



# AUSTRALIAN GALLOWAY ASSOCIATION

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## FROM THE EDITOR,

As 2019 draws to a close we give thought to the huge year it has been. Starting with Canberra show where the galloway family turned out in all its glory to represent Galloways in all colours and both sizes as the feature breed. Many went on to success at local shows and also impressive wins at EKKKA, formally the Royal Queensland Show. Well done and congratulations to all participants.

Sadly large areas of Australia across all states have struggled with ongoing drought this year and of recent many of our members have also endured further stress with threat of bush fires being something they are living with daily. As we come together with family and friends to celebrate Christmas, please consider thoughtfully those that are not celebrating and the many who will be in a place of emotional and financial fatigue due to these tragic circumstances. A kind gesture no matter how small can make someones day. My Christmas wish for you all is health, happiness and abundant rain to fill your tanks and dams in 2020!

## From Our President

As I reflect on this past year, I have to say I am very proud of our Association and all of our members. The highlight of the year was undoubtedly the Galloway Family Feature Show at the Royal Canberra Show in February – a friendly show that brought many of the Galloway Family members together, be they exhibitors, spectators or helpers. This was a great event which was seen worldwide due to the filming of all the classes which were live streamed via the Association's facebook page. It has been great to hear of other events where Galloway cattle have excelled, from high scores at carcass competitions, to great dollar returns for steers at sale yards, and hearing stories from junior members about their activities with their cattle. The opposite of this is, of course, the adversity faced by many members due to dry conditions, and fires. We have to admire the way you continue to battle on. If you are struggling with fees, please contact the office to discuss, as we would like to help out where we can, in an effort to maintain the Galloway Family herd book.

We also welcome the many new members who have joined the Association during the year, and hope to see you at the Annual General Meeting (to be held in Northern Tasmania on the 2nd and 3rd May 2020), or a field day in your area. If you need any help with any aspects of your cattle ownership or Association membership, don't hesitate to ask for help. You can generally find another member in your area, or members of the Committee are happy to answer your queries.

As the year draws to a close, I think we are all wishing for much better weather conditions in 2020. The Committee and I extend our best wishes to you for 2020 and hope that you have the safest and best Christmas and holiday period that you can.

Shane Smeathers



## **Administration Bits and Pieces**

### **Miniature Heights**

Members are reminded under the Association's By-Laws to keep up to date with their height measurements. Just lately there have been transfers sent in for processing without current heights included on the height chart. The By-Law is:

3 3.5 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.

### **AGA Show Uniform**

The office has received a few vests from retired members, sizes 14, 16 and 22, and two ties. These garments are in excellent condition. If you are interested in them please contact the office.

### **2020 Fees**

In setting the fees for 2020, the Committee has spent a great deal of time considering the current levy system. After monitoring the pattern of use by members of the levy system compared to paying for registrations, it appears many have moved away from the levy system. It was therefore agreed that the Association will no longer use the levy system, and payments will just need to be made at the time of registration of your cattle. The registration fee will remain the same at \$55.00 per head. This amount will apply for the first 15 animals with any registrations over 15 head to be charged at \$33.00 each. An increase in DNA profile charges to \$33.00 is the only other change this year. The 2020 fee schedule is included with this newsletter mail out.

## **Annuals**

If anyone needs annuals for shows, field days, clients etc, please ask.

**Save the date for the AGM 2nd and 3rd May 2020 in Northern Tasmania – information will be sent out in the new year.**

**The office closes on 23 December and will reopen on Wednesday 15th January 2020.**

### **World Galloway Congress 2020**

With the 2018 Australian event in the record books, the next World Galloway Congress will be held in November of 2020 in Louisville, Kentucky. The event will be held in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) and hosted by the US Belted Galloway Society. Mark your calendars now for the week of November 14<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020. This exciting event will feature farm tours, historical tours, educational activities, great food, and networking opportunities with delegates from over 14 countries. More details and the schedule are available on our website at [www.worldgallowaycongressusa2020.com](http://www.worldgallowaycongressusa2020.com).

Registration and payment options (including an "early bird" discount) will be available online soon. Watch the website for further information.

Jon Bednarski, President WGC

# **‘TUMBLEGUM MINIATURE GALLOWAYS’**

## **Home of ‘TORCROFT THYME’**

Owners of this well renowned stud, Pauline and Alan Dunk, did their homework when embarking on a lifelong dream of owning cattle and they couldn't be happier with their choice. Pauline, a well respected member of The Country Womens Association and a retired nurse, had this to say about their journey . . .

Alan and I began our dream of having cattle in November 2011. We had spent nearly six years going to Murrumbateman Field Days and talking to different breeders. During that time we read a lot of books, did local programs related to animal husbandry, talked to people at shows and attended cattle handling courses. Miniature Galloways were our choice, a smaller breed and easier to handle. October of 2011 we made the decision and purchased two Miniature Galloways. a cow in calf and a heifer. Tumblegum Galloways (APD) was born. Tumblegum Gemima was born in 2012 and won her first Supreme of Breed at Royal Bathurst Show the following year and our success continued from there.

Alan and I had no experience in farming or cattle, we had both had professional lives. It was a big learning curve for us as two people getting ready to retire. It was one of the best decisions we have ever made.

We began to show cattle because we both thought that is what was expected. We had no experience but had great support from everyone. What have we gained? A new lifestyle, better fitness, many new friends and our wonderful cows. They all have a Scottish name except for Gemima. We love their individual personalities.

Since 2011 we have won many awards for our cattle. We are very humble about this. Sometimes we cannot believe how successful we have been. What is behind this success you may ask? Well a lot of luck, being very selective with our breeding, very hard work and loving what we are doing. It does not matter how old you are. Anyone can do what we have done if you have the passion and drive.

Alan and I were fortunate enough to purchase ‘Torcroft Thyme’ from Pat Hunder Torcroft Miniature Galloways in September 2016 at 9 months old; a decision we have never regretted. Thyme has been a quiet and calm bull with fabulous structure and carcass traits; all qualities passed on to the progeny he has given us. From time to time we do have progeny for sale, please feel free to contact us.

## **Torcroft Thyme's Show Successes to date:**

Royal Canberra Show February 2017 Reserve Junior Champion Miniature Galloway Bull.

Royal Canberra Show 2018 Senior Champion Miniature Galloway Bull.

Royal Bathurst Show 2018 Senior and Grand Champion Miniature Galloway Bull, Supreme Exhibit Galloway Family, Supreme Small Breed Exhibit.

Royal Canberra Feature Breed 2019 Senior and Grand Champion Miniature Galloway Bull, Supreme Miniature Galloway Exhibit. Top 5 placing in All Breeds Interbreed.

Torcroft Thyme's 2018 born progeny won broad ribbons at Royal Canberra Galloway Feature Breed in the following Miniature Galloway classes:

Calf Champion Female (Tumblegum Brae)

Reserve Calf Champion Female (Tumblegum Rosslyn)

Junior and Grand Champion Female (Tumblegum Isla)

Reserve Calf Champion Bull (Tumblegum Gordon of Honey Pot)

Pair of Bulls

Breeders Group

Pair of Heifers

Sire Progeny

Recently we were invited to enter Thyme in the Other Recognised breeds category of the Worldwide facebook competition of Champions. We couldn't be more proud of our Miniature Galloway not only looking competitive against the other entrants but actually winning!





Above: Tumblegum Gemima, 14 months. The Dunks made a successful show ring debut with this beautiful heifer.



Above: Alan and Pauline Dunk clearly enjoy breeding and showing their Miniature Galloway cattle and are happy to chat to anyone interested at shows and field days.

**Patrice Hunder of 'Torcroft' stud** says this of the the little bull that nearly didn't make it . . .

"I was thinking about Torcroft Thyme's success on the world stage and how he almost didn't survive day one. I arrived at the agistment just as mum ( a first time heifer) popped him out. She stood up distressed and galloped 200 metres away from her baby. I towelled him down and covered him to keep him warm. The aunties came to look at him. I caught mum and put her in a yard with her baby. She trampled him and kept tossing him into the air and into the fence. Thinking she'd kill him, I rang a friend who had a crush. He said to put the baby into my car and mum on a trailer . He milked mum for me and I bottle fed him for 48 hours until mum bonded with him. I remember it as a traumatic time, but the effort was worth it. Who would have thought on that day that Pauline and Alan Dunk of Tumblegum would give him the best home, present him at many shows within Australia and now present him to the world. A happy outcome for us all. Thank you"



Above: Thyme being bottle fed by Pat Hunder (who bred him) and a friend! A bit of a shaky start for the little guy!



## **Vice President Mal Cock writes . . .**

Congratulations!

Following Peter Koppman's success on the hoof at the Albury Carcass competition, the results for the more objective part, that is the measuring of the carcasses for meat yield and quality, proved to be a success. Peter has had considerable success over the decades in carcass competitions with his Galloways and Belted Galloways.

This year he has, for the first time entered his Charolais X Galloway and Charolais X Belted Galloway steers. The results were 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> in one class and 3<sup>rd</sup> in another. The most important point is that the average of all his steers was much higher than the average of all the animals in the competition... 76 points compared to 71points.


As per usual the muscle scores were maximum, or near it, and the eating quality was also right up there. An interesting thing gained from the results was the section called Muscle Score. This is a subjective guess as to the muscling in the carcass where as the Rib Eye area is an accurate measurement. For example: Tag 18 got 15 out of 15 pts for Rib Eye but only got 3 out of 5pts (D+) for Muscle Score!

The Charolais crosses were heavier than the Galloways due to hybrid vigour and the growth potential of the bigger breed.

Once again the results of crossing Galloways to other breeds proves to be successful...objectively.



CLASS NUMBER: 2 MARKET: Supermarket trade  
 WEIGHT RANGE (HSCW): 221 kg to 250 kg  
 FAT RANGE (P8): 6 mm to 13 mm  
 QUARTERING SITE: 10/11th (10/11) 30



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Tag No.	Body No.	Exhibitor	Breed	Sex	Live Weight (kg)	Carcass Weight (kg)	Dressing %	Market Specifications				Saleable Meat Yield				Eating Quality										Total Points	Carcass Place			
								P8 Fat Depth (mm)	Fat Colour (P8)	Penalty Points (P8)	Points (P8)	Muscle Score	Rib Eye Area (cm <sup>2</sup> )	Rib Fat Depth (mm)	pH	Meat Colour	Weight for Maturity (kg)	Bos indicus Content (%)	Marbling (P8)	Fat Distribu <sup>n</sup> (P8)	Primals (P8)	Even (P8)	Max 100							
23	9	CHS - P9	Sq. Meat	M	404	233.8	57.9	12	10	0	5	C	5	70	12.0	10	0	5.50	10	1c	5	110	10	0	5	2.0	3.5	0	65.5	10
36	11	Koppman	Gall X	M	416	241.0	57.9	10	10	1	5	C	5	69	11.5	8	15	5.50	10	1b	5	110	10	0	5	2.0	3.5	0	80.0	2
31	13	Koppman	Gall X	M	422	245.4	58.2	10	10	0	5	D	2	67	10.0	7	15	5.50	10	1b	5	110	10	0	5	1.0	2	0	74.0	5
38	20	P. Koppman	Gall X	M	420	246.8	58.8	14	8	2	4	D	2	65	9.0	7	15	5.50	10	1a	5	110	10	0	5	1.0	2	0	70.0	7
29	23	P. Koppman	Gall X	M	408	247.0	60.5	11	10	1	5	D+	3	82	15.0	5	9	5.50	10	1a	5	110	10	0	5	2.0	3.5	0	75.5	4
35	29	P. Koppman	Gall X	M	390	236.2	60.6	8	10	1	5	C	5	72	13.0	6	15	5.50	10	1a	5	110	10	0	5	2.0	3.5	-0.5	81.0	1
24	30	CHS - P5	Sq. Meat	M	388	232.8	60.0	16	4	0	5	C	5	73	13.5	9	13	5.50	10	4	0	110	10	0	5	2.0	3.5	0	69.0	8
33	33	P. Koppman	Gall X	M	404	240.0	59.4	14	8	1	5	C-	4	59	7.0	7	15	5.50	10	1a	5	110	10	0	5	2.0	3.5	0	72.5	6
19	38	YAHS - Flying Scots AA		M	395	245.2	62.1	12	10	0	5	D	2	77	14.5	8	0	5.50	10	1a	5	110	10	0	5	3.0	5	0	66.5	9
30	40	P. Koppman	Gall	F	408	237.2	58.1	14	8	1	5	D+	3	70	11.5	6	15	5.50	10	1b	5	110	10	0	5	2.0	3.5	0	76.0	3





Merlin and Jane Bradley's Globex Galloway X Angus (17 head) bullocks (pictured above) just before going to the sale yards where their average weight was 808kgs.

Globex Galloway X Angus (17 head) bullocks - Grass fed only  
Average live weight was 808kgs  
Average price \$2,500

The Bradleys have been very successful for many decades with their Galloway cattle, having exported their Galloway genetics worldwide, including back to Scotland, the homeland of the breed. Their success in Australia has also can be seen in the performance of their cattle winning grazing trials (weight and carcass), carcass competitions, royal shows and through the sale yards.

The Galloway/Angus composites have also proven to be a winning combination for producing high performance commercial cattle. This combination takes the advantage of the hybrid vigour, particularly in the F1 cow. The steer portion result in the high quality/yielding carcasses, weight gain and the look the commercial beef industry are prepared to pay a premium for.

Photos next page:

Globex Galloway/Angus composite bull...a big, long, thick and deep bull, and a great example of a highly productive Galloway cow.



## A VERY WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Ben & Bridget Flocco  
Pheasants Nest NSW  
Belvue Ranch BBR

Leanne Stone  
BRIAR HILL VIC  
Stoneywood SWG

Greg & Anne Craven  
Mosman NSW  
Teatree Flat TTF

Adam Churchward and Elizabeth Inder  
Dayboro Qld  
The Farm FAR

Darren and Rebecca Hard  
Woodend, Vic  
Ashbourne AHB

Thank you all for making Galloways your breed of choice. You will find us a friendly bunch of folk always keen to chat about our animals.

Please feel free to contact a committee member if you have any questions we may be able to help with, or just for a friendly chat.

**The Office Closes on 23rd  
December and will re-open on  
Wednesday 15th January  
2020.**

**Merry Christmas to all!**



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