



AGA Galloway News

Autumn 2025

From the President

It is Autumn and here in Northern NSW we are still dressing in shorts, t-shirts and thongs. Our autumn calving is complete – no problems this season.

In the Galloway world it has been a busy three months. Members have been to shows, field days, entering steers into competitions, New Zealand World Conference – all flying the Galloway flag.

The AGM field day is only days away. I am looking forward to meeting our members and other Galloway enthusiasts.

I thought this report would be full of good news but recently USA announced a tariff of 10% on Australian imports. What is it going to mean for Galloway breeders – could be a bit tough I believe. Yet again beef producers may need to reinvent the wheel for profit margin. Thankfully we have a very efficient breed of cattle.

Easter has been and gone, we had a great time with family. Hope our membership did as well. Time to get back to work.

Cheers

Joanne Tesoriero
President

Royal Canberra Show Champions



Supreme Belted Galloway
Silvan Park Smokie and calf Silvan Park Viking



Supreme Miniature Galloway and Miniature
Belted Galloway
Barmaroo Stud's Oakvale Ullabella Ruby LRR U3

From the Committee

The Committee has met twice since the previous newsletter and has been working on the following:

Hypotrachosis

Following the circulation of the proposed Management Plan for Hypotrachosis with the Summer Newsletter in December 2024, the Committee passed a motion to adopt the plan in full to include in the By-Laws. The By-Laws are currently being reviewed for other updates and will be forwarded to members when the review is complete.

AGA Logo

As you will by now be aware, the Association's new logo has been launched and is now in use. The updated and refreshed logo has been received very favourably and, we believe, looks great.

AGA Website

Just last week the Association was able to approve its new website to "go live". There has been considerable work behind the scenes to make this happen and while it is still a work in progress, it is very functional and easy to use.

If you see anything that needs fixing or adding, please contact the office.

Marketing Sub-Committee

The Marketing Sub-Committee has been working on, amongst other things, the style and design of some new banners. After much discussion there have been two banners ordered which will be on display at the upcoming field day and annual general meeting on the 26th and

27th April. More banners will be rolled out across the country during the year. Please let the office know if you have any upcoming events where you would like to display a banner.

New Members

We welcome the following new members to the Association and hope they enjoy their journey with their Galloways:

Kirrily & David Donoghoe
Mundaring WA
Kiadare KDR
Miniature Galloways

Tatum Ashcroft
Wistow SA
Bluestone Ridge BRM
Miniature Galloways

Rohan Weeraratne
Tanjil South VIC
Blackland BLK
Belted Galloways and Miniature Belted Galloways

Commercial Member
Alisa Nye
Maroota NSW 2756

Administration Matters

Herdbook Errors

If you see an error in the herdbook in relation to your cattle, please contact the office and we will organise to have it corrected. Please check your certificates when you receive them after your cattle have been registered and if there are errors please let us know so they can be fixed.

Miniature Galloways and Miniature Belted Galloways – Hip Height Recording

Members breeding Miniature Galloways and Miniature Belted Galloways are reminded that the Miniature Hip Height Recording Form is a requirement for Miniature status for your cattle, and the form is the only reliable evidence that your cattle are indeed Miniatures. The form contains the following statement, just below the chart where the heights are recorded:

*“When registering an animal as a Miniature, complete this form and send it with the Application for Registration to the AGA office. **This form must also be completed when transferring an animal as a Miniature, and at 2 and 4 years of age.**”*

The maximum heights for miniature Galloways at maturity are 125cm for bulls and 120cm for females. Maturity is deemed to be at 4 years of age.”

The table on the reverse of the chart is useful for assessing miniature Galloway heights at various ages. The age ranges and heights, when compared to the height information collected by the Association, have been proven to be reasonably accurate from an analysis of hip heights recorded by the Association, so will be a good guide for the growth of your cattle.

Updated height charts are currently required for all two year old, or 2023 “U” registered cattle, and four year old or 2021 “S” registered cattle.

Height measurement of Miniatures is an important part of quality control and reassurance to a buyer that they are indeed purchasing a Miniature Galloway.

Bollygum Farm Field Day

By Benita Cattalini and Damian Lowry

Nearly five years ago we started farming here in Denmark WA and here we are today with our little stud and holding our very first mini field day.

We still feel like we know almost nothing about farming and breeding cattle and conservation of the land and water we have in our care but hey! There is always going to be more to learn. Luckily, we both love to do that.

Thanks to Mark Bailey, a founding member of the Australian Galloway Association and good friend, we started establishing our tiny Galloway stud with a clear two-pronged strategy. “You have to start with a plan” he said.

He was certainly correct. We needed the plan to make sure we didn’t get distracted and even more to have



something to go back to when things don't go to plan. We realise that if you don't know where you are going, any road will get you there and going faster won't help.

Our plan; full size Galloway for beef, miniature Galloway for revenue and both for regeneration.

Along the way we have met some other new and some experienced breeders of Galloway. Also, we met some great people in WA that are keen to get started.

It is always difficult to get over the old "imposter syndrome" but we pushed ahead, shared what little we learned along the way and asked the more experienced people for help or advice where we needed it.

Something many of the new and aspirational WA breeders so commonly shared was how hard it is to get stock or genetics in Australia. So many of the breeders in other States are unable or unwilling to sell stock and send it on the long journey to WA. We too had this challenge along with the early purchase of some stock that was not really what we thought.

Thanks to Mark we returned to the plan.

We sold that early purchased stock to people here in WA telling them exactly what the animals were and making sure they understood what they were buying. We sold what we thought was a mini steer (from our early stock purchase) to another breeder here in WA. He grew... and grew.... and grew..... not a mini at all. We want to build a reputation for being fair and honest. And to breed and sell high quality Galloway. So, we returned an agreed part of the funds to our friend and fellow breeder, and we will now be do everything we can to be very sure about the genetics we are buying.

To get a good quality herd we drove all the way to the East and brought a truck and eight fantastic heifers from three different studs in two States back to WA. With the assistance of some AI and ET as well, we now have a little herd of full Galloway, all registered with the Association. Some breeding heifers, some mini bulls, some full-size bulls and some beef animals that we are selling through our paddock to plate operation. What a journey and what a joy! We decided it might be good to share what we learned with other WA breeders and to build a solid community of Galloway fans here in WA.

That led to our little field day for any WA



Galloway folk that wanted to chat about their aspirations, meet each other and learn about how to condition score, tattoo and take hair samples.

It was certainly a whole lot of fun for us, and I think most people got some value from it.

Having Mark Bailey as our presenter was a great idea. Leaving plenty of time for participants to chat and learn from each other was also fantastic.

Our field day taught us that:

- There are a lot of great belted Galloway breeders in WA, not so many breeders of the solids and whites or solid Galloway beef producers.
- Everyone brings so many great skills from their life's experience and applying them to breeding quality Galloway stands WA in good stead with regards to keeping this important breed alive and well in the beef and the regenerative farming industries here.
- WA breeders will have to work together to build a quality WA herd, with diverse genetics and excellent beef.
- The Galloway breed could benefit from some national promotion of the Galloway breed and to do that we need data on:
 - What exactly is a good beef producing Galloway.
 - What is a good miniature Galloway.

- What is a good Belted Galloway.

- There isn't a clear and agreed set of desired colour characteristics, and we are not sure how that matters.
- We will have to harvest some embryos to help build a WA herd.

We will definitely do another WA day later in the year. Thanks to the Australian Galloway Association we will keep sharing our trials and tribulations and reach out to the amazing members to learn and grow!

We love our Galloways.

*Benita Cattalini and Damian Lowry
Bollygum Farm*



Prime Bollygum Farm beef

**World Galloway Conference
New Zealand
27th March to 2nd April 2025**

The starting location for the conference was Invercargill, on the south coast of the South Island of New Zealand, for three nights. Participants then travelled by coach north to Queenstown, which is located inland in the mountains on the beautiful Lake Wakatipu to stay for a further three nights.

Prior to this, a pre-conference tour was held on the North Island, visiting various studs and tourist attractions.



There were quite a few Australian delegates (pictured above), who, from all reports, thoroughly enjoyed their visit. Pauline Dunk very capably presented the report for the Australian Galloway Association, and we thank her for carrying that out that job for the Association.

Two of our members have provided reports of their visits, with reports from other delegates to come.

Leeanne Stanley and Neale Vorbach from River Park Stud in Victoria attended their first World Galloway Congress and reported:

“We enjoyed our time with the WGC NZ visiting different farms and seeing their herds.

As well as visiting the farms we had also seen the lovely countryside, the flax mill, royal burn where they have an abattoir and prep area to process the lambs.

We went to Arrowtown for some lunch and a look around.

On the 29th March we went to Nugget Point lighthouse, then we travelled to Rob and Lynne Hall's Lilliesleaf Belted & Dun Galloways for a barbecue.

We all went on the TSS Earnslaw and travelled to Walter Peak Station for dinner and a farm demonstration.

We both enjoyed meeting and talking to different breeders from different countries.”



Lamb Processing at the abattoir



Galloway family cattle and sightseeing.

Following that a three hour flight from the North Island to the South Island where we joined all the world delegates for the Congress with more sightseeing and farm visits over the next seven days.

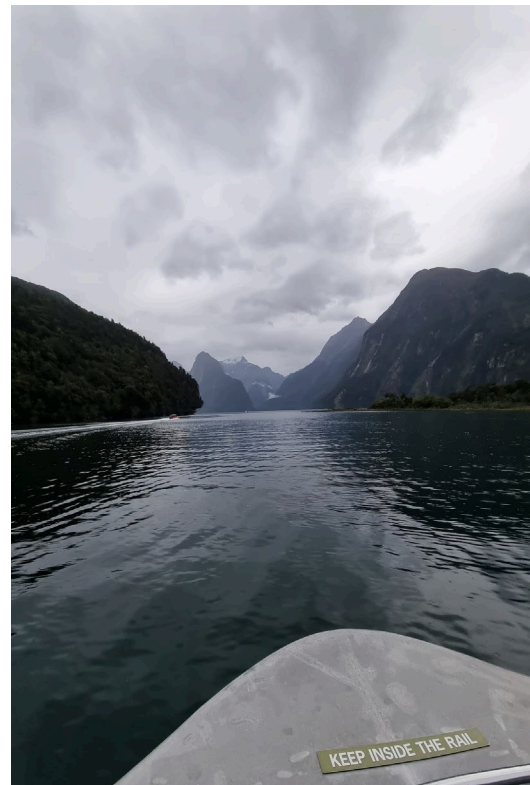
Delegates were also offered following the congress week a day visiting the famous Milford Sound, which did not disappoint - an amazing area of mountains and water, such a beautiful area.

Overall, a great trip with a great amount of variety in the programme.”

Shane Smeathers and Will Brigham from Romani Stud, NSW, also attended, saying:

“The recent 14TH World Galloway Congress in New Zealand was a great trip away and even closer for us Australians to be able to just get across the ditch.

The pre tour in the North Island was a well put together programme mixing



Milford Sound

Seymour Alternative Farming Expo, Vic – 4th to 6th April 2025

Hettie Biersteker reports on the Seymour Alternative Farming Expo, which was held from the 4th until the 6th of April 2025.

“The Belted Galloways were well represented again this year, with Jalaway stud (John and Ali) at one end of the cattle pavilion and Silvan Park Belted Galloways (Hettie and Andre) at the other end. In between were Highland cattle, Dexters and Lowlines. The weather was as good as it can get for a field day, a cool start followed by a nice and sunny day.

Interest for the eye-catching Belted Galloways was very strong. The public ranged from novice to very experienced farmers and not only from locals but also from people from NSW and QLD. There was a lot of catching up with fellow breeders, exhibitors, customers and friends as well as meeting new ones.

On the Friday and Saturday Malcolm Cock presented farm lectures about Buying – Setting up – Managing your Farm. Every year there are very interesting lectures about anything to do with farming as well as representatives from Agriculture Victoria to assist anyone with questions about farm requirements. Whether you are new to farming or very experienced, Seymour Expo has something to offer for everyone.”



The Silvan Park team sparkling clean ready



Ready for home after three busy days at the Expo

Royal Bathurst Show, NSW – Belted Galloway Feature Show - 2nd to 4th May 2024

The feature breed for the 2025 Royal Bathurst Show will be Belted Galloways. To be held from the 2nd to 4th May 2025, and the Australian Galloway Association is proud to be sponsoring this show, with it's prize being awarded to the Most Successful Belted Galloway Exhibitor

For more information about the 2025 Royal Bathurst Show, here's the link to the website:

www.bathurstshow.com.au/competition/s/competition-sections/livestock

Show Results

Several members have prepared their cattle for the Autumn Shows, and here is their reports and results. Well done for all the effort and work needed to get to a show, whether it is your local or a Royal.

Tracey Millett, Trailmix Stud, has attended some local shows in the Gippsland, Victoria, area (Korumburra, Warragul and Red Hill) and reported that the general public loved her miniature fluffy cows, and the cows in return enjoyed all the attention they received.

Korumburra Show

Stubby Creek Stud Millicent placed 1st in her class.

Warragul Show

No placings but got some publicity out to the visitors about my mini Galloways.

Red Hill Show

With thanks to Pat Hunder for this report about her local show.

“The annual Red Hill show, on the Mornington Peninsula, in Victoria, was held on 7 March in heat approaching 30 degrees, but some tall trees gave protection.

Red Hill is a popular, traditional, family show and children get great enjoyment from all the animals, including the cattle. They especially like the small, hairy, weirdly coloured, cattle with fluffy white babies with black noses. This is why we go – there’s something so rewarding and

validating about the public loving your animals.

Years ago, Red Hill was mainly attended by locals, like me, and Ali Hille and Chez Hedger. Then, one year the cavalry arrived – truck loads of Speckle Parks and Angus. Now, it is serious business, as it is used as a practice run for Sydney Royal. I heard two of the top studs in Victoria discussing with the judges that they use a chocolate supplement for adding weight. My cattle sulked all the way home because I said NO CHOCOLATE.



Torcroft Kristina with Torcroft Viola



Torcroft Sebastian



Trailmix heifer and Torcroft Sebastian discuss the Red Hill Show over a drink at the end of the day.

I was fortunate that the week of Red Hill Show coincided with a visit from new members Kyleen Howard and Greg McKinnon who had driven down from the Gold Coast to collect Torcroft Theo, and Cloverdale Poppy. They wanted to learn as much as possible about cattle in two days, so, I threw them in the deep end by getting them to shampoo my show team of three, below. Genius idea. I watched while they worked, and they learnt.



On show day everything went to plan. Sebastian did what he was supposed to do and was beautifully handled as always by Chez Hedger. He didn't get a place (as expected) but, he was the crowd favourite. At the lunchbreak, the judge said, confidentially, If I took him out of work for six months and fed him something, other than grass he'd be a winner. I know this, but, at 80, I'll leave this to someone else to achieve.

Torcroft Qristina with her 16 -week -old baby, Viola, was third in her class and received an amazing wrap from the judge.

It was fantastic to see Tracey Millet and her partner Jesse at Red Hill show for the first time. Tracey is doing great work in her small breeding program and will be in the winner's circle one day soon. Her heifer, Trailmix Ultraviolet, below, was awarded second place in her class. The judge said he was very impressed with her but said the minis just can't compete when they come up against the larger breeds."



Castle Hill Show, NSW

Castle Hill Show was held on 29th March and attended by St Gregory's College, from Campbelltown, NSW.

In 2024 The Flocco Family, Belvue Ranch, kindly donated a steer to the school, Belvue Ranch Upnaway, date of birth 28 October 2023.

The students re-named the steer Curly Wurly, and he has been fed since August 2024, with the aim of entering him for the steer classes at Sydney Royal Easter Show.



At the Castle Hill Show, where 51 steers in total were entered, Curly Wurly placed 3rd in a tough light weight class of around 15 steers.

There is a special Galloway class at Castle Hill Show for any Galloway animal, and there were 10 Galloway steers entered. It is with a great deal of pride and excitement the students saw Curly Wurly placed first in this class.

The school has a great relationship with Belvue Ranch, and all of Curly Wurly's connections are eagerly waiting for the results from the Sydney Royal Show. We'll keep you updated!

Canberra Royal Show Results

Canberra Royal Show was held from the 21st to the 23rd of February 2025, with David Bolton judging the Galloway Family classes. There were seven Belted Galloway exhibitors, two Miniature Galloway exhibitors, and five Galloway exhibitors. This was possibly the most Galloway Family breeders exhibiting since the feature show in 2019. Congratulations to all for getting their cattle there and putting on a great show for the public to see.

BELTED GALLOWAY

Female Classes

Belted Galloway Female 8 months & not over 14 months

1. 7 Hills Voodoo Magic 11579 (AI) (POIS) (MF) - 7 Hills Belted Galloways
2. Camden Valley Viennetta 11550 (MF) - Camden Valley Farm

Belted Galloway Female 14 months & not over 20 months

1. Silvan Park U-Bute SP U12 - Silvan Park Belted Galloways
 2. Benvuie Eve- G Stuart
 3. 7 Hills Unchained Melody 11518 (POIS) (MF) - 7 Hills Belted Galloways
- Junior Champion Belted Galloway Female

Silvan Park U-Bute SP U12

Reserve Junior Champion Belted Galloway Female

7 Hills Voodoo Magic 11579 (AI) (POIS) (MF)



Silvan Park U-Bute SP U12
Junior Champion Belted Galloway
Female

Belted Galloway Female 20 months &
not over 24 months

1. Jameson Park Uptown Girl – K Read
- Belted Galloway Female 24 months &
not over 30 months

1. 7 Hills Telorah 11386 (POIS) - 7 Hills Belted Galloways
2. Jalaway TicToc Watch AWE T28 – K Morris

Belted Galloway Female 30 months &
over

1. Silvan Park Smokie 11314 (POMS) (MF) - Silvan Park Belted Galloways
 2. Pageoway Turmeric POG T2 – C Filmer
 3. Jameson Park Sultana – K Read
- Senior and Champion Belted Galloway
Female

Silvan Park Smokie 11314 (POMS) (MF)
Reserve Senior Champion Belted
Galloway Female
7 Hills Telorah 11386 (POIS)

Grand Champion Belted Galloway
Female

Silvan Park Smokie 11314 (POMS) (MF)

Bull Classes

Belted Galloway Bull 20 months & not
over 24 months

1. Pageoway Ugo POG U1 – C Filmer
2. Jameson Park Uptown Boy – K Read
3. Ellanedry Urban Show Off EFS U01- K Morris

Belted Galloway Bull 24 months & not
over 30 months

1. Silvan Park Top Gun SP T60 - Silvan Park Belted Galloways

Senior and Grand Champion Belted
Galloway Bull

Silvan Park Top Gun SP T60



Silvan Park Top Gun SP T60
Senior and Grand Champion Belted
Galloway Bull

Reserve Senior Champion Belted
Galloway Bull

Pageoway Ugo POG U!

Group Classes

Pair of Belted Galloway Heifers under 20
months

1. 7 Hills Belted Galloways
- Belted Galloway Sire's & Dams Progeny
Group

1. C Filmer

Belted Galloway Breeders Group

1. Silvan Park Belted Galloways
2. K Read

Supreme Belted Galloway Exhibit
Silvan Park Smokie 11314 (POMS) (MF)



Pageoway Ugo POG U1
Reserve Senior Champion Belted Galloway
Bull

GALLOWAY

Female Classes

Galloway Female 8 months & not over 12 months

1. Lilliesleaf Meme - E Stuart

Galloway Female 12 months & not over 16 months

1. Lilliesleaf Amber – E Stuart

2. Monreith Usaina – J & S Vials

Galloway Female 16 months & not over 20 months

1. Monreith Ultramarine – J & S Vials

2. Minto Kirsteen – C Hart

3. Warringah Unity - Warringah Galloway
Stud

4. Minto Gordana - G Stuart

Junior Champion Galloway Female

Monreith Ultramarine

Reserve Junior Champion Galloway
Female

Lilliesleaf Meme

Galloway Female 24 months & not over 30 months

1. Lilliesleaf Moonstone – E Stuart

2. Minto Black Sprite – C Hart

Galloway Female 30 months & over

1. Minto Irene 8th – C Hart

2. Monreith Serena - J & S Vials

Senior and Grand Champion Galloway
Female

Minto Irene 8th

Reserve Senior Champion Galloway
Female

Monreith Serena Grand Champion
Galloway Female

Bull Classes

Galloway Bull 12 months & not over 16 months

1. Lilliesleaf Hawk – E Stuart

Junior Champion Galloway Bull

Lilliesleaf Hawk

Galloway Bull 24 months & not over 30 months

1. Monreith Thommo – J & S Vials

Senior and Grand Champion Galloway
Bull

Group Classes

Pair of Galloway Heifers under 20 months

1. E Stuart

2. J & S Vials

Galloway Sire's Progeny Group

1. Sire: Minto Lincoln

Galloway Dam's Progeny Group

1. J & S Vials

Galloway Breeders Group

1. J & S Vials

Supreme Galloway Exhibit

Minto Irene 8th

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MINIATURE GALLOWAY AND MINIATURE BELTED GALLOWAY

Female Classes

Miniature Belted or Solid Galloway 8 months & not over 12 months

1. Balytyckle Valentines Kiss KOW V2
- S Heron, Balytyckle
2. Balytyckle Velvetten Rabbit KOW V3 – S Heron, Balytyckle
3. Balytyckle Vision in Red KOW V1 – S Heron, Balytyckle

Junior Champion Miniature Belted or Solid Galloway Female

Oakvale Ullabella Ruby LRR U3

Reserve Junior Champion Miniature Galloway or Miniature Belted Galloway Female

Balytyckle Valentines Kiss KOW V2



Springhill Park Umi SHP U1
Senior Champion Miniature Galloway or Miniature Belted Galloway Female



Balytyckle Valentines Kiss KOW V2
Reserve Junior Champion Miniature Galloway or Miniature Belted Galloway Female

Miniature Belted or Solid Galloway 20 months & not over 24 months

1. Springhill Park Umi, SHP U1 – H Dee, Barmaroo

Senior Champion Miniature Galloway or Miniature Belted Galloway Female

Springhill Park Umi SHP U1

Grand Champion Miniature Galloway or Miniature Belted Galloway Female
Oakvale Ullabella Ruby LRR U3

Bull Classes

Miniature Belted or Solid Galloway Bull 30 months and over

1. Balytyckle Top Gun KOW T8 - S Heron, Balytyckle

Senior and Grand Champion Miniature Galloway or Miniature Belted Galloway Bull

Balytyckle Top Gun KOW T8

Group Classes

Miniature Belted or Solid Galloway Sire's Progeny Group

1. Sire: Balytyckle Quill Starlord KOW Q7 - S Heron, Balytyckle

Miniature Belted or Solid Galloway Breeders Group

1. S Heron, Balytyckle

Supreme Belted Galloway Miniature Exhibit

Oakvale Ullabella Ruby LRR U3



Balytyckle Top Gun KOW T8
Senior and Grand Champion Miniature Galloway or Miniature Belted Galloway Bull

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