



AGA Galloway News

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'The Breed of Choice'

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From the President...

Hi Members,

Hope you are all enjoying being Galloway enthusiasts in these changing times.

I would like to thank all those members who give their time, passion and energy to advance the AGA and the Galloway Breed: Luke Bonar as president, Management Committee past and present; Sallie our very hard working Executive Officer. All members actively involved in Galloway endeavours: giving constructive feedback / suggestions, the social media, field days, showing their cattle, participating in cattle performance trials, AGA information webinars, connecting and assisting fellow members, and breeding and marketing good Galloway cattle, no matter what type or colour.

A big welcome to all the new members who have taken up the Galloway Challenge... The Breed of Your Choice.

We have a great breed, but it is up to us all to make sure Galloways survive and thrive. There are a number of challenges we are facing and we all need to work together as a team to enjoy the Galloway Challenge.

A couple of examples of these challenges are:

- *Preserving and enhancing the Galloway Gene pool – The imminent biosecurity threat of Foot and Mouth disease, etc.*
- *Making better use of the Executive Officer's time and expertise.*
- *Getting members together, interacting and being better informed.*

The Management Committee and sub committees are working hard to guide the association through all of the above and many other challenges. The AGA Marketing Plan is a positive road map and I recommend all members to read it.

You are welcome and encouraged to contact myself and the Committee members on any AGA matter.

*It is up to all the membership to join in and progress our association and The Galloway Breed....
"Our Breed of Choice"*

Cheers, Mal



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.

Aden Wyers
Tyers VIC
Gransview GRV
Miniature Belted Galloways

Judith McCallum
Mt Torrens SA
Whola Hut WHS
Belted Galloways and Galloways

Tom and Jeni Rivers Smith
Bonville NSW
Bonville Creek BCG
Miniature Galloways

Trisha Carr and Katie Kneebone
Westbourne Park SA
Aisling Hill Farm AHF
Miniature Belted Galloways

Katrina Wormald
Tamworth NSW
Greenhall GHF
Miniature Belted Galloways

Jillian Filmer
Noorinbe Vic
Tambanksie TMK
Miniature Galloways

Bailee Kerin & Harper Twiggs (Junior)
Mount Crawford SA
Dallas Hills DHS
Belted Galloways

Rohan and John Ashman-Wilkinson
Geeveston Tas
Babbling Brook RAW
Miniature Galloways

Victor Coble
Binalong NSW
Hidden Gem GEM

Sheila Ashenden
Witchcliffe WA
Koaty Nemo KTN
Galloways

Committee Information

Following the recent Annual General Meeting Carole Simpson agreed to be re-appointed to the Committee, and took up the role of Treasurer. We'd like to take this opportunity to welcome Carole to this role again, and thank her for her input and hard work over the past few years. Pauline Dunk was also welcomed to the Committee after putting forward an expression of interest to join, and we look forward to working with her over the next twelve months.

We also welcome Malcolm Cock as President and thank Luke Bonar for steering the Association through a difficult period in Australia's history.

Members Forum - AGM

The Committee discussed points raised at the Members' Forum held following the Annual General Meeting. Included as an attachment to the newsletter are the notes from the Members' Forum. The Committee has included comments beside some of the points raised.

The Committee has also decided to hold a Members' Forum half yearly, so will let you all know when the next one will be held.

A sub-committee has been formed to carry out a financial review of the Association paying particular attention to the Association's financial viability going forward. The review will be reported to the Committee meeting on July 11th.

AGA Annual

It's time to think about production of the Galloway Annual for this year. As usual we are looking for photos – please send them in to the office for your chance to have your photos featured in the Annual. Advertising rates have been kept the same – great value as the Annual is posted to all members, and is available for shows and field days, or even if you would like a few extra to pass on to your clients.

Advertising rates have been held to the same cost as the past few years:

Quarter Page	\$220.00
Half Page	\$385.00
Full Page	\$577.50

As usual advertisements will be in colour and we can draft one for you or use one you provide. Please contact the office to reserve a space in the Annual for your advertisement.

2022 year letter:

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Miniature Galloway Hip Height Recording

Members are reminded that hip height recording of miniature Galloways is the major form of quality control to ensure your miniatures follow a miniature growth pattern and you can sell or purchase with the confidence the animal will stay within miniature heights. By-Law 3.5 states:

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.

This year we are requesting all 2018 born cattle, those with tattoos commencing with a "P", are measured and their height charts forwarded to the office for recording their mature heights, and all 2020 born cattle, tattoos commencing with "R" for recording their two year old heights.

Galloway Breeding and Management Webinars

The May Webinar discussed bull breeding, selection and management and was facilitated by Malcolm Cock. There were a dozen participants at the webinar, and some interesting discussion took place. A PDF of the webinar presentation is included as an attachment with this newsletter.

If there are any topics you would like covered in future webinars please let us know asap.

AGA Merchandise

Shows and field days seem to be full steam ahead across the country.

If you'd like some Annuals to take with you to a show or field day, get in touch with the office, and we can post some to you to distribute to interested people who you see and talk to at your event.

A way of identifying yourself is the use of the AGA woolen vest. The vest is also part of the AGA's show uniform, which includes denim jeans, a chambray shirt (pale blue colour) and either a Galloway tartan tie or scarf. There are now ties and scarves in stock and a wide range of sizes in the vests. If you need a vest, here is an example of the sizing (please note the sizes are not generous):

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

Graded Up Belted Galloway Bulls

A reminder that from 1 July 2022 you will no longer be able to register Belted Galloway bulls that are graded up and less than 93.75% purity.

Next Committee Meeting

The next Committee meeting will be held on Monday the 11th July. If you have any items you would like to have discussed please contact a committee member or the office (contact details can be found on the front page).

Events Coming Up

The Ekka – Royal Brisbane Show

4-14 August 2022

Stud Beef judging will be held across the 4th and 5th August with the Champion of Champions judged on the 6th August. Stud Beef Small Breeds will be judged on the 12th August followed by the judging of the Small Breeds Champion of Champions in the afternoon.

National All Breeds Junior Heifer Show

2-9 September 2022

To be held at Blayney Showground, NSW, entries are now open for this junior heifer show which caters for children as young as 5, up to young adults aged under 25. A great line up of activities has been scheduled, and as places are limited act quickly and check the show's facebook page: "The Beachport Liquid Minerals National All Breeds Heifer Show". You will find a link on that page to the entry form

Royal Adelaide Show

3-11 September 2022

Led steers will be judged on the hoof on Sunday 4th September and presentation of awards will take place on Wednesday 7th September.

Belted Galloways will be judged on Thursday 8th September during the afternoon, with judging for the several breeds scheduled for that afternoon commencing at 2pm. The interbreed judging will be held on Sunday 11th September at 11am.

Royal Melbourne Show

22 September to 2 October 2022

The Royal Melbourne Show is back after missing two years of competition, and beef cattle entries close on Friday 29th

July. Belted Galloways and Galloways will be judged on 29th September and any miniature Galloways entered will be judged in the Small Breeds (Other) classes on 30th September from 9am, followed by the Small Breeds Interbreed at 2.30pm. The interbreed competition will be held on 1st October at 5.30pm.

Out and About

East Gippsland Field Days

8 – 9 April 2022

Pageoway Galloways attended the East Gippsland Field Days at Bairnsdale on the 8th and 9th of April. There are 350 exhibitor spaces at the Field Days and it generally attracts between 8 – 10,000 visitors.

Chelsea Filmer reported: “We took along a Belted Galloway heifer and steer. Our aim was to promote the Beltie breed in an area common for mainstream cattle breeds. It was a fantastic few days interacting with and educating the public. We saw lots of friends and made some new ones.”



Chelsea's site at East Gippsland Field Days ready to welcome visitors

Tocal Field Days

29th & 30th April and 1st May 2022

Members of the Australian Galloway Association attended the Tocal Field Days on the last weekend in April 2022. This Field Day event is held in the Hunter Valley region of New South Wales, and has up to 12,000 people attend per day across the 3 day event. It is likely to be the largest field day event of its kind in New South Wales. Fortunately, the weather was good and large crowds were able to participate across the days. The Galloway family was represented by Romani Galloways (Shane Smeathers and Will Bringham) and Windaroo Belted Galloways (Josh Keech). Thanks to Josh for providing this report.



Windaroo Belties on display at Tocal Field Days

The event is an opportunity to showcase the Galloway breed alongside other well-known breed associations, and show to members of the public the beauty and benefit of Galloways. We received a lot of interest in those new to cattle as well as people who are looking for something different in their established herds. We received excellent feedback about the event and it is one that the Australian

Galloway Association sees as an important event in the Field Days calendar.

Windaroo Belted Galloway Stud displayed three heifers of the same age to showcase the colours of dun, black and red, as well as the height differences. One animal was Windaroo Starlet, a miniature red heifer with genetics from Freedom Rise in Queensland, whilst another was Windaroo Shadow, a mid-sized standard black heifer with genetics from Karandrea in Victoria. The third was Windaroo Spring, a full sized dun heifer with genetics from Spring Rises in Tasmania. This gave the public a great opportunity to see variety within the Belted Galloway class. As a relatively new breeder, Windaroo Belted Galloway Stud is quickly growing itself to have a wide variety of genetics from studs across the country and it is exciting to see where this herd goes.



Dan Richards with Romani Can Do

Romani Galloways were a standout of the event! They attended with an adorable bull calf at only 5 weeks of age called Romani Can Do. Little Can Do was a crowd favourite with many hugs, pats and photos received from people of all ages! Can Do is a twin who was abandoned by his dam, and therefore bottle fed by Shane and Will. Along with

their display of hides and other information, they attracted a lot of interest in both their stud and the Association.

Attending field days is an important part of demonstrating and promoting the breed. If you would like to attend a field day to represent the Association please contact the office so that we can talk about ways that the Australian Galloway Association can support you.

Foot and Mouth Disease and Lumpy Skin Disease

Both Foot and Mouth disease and Lumpy Skin disease have been detected in Indonesia, Australia's closest neighbour. Foot and Mouth disease is highly contagious and is spread by close contact of animals. Lumpy Skin disease is spread by airborne biting insects.

Early detection will be essential to reduce the potential impact of LSD, should it arrive in Australia. You are urged to exercise vigilance on-farm by:

- being aware of the symptoms of Lumpy Skin Disease
- calling the Emergency Animal Disease Watch Hotline on 1800 675 888 if you suspect Lumpy Skin Disease in your livestock
- adhering to all traceability obligations, including meeting your requirements under the [National Livestock Identification System \(NLIS\)](#) and completing [National Vendor Declarations](#) so they are clear, complete and correct.
- reviewing your farm biosecurity plan.

Cattle Council Yearbook

The Cattle Council's Annual Yearbook has been released and contains some interesting articles. Here's the link to read it:

www.cattlecouncil.com.au/yearbook

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The 100 Percenters!

You may recall from the report in the 2021/2022 Annual that John and Joanne Tesoriero, Fireglow Stud, achieved 100% pregnancy rate with their Galloway x Angus composite (Scottish Black) heifers that they managed well through severe drought. We are very happy to report:

100% Calved unassisted!

100% Live calves running around their paddocks!

