



Welcome to our autumn newsletter.

I am hoping by now that you have all received some much needed rain, have some water in your dams and are getting a break with hand feeding. Let's hope this continues for the rest of 2020 and beyond.

I was so relieved to see recently after four long months, from November to the end of February, that all fires on the east coast are finally out! I would still like to acknowledge that people lost their homes and infrastructure during the fires, and are still faced with the rebuilding of their lost assets.

While rain has fallen across many areas, some people have received big falls while others small amounts and we must still acknowledge that for most areas it has not been drought breaking and follow up rain will be needed to continue to rebuild ground moisture after extended periods of dry weather.

With the ongoing drought then fires, we really did need a break but in true life form 'things come in three's'; we have COVID-19 now testing our way of life. I do recognize the time, effort and money breeders have put in to represent the Galloway Family at shows, field days and steer competitions which now have been cancelled. Please don't lose heart - we will all look forward to seeing you at these events in the future.

As you are all aware from an email which was sent to you recently, our Field Day was cancelled and has been postponed to later in the year, due to the safety of all members in the current environment, and indeed now due to government directives. The Annual General Meeting will now be held by teleconference – you should soon receive, or may have already received, information in the mail in regard to the details.

Shane Smeathers
President

Galloway Family Fire Recovery Grant

A reminder that funds are available from recent fundraising endeavours. As assistance is not limited to members of the Australian Galloway Association, we have forwarded this information to the Australian Belted Galloway Association and Galloways Australia in an effort to reach as many Galloway Family breeders as possible. While the money raised so far is not a huge amount, every little bit helps, and you are encouraged to apply if you have been affected. Please pass on this information to any Galloway Family Breeders you know who have been affected.

If you have any questions, please contact the office. Phone 0400 952 510, or email office@galloway.asn.au



Administration Matters

New Members

We are happy to welcome the following new members to the Association – sadly we won't be able to catch up with them in the near future, but hopefully soon we will be able to meet in person at a field day or show and make them welcome.

Glenn Franzi
Keilor Downs, Vic
Tullakool TMB

Bruce and Katrina Adkins
Arawata, Vic
Grey Acres GAG

Hercules and Emily van der Walt
San Remo, Vic
Silverwaters SWV

Welcome aboard!

Administration Matters

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 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 2016 born cattle, those with tattoos commencing with an "M" are measured and their height charts forwarded to the office for recording.

2020 Memberships

Thank you to those members who have paid their memberships and a reminder to the members who haven't, that the extended time to pay this year is until 30th April 2020. If you have lost your membership invoice and require another please contact the office.

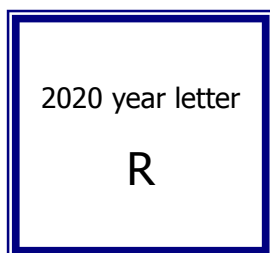
Paperwork Errors

We are noticing many paperwork errors occurring in the information submitted on various forms, including the online registrations. There is a fee included on the fee schedule for paperwork errors – take this as notice that the fee will be charged in future as errors take additional time and resources to fix, and usually mean a re-print of a registration certificate.

Annual General Meeting

Please note the Annual General Meeting will be held by teleconference on Sunday 3rd May 2020, commencing at 9am. You should have received paperwork for this in the mail in the past couple of days, or very soon.

There will need to be three ballots for Committee positions, as several nominees stood for several different terms. The first ballot has been drawn and posted to members. It will be for the three year terms, the second ballot will be for the two year term and the final ballot will be for the one year terms. There is a really tight timeframe to get your votes in, so it can all be finalised by the AGM. The votes will be posted to the returning officer, who will count the votes, ascertain who is eligible to stand for the two year term, and then draw the order of candidates for the ballot form, with the same process for the one year terms. Please vote and post your ballot paper as soon as you receive it each time.



Show Results

It's great to be able to print some show results – thanks to all members who were able to get their cattle out and about to shows and a couple of field days before the country shut down with the COVID-19 restrictions. It must be very disappointing for those of you who were feeding and preparing your cattle for shows and field days to be unable to present them to the public.

Royal Canberra Show 2020

The judging for the Galloway Family at the Royal Canberra Show took place on Saturday 29th February 2020. Judging this year was Tim Reid from JTR Cattle Company, Roslyn, NSW. Tim and his family breed Poll Herefords and Angus cattle.

Miniature Galloways

Association members Nicole McKenzie & Tony Starr exhibited three cattle for the following results:

Senior and Grand Champion Female: Tumblegum Isla

Junior and Grand Champion: Puddleby Pablo

Senior Champion Bull: Romani Pedro

Supreme Exhibit: Puddleby Pablo



Above: Pauline Dunk, left, presenting the Bangalla Harry Memorial Trophy to Nicole McKenzie

Nicole McKenzie from Puddleby miniature Galloway stud was awarded the Bangalla Harry trophy for the Supreme Miniature Galloway Exhibit, as well as the perpetual trophies sponsored by Gina and Peter Sutherland for the Grand Champion Female and Grand Champion Bull and Romani Galloways, for the Supreme Miniature Galloway Exhibit.



Above: Sonya Heron, Gina Sutherland, Tumblegum Isla, handler Haylee Allen and judge Tim Reid.

Belted Galloways

There were three Belted Galloways exhibited.

Senior and Grand Champion Female: Jameson Park Malawi, exhibited by Kaelan Read

Reserve Senior Champion Female: Jameson Park Morocco, exhibited by Kaelan Read

Junior and Grand Champion Bull: Idavale Karl, exhibited by Jeannette Holness

Supreme Exhibit: Idavale Karl

Galloways

Junior Champion Female: Monreith Quartz, exhibited by Jason & Suzanne Vials

Reserve Junior Champion Female: Minto Margaret 17th, exhibited by Elizabeth Stuart & Ken Sutton

Senior and Grand Champion Female: Minto Gretel 12th, exhibited by Greg Stuart

Reserve Senior Champion Female: Jameson Park Morocco, exhibited by Kaelan Read

Junior and Grand Champion Bull: Kindra Quincy, exhibited by Regan Parle

Red Hill Show

The 92nd Red Hill Show was held in perfect weather on Saturday 7th March, at Red Hill, Victoria. Three members of the Association attended the show

with their cattle. Alison Hilli and John Heard, Jalaway Stud, presented four Belted Galloways, and Pat Hunder sent along a miniature Galloway heifer with Cheryl Hedger who helped first time showers Stephen Farmer and Amanda Fosang with their miniature Galloway. It was tough competition, as each class was an all breeds class and judge Cameron Cutler had to make some hard decisions. Well done to all attending the show on the great presentation of your cattle.



Above: Alison Hilli and Cheryl Hedger



Stephen Farmer, Cloverdale Stud



Keen junior competitor Estee, who borrowed Jalaway Watch Me Q Jump for handlers classes and won a trophy Congratulations Estee!

Seymour Alternative Farming Expo

The Expo, which features the latest technology, practices and trends in small and backyard farming, attracts around 500 exhibitors and approximately 20 000 visitors over three days, and was held this year from the 14th to the 16th February.

Ali Hilli and John Heard attended for the first time, and said “the weather was challenging on day one, with several seasons in one day - from melting in the heat, to nearly a flood in the shed, with plenty of thunder and lightning thrown in! But the whole experience was wonderful, with lovely hospitality from fellow exhibitors. We met so many people who are interested in Jalaway Belted Galloway Beef,



Ali Hilli, above, with a keen young cattle enthusiast at Seymour Alternative Farming Expo both cattle and meat. It was a great opportunity to share our passion with others.”

Helen Daly from Tarxien Hill Stud displayed a Belted Galloway steer on a shared site with

Belted Galloway breeders Hettie and Andre Biersteker. Great exposure for Belted Galloways.

Livestock can be heroes in the climate change discussion

The following was published by the Land Newspaper and Farm Online, and is very interesting reading. It is a report on the presentation the Secretary General of the International Meat Secretariat, Mr Hsin Huang made to the recent ABARES Outlook Conference in Canberra. Held on the 3rd and 4th March, the ABARES Outlook conference is held annually by the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences (ABARES), which is the research arm of the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment.

"THE idea that eating meat, and the livestock business, is detrimental to the environment is nothing new to those whose livelihood depends on beef.

In fact, the world needs livestock to be sustainable, says the man who heads up the organisation representing the red meat and livestock industry at an international level, Paris-based Hsin Huang.

As secretary general of the International Meat Secretariat, he well knows the difficulty the industry has in telling its story. The diversity of production systems and differing endowments, the complexity of supply chains and the competitiveness of the business makes working together and cohesion a big task. But Mr Huang says it's time we found the way.

"If we can't convince the public and policy makers of the benefits we bring to the table we will be relegated to has-beens," Mr Huang told the big agricultural commodities conference ABARES Outlook in Canberra today.

"We have all heard in the media that somehow the livestock sector is a serious negative in terms of climate change.

"As an industry we are actually part of the solution for nutritional security and environmental sustainability.

"We can be the heroes in this discussion."

Mr Huang's message was that globally, livestock can not continue business as it has done in the past.

It has to sing from the same hymn sheet.

One of the key things livestock was not being credited for was its ability to upscale waste to high value delicious and nutritious food, he said.

"Cattle are fed a variety of products - grains we don't want to consume as humans and other feedstuff that would otherwise be thrown away," Mr Huang said.

"Globally, 86pc of the materials fed to livestock are not edible to humans."

Ruminants, on average globally, consume .6kg of edible protein for every kilogram of meat produced.

Co-products, such as offals, hides and skins, tallow, gelatin and retinol, are valuable products in their own right,

And livestock provides a livelihood for the poorest one billion people in the world.

It uses mainly land not suited for crops and for which there is no other productive use - 70pc of the world's productive land can only be farmed for livestock.

The list is endless, but these are the key messages that need to be communicated and it rests on the shoulders of all in the industry to know these facts and to tell the story.

Grazing livestock on permanent grassland with diverse species also benefits biodiversity and soil fertility, including organic matter and carbon sequestration.

"Livestock is in the interesting position of being a significant participant in carbon sequestration, unlike many industries," Mr Hu Perceptions around greenhouse gas emissions and beef production were hard to understand, he said.

"My carnivorous habits - and I'm not exactly a light meat eater - come out at 750kg of carbon dioxide emissions per year on most GHG calculators," he said.

"My flight from Paris to Canberra was well over 2 tonnes."

He saluted Australian beef's bid to be carbon neutral by 2030, saying it was the first of its kind, very ambitious and being watched with interest by beef industries in other countries.

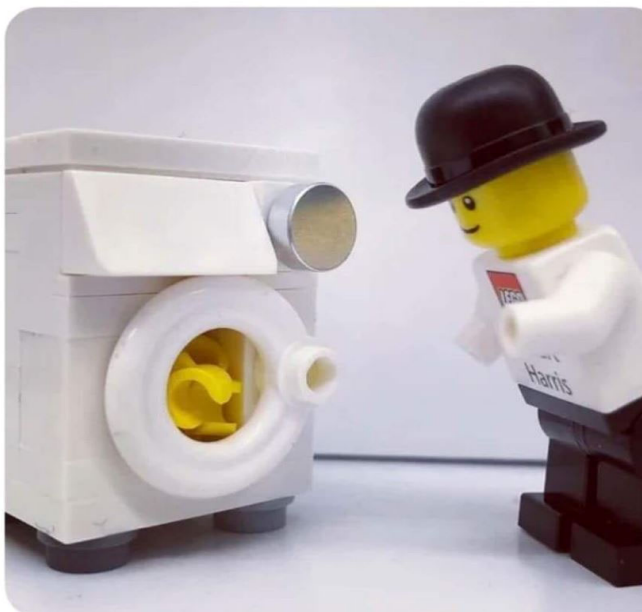
The Brazilians had a similar initiative but at a more limited level, he reported.

"I can assure Australian beef producers your peers around the world are also working very hard on sustainability," Mr Huang said.

"I do also make the point that in order for environmental choices to be effective, they have to align with economics."

At the moment it's most important!

Don't forget to wash your hands



Slow Cooked Galloway Beef



With the cooler months coming on there is nothing better than coming home at the end of the day to the delicious smell of your cooked dinner. This recipe has minimal preparation time, and most ingredients you would find in your pantry.

Ingredients:

2 large onions
2 kg of beef cut into good size pieces (Osso Buco or Chuck Steak)
Salt and pepper,
Worcestershire Sauce
Herbs of choice.

Put all of the above into a frypan to brown off meat and onions then leave to cool.

Veggies to Add:

Potatoes
Carrots
Celery
Capsicum
Large tin of tomatoes

Set up slow cooker, add all of the above and enough water to cover all ingredients.

Set the cooker to low in the morning as you go out the door.

While Galloway Beef is our choice in our slow cook other beef is ok as well! Enjoy!

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