



AGA GALLOWAY NEWS

SPRING 2021



From the President...

Welcome Everyone to our Spring newsletter.

Spring is now upon us and it's nice to have a bit of warm dry weather to dry things out a bit. There has been a bit of extreme weather around the country in recent weeks, snow in Tassie, heavy hail and storms battered Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland, and welcoming rain across Western and South Australia.

With all the spring growth and the excellent cattle prices still here to stay, it is a great time to be involved in the beef cattle industry. A lot of our members are now in the middle of calving and it's nice to see the photos and feedback about how well their cattle are doing and how well the calves are coming along, it's a great time to be involved with the Galloway breed.

Work is now well underway for the 2021/22 edition of the annual, which is coming out soon, and you should see it in mailboxes by end of November.

It's a timely reminder to check up on your neighbours and friends, be kind and respectful as you never know what the person on the other end of the conversation is going through; this is especially important on social media as it's very easy for comments to be read and taken out of context.

Stay safe everyone,
Luke Bonar

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.

Louise and Peter Randazzo
Tallong NSW
Razzle Farm RFM

Ivo Strizic
Cope NSW
Rageon ISS

Jennifer Lee
Cobargo NSW
LJL LJL

Naomi Jaeschke
Clare SA
Hillriver HRG

Rebecca and Zane Billing
Mt Hicks TAS
Breagha Park RZB

Tracey Millett
Boolara Vic
Trailmix TMX

Neale Vorbach & Leeanne Stanley
Warragul Vic
River Park RPD

Association Management Committee actions:

Marketing

The marketing subcommittee discussed their plans. The Resources Team presented their master plan and Galloway Genetic Inventory Project Plan. The Member Development team presented their project plans for AGA Newsletter and AGA Member Galloway breeding and management webinars. These plans were discussed and ratified, and are to be put into effect asap.

If anyone would like to join any of the five marketing action teams, or has any skills they could offer, even if it's just on a 'once off' basis, they would love to hear from you. For a copy of the marketing master plan and theme or any other queries, please contact Malcolm Cock, phone 03 9444 1112, mobile 0418 316 009 or email caromal@dcsi.net.au.

AGA Member Galloway breeding and management webinars

The aim of the webinars is to provide members with "best practice management" information to provide them with the opportunity to improve the breeding, production and marketing of their chosen Galloways.

Following the information received from the member's survey on topics and the most suitable time to run the webinars, the first webinar is set for:

Thursday 21st October at: 8pm to 9pm EDT.
AGA Zoom Interactive workshop:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81578002129>
Meeting ID: 815 7800 2129

Topic- Managing cattle:

Yearly calendar, what you do and when.
Options on how you do it.
Preparing for **joining** is a topic to discuss
Presentation and plenty of time for questions

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. 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 & embryos for sale can go to the catalogue and the others not for sale can go to the gene bank inventory to up-dated on a regular basis.

Too many Galloway genetics have been lost in the past due to disease, fire, accidents and herd dispersals.



Bred Up Belted Galloway Bulls

You may remember at the April Member's Forum Ali Hilli from Jalaway stud spoke about using bred up Belted Galloway bulls that were less than 93.75% and the concern was that these bulls are more likely to throw mis-marked Belted Galloway calves.

Following on from that, the Committee discussed the problem, noting that there are very few graded up Belted Galloway bulls in the herdbook. It was agreed that in twelve months the Association will disallow the grading up of Belted Galloway and miniature Belted Galloway bulls.

Next Committee Meeting

The next Committee meeting will be held on the 15th November - if you have any items you would like to have discussed please contact a committee member or the office.



Winter is over and COVID is nearing the end of lock downs... we hope!

Events

Unfortunately many shows and field days have been COVID cancelled so there is little to report. However, in good news, the Freedom Rise stud was able to hold its annual field day.

Freedom Rise Miniature Belted Galloway Stud Field Day

Raymond Cross and Baden Geeves were able to hold their field day in September. By all accounts it was a successful day with 42 people attending and learning about the Galloway breed and useful animal husbandry, breaking in and tattooing tips.

A full report will be included in this year's Association's Annual.

Beef Spectacular Feedback Trial

Galloway genetics have been entered into this year's trial by Greenethorpe and Amberley Park Galloways.

See the soon to be published AGA Annual, for further details.

Available UK Bull Semen

We have been advised by UK Sire Services of their Belted Galloway and Galloway bulls available for export to Australia. Contact UK Sire Services directly for details if you wish to purchase any straws. If you are interested in using any, please check they are eligible for registration in the AGA's herdbook.

Please contact Rob Wills for further information:

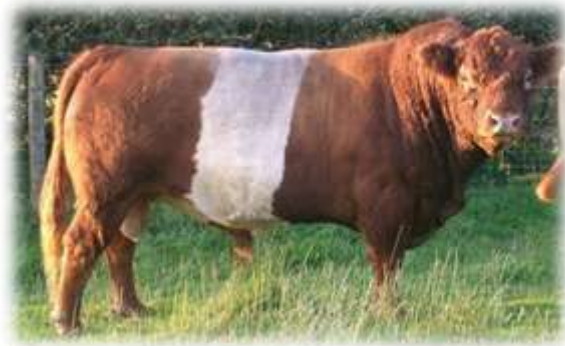
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Details of bulls available from UK

BULL	20	50	100	Herdbook Link
	£ / Straw	£ / Straw	£ / Straw	
Belted Galloway				
BO	8	5	3	ON REQUEST
CLIFTON HERCULES	40	30	25	https://www.uksiresdirect.com/shop/products/clifton-hercules
COULMONY MAXIMUS	40	30	25	https://www.uksiresdirect.com/en/shop/products/coulmony-maximus
LULLENDEN AZTEC WARRIOR	65	50	40	http://www.beltedgalloways.co.uk/breeders/bulls/semen/
MOCHRUM HUCKLEBERRY	40	30	25	http://www.beltedgalloways.co.uk/breeders/bulls/semen/
PARK PERSEUS	15	12	8	https://www.uksiresdirect.com/shop/products/park-perseus
SOUTHFIELD MAJOR RONALDO	35	30	25	https://www.uksiresdirect.com/en/shop/products/southfield-major-ronaldo
Galloway				
BEN LOMOND MHORDHU	15	12	10	http://www.gallowaycattlesociety.co.uk/Mhordhu-Ad.pdf
BLACKCRAIG GUSTO	10	8	5	https://www.uksiresdirect.com/en/shop/products/blackcraig-gusto
BRAVEHEART OF GALWAY*	12	10	8	http://www.galloway-mielke.de/braveheart-of-galway.html
CLIFTON MAX (WHITE)	40	35	30	ON REQUEST

* Available in Australia at Agrigene



MOCHRUM HUCKLEBERRY

2022 Autumn Beef Week

Planning for the Stock and Land Beef Week for 2022 has commenced. The 2021 event was hugely successful and the committee has set the dates of Thursday 27 January 2022 to Thursday 3 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.

See link: www.beefweek.com.au for more details.

Drought Resilience Leaders Mentoring Program

The National Farmers Federation (NFF) is helping to deliver the Future Drought Fund's Drought Resilience Leaders Mentoring Program in partnership with the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation.

The mentoring program is a national program, open to all farmers and anyone with a strong connection to the agriculture sector (e.g. agronomists, vets, stock and station agents, ag students, farm advisors etc).

It hopes to give farmers and others the skills to build their agriculture careers, enter into the sector and be better equipped when the next drought arrives.

The program will match mentees with a mentor where they can share knowledge, experience and innovation to apply in their business or in their involvement in agriculture.

The NFF encourages and welcomes anyone in any industry to participate in the mentoring program. All the participants need is a positive attitude. As part of the program the NFF will offer information, resources and training for both mentors and mentees.

The participants will also have access to webinars on interesting topics that will help them on farm and in mentoring. These topics include health and well-being, practice change, business and succession planning, and being a leader within your community.

This is a great opportunity for AGA members. Through the program you can discuss how to grow your businesses. It is also a great opportunity to connect to leaders within industry, build networks and help you navigate the challenges within agriculture.

The program is flexible and self-directed with commitment of 1-3 hours a month. It's at no cost to participants with mentors receiving a reimbursement up to \$500.

The NFF is looking for both mentors and mentees to participate in the program.

Applications did close on 30 September but another round of applications opens on 4 October. There are start dates in October and November this year with the program running until June 2022.

If you'd like to be a mentor, or if you'd like to know more about the program, please visit <https://rural-leaders.org.au/drought-resilience-leaders-mentor-program>

Drenching and Parasite Control

With the change in season, it's a good time to think about drenching your cattle. Drenching is a common method for controlling parasites in your cattle and improves the health, condition and fertility of cattle. This in turn leads to increased calving rates, weight gain, hide condition and milk production.

Meat and Livestock Australia (MLA) has developed a comprehensive regional guide for cattle parasite control. Go to Link: <https://publications.mla.com.au/> and search for The Cattle Parasite Atlas. It's free to download. If you're not familiar with the MLA website, it's a valuable tool with a host of useful information and it's free to join.

Galloway Heritage

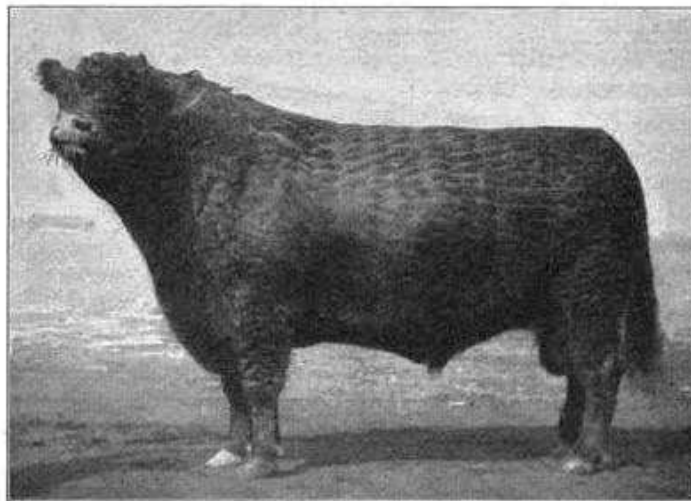


FIG. 94. Worthy 3d (imp.) 21228. A great prize-winning Galloway bull in Scotch shows, grand champion male of the breed at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in 1904, and champion at numerous other leading American shows. Imported by C. E. Clark, St. Cloud, Minnesota. Photograph by the author

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The breed that has such a great diversity of colour and types that gives you choice.

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