



Galloway Annual 2020 - 2021

Australian Galloway Association Inc



President's Report

Luke Bonar

I come into 2020/21 as the newly elected President of the Australian Galloway Association and I look forward to facing the challenges ahead in the next twelve months.

On behalf on the committee and all members I sincerely thank the efforts and work put in place by the outgoing president Shane Smeathers. Shane has been the president for the past four years and has led the AGA through many challenges that have been thrown at us.

This year has seen the unpredictability of the worldwide pandemic COVID, which has shut most of the Agricultural shows and field days that we all use as a promotional platform and for social gatherings between members. All members at one stage or another in the past years had to deal with the terrifying nature of drought, flood, and bushfires. None of which make farming life pleasant or easy, and has lead to some heartbreaking decisions by some of our members to downsize stock numbers. In order to help try and preserve some of the wonderful genetics that we have, it has been great to see members capable of carrying extra stock numbers purchase the genetics that were on offer.

Unfortunately, we were unable to hold our usual AGA AGM, but embraced the restrictions and challenges to hold our AGM via teleconference. It was disappointing that not everyone was able to access the meeting, but the committee has plans

in place for a national field day and forum once travel restrictions lift.

I also wish to thank the fantastic efforts put in place by the members of the committee this year. Our committee is a strong group of like-minded members that have a diverse range of background experiences and represent the whole of the Eastern Seaboard. Together working as a team, we can utilise the next twelve months to further strengthen our association and help all our members increase their knowledge and understanding of the Galloway breed. We have been busy reviewing the existing By-laws, Code of Conduct and other forms and documents to ensure that they all remain relevant to the Association. I am also excited to soon be able to share the fantastic efforts put into place for our updated commercial pamphlet. As always, our EO, Sallie Wadley has put in some incredible efforts to ensure that the wheels of the Association keep running smoothly.

I hope that you enjoy this year's annual. There are a couple of articles that have appeared in previous annuals, but as we have had many new members join the Association over the past several years, we thought it would be beneficial to include them again.

Best wishes to all our members for a good season across the next twelve months.

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Introducing Luke Bonar

AGA President



Lazy B Florance with dam Lazy B Xanadu X22

We asked Luke some questions so you can get to know him and discover his thoughts on various topics.

1. Your Background?

I was born in Launceston, Tasmania as the youngest of four kids with three older sisters. My family has always had a hand in agriculture. When I was born my parents had a farm which ran registered Murray Grey cattle and Corriedale sheep. We moved when I was 2 or 3 years old to an orchard which we ran for many years before going back to a productive cattle farm in Sidmouth. Around 8 or 9 years old, I used to sell Christmas trees for pocket money. The trees came from an old pine tree windbreak that grew on the orchard. With the money I made selling trees I bought my first line of Corriedale ewes which

were due to lamb. (The sheep we have today are still from that same line of ewes.) The money made from the lambs was then used to purchase my first Galloway female: a white Galloway that I bought from Brian and Christine Medcraft of Skytor Galloways in 1997. My family has always been involved in showing cattle at the local shows, but I have also dabbled in showing chooks and canaries during my teenage years, but showing cattle has always been a favourite pastime.

2. Your involvement with cattle?

I have been involved with and been around cattle for as long as I can remember. I showed cattle from my parents' Murray Grey stud and joined the local school cattle handlers group as soon I was old enough to do so. It was through the junior handler's programme that I

was introduced to Galloway cattle. Brian and Christine Medcraft have always been great supporters of the junior handlers programme in Tasmania and had lent the school four black Galloway females to use for the show season. This was my introduction to the Galloway Family and led to my purchase of the white heifer a couple of years after. Gradually my parents dropped away from Murray Greys to focus on the Lazy B Galloways and breeding Galloway cattle. We had standard Belted and solid Galloways and several miniature Galloways for a time before moving to focus more on the standard solid coloured Galloways and Belted Galloways. We have more recently added a small number of registered Angus cows to the mix. They are run under the stud name Lazy B Angus and are under my two daughters' supervision. (We should mention here that Luke, although too modest to mention it, represented Tasmania as the state champion twice in the national finals of the junior handlers competition - in Sydney in 2007 and Melbourne in 2009 - if you're in need of a handler and Luke's around, he'd do a great job!)

3. Your Family?

I met my wife Emily 14 years ago in 2006 at the Royal Launceston Show while showing cattle. Emily's parents still to this day run the Quarterway Angus Stud at Scottsdale, a small town in the North East corner of Tasmania. The stud was started over sixty years ago by Emily's grandfather Lance Hall and has now built up to a



Emily, Lucy, Luke and Ellie Bonar

large holding of registered and commercial Angus production. The Halls also grow vegetable and cereal crops across several properties. Emily and I became engaged in 2011 and in 2012 were married in Launceston. We welcomed our first daughter Ellie in May 2014 and second daughter Lucy in November 2015. We look forward with great excitement to welcoming our third child early in 2021. We run our Galloway cattle on a farm at Sidmouth (in the beautiful Tamar Valley about 40 kilometres north of Launceston) and have plans to extend our farming platform over the coming years.

4. Current and future plans.

The girls purchased six Angus cows from their grandparents three years ago and have built their numbers up to 10 females. We now incorporate Galloway-Angus cross cattle into the herd and sell them through the Greenhams system as grown heifers and steers around 550kg + liveweight. We sell several stud bulls into Galloway herds, but many of our bull clients are commercial cross bred or dairy herds. We sell direct to local butchers as well as market our Galloway and cross bred beef and Corriedale lambs through Facebook and word of mouth via a business called Lazy B Meats. We take orders for bulk meat, deliver the animals that we have sold to the local abattoir, collect, and deliver the meat to

the customer after it has been custom cut by our butcher. We find it is a popular process for families as the bulk price of meat is more affordable than buying smaller amounts through a supermarket. We keep our sales area relatively small from the north east of Tasmania across to Devonport to help the profitability of the business rather than travel state-wide. We find that the Galloway cattle have great capabilities to grow out early whilst not taking away the tenderness and marbling of the meat. They are certainly not a breed of cattle than requires a long period of time to grow and fill out their frame and have a heavier dressed out percentage which is advantageous as we are paid per kilo of meat.

5. What is your favourite season?

My favourite season would have to be Spring. It is a wonderful time on the farm when the grass starts growing again. The crops that were planted in Autumn are seen coming into their full potential and you can see where your hard work has paid off. It's also the time of year that we choose to lamb and calve and it's great to be able to watch the newborns go from wobbly little legs to racing each other around the paddocks, much to the first-time mothers' anxiety. Springtime is also when we sell off the yearlings that we decide not to keep as breeders within our herd. Also, the steers that

had been chosen to carry over for fattening, are sold on to Greenhams. We usually plant a couple of paddocks down for Autumn feed and are busy getting machinery ready for the upcoming hay/silage season.

6. What is your biggest farming pet hate?

Easy! Electric Fencing. Or rather the electric fencing shorts. They are something that can either be a five-minute fix or can take up a whole day. We have certain cattle on the farm who are quite adept at telling when a fence is not performing at its full potential. They can be very quick to seek out greener grass or to hunt out better paddock mates. Most of our cattle are quite content to stay put within the confines of their paddocks unless some unsuspecting person leaves a gate open. We also own three border collie dogs. Lucerne, Maddy and Sadie. Sadie is only 5 months old; Lucerne is 7yrs old and Maddie is near 5. Lucerne and Maddie being the main workers tend to work well until they have a special moment and turn their hearing abilities off. Can make for some very frustrating times in the paddock for sure!

7. What is your favourite thing about farming?

I am a very outdoorsy person who really does not like being trapped indoors. I enjoy the aspect of farming that allows a



Lucy Bonar at the 2019 Scottsdale Show.



Elli Bonar feeding Lazy B Milo some treats.

person to plan and see what can be achieved after a long time of planning and effort. I enjoy breeding cattle, more so, the selecting of future sires that I will use in our AI programme. We AI very heavily to keep fertility rates high. Bull selection is usually done via comparing figures and pictures of sires and progeny; especially during these past few months when it has been impossible to fly over to the mainland to visually look at sire options. It's pleasing that at calving time, you can then see how the different sires work over the several family lines that we carry. It is a great thing to be able to watch the cycle of calving, weaning, selling, and breeding cattle go around. I also really enjoy fencing contracting. There is something very satisfying in seeing the completion of a new fence and knowing that you have been the one to complete it.

8. Is farming something that the whole family gets involved in?

I'm lucky in the fact that the whole family enjoy being outside and helping with the animals or just sitting in the tractor for a bit of company when working up a paddock or feeding out during wintertime. The girls love nothing better than collecting sticks for a fire if we have had branches come out of trees or helping count the lamb tails during marking time. I'm also lucky in the fact that whilst I work long hours away during

the day, having Emily home all but a few days of the week means she is able to keep an eye on the farm and livestock for me. Having to check or feed animals in the dark is never a fun job and it is a comfort to know things are in good hands while I am away. The girls have begun to join in showing cattle at our local shows. Every year we break in a couple of calves for the girls to lead and it makes both myself and Emily proud to see how they treat the animals with kindness and respect, and to see that all come out in the show ring as they parade together is a great thing to see.

9. What other business and activities are you involved in?

I run both an agriculture contracting business and a building business. The agricultural contracting work concentrates on post driving and fencing, hay contracting, and ground preparation work. Outside of farming, I hold a trade in building and have run my own business since I was 19. The building industry in Tasmania since COVID especially seems to have skyrocketed, from new homes to renovation work, government office refurbishments and farm utilities. It sure is a great but busy time to be a trades person. I am also a committee member of the Royal Launceston Show, and the Chief Steward of the beef cattle section which I co-organise with the help of

Emily and a small beef cattle committee. This year would have been our fifth show to organise and run, and even though there is no show for 2020 we have been busy behind the scenes organising the 2021 show. There is nothing like being prepared.

10. Where do you see the future of Galloways heading?

I can see Galloway cattle thriving in the commercial markets, as both purebred animals and as a staple mix in cross bred herds around Australia. I think because of the Galloway's easy-going ability, ease of calving, yet good ability to add a softness to meat quality, makes the breed a fantastic choice to use over other beef and dairy breeds. I have found that clients who have purchased Galloway bulls to use as sires over other beef breeds of cattle come back with the comments that the cows birth lighter calves, therefore less calving issues, yet the calves wean at a heavier weight than the pure bred calves. Carcase reports have also come back with better meat to carcase percentages and fat distribution. I hope to see the Galloway breed become more streamlined. We have such a market potential to access and I think with more conscientious marketing and promotion, we can break barriers and move as a solid player in markets.



Emily Bonar with Lazy B Franchisco and calf Lazy B Lavendar.



Lazy B Columbus

Flashback to the Fifties

Mrs Joan Rofe, daughter of Mr Henry Kater, who imported Galloway cattle into Australia in 1951, generously donated a scrapbook of newspaper clippings, photos and Galloway memorabilia to the Association several years ago. Reproduced below and on the facing page is some of the early history of Galloways in Australia from Joan's scrapbook.

Mr Kater's stud was named "Swatchfield", and was situated at Oberon, NSW. Genetics from this herd are, of course, still found in Galloway bloodlines today. As are the bloodlines from the "Wirrialpa" stud of Mrs D Coward, Hernani, NSW who also brought in some Galloway cattle with Henry Kater's shipment. Most of the cattle imported were black in colour, but four of the Wirrialpa cattle

were dun in colour. Cattle from both these herds were shown at the Sydney Royal Show as well as at some country shows. As with all breeding, some of these imports were successful, and some not so.

The Garnock family from "Bukalong" stud, Bombala, NSW, also imported five heifers and a bull in 1955, and Mr C Willis "Starvation Knob", Lietinna, Tasmania also imported a small herd. The numbers gradually built up to around 100, but the challenge of good breeding was made more difficult with a government ban in 1958 on ruminants from the UK to safeguard against bluetongue disease being introduced into Australia.

Galloway Cattle

A. GIBSON ● STOCK EXPERT OF THE A.M.L. & F. CO. GIVES DETAILS OF THE IMPORTATION INTO AUSTRALIA OF GALLOWAY CATTLE FOR BREEDING AND FATTENING IN HIGH, COLD COUNTRY.

ACTING on behalf of two clients, Mr. Henry Kater, of "Swatchfield," Oberon, and Mrs. D. M. R. Coward, of Wirrialpa, Hernani, South Grafton, my company is in the process of importing 20 head of Galloway cattle to Australia.

Very little is known in this country of Galloway cattle, which originally came from the province of Galloway, which, many centuries ago, consisted of the western half of that part of North Britain which lies to the south of the Firth of Forth, and which then comprised Dumfriesshire, Lanarkshire, Renfrewshire and Ayrshire.

However, for several centuries the term Galloway has been confined to Kirkeudbright of Wigtown, which are

termed respectively the Stewartry and the Shire of Galloway.

Until the second half of the eighteenth century, the Galloway was the only breed of cattle kept in the wider of these two districts, comprising half a dozen countries which collectively bore the name.

The origin of Galloway cattle is buried in antiquity, but there seems to be no doubt that the Galloway and the West Highland breeds of cattle have sprung from the same parent stock. Indeed, there is a very close resemblance even at the present time between a well-bred Galloway (which are a poll breed) and the Western Highlander, minus his horns.

The variety of colour which now

prevails in West Highland herds is no objection to this theory, for whilst Galloways are now mostly black or duns, many of them, in former times, were red and brindle, and even to-day pure-bred animals with red skins are occasionally to be met with. This is also occasionally seen in the Aberdeen-Angus breed.

Their hardiness of constitution and their plentiful covering of hair, which forms an excellent protection to them in their native climate, make them particularly well adapted for high lying and exposed situations.

It is considered that they will prove admirably suited to various parts of our high, cold country, such as is found in New England, the Central Tablelands, Monaro and Gippsland districts.

In recent post-war years, a number

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of Galloway cattle have been imported into New Zealand.

Reports indicate that the prospects for them in that country are very bright.

The New Zealand Department of Agriculture says that a number of Galloways, which were pastured on the highlands, and brought down to low country prior to being exhibited in agricultural shows, were the subject of very favourable comment, and

were purported to be excellent butchers' beef.

One of the present difficulties in importing Galloways to Australia is the fact that they are not included on the list of beef cattle eligible under the Commonwealth Government's Freight Assistance Scheme.

At the present time there is a strong movement afoot to have this matter considered by the Agricultural Council of Australia. Added impetus is

being given to this request by the Agricultural Society of N.S.W.

The main reason for importing Galloways is that, in the view of the extreme shortage of beef, both for our home and overseas markets, it is felt that Galloway cattle may assist considerably in turning some of our high cold areas, which up to the present have been largely used as breeding country, into lands which are capable of not only breeding, but also of fattening cattle suited to the climate.



Joan (Kater) Rofe with Swatchfield Denis at the Royal Sydney Show in the mid 1950's.



Swatchfield Galloway cows.

Below Top: Heifers from Scotland ready for shipping to Swatchfield

Below Bottom, from left: Lady Logan 30th with calf Fergus, bull Peat Reek, cow Dora with calf T. Amelia



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Celebrating Success

Shiralee Tomahawk and Frank Allen Memorial Trophies

These annual trophies are presented to a member of the Association whose Galloway Family animal scores the highest points in a carcass competition. The Shiralee Tomahawk trophy is presented to a Belted Galloway or Belted Galloway cross and the Frank Allen trophy awarded to any member of the Galloway Family, cross bred or straight bred.

The Shiralee Tomahawk trophy was originally sponsored by Peter Koppman, of Greenthorpe Galloways, a long term promoter of the Belted Galloway beef carcass, and in memory of the bull Shiralee Tomahawk. This bull sired many cattle which went on to be winners and placegetters in many carcass competitions over a period of around 12 years.

Unfortunately, as the Association was unable to hold its traditional Annual General Meeting, dinner and field day this year, the trophies were not able to be personally presented.

Peter Koppman regularly enters cattle carcass competitions

including the Albury Show hoof and hook carcass competition in November each year. At the 2019 Albury Show competition, for the first time Peter entered Galloway/Charolais and Belted Galloway/Charolais steers. The Charolais crosses were heavier than the Galloways due to hybrid vigour and the growth potential of the bigger breed.

Peter obtained outstanding results on the hook classes, with first, second and third places achieved in the Supermarket Trade class (221 to 250kg carcass), and third in another class. The most important point to note across the entire competition is that the average of all his steers entered was much higher than the average of all the animals in the competition - 76 points compared to 71 points.

As per usual the muscle scores of Peter's animals were maximum, or near it, and the eating quality was also right up there. Interesting information gained from the results was the section called Muscle Score. This is a subjective guess as to the muscling in the carcass in comparison to the Rib Eye area, which is an accurate measurement. For example: Tag 18 got 15 out of 15 pts for Rib

Eye but only got 3 out of 5pts (D+) for Muscle Score! These results were high enough to see both the Shiralee Tomahawk trophy and the Frank Allen Memorial trophy returned to Peter for this year. Congratulations Peter, well deserved.



Warialda Belted Galloway Beef does it again!

Allen and Lizette Snaith, with their Warialda Belted Galloway beef, were Victorian Gold Medallists for the "delicious. Harvey Norman produce awards" for 2020. These produce awards are selected from the best in dairy, sea, paddock and the earth. As gold Medallists for their 100% grass fed heritage beef, the Snaiths move in to the finals which will be held in October and will see the Trophy winners named.

Warialda Belted Galloway Beef has been a consistent winner or placegetter in the awards since 2008 - a just reward for the hard work put in to their operation. We wish the Snaiths well for the national finals and look forward to seeing the results.

Sought after by restaurants, and available at farmers markets, the Warialda Belted Galloway beef is also available online at www.openfoodnetwork.org.au/warialda-belted-galloway-beef/shop#/about.

Believing in the nose to tail concept of using the whole animal, hidegoods are also available at:

www.warialdahidegoods.com



Peter Koppman in front of the winning carcass in the Supermarket Trade class (221 - 250 kg carcass weight).

Facebook Photo Competition

Torcroft Thyme wins!

An American based facebook page, PJ Budler – Global Livestock Solutions, holds a photo competition each year to pick a “Champion of the World” from cattle which have been champions at shows throughout the preceding year. There is a section for the Galloway Family and in 2017 the Australian bull Southern Cross El Toro, owned by Glenburn Station Pty Ltd, was judged the “Galloway – Champion of the World”. Amberley Park Landscaper was the regional Champion Galloway of Asia/Africa in 2018.

In 2019, Torcroft Thyme was entered by his former owners Pauline and Alan Dunk of Tumblegum Stud. Torcroft Thyme had been successful for the Dunks at various shows, and at the 2019 Royal Canberra Show and Galloway Family Feature he was awarded Supreme Champion Miniature Galloway and Grand Champion Male Miniature Galloway or Belted Galloway.

As the Galloway section caters only for Galloways and Belted Galloways, Torcroft Thyme was entered in the Other Registered Breed section. Torcroft Thyme competed against a Gelbvieh

from Canada, a Parthenaise from the Czech Republic and a Nelore from Paraguay, and was crowned the World Champion 2019 Other Registered Breed. Congratulations Pauline and Alan!

Torcroft Thyme now resides with Nicole McKenzie and Tony Starr at the Puddleby Miniature Galloway stud in Young NSW, who are looking forward to seeing his calves hitting the ground next year.

Here is the story of Torcroft Thyme’s humble beginnings from his breeder, Pat Hunder, Torcroft Stud. As the saying goes “from little things, big things grow”. Pat Hunder reflects: “I was thinking about Torcroft Thyme’s success on the world stage and how he almost didn’t survive day one. I arrived at the agistment just as mum (a first-time heifer) popped him out. She stood up distressed and galloped 200 metres away from her calf. I towelled him down and covered him to keep him warm. The aunties came to look at him. I caught mum and put her in a yard with her calf. She trampled him and kept tossing him into the air and into the fence. Thinking she’d kill him, I rang a friend who had a cattle crush. He said to put the calf into my car and mum onto a trailer. He milked mum and loaned me a bottle and teat. I bottle fed Thyme

for 48 hours until mum bonded with him. I remember it as a traumatic time, but the effort was worth it. Who would have thought on that day that Pauline and Alan Dunk of Tumblegum would give him the best home, present him at many shows within Australia and present him to the world. A happy outcome.



Torcroft Thyme receiving some vital feed from Pat Hunder, Torcroft Stud, right, during his first few days of life.

7 Hills Steers at Wingham Beef Week Carcase Competition

Congratulations to Peter Munday and Alexandria Teuma of 7 Hills Belted Galloways, being first time entrants into a carcase competition with two Belted Galloway steers aged 16 and 19 months.

The Galloway breed has an excellent carcase reputation and this has been proven over many decades but it needs breeders to continually show the world that Galloways are ideal for the current market.

Peter Munday and Alexandria Teuma said: “we are so pleased with the results of our very first carcase competition! We entered two completely different steers into the Wingham Beef Week Carcase Competition. They were different ages, types and genetics. They were both heavyweights weighing 622kgs and 504 kgs a week before they took the seven hour road trip to Wingham Beef Exports.



Torcroft Thyme at Royal Canberra Show Galloway Family Feature February 2019.

With scores of 82 and 80 for our first attempt, we are very happy. It was interesting to note that although it was a little high, one of our steers had the highest P8 Fat mm of the whole competition. We look forward to using this data to better our breeding programme.”

The 7 Hills steers, right, which were entered in the Wingham Beef Week Carcase Competition.



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 on display.

A range of vests of varying sizes is usually in stock – if you need a size not on hand it generally takes about three weeks to have it manufactured. Prices for each item can be found on the Association’s website.

Good quality caps in navy blue and black, with the Association’s logo embroidered on them are also available.

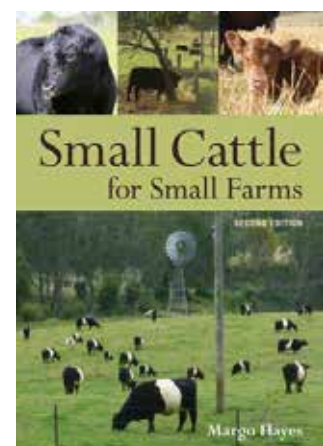
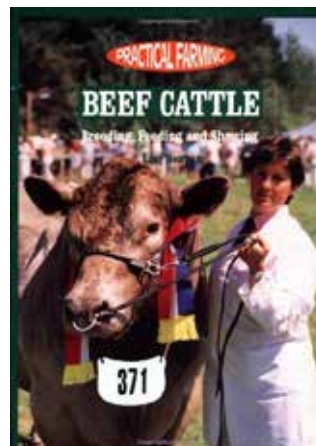
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Book Reviews

While much information is available from the internet and social media, it is great to have a useful book close to hand to refer to. There are many books available about cattle husbandry and care, but there are two that stand out as general all rounders that contain some useful and practical information.

Lucy Newham, who wrote *Beef Cattle; breeding, feeding and showing*, is the principal of a Murray Grey, stud, and has many years experience in showing cattle and judging at shows. Her book is full of useful information.

Margot Hayes is another well known show competitor, breeder and international exporter of genetics from her Ausline and Lowline studs. Her book *Small Cattle for Small Farms* is another very useful reference book to have on hand. For people who have no prior knowledge of, or experience with cattle, this book covers all the basics. It provides practical and easy-to-understand information for people interested in keeping small cattle.



Ear Tattooing

The tattoo of an animal is an individual, unique number which identifies that single animal.

Components of the Tattoo

a. Stud identification (or tattoo brand). This identification is made up of three letters and is allocated to each person applying to join as a stud member of the Australian Galloway Association, or any cattle breed association. All animals bred by the member must carry this stud identification. An example is CWS.

b. Year Identifier. Each year has been allocated a letter. 2019 is Q, 2020 is R, 2021 is S, and 2022 is T. This is the standard system across cattle breed associations which has been adopted in Australia using all letters of the alphabet except "I" and "O".

c. Individual animal number. This is a number that the breeder allocates to that animal. It may be the first calf born in the year is 01, the second is 02, the third is 03, and so on.

Therefore the complete tattoo for the second born calf to herd CWS in 2020 in this example would be CWS R02.

Application of the Tattoo

The total tattoo should be in one ear. It is preferable to use the animal's left, or near side ear, as NLIS tags are placed in the right, or offside ear. The tattoo can be either a continuous line, or split with the stud identifier above and the year identifier and individual animal number below.

The tattoo should be applied high in the inner part of the ear and avoid ridges and blood vessels. It is also best to avoid the hairline if possible.

When using management tags avoid placing them through the tattoo.

Ensure the equipment used is kept sharp, and disinfected between animals.

The use of green tattoo paste generally gives the best results, especially for dark coloured ears.

The following points provide additional guidance:

a. Use disposable rubber gloves. This will help keep the paperwork, you and your equipment clean.

b. Clean the ears with methylated spirits or surgical

spirits. The head of the animal should be adequately restrained using a head bale.

c. Use thick paper or cardboard to check the tattoo BEFORE you tattoo the animal.

d. Check, and double check the calf, the tattoo and the paperwork. You may need extra help from a friend or neighbour, just as a backup.

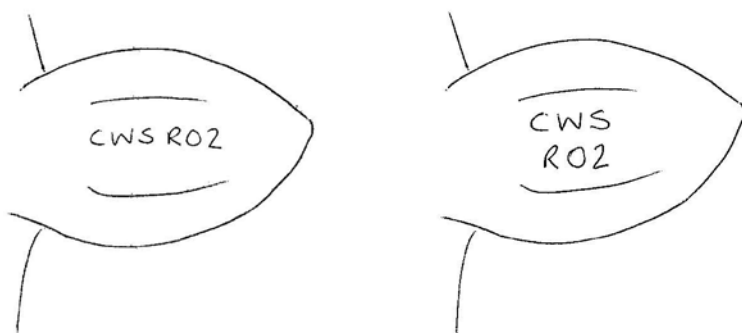
e. Apply the paste to the ear first, use either your finger or a soft toothbrush, then tattoo, then rub in more paste into the holes. Note: Some people do not apply the paste first, simply tattoo, and then check the tattoo before applying paste in case of a mistake. If there is an error, this way there is always the option to let the punctures made by the tattoo letters and numbers heal, and re-tattoo correctly later.

f. Clean the tattoo letters and numbers when finished (soak in methylated spirits and use an old toothbrush to scrub off the residual ink).

g. If possible have either a rotating head on your tattoo pliers or have a second set of pliers. This way you can have your Stud identification as a permanent setting on one side or in one set of pliers. This makes the job far easier.

After several weeks, the ink will dry and flake out of the ear, leaving a legible tattoo and a permanent means of identification.

Your cattle should be handled quietly before, during and after the procedure, and the impact of tattooing on the well being of the cattle will be minimal, if carried out as recommended. Pain relief protocols are presently being prepared by the Cattle Council of Australia Ltd, so it would be wise to build up a relationship with your local vet for advice on the responsible administration of topical pain relief for this, and other, routine aversive cattle husbandry procedures.



Roads to Recovery

Joanne Tesoriero shares her story of the past few years experienced at their property near Whitlow, NSW. Whitlow is situated around 130 km west of Glen Innes and 170km north of Tamworth.

Joanne writes: "Two years we had of dry, dry, dry. We sold cattle, fed cattle, put cattle on the road to eat rotten old Coolati grass. But it wasn't just us, it was everywhere. Some of us sold all our stock. Some hung onto their stock and fed, then bushfires destroyed the lot. Nutrition for our stock was a battle. When we had dry grass, we used a dry lick supplement containing protein, vitamins and minerals. When we ran out of dry grass we used a vitamin and mineral supplement which we blended with other feeds. We bought in hay and straw from wherever we could get it. We used DDG pellets (a dried distiller's grains and sunflower-based protein and energy supplement). But we didn't give the cattle enough starch and they lacked energy. No green feed meant Vitamin A deficiency and even after 3 Vitamin A,

D & E injections in 2019 our cattle still showed symptoms of Vitamin A deficiency.

How did our farmers keep it together?

John fell in love with our 2018 born heifers that he fed every day from weaning to joining (below). Sometimes one would give him a wink or a nudge.



2018 drop heifers

Cheeky young bulls were always good for a joke – loved to escape through an open gate or a rub of their head on a tractor delivering feed.

(Note: Testament to the great management of their cattle



A welcome and much anticipated delivery of feed consisting of cereal hay. This load would keep the Tesoriero's cattle fed for five weeks. Depending on distance travelled, and the area the feed was sourced from, cost per load was in the vicinity of \$20,000.

by the Tesorieros, all of John's beloved heifers were 100% pregnancy tested in calf and are due to calve in October 2020.)

And then it started to rain. Some of us purchased stock again, some of us ran agistment stock, some of us planted crops. Even with plenty of green feed there are nutritional challenges. Often lush green feed is deficient in magnesium which is essential in livestock health.

The following notes were obtained from www.worksnutritiongroup.com.au.

Grass Tetany, Phalaris or Ryegrass Staggers are the common names for the condition known as Hypomagnesaemia. This

condition relates to inadequate levels of magnesium in the cattle's system. Cattle are unable to store enough magnesium in their bodies at certain periods of the year and as such require daily supplementation. When magnesium levels become critically low, normal physical function is compromised.

Magnesium is a key element in the control of muscle actions; therefore, low Magnesium causes loss of appetite, muscle spasms or convulsions, muscle weakness or co-ordination issues-hence the term "staggers". When magnesium levels get low the signals from the brain to muscle groups can get "scrambled" or not arrive.

Green feed has a nutrient profile that interferes with the animal's ability to absorb

Magnesium. Rapidly growing feed has a high concentration of Potassium. Potassium reduces the amount of Magnesium that can be absorbed, which can result in the low levels of Magnesium we are seeing with this metabolic disease. While in some cases, the visual signs of hypomagnesaemia are very prominent, we must consider what we cannot see. The onset of hypomagnesaemia is not sudden, there is a gradual development over time; we just cannot see it. The true cost of hypomagnesaemia is not just the sick and dead animals, it is the animals that are affected internally but display very little, external signs. As hypomagnesaemia effects muscle control, one of the first muscle groups affected is the digestive system, especially the rumen. The decrease in rumen contraction rates and the strength of these contractions impact significantly on the performance of these animals. This decrease in rumen function results in a downward spiral in



The Tesoriero's 2019 drop heifers enjoying the oat crop that was able to be sown once the rain arrived.

nutrient supply to the animal, therefore production, possibly resulting in more clinical signs of hypomagnesaemia or death.

The need for magnesium supplementation to the animal simplifies the challenge of managing green feed and grass tetany.

As livestock producers we have legal obligations to care for our livestock. Our state ag departments have information available re: livestock nutrition, our responsibilities; livestock transport requirements. It is important as livestock producers that we adhere to and observe those requirements.

Joanne wrote some verse while sitting by the side of the road with the cattle and dogs.

Looking down and out
 I remember green pasture and crops
 But nothing now but brown earth and rocks
 Paint the landscape
 I see dry dams
 And tired hungry cows
 Constant on their minds –
 How will they sustain their new born
 Don't look down – look up
 Nothing - nothing but blue sky
 Not even a whisper of a cloud to suggest some rain
 Nothing to imagine a face or shape on the blue canvas
 Disappointed and angry I lower my gaze
 But then a stunning surprise
 Tree tops are swaying
 The Kurrajongs, the Greybox, the Ironbark, the Wattle even the Cypress
 Are dancing the tunes of the winter's breeze



The fires experienced throughout Australia late in 2019 and early in 2020 were devastating, and impacted on many rural communities and families.

Unfortunately some Galloway Family members were caught up in these fires and affected very badly as a result. A call was put out for help, and many Association members, and members of the public, from both within Australia and overseas, provided funds to help out their fellow breeders.

These funds were distributed to several of the affected Galloway Family breeders to help with some of their costs. One breeder, on writing to thank the Association and the people who donated, advised the funds were used to help purchase concrete water troughs as their previous troughs had all been destroyed.

On top of financial support, many Association members offered agistment for the stock of affected people, and assistance with rebuilding fences and buildings. So great to see the way Galloway Family members pull together to help out when and where they can.

Many people who have been members of the Association for a considerable time would know of Bob Maddern and his Budawang Belted Galloway stud.

Bob's property at Tallangatta, Victoria, was hit by the fire in his area, and destroyed the majority of everything standing in its way.

Bob said: "The fire on Monday night 30th December 2019 destroyed all my possessions, except for the truck I was in and the clothes I stood up in. The Galloways seemed to escape the flames. The Ag department estimated 80% of the property was burnt including nearly all fences. The Kurrajong trees have bounced back but large areas of Eucalyptus are dead.

The fire destroyed all my history from childhood on; all photos, records, paper and IT were lost and this is hurting more than the loss of equipment. I have no past - nothing from yesterday.

It has been a relatively good season since the fire, and I've had a lot of help financially and physically."

The photos show some of Bob's Belties in a good year, as well as a couple of photos showing the devastation caused by the fire. Note the engine of Bob's quad bike is just a molten mass of metal on the ground, a testament to the fierce heat of the fire.



Budawang Belties enjoying much more pleasant conditions in a better season.



Bob Maddern in front of some of the destroyed buildings on his property.



The aftermath of the fire which ravaged the property of Dr Bob Maddern, Tallangatta, Victoria.



Damage caused by the fire inside the sheds.



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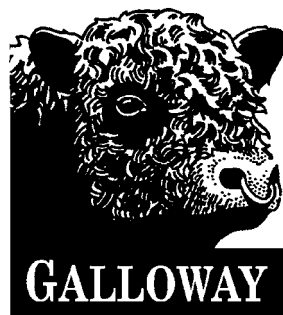
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Balytyckle Miniature Galloways



Marty Keays and Sonya Heron are the Balytyckle Miniature Galloway stud principals.

Although having very diverse backgrounds, Marty and Sonya have pooled their various skills together to successfully build and grow their stud over the past six years. Marty is a mechanical plumber/welder by trade and Sonya has worked as a diversional therapist as well as having her own art based business for many years.

Both Sonya and Marty have been involved with horses for many years, and while living in the Yarra Valley in Victoria, running a horse agistment property, and juggling breeding and showing Hungarian Visla dogs, they spotted their first miniature Galloways online via the 'Gold Creek' stud website. They were both instantly besotted. Originally looking for two animals to aid in pasture



Sonya Heron and Marty Keays with their Hungarian Vislas and a red cattle rescue dog sitting in the background.

control and improvement, the hunt for the elusive miniature Galloway began. To their dismay there was very limited stock available in Victoria, and Sonya and Marty had no choice but to look interstate for their first cattle. Their foundation cows, Wannawin Thumbalina Z29 (Min) and Glen Eagles Juanita, purchased from Ian and Rhonda Bull, Gleneagles Stud in October 2014, were the start of their passion for miniature Galloways.

Not only impressed with the quiet temperaments of their first two cattle and how they easily fitted in to their lifestyle, Sonya and Marty also loved the fact that they are a heritage breed. The purity of the Galloway breed has ensured the cattle are hardy and functional for smaller farms such as theirs, surviving and thriving in their then inexperienced care.

Sonya commented "No surprise - cattle are easier than horses and we bought more. Some studs have been fortunate enough to buy an entire start up herd from a stud downsizing or retiring. We were constantly on the lookout for bloodlines we were interested in and that would give us diverse breeding options within our herd and we were happy to travel thousands of kilometres over several years to collect them. We are thankful that this was our start, as it has introduced us to many other miniature Galloway enthusiasts who have all been more than happy to share their own individual experiences. Our original plan was to have a diverse range of good solid bloodlines that we liked and which we could expand upon through artificial insemination (AI)."

Having no bull in the early days

of the stud, Sonya and Marty chose to use AI. As many will agree, AI can be tricky and while some of the Balytyckle herd held to the AI, some didn't, so the decision was made to buy a bull. Romani Ketchican was chosen to join the herd.

Now Sonya and Marty have five mature bulls, collect semen from their bulls and sell it Australia wide. They also have a tank of straws from outside genetics which they plan to introduce into their herd at some point in the future. This option gives them diverse choices within their breeding programme.

The small farm in the Yarra Valley was quickly outgrown, and needing more room for the expanding herd, an 80 acre property in the picturesque Murrindindi Shire and the small country town of Yea was purchased. The property was not set up for cattle and only had boundary fencing. What a challenge for Sonya and Marty, but one they accepted with enthusiasm, and they have not regretted their decision. The property is in a gold mining area and the soil type, being selenium deficient and with granite hills, does not produce the quality fodder of their previous property. This has necessitated some extensive research and a long term plan for pasture improvement.

Sonya and Marty have easily settled in to the country area of Yea with its pretty township, its friendly town folk and the many local tourist attractions. They particularly enjoy the Yea Agricultural Show and have entered some cows and heifers each year since they moved to the area. Sonya says

"it's the best small cattle show we have ever attended, with or without cattle. Entry fee is small, prizes are generous, facilities are great, people are friendly and the show organisers bend over backward to make sure everybody has a great day. We particularly enjoy the encouragement of young handlers and every year this class grows in entry. Last show there were over 60 cattle entries exhibited, which is no mean feat for a small country show. We would highly recommend Yea show if you are not too far away and are thinking of venturing into the show ring for the first time". Sonya and Marty had planned to get out and about to more shows with their cattle in 2020 but unfortunately with all the pandemic restrictions and cancellations, this was not to be. They look forward to 2021 and hopefully being able to head to a few local shows throughout the year.

When asked what stood out about their journey with Galloway cattle so far, Sonya and Marty said "among our most memorable and enjoyable experiences since owning our cattle would have to be hosting the delegates of the 2018 World Galloway Congress on our farm. Eighty delegates from across the globe enjoyed an afternoon of Australian sunshine and cattle banter whilst indulging in a sumptuous afternoon tea surrounded by

the hills of Yea, with a few tunes on the bagpipes played in the background. We had the privilege of meeting like minded enthusiasts from numerous countries and it was wonderful to see the interactions and cohesiveness evident between the associations worldwide, all keen to share their passion for their Galloways. It truly was like one big family."

Last year, Hannah, a veterinary student from the University of Melbourne, asked Sonya and Marty if she could undertake her first practical placement with them. Hannah was a



Hannah and Marty carrying out the important task of regular measurement of miniature Galloways.

great help vaccinating the herd, tagging calves etc. and it was such a great experience that Sonya said she would make themselves available to other students looking to do

placement on a small cattle stud. Apparently it is difficult to find suitable properties that are willing to open their doors to students, which is a great pity.

A constant flow of visitors is welcomed to Balytyckle. They range from family and friends to people who have seen photos of Balytyckle cattle on social media and who are passing through, or are near Yea, and pop in to meet the cattle in the paddock. Sonya and Marty maintain and manage a B & B farmhouse on their neighbour's property, and guests are always intrigued by the friendly, attractive cattle

which greet them each morning.

Seeing the interest in the farm stay, and having an interest in Agri-tourism, Sonya and Marty could see the potential for additional farm stays and for creating a space where people could spend some time with them on the farm and see first hand whether managing a small herd of cattle was for them or not. They have just completed building the first of several farm stay tiny homes with the intention of, but not limited to, visitors being able to observe and appreciate their cattle or help out with feeding, etc. Many of their friends have also expressed an interest in staying on the farm and taking some time out to work on artistic or other projects. Looking out at the Balytyckle cattle or watching the fallow deer and other wildlife come down to drink



Marty chatting to 2018 World Galloway Congress participants, September 2018.

from the dam is of great appeal. Providing a peaceful place is something Sonya and Marty hope to develop.

Along the way has been the odd hiccup, as experienced by most studs. Sonya commented that "these instances we appreciate as lessons in agriculture, increasing our knowledge base, and aiding in the pursuit of what we are trying to achieve with our plans for the future. We had been breeding horses and dogs for many, many years before we had cattle . . . you can have the very best plan and nature decides otherwise, however, 'failure to plan is planning to fail' so we keep making plans. From the conception of our stud we have thrown ourselves at improving our knowledge of the breed, improving our herd, improving our infrastructure and continually reassessing and improving our plans for the future for 'Balytyckle Miniature Galloways'."

Recently Sonya and Marty embarked on another project with the purchase of Glenburn Station K103, "Kitty", a registered smaller standard riggit patterned Galloway cow. Kitty will be AI'd to Cherrybank Dunstan, a New Zealand bred Riggit pattern bull giving them an excellent chance of producing another riggit patterned animal. Their plan is to eventually breed their riggit patterned animals down in size to comply with miniature height restrictions. This is a long term plan that Sonya and Marty are looking forward to.

Sonya says that she and Marty will continue to make plans and improve their herd in an effort to provide their target markets with the best possible product they can provide. They will endeavour to promote the breed at field days, shows and at their own on farm field days whenever possible, whilst encouraging and supporting other studs to do likewise. They

would like to see miniature Galloways survive and thrive in a herd book in Australia for the purposes of, but not restricted to, first time cattle owners on small farms, companion and therapy animals, and first time and junior handlers in the show arena, as well as sustainable meat production into the future. Shorter quiet animals leave less of a footprint, are easy to handle for amateurs and are easy on the land. Quiet animals that are non selective grazers, efficiently produce quality meat for those in this market. This small functional and efficient breed has been around for many many years and Sonya and Marty see the future as being bright for 'true to type' purebred miniature Galloways.

Next time you're in Yea, Victoria, be sure to look Sonya and Marty up and call in for a visit. They love nothing better than to chat about and share their passion for their miniature Galloways with like minded folk.



Royal Show Roundup

Due to COVID19 pandemic restrictions in place, the only Royal show to be held during the Autumn show season was the Royal Canberra Show. Disappointingly for all exhibitors who were preparing cattle ready for shows later in the season, their preparation was in vain. Hopefully for all concerned shows will resume again next year and we'll be able to catch up with friends and fellow exhibitors and see our cattle in all their glory.

Royal Canberra Show February 2020

Miniature Galloways

Miniature Galloways were represented by Association members Nicole McKenzie and Tony Starr, with three head exhibited. Judge Tim Reid was very happy with the cattle presented to him.

Senior and Grand Champion Female - Tumblegum Isla
Junior and Grand Champion Bull - Puddleby Pablo
Senior Champion Bull - Romani Pedro
Supreme Exhibit - Puddleby Pablo

Belted Galloways

Senior and Grand Champion Female - Jameson Park Malawi - K Read
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Junior and Grand Champion Bull - Idavale Karl - J Holness
Supreme Exhibit - Idavale Karl

Galloways

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Gina Sutherland, left, presenting the trophy for Grand Champion Female, won by Tumblegum Isla. Peter and Gina Sutherland sponsor this perpetual trophy.



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Miniature Galloway Cattle

Origins and Heights

In 1997, rules were introduced to allow the registration of Miniature Galloways, miniature Belted Galloways and miniature White Galloways. These animals share the very same rules for registration as Galloways, with the exception that they must comply with strict height regulations and not be deformed in any manner. They are not a different genetic strain, or different type of Galloway, they are simply small.

The miniature Galloway came about as a result of Gina Sutherland, of Wannawin Stud, writing to request the consideration for registration of one bull and five heifers. The bull and one heifer were bred by Mrs Sutherland, and the other four heifers were from some cows she had purchased from a pure commercial herd of Galloways. The bull, Wannawin Chocolate Soldier, was born on 25 August 1994, and when measured at 20 months old on 1 May 1996, he recorded a hip height of 72 cm. The heifers selected for registration were based on their size, trueness to type, structural correctness and

an average weight of 315kg.

After much discussion and debate, the Committee of the time agreed to deem these cattle as purebreds, not fullbloods, and they were accepted as miniature Galloways. Once the rules were released to members, many people came forward with different types and colours of Galloways which fitted in with the height regulations, and they were also registered as miniature Galloways, or had their current registration status changed to miniature.

Mrs Sutherland had the vision of a place in the beef industry for miniature Galloway cattle, and her vision has truly taken off with the numbers of miniature Galloways being registered increasing every year.

Miniature Galloways, miniature Belted Galloways and miniature White Galloways are a smaller version of Galloways, Belted Galloways and White Galloways, and their hip heights must fall below the recommended heights set out on the

Association's Miniature Hip Height Chart. The Hip Height Chart was introduced as a way of assessing an animal's growth pattern and to give purchasers some comfort and evidence that the animal they are buying truly is a miniature animal.

Miniature Galloways, miniature Belted Galloways and miniature White Galloways cannot be classified as miniature if they exhibit any signs of dwarfism.

The miniature status is generally achieved by breeding miniature Galloways with other miniature Galloways, or smaller framed Galloways. Of course, this can sometimes result in miniature Galloways growing over height, at which time they lose their miniature status and revert to full size registration. While it is impossible to guarantee that an animal will not grow above a certain height, with the introduction of the Miniature Hip Height Recording Form, breeders and purchasers have more information on which to base their decision as to whether they think the animal is likely to be a Miniature or not. It is very important to take regular measurements of your miniature Galloway, in order to assess its growth patterns. The information can also be used to consider which bulls to put to which cows to enhance the probability of the offspring remaining under the height limits. As there are many miniature Galloways registered now, more and more information is becoming available to refer to in the herd book to assist with decision making.

The Association's rules regarding miniature Galloways are as found in the following extract from the Association's By-Laws:

3.1 Registration for Miniature Galloways, Miniature Belted Galloways and Miniature White Galloways shall comply with By-Laws for the Registration of Full Blood and Pure Bred Galloway Cattle and



Pat Hunder, Torcroft Stud, with two of her miniature Galloways

for the Grading Up By-Laws for Galloway Cattle.

3.2 The registered owner of a Miniature Galloway shall be responsible for compliance with this By-Law. This shall include representations made to others as to the miniature status of the animal. The registered owner should monitor the height of each animal through its growth to maturity.

3.3 Miniature registration status is recognised on an individual basis.

3.4 Dwarfism or malfeatures in skeletal structure will disqualify an animal for registration as a Miniature.

3.5 The Australian Galloway Association "Height Recording Form" must be completed and signed by the owner and returned to the Australian Galloway Association office for data recording on the following occasions:

3.5.1 With the registration application;

3.5.2 With a transfer application;

3.5.3 At 24 months and;

3.5.4 At maturity

3.5.5 Maturity is deemed to occur at an age of 48 months.


3.6 The maximum height at maturity must not exceed:

Male - 125 cm.

Female - 120 cm.

3.7 For animals registered

How to correctly measure a miniature Galloway



Measurements are to be taken on the spine above the hip. Ensure the animal is standing on level ground, and it is standing squarely. The animal should be standing freely, without the head constrained in a head bale. The height measurement can vary considerably if the animal is not standing correctly.

up to 12 months of age, the maximum height at registration must not exceed:

Male - 114 cm.

Female - 110 cm.

3.8 For animals registered at ages greater than 12 months the requirements of this Bylaw will apply.

3.9 If a Miniature Galloway grows over the maximum height its Miniature Galloway Registration Certificate will be revoked. The registration will

be transferred to the general herd book and a Galloway Registration Certificate will be issued.

3.9.1 The Certificate re-issue fee published in the Australian Galloway Association fee schedule will apply.

3.10 If after reasonable requests are made and the mature height measurement is not submitted, the Miniature Galloway Registration Certificate will be transferred to standard



Galloway Registration and a Galloway Registration Certificate and Certificate Re-issue fee invoice will be issued to the registered owner.

3.11 The Australian Galloway Association herdbook will record the height of each miniature animal at registration and at maturity and this data will be available for inspection.

3.12 Animals that comply with the Australian Galloway Association registration criteria for Miniature Galloways, Miniature Belted Galloways and Miniature White Galloways may be shown in a Miniature Galloway class. The Owner will be responsible for the animal's compliance with the Australian Galloway Association By-Laws.

3.13 If the owner of a Galloway, Belted Galloway or White Galloway wishes to have the "Miniature" notation recorded on the pedigree, it can only be amended with the written permission of the original breeder, and must be accompanied by a Miniature Hip Height Recording Form and comply with the By-Laws.

Since the inception of the Hip Height Recording Form, the Association has records in excess of 1000 hip height measurements. The vast majority of cattle registered as miniatures have fallen within the recommended guidelines, with the few cattle growing overheight reverting to standard registration. From analysis of the recorded heights it has been observed that cattle which are shorter than the recommended height for their age tend to stay smaller and fit easily within the miniature heights.

Several years ago Carla Hurtado Ponce, as part of her Master of Animal Science studies at the University of Melbourne, undertook a study of the comparison of genes that affect heights between normal and miniature cattle. The aim of the research was to evaluate if the genes that affect height in miniature cattle have different allele frequencies from normal size cattle. Alleles are pairs, or a series, of genes on a chromosome that determine hereditary characteristics. (An example of an allele is the gene that determines hair colour.) The allele frequency represents


the incidence of a gene variant in a population.

Samples from ten miniature cattle of various breeds from around Australia were taken and compared against 80 normal sized cattle breeds. DNA from these animals were collected, genotyped and analysed. The data was compared to the data of the normal sized cattle in order to identify the genes affecting size and the similarities and differences between them. Of the DNA markers analysed, it was found that 74 of the 124 markers analysed may have an effect on the reduction of height in cattle. Interestingly, these 74 markers were found near, or in, genes that in previous studies were associated with this trait in humans.


The 74 markers were found near genes that which could play an important role in the reduction of height in cattle.

Only a small number of miniature cattle were used due to funding and research constraints at the time, and further work could not be undertaken. Unfortunately not enough interest was shown by miniature cattle breeders at the time in providing DNA samples and some additional funding to help cover testing costs.


If any miniature Galloway breeders are interested in helping out with further research, please contact the AGA's office. A copy of the original research paper is available. Email office@galloway.asn.au to request a copy.



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DNA Sampling

DNA hair samples can be used for many purposes; from DNA profiling and parent verification, to testing for diseases and genetic conditions.

The Association currently requires a DNA profile of all bulls which are being registered, as well as all bulls which are having their progeny registered (if they do not presently have a DNA profile). The samples are analysed and a DNA profile compiled. Sire verification is also carried out at the time of the analysis.

Quality samples are the key to getting good DNA from your cattle. A quality sample of hair is taken from the tail and has the follicle, or root, still attached to the hair. Tail hair is used rather than the short fine hairs found in the coat of an animal, due to the size of the root bulb that is extracted from the tail versus the coat. The hair bulbs are a reliable source of DNA.

Collecting Hair Samples using the Zoetis sample cards.

1. While holding the end of the tail switch, pull a pencil-thickness tuft of hair (at least 20 – 25 hair roots) from the tail switch, making sure hair roots are attached. Roots are under the skin of the tail and extract easily when pulled correctly. Pull



Pulling the hairs from the switch of a tail.

the hair "up and away" from the way it lays to get as many roots as possible. Always collect dry hair samples and make sure the roots are not contaminated with faeces.

2. Open the hair sample collector completely. Place the hair on the back of the printed flap of the collector, with the roots close to the joined end. Peel off the backing paper, starting from the joined end, to expose the sticky backing of the flap.

3. Press the sticky plastic side down on top of the hair roots. Make sure the edges of the plastic are sealed around the collector. Also, verify that the roots are covered. Trim the excess hair to the edges of the sample collector - see photo above right for a good example. The hairs are placed well on the sample card and the hair roots or bulbs can be clearly seen.

Write the animal's identification (usually the tattoo) on the front of the sample card.

When forwarding the hair sample for analysis, the following information is required:

- The bull's identification/tattoo, eg XYZ Q1
- Date of birth



A good hair sample placed on a sample card.

- The name the animal will be registered with
- Advice of type of Galloway: Galloway, Belted Galloway or Miniature Galloway
- Sire identification/tattoo (if unknown it can be checked by a herdbook search on the Association's database on the website.
- The dam's details will also need to be included in the information if a parent verification for both sire and dam is required.

Forward the sample to the Association's office. Initial results generally take four weeks to be processed, although may be longer depending on the work load of the laboratory.



If a test card is not on hand, a tail hair sample can be forwarded in an envelope with the relevant details included. A knot should be tied in the hairs, close to the roots to keep the sample together.

Stocking Rates and DSEs explained

You may have seen the term Dry Sheep Equivalent (DSE) used to describe the stocking rate for properties, and wondered what it is.

The DSE is a standard unit frequently used in Australia to compare the feed requirements of different classes of stock, or to assess the carrying capacity and potential productivity of a given farm or area of grazing land. A DSE is used as a method of standardising an animal unit and is the amount of feed required by a two year old, 50 kilogramme Merino wether to maintain its weight.

The stocking rate is defined as the number of animals grazing on a given amount of land for a specified time. It is the basic relationship between livestock and the forage available.

The DSE and other stock equivalent systems are only approximations. The feed requirements of livestock vary with their liveweight, level of production, physiological state, land topography and climatic conditions. DSEs are based on the energy requirements of animals and do not account for differences in the protein or mineral requirements of different

animals. The DSE is an estimate of average feed requirements, ignoring variations between animals of the same class due to genetic differences or management practice.

On the facing page is a table that shows a comparison of DSEs against a broad range of animals to help understand the concept.

As a rough rule of thumb, 1 DSE will consume 1kg of dry matter per head per day. Energy requirements vary with different physiological stages (as shown by the variations listed in the table), so it is useful to understand your property's stocking rates, on a seasonal as well as annual basis. This allows you to calculate the times of peak feed demand by your cattle and other livestock, and compare it to pasture growth. It also allows the identification of any opportunities to improve pasture performance and help decide on fertiliser requirements.

The stocking rate refers to the demand by animals for the available feed, and should not be confused with the carrying capacity of your property, which refers to the supply of feed available. The length of time feed will last is a function of how many stock will graze it (carrying capacity) and how many head of stock can graze the feed is a function of how long is needed to make the feed last (stocking rate).


Estimating the carrying capacity of a property is quite complex and dependent on many factors, including land and soil types, pasture types and other vegetation, and weather patterns.

Meat and Livestock Australia (MLA) has further detailed information about calculating DSEs and stocking rates, as well as many other interesting articles and information available to help with the management of your property. The MLA's website can be found at: www.mla.com.au

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Class of livestock	DSE at specified live weights	
Sheep Merino Wether	50kg 1	
Bos Taurus cattle (ie British breed) Weaned calves Gaining .25 kg/day Gaining .75 kg/day Yearlings Gaining .25 kg/day Gaining .75 kg/day Dry cows (not in calf or not with calf at foot) Maintenance Gaining .25 kg/day Pregnant Cows last 3 months Cows with 0-3 month calf Cows with 4-6 month calf Cows with 7-10 month calf Steers Store Gaining .25 kg/day Bulls various sizes	200kg 5.5 8 300kg 7 10 7 8 9 14 18 22 7 8 12-18	250kg 6.5 9 350kg 8 11 8 9 11 18 22 25 8 9
Horses Pony Horse up to 450kg Horse over 450 kg	6 11 14	
Deer Stag Fallow breeding female	4.5 2	
Goats Lactating milk or meat goat	3	
Donkeys Alpacas 65 kg Kangaroos Wallabies Wombats x 6 Possoms x 12 Rabbits x 16	7 1.2 0.7 0.33 1 1 1	



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Black, Red and Dun Belted Miniature Galloways

Semen List

Section A Available Sires, no permit required for registration of calves.			
Name of Sire	Colour	Price per straw GST Inclusive	Contact
Ashleigh Grason	Black Belted	\$20	Bovine Breeders P: 02 6775 1718
Braveheart of Gall-way*	Black	\$66	Chris McIlroy, Agri-Gene P: 03 5722 2666 E: chris@agrigenec.com.au
Clanfingon Limelight*	Black Belted	\$55	Pam Brown P: 0434 100 280 E: pamjbrown@exemail.com.au
Clanfingon Nixen*	Black Belted	\$55	Pam Brown P: 0434 100 280 E: pamjbrown@exemail.com.au
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 1718
Kilworth Dougal J	Black Belted	\$20	Bovine Breeders P: 02 6775 1718
Midfern Norman	Black Belted	\$20	Bovine Breeders P: 02 6775 1718
Mochrum Huckleberry*	Red Belted	\$55	Chris McIlroy, Agri-Gene P: 03 5722 2666 E: chris@agrigenec.com.au
Wilkamdai Zikomo*	Black Belted	\$22.50	Cameron Woolfe P: 0421 050 674 P: 03 534 0588 E: clanwoolfbelties@gmail.com
Eligible for export to NZ, USA, Canada, Brazil, Norfolk Is & S Africa		Export POA	

* **DNA Profile recorded.**

** **Mannosidosis Status Unknown. All progeny must be tested clear prior to registration.**



Section B Privately owned sires, sire permit required for registration of calves.			
Name of Sire	Colour	Price per straw GST Inclusive	Contact
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	Robert Maddern E: rmaddern@gmail.com
Glen Eagles Grande G2 (Min)*	White with red points	\$65 each or 11 for \$650 Includes SP	Ian Bull P: 0428 723 184 E: bullie49@bigpond.com
Gleneagles Mondeo (Min)* Eligible for export to NZ, USA, Canada & South Africa	White with red points	\$65 each or \$60 each for 10 or more Includes SP	Ian Bull P: 0428 723 184 E: bullie49@bigpond.com
Glen El Rusty D2 (Min)*	Red	\$65 each or 11 for \$650 Includes SP	Ian Bull P: 0428 723 184 E: bullie49@bigpond.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: 0418 316 009 Agri-Gene P: 03 5722 2666
Globex King Pin 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
Oradala Red Ochre Mountain*	Red Belted	POA	Pam Brown P: 0434 100 280
Rough Rider RC Extra (USA)	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 0418 316 009
Torcroft Thyme (Min)*	White with dun points	\$65 Includes SP	Pauline Dunk P: 0438 393 052 E: paulinedtumblegum@gmail.com
Wannawin Casper (Min)*	Dun	\$50 Includes SP	Peter & Gina Sutherland P: 02 6020 2039
Wannawin Chocolate Soldier (Min)*	Dun	\$100 Includes SP	Peter & Gina Sutherland P: 02 6020 2039
Wilkamdai Giovanni 97M (Min)*	Black Belted	POA	Cameron Woolfe P:0421 050 674 E: clanwoolfelbalties@gmail.com
Amberley Park Batman*	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 0418 316 009
Amberley Park Bullseye V18*	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 0418 316 009
Amberley Park Ever Ready AP EF91*	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 0418 316 009
Amberley Park Hilton*	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 0418 316 009
Amberley Park Hunter	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 0418 316 009
Amberley Park Impact*	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 0418 316 009
Amberley Park Magic*	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 0418 316 009
Amberley Park Masterpiece	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 0418 316 009
Amberley Park Rambo*	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 0418 316 009
Balytyckle Magnum Force (Min)*	White with black points	\$60 Includes SP	Sonya Heron P: 0488 196 245 Pregrite Genetics P: 0408 360 295

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CK Yukon 25Y (Imp USA)*	White with black points	\$22 SP \$77	Didier Malcolm P: 0439 448 418 Chris McIlroy, Agri-Gene P: 03 5722 2666 E: chris@agrigenec.com.au
Fork Farm Loyalist (NZ)**	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 0418 316 009
Fork Farm Midas (NZ)**	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 0418 316 009
Glenayr Cassanova C5 (Min)*	Black	\$50 includes SP	Shane Smeathers P: 0438 934 983 E: traditionalgalloways@gmail.com
Globex Midnight 30M	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 0418 316 009
Repute of Castlemilk **	Dun	POA	Amberley Park P: 0418 316 009
Romani Kelso (Min)*	White with black points	\$50 12/\$500 includes SP	Shane Smeathers P: 0438 934 983 E: traditionalgalloways@gmail.com
Romani Ketchican (Min)*	White with black points	\$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
Southern Cross El Toro*	Black	\$33 SP \$110	Didier Malcolm P: 0439 448 418 Chris McIlroy, Agri-Gene P: 03 5722 2666 E: chris@agrigenec.com.au
Eligible for export to NZ, USA and Canada		Export POA	
Wannawin Hamish (Min)*	Black	\$50 includes SP	Peter & Gina Sutherland P: 02 6020 2039
Wannawin Waratah Laddie (Min)*	Red	\$100 includes SP	Peter & Gina Sutherland P: 02 6020 2039
Wannawin Xavier (Min)*	Dun	\$50 11/\$500 Includes SP	Shane Smeathers P: 0438 934 983 E: traditionalgalloways@gmail.com
Wirrialpa Kurrajong**	Dun	POA	Amberley Park P: 0418 316 009
Wirrialpa Lachlan**	Dun	POA	Amberley Park P: 0418 316 009

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