

AGA GALLOWAY NEWS



JULY 2021

From the President...

It was hoped that this year's Annual General Meeting would see a return to the usual format of meeting, field day and dinner, but as it turned out, our hopes were dashed and a modified version took place. We'd like to extend our thanks to Cameron Woolfe, who opened his home for the people able to attend the meeting and members' forum, and for all the work he and his partner Wendy Ross put in organising scrumptious food, and a terrific afternoon informing members and potential Galloway breeders about various aspects of cattle care and husbandry. Everyone who attended agreed it was a great day and I'm sure we would all love to be able to get together again soon.

The Zoom meeting seemed to work well and gave all who wished to speak the opportunity to do so. The minutes of the meeting and the members' forum can be

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found in this newsletter. During the week following the Annual General Meeting, a Committee meeting was held and the Executive Committee (listed on the previous page) was elected.

With the easing of Covid restrictions earlier this year it was great to see some members out and about at some Queensland shows and a Victorian field day; reports about these events are also included in the newsletter. Congratulations to those who were successful at the shows and to those who spent the time at the field days promoting the Galloway family to interested people and the general public.

Luke Bonar
President

Administration Matters

The Committee has met twice since the Annual General Meeting, the first being to elect the new Executive Committee and the next during May where routine administrative matters have been discussed and dealt with. A review of the Annual General Meeting took place and it was generally agreed the Zoom meeting was satisfactory and much better than the teleconference the previous year as people felt more involved. The Marketing Committee has reported they are assembling their teams (as described in the Marketing Plan already forwarded to members) and are enthusiastic and trying to get things in place for their first Zoom Webinar. We will forward details as soon as they are to hand.

Part of the Committee discussions were

around the open letter that Bonnie Morrison forwarded to members prior to the Annual General Meeting. The Committee responded to Bonnie and addressed each point in her letter.

The Committee now holds its meetings using Zoom, which is working well and more cost effective than the previous teleconferences.

The next Committee meeting will be held on the 19th July, so if you have any items you would like to have discussed please contact a committee member or the office.

Public Liability Insurance

It has come to our attention that some members have been misinformed about public liability insurance cover held by the Association.

The Association holds public liability insurance cover, and as part of that policy, covers members at field days if they are displaying cattle and that display is primarily for the Association. For example the site is paid for, or a contribution towards the cost is made by the Association. If a member is attending a field day personally with the site in their own name, and promotes the AGA as a consequence of being there, they will not be covered by the AGA's Public Liability insurance.

Please note this public liability insurance does not, and never has, covered members exhibiting at shows.

Galloway Annual

If you would like to advertise in this year's Galloway Annual, please book your advertisement now.

You can supply your own advertisement or we can draw one up for your approval. Rates will be held at the same cost as previous years:

Quarter Page	\$220.00
One Third Page	\$297.00
Half Page	\$385.00
Full Page	\$577.50

Please email or call the office by Friday 16th July to book your advertising space:

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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.

Carolyn & Philip Smith
Woodside, SA
Little Moo-Oolah Farm LMF

Gai & Chris Strouthos
Mandemar, NSW
Ellan-Vannin ELV

Michele Deveze
Crohamhurst Qld
Little Gidding LGB

Monique Wills
Greenlands, NSW
Snowy Mountains Minis SMM

Samantha Phillips
Claremont Tas
Valley View TAS

Deb Moore & Greg Denney
Baringhup Vic
Denmor DMG

Amber Bruce
Lancefield Vic
Springhill Park SHP

Annalise & Brett Law
Bowral Nsw
Tanglewood TAN

Alexander Van Gastel & Kylie Harvey
Frances SA
Heart Home HHG

Claudia Walker & Harry Baldry
Cootamundra, NSW
Lil Mac Belters CAH

Anna & Scott Tracey
Spring Flat NSW
Jindalee JDL

Katharine & Audrey Smith
Piries Vic
Cowbelles AUD

2021 year letter:

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Collection of Tail Hairs for DNA Profiles

Recently there have been very poorly presented samples sent in to the office. These samples need to be replaced onto a fresh card, and if there are several it can be quite time consuming.

This is an example of a well presented tail hair sample on the Zoetis test card, clearly showing the hair follicles, which are the part of the tail hairs that contain an animal's DNA:



This, on the other hand, is poorly presented, and it is quite possible Zoetis will not be able to obtain a DNA profile as the hair follicles are not obvious. Please do not send tail hair samples like this, there is a strong possibility they will be returned to you or another sample requested.



Forthcoming events

Freedom Rise Miniature Belted Galloway Stud Field Day – Sunday 12th September

Raymond Cross and Baden Geeves are planning on holding a field day on Sunday 12th September, at their property near Yarraman, Queensland. Keep the date free – further details will be available closer to the day, but if you wish to enquire please email freedomrise@bigpond.com

Royal Melbourne Show – 23 September to 3rd October. Entries close 30th July,

see the website for more information: www.rasv.com.au/beef-cattle. Belted Galloways and Galloways will be judged on Thursday 30th September, and it seems miniature Galloways will be judged on Friday 1st October. There has been a whisper there may be some Galloway or Galloway cross steers entered in the carcass competitions.

The Ekka – Royal Queensland Show – will be held from Saturday 7th August to Sunday August 15th. Check the website for further information: ekka.com.au Stud beef judging will be held on the 6th and 7th of August, and small breeds, including miniature Galloways, will be held on the 13th August.

SEYMOUR ALTERNATIVE FARM EXPO

Held from the 16th to the 18th April 2021, this well attended and long running field day attracts many people through the gates

With thanks to Sonya Heron for her report:

Balytyckle Miniature Galloways enjoyed a great long weekend exhibiting a bull and a cow/calf unit at Seymour Alternative Farm Expo for the first time this year. In the past we have attended as spectators and had often given thought to exhibiting our cows at this well supported farm field day. The opportunity arose this year and we are very happy we chose to participate. Seymour Alternative Farm Expo has been running for almost 30 years and is usually held late February. Not only is this the hottest time of the year in the region, with folks on high bush fire alert, but it also clashes with other shows. The new date in April is perfect weather wise particularly for our long coated animals. The unusual year we had in 2020 brought forth several new beginnings for Seymour! By far the most exciting for livestock exhibitors being the brand new, purpose built 'Livestock Pavillion'! We are privileged to be amongst the first exhibitors to use the pavilion and even though I'm sure there were a few teething problems, (some adjustments needed to the tie rails and wash bay could be a little larger), it certainly didn't impact negatively for us and the weekend seemed to run smoothly for most exhibitors.

Our exhibits, Balytyckle Quill Starlord and Tumblegum Bonnie Jean with her

heifer calf Balytyckle Sequin settled well and considering this was their first ever outing we were very pleased with them. There was a slight hiccup when we arrived the morning after the first night to the overnight shed attendant informing us of 'construction earthworks' happening in our stalls! 'Quill' had decided he had had enough and set about digging his way home!! The shed attendant thought it was hilarious; we on the other hand had a rather large hole to fill in before we could get to our other chores! Lesson learnt . . . remember to bring the bull mat even when you don't think you will need it!



Tumblegum Bonnie Jean and Balytyckle Sequin enjoy pats from young attendees.

Next night, no problem at all. This behaviour reinforces the need for tying your animals up for extended periods of time during your show training. They can be standing at field days for 2-3 days except to be moved in and out of stalls for stall cleaning and to be washed.

The most enjoyable aspect of attending field days and which makes them very different from shows is that you are there primarily to talk to people about your cows and what it is about your particular breed that you love. Seymour opened its gates to literally hundreds of people young, older and in-between, to chat to about our Miniature Galloways over the course of the weekend. We had our good friend and fellow Miniature Galloway breeder Pauline Dunk from 'Tumblegum Farm' stay with us for a few days to help out and 'help out' she did! Washing, blowing, cleaning stalls, fetching coffee and bacon rolls, chatting to interested folk and catching up with other cattle breeders. She looked a little tired when she left us to head home Monday but she tells us that she thoroughly enjoyed the weekend! Thank you again Pauline, you are a dynamo! We were also really pleased that we were not the only Galloway exhibitors there with 'Silvan Park' Belted Galloways and 'Jalaway' Belted Galloways only a few stalls away making for some great Galloway conversation.



Balytyckle Quill Starlord enjoying a spruce up before the visitors arrive

Looking forward to attending Seymour again in 2022 and we can honestly say that if you are interested in exhibiting your cows at a field day in Victoria our

experience with the organisers of Seymour Alternative farm Expo was friendly, pleasant and stress free. A great field day to attend as an exhibitor or spectator in a beautiful part of Victoria.

Ali Hilli and John Heard from Jalaway Belted Galloway Beef add:

In 2021 the Seymour Alternative Farming Expo had a date change to be in April. It was a very pleasant change as the weather was much more amenable. There were 4 studs representing the Galloway Family. Jalaway Belted Galloway Beef, Tarxien Hill Miniature and standard Belted Galloways, Silvan Park Belted Galloways and Balytyckle Miniature Galloways.



John Heard showing a heifer to a keen visitor

We had a large number of visitors to the Animal Pavilion over the 3 days of the Expo. There was very big interest in the Galloway Family. At Jalaway we had huge numbers of enquiries and at least 2 new breeders beginning their journey with Belted Galloways. We chose to take some cattle that were show trimmed and some that had a full coat to explain the reason as to why we clip and show prep the cattle. Visitors were very impressed by the meat quality that comes from our cattle and the amount of muscle shown by the Belties.

It was a great weekend, lots of laughs and companionship during the time from Galloway Family and all the other cattle exhibitors.



Jalaway cattle clean and ready to face the crowds

SHOW RESULTS

Mt Davidson Miniature Galloway Stud Toowoomba Royal Show Results

Provided by Bonnie Morrison, MT
Davidson Miniature Galloways

The Toowoomba Royal Show was held on 16-18th April 2021. It was our first show for 2021 and the first show since our Royal Brisbane Show debut in 2019. It was also the first show outing for the two youngest members of our team – MT Davidson Roo-Ann Queen of Scots and MT Davidson Ruby Rose in Apricot. They coped well with all the noise and excitement surrounding the show and behaved themselves admirably while a group of local school students washed, shampooed and dried them. The third member of our team was Gleneagles Nicholas, a seasoned showman who loves the pampering and attention he receives at a show and performs accordingly.

Our young heifers were awarded a first in the following classes;

1. Female 6 months and under 12 months: MT Davidson Ruby Rose in Apricot
2. Female 12 months and under 15 months: MT Davidson Roo-Ann Queen of Scots

2021 CALF CHAMPION FEMALE
MINIATURE GALLOWAY and
2021 GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE
MINIATURE GALLOWAY

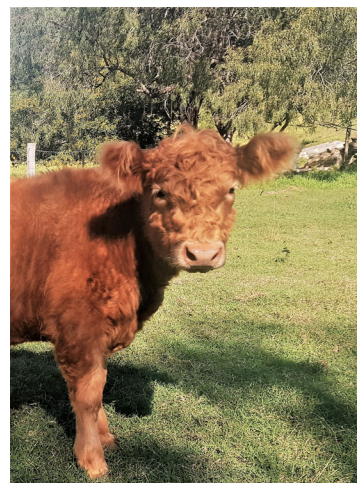
- MT Davidson Roo-Ann Queen of
Scots

2021 RESERVE CALF CHAMPION FEMALE
MINIATURE GALLOWAY

- MT Davidson Ruby Rose in Apricot



MT Davidson Roo-Ann Queen of Scots



MT Davidson Ruby Rose in Apricot

Gleneagles Nicholas was awarded -
2021 SENIOR CHAMPION MINIATURE
GALLOWAY BULL and
2021 GRAND CHAMPION MINIATURE
GALLOWAY BULL



Gleneagles Nicholas

This follows up from his Reserve
Champion Senior Bull result at the
Brisbane Royal Show in 2019 and Grand
Champion Bull result at the Toowoomba
Royal Show in 2019.

In addition to the miniature Galloway
breed judging, Nicholas was lent out to a
Junior Parader – Christopher Hoare
(under 15 years of age). In a class of 30
very determined and competitive
paraders, Christopher lead Nicholas into
5th position.

It was a pleasure to once again get off
the farm to exhibit at a show, to be in a
position to campaign and parade our MT
Davidson Miniature Galloways in front of
fellow breeders, the public and catch up
with other show teams. We also
appreciated the support of visiting
miniature Galloway breeders and fellow
Galloway enthusiasts.

Plans for this year is to take a show team
to the Brisbane Royal (EKKA) to
represent the miniature Galloway.
Hope to see some of you at the EKKA in
August.

Bonnie Davidson

Freedom Rise Stud Show Results

Freedom Rise Miniature Belted Galloway
stud has been out and about at several
shows in Queensland over the past
couple of months, with great success.
Congratulations to Raymond Cross and
Baden Geeves on their successes.

*Fraser Coast Show – 20th and 21st May -
Maryborough Qld .*

Luke Aisthorpe judged the small breeds
where miniature Galloways, Dexters and
Auslines were shown together. Freedom
Rise Picasso won the Small Breeds Bull
30 months and over class, and was then
awarded Senior Champion Small
Breeds Bull. Freedom Rise Redlyn won
the Small Breeds Heifer 12 months and
Under 15 Months, with Freedom Rise
Rainbird placing third. Freedom Rise
Quincy was placed first in the class Small
Breeds Female 24 months and under 30
months



Freedom Rise Redlyn with Raymond Cross

Nanango Show - 10th April 2021

Miniature Interbreed Bull 24 months and
under 36 months
1 Eagle Ridge Picasso

Senior Champion Bull
Eagle Ridge Picasso

Miniature Interbreed Female 9 months and under 12 months
1 Freedom Rise Redlyn
2 Freedom Rise Rainbird

Champion Miniature Interbreed Junior Female
Freedom Rise Redlyn

Reserve Champion Miniature Interbreed Junior Female
Freedom Rise Rainbird

Miniature Interbreed Female 20 months and under 24 months
2 Freedom Rise Quincy

Reserve Champion Miniature Interbreed Female
Freedom Rise Quincy

Toowoomba Royal Show – 16-18th April

Judge Tom Nixon presided over the rings where Miniature Belted Galloways and Belted Galloways competed in separate classes

Miniature Belted Galloway

Bull 24 months and over
1 Eagle Ridge Picasso

Senior and Grand Champion Bull
Eagle Ridge Picasso



Eagle Ridge Picasso with Raymond Cross

Female 6 months and under 12 months
1 Freedom Rise Rainbird

Champion Junior Female
Freedom Rise Rainbird

Female 21 months and under 24 months
1 Freedom Rise Quincy

Senior and Grand Champion Female
Freedom Rise Quincy



Freedom Rise Quincy with Raymond Cross

Belted Galloways

Female 6 months and under 12 months
1 Freedom Rise Redlyn

Calf Champion Junior Female
Freedom Rise Redlyn

Female 18 months and under 21 months
1 Jandrew Queen of Janice – John Nunan

Champion Junior Female
Jandrew Queen of Janice – John Nunam

Female 24 months and over
1 Jandrew Pearl – John Nunan

Senior and Grand Champion Female
Jandrew Pearl – John Nunan

Clan Woolfe Belted Galloway Stud – Field Day 24th April

Following the Annual General Meeting and Members' Forum a delicious lunch was provided by Cameron Woolfe, the host, and his partner Wendy Ross, to those who attended the Field Day. Everyone mingled while enjoying their lunch under a marquee, with a roaring firepot to counteract the Ballarat weather.

Watching the proceedings were an older cow and young heifer which were tied up in the area and which were to be the assistants in Cameron's demonstrations.

Cameron talked about and demonstrated the safe handling of cattle in yards and crushes, to avoid injury to people and cattle. The cow was used for a demonstration of how to correctly measure hip heights for miniature cattle.

It was then the turn of the young heifer, which was used for the tattooing demonstration. Cameron showed how to apply the tattoo, use of the tattoo pliers and the application of ink, as well as sterilising the tattooing gear between applications.

Tail hairs were then pulled from the switch of the heifer's tail, and applied to the test card. Cameron showed how easy this process is when done correctly.

Discussion about bedding for shows was also undertaken. Cameron had prepared a straw bed, and one made up of pine shavings. He explained about the use of rubber mats under the bedding, and demonstrated tying the animals up with halters and neck ropes for safety.

Overall, those who attended agreed it was a very enjoyable day, and it was a pity that more people couldn't attend.



Ian Bull and Darren Hard



Cameron Woolfe explaining the finer points of tattooing



Carole Simpson, centre, with Michael and Belinda Cushing

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Australian Galloway Association Inc. held on Saturday 24th April, 2021 by Zoom

Present: Luke Bonar, Carole Simpson, Ian Bull, Cameron Woolfe, Malcolm Cock, Sallie Wadley, Shane Smeathers, Pamela Brown, Simon Bednarek, John and Joanne Tesoriero, Alison Hilli, John Heard, Josh Keech, Pat Hunder, Mark Bailey, Raymond Cross, Baden Geeves, Leanne Olivieri, Sonya Heron, Wayne Weaire, William Brigham, John Bridge, Emily Bonar

Welcome: L Bonar welcomed those present and opened the meeting at 11.08 am.
S Smeathers advised the protocols to follow for the Zoom meeting.

Apologies: Debbie Kavanagh, Rob and Jan Davidson, Marty Keays, Hannah Cock, John Maiolo, Chris Jackson, Rick Morrison, Geoff Williams

MOTION: That the apologies received are accepted.

Moved: J Keech

Seconded: A Hilli **CARRIED**

Roll Call of Financial Members:

The following members were personally present at the meeting:

<u>REPRESENTATIVE</u>	<u>STUD</u>
Luke Bonar	Lazy B
Shane Smeathers	Romani
Carole Simpson	Murrinoak
Raymond Cross	Freedom Rise
Pam Brown	Red Ochre
John Bridge	Ringwood
Simon Bednarek	Burringbar
Cameron Woolfe	Clan Woolfe
Wayne Weaire	Mingara Park
Sallie Wadley	Spring Rises
Alison Hill	Jalaway
John Heard	Dartomjo
Pat Hunder	Torcroft
Ian Bull	Gleneagles
Josh Keech	Windaroo
Sonya Heron	Balytyckle
Leanne Olivieri	Lallybroch
Mark Bailey	Emohruo
John Tesoriero	Fireglow

A total of 19 Studs personally represented and entitled to vote at the meeting.

Declaration of Proxies:

The following proxies were declared

<u>Name (Stud)</u>	<u>In favour of</u>
Nicole McKenzie Puddleby	Ian Bull/Shane Smeathers
Nicholas Downes Bhundoo	Malcolm Cock
Hannah Cock Amberley Park	Malcolm Cock
Gareth Ellem Bangalla	Sallie Wadley

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 3rd May 2020

MOTION: That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 3rd May 2020, as circulated, are accepted.

Moved: J Keech

Seconded: C Woolfe **CARRIED**

President's Report

L Bonar read his report to the meeting.

MOTION: That the President's Report is accepted.

Moved: I Bull

Seconded: P Hunder **CARRIED**

Executive Officer's Report

S Wadley read her report to the meeting.

MOTION: That the Executive Officer's Report is accepted.

Moved : A Hilli

Seconded: L Olivieri **CARRIED**

Treasurer's Report

C Simpson read her report to the meeting.

MOTION: That the Treasurer's Report and the 2020 Financial Accounts are accepted subject to audit and the Financial Accounts present a true and fair view of the Association's financial affairs.

Moved: C Simpson

Seconded: C Woolfe **CARRIED**

Appointment of Auditor/Person to review accounts

MOTION: That Overbrook Consulting is asked to carry out the review for the 2021 financial year.

Moved: S Wadley

Seconded: J Tesoriero **CARRIED**

Election of Committee Members

L Bonar congratulated the successful nominees elected in the elections leading up to the Annual General Meeting and thanked the unsuccessful candidates, Pam Brown and Nicole McKenzie, for their interest and time and effort in submitting resumes.

L Bonar advised that following the elections the candidates elected are:

- Luke Bonar, John Bridge and Malcolm Cock – three year term
- Carole Simpson – one year term

The continuing committee members of Ian Bull, Josh Keech, Shane Smeathers, Joanne Tesoriero and Cameron Woolfe make up the balance of the committee.

MOTION: That the voting papers and proxies are destroyed after the expiration of six months.

Moved: M Cock

Seconded: J Heard

CARRIED

L Bonar mentioned S Wadley's term on the committee has expired and L Bonar expressed his thanks to her for her service as a committee member during the past nine years and the nine years previous to that.

Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting

The 2022 Annual General Meeting will be held at a venue date and time to be decided by the Committee. L Bonar called for a proposal from members for the venue for the 2022 meeting.

Close of Meeting

L Bonar thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 11.33 am.

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President

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Date

**Minutes - Members's Forum
Australian Galloway Association Inc. held on Saturday 24th April, 2021,
commencing at 11.43 by Zoom**

Present: Luke Bonar, Carole Simpson, Ian Bull, Cameron Woolfe, Malcolm Cock, Sallie Wadley, Shane Smeathers, Pamela Brown, Simon Bednarek, John and Joanne Tesoriero, Alison Hilli, John Heard, Josh Keech, Pat Hunder, Mark Bailey, Raymond Cross, Baden Geeves, Leanne Olivieri, Sonya Heron, Wayne Weaire, William Brigham, John Bridge, Emily Bonar, David and Gail Christie

Welcome: L Bonar welcomed those present and opened the meeting at 11.08 am.
S Smeathers advised the protocols to follow for the Zoom meeting.

Breeding using Bulls not Purebred or Fullblood

A Hilli spoke about a letter she had sent to the Committee concerning the regulations regarding breeding up and registration in the herd book. She is concerned that if crossbred bulls, in particular Belted Galloways, are used, the resultant calves have a significant chance of mismarks and/or incomplete belts. A Hilli recommended that only bulls of 93.75% or more are eligible for the herd book.

The topic was opened for discussion and the following comments were made:

- The Santa Gertrudis breed rules are that any male of less than 93.75% must be castrated
- Questioned what is to be done about any bulls currently graded less than 93.75% (herd book to be checked for any bulls that may fall within this category, but currently not many and none active)
- A problem is vendors not responsibly informing purchasers of what they are actually buying
- Noted that any cattle registered that are less than 93.75% receive a “recording” certificate rather than a registration certificate
- Comments about the accuracy of registration certificates and the dependency on members to fill out registration forms correctly
- Does there need to be broader DNA testing – currently protocols in place for testing every 100th animal registered
- Should every animal have a DNA profile on registration – additional costs
- Perhaps increase testing to every 50th animal registered
- Incorrect recording happens in every Association, but accidents happen and need to have confidence in registrations
- Proposed DNA verification of every male and female, arguments against due to cost, ask breeder to sign form as a true and correct record
- Added value for an animal to have DNA verification

Motion

Members present at the Members’ Forum request the Committee to consider the matter of herdbook integrity and report back to the members within six months for feedback and take action accordingly.

Moved: J Keech

Seconded: I Bull

Motion Carried

Motion

That the Association does not accept bulls of less than Purebred status to be eligible for registration into the herdbook. The Association continues to allow females of less than Purebred status to be registered.

Moved: A Hilli

Seconded: M Cock

Motion Carried

DNA Upgrading

S Wadley reminded members about nominating sires for upgrading of their DNA profiles, as the cheaper rate offered prior to 30 June.

Marketing Plan

C Woolfe advised the Marketing Committee has been meeting regularly, and explained the marketing plan and asked for feedback from members, and mentioned the positive feedback already received about webinars. M Cock said there will be a push to enthuse, inform and upskill members, many of whom are lifestyle people with little or no cattle

experience. He advised the bringing together of action teams to help in various aspects of the marketing plan, including people who could be drawn from outside the membership.

J Tesoriero advised anyone is welcome to join the Marketing Committee – it's not all hard work.

Gene Bank

M Cock advised he had been invited to join the Commonwealth Gene Bank committee, and that Galloways are presently the only cattle involved. Discussion is presently mainly to do with biosecurity. Major breeds with considerable amounts of genetic material available will fare well if adverse circumstances arise, however the smaller breeds will not fare so well. It was suggested by M Cock a register of semen and embryos is developed so it is know what genetic material is available.

L Bonar thanked everyone for staying on, and wished those attending the field day at Clan Woolfe Belties a good afternoon.

Forum closed at 12.57pm