



AGA Galloway News

December 2021



From the President...

Welcome to our final newsletter of 2021.

It's been a roller coaster of a year full of uncertainty, and yet a brilliant year for beef producers. Prices have remained strong in saleyards and the demand for grower and breeder cattle has only further pushed these prices.

It is with regret we accept Shane Smeather's resignation from the committee half-way through his term. Shane has decided he needs to focus more on his personal projects and we thank him for his time on the committee – 10 years since his initial election to the committee and as President of the Association for a period of four years.

The Annual should be dropping into your letter boxes very soon. There has been a production hold up due to paper supply, but hopefully you'll have it to read over the holiday period. Thanks to those members who have supported the production of the Annual by way of advertising, and who provided photos and information. With that I would like to thank Sallie for all her efforts in collaborating the information together and the time spent on this year's Annual.

I hope that that Christmas and the 2022 summer season is kind to you all and I look forward to speaking with you all in the New Year.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Luke Bonar, President

New Members

A warm welcome is extended to the following new members who have recently joined the Association. We wish you all the best in your journey with the Galloway Family and many years' enjoyment of your Galloway cattle.

Alycia Hepburn
Myponga SA 5202
Gordon Mays Farm GMF

Douglas & Amanda Gannon
Bowling NSW
Ganugan Farm GGF

Jennifer Lee
Cobargo NSW 2550
LJL LJL

Neale Vorbach & Leeanne Stanley
Warragul Vic 3820
River Park RPD

Sara Mackay
Coramba NSW 2450
Brush Farm BRF

Benita Cattalini & Damian Lowry
Kentdale WA 6333

Office Christmas Closure

The office will be closed from 4pm on Wednesday 22nd December 2021 and will re-open on Monday the 17th January 2022. If you have anything urgent please email, as emails will be monitored from time to time during the closure.

Committee Information

The resignation of Shane Smeathers has left a vacancy for a term of one year until the 2023 AGM. There will also be three vacancies for three year terms to be filled at the next Annual General Meeting. If you're interested in joining the Committee and have questions, please contact any of the present committee members who may be able to answer any queries you may have. Meetings are held via Zoom every two or three months, and if we are able to travel again, we would expect to have an in person meeting at the AGM and also one around November each year.

Nomination forms will be sent to all members early in the new year once the date for the Annual General Meeting has been set.

Webinars

Thanks to Malcolm Cock for running a webinar in November covering managing your cattle throughout the year, and the second webinar in December, which covered pastures and soil.

The aim of the webinars is to provide best practice management information to members (and anyone else who would like to attend) giving the opportunity to improve breeding, production and marketing of your Galloways.

It is intended to continue running these webinars and if there is any particular topic you would like covered in a webinar, please let the office know, and we will do our best to accommodate your request.

Genebank

Malcolm Cock is the Association's representative to the National Livestock Gene Bank committee, and it is very pleasing to report that the CSIRO has become involved and it is moving forward with a proposal for a national gene bank. It's a great achievement for the Galloway breed to be involved at the commencement of such an important project.

Semen and Embryo Catalogue

As part of the marketing/resources plan, Pam Brown is working on a semen and embryo catalogue. Could you please review any bulls you have listed on the website or in the annual, and let us know whether you have any you would like to add, or whether any need to be removed, or simply confirm their details. Similarly if you have any embryos available for sale they can be listed as well.

In preparation for establishing a national livestock gene bank to preserve the diversity of cattle breeds, the AGA is endeavoring to create an inventory of all semen and embryos, held in storage by members. The semen and embryos for sale can go to the catalogue and the others not for sale can go to the gene bank inventory to be up-dated on a regular basis.

Too many Galloway genetics have been lost in the past due to disease, fire, accidents and herd dispersals and it would be invaluable to have an accurate listing of genetics available.

Please contact Pam Brown by email:

redochrestud@gmail.com or the office office@galloway.asn.au .

AGA Show Uniform

The AGA's show uniform consists of denim jeans, a chambray shirt (pale blue colour) and black woolen vest with the AGA logo, and either a Galloway tartan tie or scarf. There are ties and scarves in stock and a range of vests. If you need a vest, here is an example of the sizing:

	Chest measurement
Size 16	95 cm
Size 18	100 cm
Size 20	105 cm
Size 22	110 cm
Size 24	115 cm

We are out of the popular sizes of 18, 20 and 22, so if you need one for Royal Canberra Show for example, you will need to place an order asap, at the latest when the office re-opens on the 17th January, so they can be manufactured and distributed to you in a timely manner.

Next Committee Meeting

The next Committee meeting will be held on the 31st January 2022 - if you have any items you would like to have discussed please contact a committee member or the office.

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2022 Events

Royal Canberra Show

Entries are now open for the 2022 Royal Canberra Cattle Show! To be held from the 25th to the 27th February 2022, it would be great to see the Galloway Family back in strong numbers. The Royal Canberra Show has always been well supported by the Galloway Family and has a reputation as being friendly and supportive amongst the exhibitors.

Entries close on the 29th January 2022 – see the link below for more information.

<https://www.rncas.org.au/rncas-ausmectin-cattle-show.html>

2022 Autumn Beef Week

The Stock and Land Beef Week will be held on Thursday 27th January through to Thursday 3rd February 2022. It's a great opportunity to show your stud to the public, or visit other studs and breeders to see how their operations are run.

For more details see:
www.beefweek.com.au



Three-day Sickness

Bovine Ephemeral Fever, usually known as three-day sickness has recently been confirmed in cattle in the NSW North Coast. Three-day sickness is a virus transmitted by insects, and causes a high fever and pain in the muscles and joints. Generally it is expected the disease will be seen in cattle aged between six months and two years of age, but adult cattle can also experience the disease. The virus appears in summer due to the increase in the population of biting insects that transmit it. The occurrence of the disease is likely to increase following rainfall which provides favourable conditions for the insect population to increase rapidly.

Affected cattle are usually off by themselves in the paddock, off feed, and look for shade and water. They can drool, shiver and become lame. Signs usually last for a few days and most recover uneventfully. Heavier conditioned cattle may go down and take several days to get back on their feet, and are at risk of secondary complications as a result of being down. Pregnant cows may abort and bulls risk becoming infertile for up to three months.

Seek veterinary advice, and medication is effective in bringing down fever and reducing muscle and joint pain. Affected cattle should be provided with shade, water and feed, and turned or lifted twice daily to help reduce any secondary complications. A vaccine is available, but is unlikely to provide protection where the virus is already active. It will however provide protection to bulls and other cattle introduced from areas which do not normally experience three-day

sickness, and it may be timely to vaccinate in southern areas where the virus has not yet arrived.

2022 year letter:

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