	Melissa Fielding P: 0409 593 612 E: contact@lbteh.com.au
Oradala Red Ochre Mountain*	Red Belted	POA	Pam Brown P: 0434 100 280
Rough Rider Extra (USA)	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 9444 1112
Wannawin Casper (Min)*	Miniature Dun	\$50 Includes SP	Peter & Gina Sutherland P: 02 6020 2039
Wannawin Chocolate Soldier (Min)	Miniature Dun	\$100 inc SP	Peter & Gina Sutherland P: 02 6020 2039
Wilkamdai Giovanni 97M (Min)*	Miniature Black Belted	POA	Cameron Woolfe P:0409 190 776 P: 03 5334 0588 E: clanwoolfbelties@gmail.com

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**Section C Privately owned and collected sires, sire permit required for registration of calves.  
Contact owner for states where semen can be used.**

<b>Name of Sire</b>	<b>Colour</b>	<b>Price per straw GST Inclusive</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Amberley Park Batman	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 9444 1112
Amberley Park Bullseye V18*	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 9444 1112
Amberley Park Ever Ready	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 9444 1112
Amberley Park Hilton	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 9444 1112
Amberley Park Hunter	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 9444 1112
Amberley Park Impact	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 9444 1112
Amberley Park Magic	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 9444 1112
Amberley Park Masterpiece	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 9444 1112
Amberley Park Rambo	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 9444 1112
Balytyckle Magnum Force (Min)*	Miniature White	\$60 Includes SP	Sonya Heron P: 0488 196 245 Pregrite Genetics P: 0408 360 295
Fork Farm Loyalist (NZ)**	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 9444 1112
Fork Farm Midas (NZ)**	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 9444 1112
Glenayr Cassanova C5 (Min)*	Miniature Black	\$50	Phil Venton P: 0419 733 276
Gleneagles Grande G2 (Min)*	Miniature White	\$65 11/\$650 Includes SP	Ian Bull P: 02 6955 6355 E: bullie49@bigpond.com
Glen El Rusty D2 (Min) *	Miniature Red	\$65 11/\$650 Includes SP	Ian Bull P: 02 6955 6355 E: bullie49@bigpond.com
Globex Midnight 30M	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 9444 1112
Repute of Castlemilk**	Dun	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 9444 1112
Romani Ketchican (Min)*	Miniature White	\$60 Includes SP	Sonya Heron P: 0488 196 245 Pregrite Genetics P: 0408 360 295
Rowsley Park Red Ripper*	Red Belted	POA	Rob & Jan Davidson P: 03 5185 1341 E: karandrea@skymesh.com.au
Wannawin Hamish (Min)*	Miniature Black	\$50 Includes SP	Peter & Gina Sutherland P: 02 6020 2039
Wannawin Waratah Laddie (Min)*	Miniature Red	\$100 Includes SP	Peter & Gina Sutherland P: 02 6020 2039
Wannawin Xavier (Min)*	Miniature Dun	\$50 11/\$500 Includes SP	Shane Smeathers P: 0438 934 983 E: traditionalgalloways@hotmail.com
Wirrialpa Kurrajong**	Dun	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 9444 1112
Wirrialpa Lachlan**	Dun	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 9444 1112

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