



# Galloway

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***AGA Members Out and About...***

# President's Report

## Gordon Matheson

I am pleased to be able to write this introduction to the 2014-15 Galloway Annual. At one stage it looked as though the production would not be able to go ahead due to lack of support, however our members have pulled through to support the Association and here it is. I would like to thank all who have participated in compiling it; those who have contributed their stories, photos and other information, and the advertisers. With your help we have produced a great Annual to help promote the Galloway Family.

The Association has had a very successful year, which culminated in our Annual General Meeting in Canberra in May this year. On the Saturday a field day was held at DMB Belted Galloways, the home of Mark and Diannne Burgess. As well as great fellowship, (including some tasty Galloway shaped cakes cooked by Dianne) we were treated to presentations on tattooing, measuring miniature cattle, and steer and structural assessment, both in theory and hands on. The feedback received was very positive and the Association will be planning more of these days.

Jane Bradley, Galloway breeder and former Executive Officer, gave a very informative presentation about the history of Galloway and Galloway

cattle at the dinner on Saturday evening. It was very well received and has been included in the Annual due to numerous requests. It is very interesting to see how the Galloway cattle have evolved through the years to the types one can find today.

Members have been busy promoting their cattle at Field Days and Shows. I would encourage anyone to take the time to participate in their local Field Day - the benefits to the breed and your own stud are ongoing, and it provides a great opportunity to interact with many people from the wider community.

There have been many outstanding results at shows, with many Galloways being sashed interbreed supreme champions. Congratulations to all who have been out there in the show ring - your hard work is certainly paying off.

The Association is experiencing a surge in new memberships, and I believe one of the contributing factors is the willingness of members to help each other, practically, or with advice. Keep up the good work. I am proud to be the President of such a welcoming and progressive Association.

*Gordon Matheson*  
President

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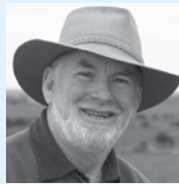
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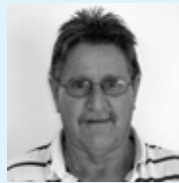
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# Galloway

## A Brief History of Country and Cattle

**Presented by Jane Bradley at the Association's dinner at Canberra in May 2014.**

Galloway is situated in the South West of Scotland and comprises of the Shires of Wigtownshire and the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright. To the north is Ayrshire, to the East is Dumfriesshire. When the shires were amalgamated into Regions, the shires of Wigtownshire & Stewartry of Kirkcudbright (Galloway) were combined with Dumfriesshire to make Dumfries and Galloway. Generally the landscape is rugged and much of the soil is shallow. Galloway contains the valleys of 3 rivers – the Urr, the Dee and the Cree, all running

north-south, providing much of the good arable land. The northern part of Galloway is exceedingly rugged and forms the largest remaining wilderness in Britain, south of the Highlands. This area is known as the Galloway Hills.

Historically Galloway has been famous both for horses and for cattle rearing, and milk and beef production are both still major industries. The ferry crossing from SW Scotland to Ireland is the shortest crossing. This results in a large number of transport containers travelling along the roads from Northern England and throughout Scotland. There are numerous ruins which are open to the

public to view. To visit Threave Castle you need to row across the water.

Galloway has a temperate climate. For example in Castle Douglas the average top temperatures in December are 6 C and low of 2 C. In July the average top temp is 19 C and Low of 12 C. Castle Douglas average rainfall is 1120mm with the driest month on average being April with 61mm and the wettest being October with 124mm. In Wigtownshire, with 3 sides surrounded by the sea and with the influence of the Gulf Stream, at Logan Botanic Garden, they grow palms and eucalyptus trees.

The combination of hills and high rainfall make Galloway ideal for hydroelectric power production and the Galloway Hydro Power scheme began in 1929. More recently wind turbines have been installed at a number of locations, and a large offshore wind-power plant is planned.



Castle Douglas is one of the larger towns in Galloway. Castle Douglas is where you will find Wallets Mart – Home of the Galloway Sales.

### **Some People from Galloway**

Robert Burns – while not born in Galloway, he wrote several of his famous poems while there, including The Selkirk Grace in Kirkcudbright and "Scots Wha Hae" in Gatehouse. He and his brother Gilbert rented Mossgiel Farm, near Mauchline, Ayrshire, but the venture proved a failure. When Robert Burns left Mossgiel, the Wylie family took over the lease and they have held the lease since. My Grandmother was a Wylie of Mossgiel.



John Paul Jones - John Paul Jones helped establish the traditions of courage and professionalism that the United States Navy proudly maintains today. Jones was born in 1747 to a gardener at Arbigland, Kirkbean, Kirkcudbrightshire.

John Laurie - was an actor who's most famous role was Private Frazer in 'Dad's Army'.

David Coulthard - Formula 1 racing driver. David grew up in Twynholm and was educated at Kirkcudbright Academy where, in-between travelling for karting

traces, he achieved 8 O-Levels, 1 Higher and 6 Detentions.

### **Belted Galloways**

I must first start off by saying that my knowledge of Belted Galloways is very limited. I have obtained most of my information and photographs from the Belted Galloway Cattle Society website.

No-one is absolutely certain precisely where the "Beltie" originated. The most popular belief is that it resulted from crossing the ancient Galloway with the Dutch Belted cow – the Lakenvelder, in the 17th and 18th centuries when the trading links between Britain and the Low Countries were at their most lucrative.

helped to secure the breed's status in the Scottish beef industry.

There were four foundation herds – The Boreland herd of Mr Sproat from Borgue, the Lullenden herd of Sir Ian Hamilton, the Mark herd of Mr Graham which moved to Auchengassel in 1900 and the Mochrum herd then owned by the Marquis of Bute. These four herds together with 13 others in Scotland and 9 in England formed the Dun and Belted Cattle Breeders' Association in 1921. It was my privilege to have met the late Miss Flora on several occasions and to have had her stay with us here in Australia.

This new society quickly established an export market resulting in herds being found in Canada, United States, Australia, New Zealand, Africa and Europe. Many of the original herds which founded the society are still in existence today.

In 1984 my father-in-law purchased Mochrum Murdo and exported him to Canada. We were very fortunate to have been able to visit with Miss Flora at her home. The Mochrum herd is still going and is being managed by John McTurk.

### **Galloways**

Most of the information and photographs have been sourced from Chris Graves book, "The Society & the Cattle – 1877 to 1990". It is still available for purchase.

In the late 18th Century approximately 300,000 head of cattle left Galloway on the 400 mile drove to East Anglia. The average progress of a drove was about 100 miles per week. Almost all the cattle were Galloways. The prevailing

The breed's spectacular appearance coupled with its renowned hardiness proved an impressive combination. It quickly began to flourish in the UK with many notable families taking long term interest in its development. Miss Flora Stuart of Mochrum famously supported numerous innovations that



colour was black, although there are records of duns, reds and brindles. In the 1850s, cheese became more profitable than beef, and the lowlands of South West Scotland were largely taken over by milking herds of Ayrshires. However the higher ground remained the domain of the Galloways.

Butchers in Smithfield, Wigan and Warrington were all quoted as praising the high killing-out percentage of the Galloway and they estimated to dress an average of 60% live weight.

1851 - the first volumes of the Polled Herd Book destroyed by fire in Edinburgh.

1853 - the first consignment of a bull and nine females cross the Atlantic to Mr Graham of Ontario. Interest in the breed grows rapidly through Ontario and Northern United States.

1855 - First sale of Galloways to be held at Castle Douglas

1857 - Collection of pedigrees was started again

1862 - First volume of the Polled Herd Book was published: of the 1182 entries -153 were Galloways.

1872 - Second volume of the Polled Herd Book was published - 126 Galloways.

1875 - Third volume of the Polled Herd Book was published - 187 Galloways

1877 - Fourth volume of the Polled Herd Book was published - 519 Galloways.

The Galloway Cattle Society was formed in March 1877 and the first Galloway Herd Book

- 985 pedigrees of Galloways extracted from the Polled Herd Book was produced.

In the last quarter of the 19th Century, the pedigree Galloways featuring in the herd book were almost exclusively bred in what is now Dumfries and Galloway. Some of the breeders who contributed to the Herd Book, included Thos Biggar, Chapelton, The Duke of Buccleuch, Drumlanrig, Sir Robert Jardine, Castle Milk, Wm McTurk, Barleas.

During the early 20th Century, an English society was formed and issued 4 volumes of a herd book. The vast majority of the members of this Society were from just south of the Border.

1908 - In November the two societies amalgamated under the title of the Galloway Cattle Society of Great Britain and Ireland.

1909 - and the first Herd book was published after the amalgamation - it contained 2061 animals of which 234 bulls and 1056 females were reprinted from the English Galloway herd book. It was decided at that time to continue to allow the entry of certain animals which had been inspected and recommended by a committee to the council. The modern equivalent is the appendix scheme which is more stringent as animals must pass through generation stages as well as inspection.

1911 - Galloways from UK and Canada were being bred in 23 States and Alaska by 360 members of the American Breeders Associations - total number of Galloways in the American Herd Book (which

started in 1882) was over 35,000.

1912 - Dun Galloways were banned from the Herd Book - Duns were registered by the Dun & Belted Cattle Society for a short period of time.

1920 - The ban on Dun Galloways was rescinded, and Dun Galloways have been registered with the Society ever since.

1932 - All animals to be entered in the Herd Book must be Tattooed in the right ear.

1945 - Introduction of the Appendix Scheme.

1947-48 - with the finish of the war, export trade gathered pace - 25 bulls and 100 heifers went overseas. These included the first officially recorded export to New Zealand - Perseus of Lochurr from Mr Kennedy Moffat.

1948 - a further 29 heifers and 2 bulls were sent to New Zealand, 6 bulls and 29 heifers went to USA, 39 heifers and 4 bulls went to South Africa.

1951 - 24 Galloways left for New South Wales, the first major consignment to Australia.



Plascow Norseman

1954 - the first issue of the Galloway Journal was published by Secretary Donald McQueen. 1960 - Plascow Norseman was purchased by Tom McTurk from Gateside for a record price of 13,500 guineas.

1964 - James Biggar's senior steer, Sovereign, won the supreme championship at Smithfield. Smithfield at that

Age	Liveweight		Deadweight	
15 Months	900 lbs	408 kg	540 lbs	245 kg
27 Months	1400 lbs	635 kg	840 lbs	380 kg
36 Months	1750 lbs	795 kg	1070 lbs	485 kg
48 Months	2000 lbs	910 kg	1240 lbs	560 kg

This chart shows the average weight of Galloways in the late 19th Century.

time was the most prestigious Fatstock show and was held just outside London in late November, early December. 1965 - saw an outstanding number of exports – 28 bulls and 233 females. The main importers were Italy (88), Russia (20) and Kazakhstan (142)



Sovereign

1973 - the first exports to Germany began. This was to be the beginning of a very large number of cattle to cross the Channel to Europe. Herds of Galloways were soon to be found in Germany, France, Italy, Denmark, and other European countries. The European trade was to keep demand for Galloways high for several years to come.

1974 - saw significant developments in the Society's efforts to combat Tibial Hemimelia (TH), a genetic defect characterised by severe deformities in new born calves. In co-operation with the East of Scotland College of Agriculture a test herd of 30 females was set up. These females were known carriers of TH and were used to test bulls. In 1976 the College held an open day and they explained that the cause of TH was almost certainly a recessive gene peculiar to the Galloway Breed. The calf deformity only occurred when both sire and dam carried the gene. As a result of these tests, the Society laid down rules with regard to TH and to work towards the eradication of this gene default.

1980 - Willie Allan mounted a promotion of Galloway beef

during Smithfield week. Earlier in the year he had met with a director of Grand Metropolitan Hotels, and had shown him his Glenturk herd and also the finished product at his butcher's shop in Creetown. The Director liked what he saw and 12 of his hotel managers agreed to serve Galloway beef in their London restaurants during Smithfield week. To satisfy the demand, 50 steers were used, some home-bred from Glenturk, the rest bought from neighbouring breeders. In 1981, 14 hotels were involved and 6 Tons of Galloway beef was supplied.

The export trade to Germany continued to thrive in the 1980s. During 1980 8 bulls and 59 heifers were exported, in 1982 16 bulls and 74 heifers, in 1983 13 bulls and 214 females. In 1988 a total of 776 Galloways were exported (with 58 bulls and 610 females going to Germany).

1982 – new rules were established to allow the registration of imported Galloways in the Herd Book. W.S. Allan & Sons of Glenturk imported Globe Magnum from Canada.



Globe Magnum

In the same shipment, J Hutton & Sons, Doon of Urr, imported Diamond B Monarch 15N. Both of these imported bulls were to have a profound influence on the breed in the show ring, the market and carcass competitions. These two bulls from Canada were first of many to be imported into Scotland.

1986 - Willie Allan's bull won

the Supreme award at the February bull sale for the third year in succession with a Globe Magnum son, this year it was Sovereign of Glenturk. Prices at the sale reflected the bull frame scores.

With the increased demand from the export market, registrations were on the rise, and this had the flow on effect of increasing the surplus of the Society.

1989 - saw a new Record Price for a Galloway sold at auction – 22,000 guineas.

Since then numbers being exported have dropped considerably from its peak. However there is still a regular movement of Galloways across to Europe and a number starting to make their way back to Scotland. Since 1982 when the first imports were allowed to be registered, a large number of Galloways have been imported into the UK mainly from Canada, however Galloway genetics from around the globe are starting to have an impact. Finmac Libby (an Embryo bred in Australia and exported to Scotland) and Blackcraig Kodiak won the Interbreed Pair at the 2008 Royal Highland Show.



Finmac Libby

60 years after the publishing of the 1st issue of the Galloway Journal, Galloway breeders from around the world eagerly await the arrival of the new issue each year.

Again I must acknowledge that the majority of my presentation to you this evening has been sourced from Chris Graves book "Galloways – The Society and the Cattle – 1877 – 1990".



**Jane Bradley was the Executive Officer of the Australian Galloway Association, and its predecessor association for 11 years. Jane (nee Austin) grew up on a farm at Gatehouse of Fleet, and her family still farms in the area. Jane and her husband Merlin run the Globex herd of Galloways, and have been very successful in the show ring with many Royal Show champions, and wins at carcass competitions. Globex Galloways have also exported semen and embryos to Chita in Russia, and the UK. Jane is currently the Secretary for the World Galloway Conference, and is pictured, right, with her three gorgeous West Highland White Terriers, Jock, Kyla and Mitzi.**



Jane recalls:  
I can remember going to Gatehouse on Saturday mornings in the summer and seeing the line up outside the Butchers Shop. The holidaymakers from England would get their Galloway beef before they headed home.

Early in 1990 we held a Field Day at our property in the Western Districts of Victoria

and advertised the event in the Weekly Times. A lady from Melbourne called to ask what we would be having for lunch. Galloway Beef was my response. She asked if she could come to the Field Day – she had no connection to farming – but remembered as a child picking up Galloway beef before her family headed home from their holidays. It was the best beef they had. She and her husband came to the Field Day – they were among the first to arrive, they attended the talks and demonstrations in the morning, then lined up for lunch – they both asked if they could get seconds. They stayed for the remainder of the Field Day and when they left I gave them what beef we had left. She said just eating the Galloway Beef brought back so many great memories of her childhood holidays in Galloway.

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# Memorial Awards

## Frank Allen and Shiralee Tomahawk Trophies

2013 saw the introduction of the Frank Allen and Shiralee Tomahawk Memorial Awards. The family of the late Frank Allen, who competed successfully in carcass competitions in the 1970's and 1980's, has provided a Memorial Trophy in Frank's honour. This trophy is awarded to the highest scoring Galloway carcass entered by an Australian Galloway Association member in any carcass competition across Australia, running from Annual General Meeting (AGM) to AGM. The trophy is open to Galloways, Belted Galloways and Miniature Galloways as long as they have at least 50% Galloway, Belted Galloway or Miniature Galloway blood and are entered in the competition as such.

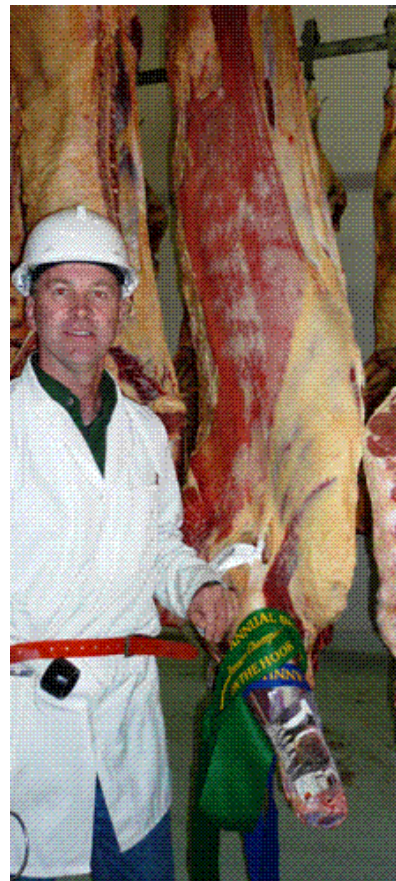
Peter Koppman, from Greenethorpe Galloways, has also provided a Memorial Shield in honour of his bull Shiralee Tomahawk, which passed away in 2012 at the age of 14 years. Shiralee Tomahawk sired many cattle for Peter which were very successful in carcass competitions over many years. This Shield is for Belted Galloways and will also be for the highest scoring carcass from AGM to AGM.

The inaugural presentations of the Memorial Trophies took place at the 2014 AGM in Canberra. Committee member Malcolm Cock presented the Shiralee Tomahawk Trophy, donated by Peter Koppman, for the Belted Galloway carcass achieving the most points in a carcass competition. This was awarded to Peter Koppman for his Belted Galloway carcass which scored 92.5 points at the Albury Show in November 2013. This steer was also the winner of the Frank Allen Memorial Trophy, for the highest scoring carcass from the Galloway Family. Frank's son Ken, who had flown from Melbourne to attend the weekend, presented the trophy to Peter.

The winning carcass was entered in the Albury Show in November 2013, winning the Heavy Supermarket Class, with a carcass weight 251 to 250kg. The carcass scored an outstanding 92.5 points and was also awarded Reserve Champion Carcass overall. Following on from the article in the 2013 Galloway Annual about Shiralee Tomahawk, it is interesting to note that this steer was one of Tomahawk's offspring, and therefore a very appropriate winner of the

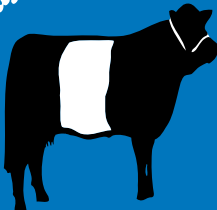
Shiralee Tomahawk Memorial.

Another of Peter's steers, a Galloway, was awarded second place on the hooks, in the Supermarket Class, carcass weight 221 to 250 kg, with a score of 90.0. In the lightweight class, yet another of Peter's Galloway steers was awarded second place with 91 points. These are all fantastic scores and show just what the Galloway family is capable of.



The carcass is pictured, above, with the hook judge, Brian Cumming.

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# Glascar Stud

## The Story so far...

Denys Peters is known to many as a person who freely mentors new breeders, has a long association with the Galloway community and is a fountain of knowledge to anyone remotely interested in this wonderful old breed.

He started his first Galloway Stud and joined the Galloway Cattle Society in 1971 after purchasing a property in the Wangaratta area of Victoria. The name of this property was GLASCAR (half the previous owners being from Glasgow, Scotland & half from Cardiff in Wales!) and hence his stud acquired this name. The reason

he turned to Galloway Cattle after running a mixed commercial herd of beef cattle was simply on the advice of a wise old farmer who recommended the oldest and purest breed to be found. The reasoning behind this was simply that returning to basics eradicates any problems caused by cross breeding.

So the first black Galloway cattle for the Glascar stud were three heifers purchased from Hainsworth Cock, Amberley Park, and in calf to a dun bull. This then led to the acquisition of four more black cows at the Swatchfield dispersal sale and the herd began to grow.

For several years Denys, Frank Allen & Hainsworth Cock all travelled with their show stock and exhibited at various events from Canberra to Dandenong as well as being successful in the Albury carcass competition. By 1978 the stud had grown to approximately 30 breeding cattle all of which were relocated to a 240 acre property at Mt Eccles in South Gippsland. The breeding programme of blacks and duns continued using home bred bulls as well as AI from such stock as Plascow Treble Chance and others.

Very unfortunately though, the herd had to be dispersed prior to a move to King Island as the cost of transportation and quarantine was exorbitant. Denys then had a period of years to concentrating on wool production.

It was only in 1995 after purchasing a 50 acre property at Henrietta, North West Tasmania that the Glascar



Alison Claridge and Denys Peters with Glascar Robert Bruce



Stud was able to reform and continues to flourish. This property sits south of the small town of Yolla and with its colder climate and natural scrub is perfectly suitable to the tough Scottish breed which thrives in these conditions. The purchase of a black, in calf heifer from Brian and Christine Medcraft (Skytor), started the reformation followed by a successful embryo transfer programme using embryos from leading mainland studs and sired by top Canadian bulls.

When an interest in White Galloways developed, two white heifers were imported from Castle Douglas in the ACT and this has led to increasing success both commercially and in the show ring. The first outstanding bull to come from this line was Glascar Snowgum who was orphaned when he was 2 weeks old but was so successfully reared he went on to win Interbreed Champion at the Wynyard show in 2001, against stiff competition.

Since then Denys has used black Scottish bulls such as Plascow Conquest, Glenapp



Glascar Snowgum

Laird, Braveheart of Gall-way and Orinoco of Over Barskeoch. White Canadian bulls used have been Galair White Lad 2W and 73A along with Australian bulls Globex King Pin, Globex Kings Crown and Globex Quota, as well as home grown sires. All these bulls have produced outstanding results.

In more recent years the most successful cow to come out of the Glascar Stud has undoubtedly been Glascar Brooke (pictured above), a white cow born in 2006 and proudly exhibited by Alison. She has taken out major interbreed championships, at various shows, no less than 15 times. Not only does Brooke look good but she loves to parade and has produced some really outstanding offspring – themselves champions. However as she is reluctantly coming to the end of her showing career there are other cattle ready to carry on her proud tradition. It is of the utmost importance that all cattle which represent the stud, in any way, must be easy to handle and kind in temperament.

Glascar Stud has also supported upcoming breeders and junior cattle handlers, loaning show stock to both Yolla and Sheffield School teams as well as selling breeding stock that have continued to represent the breed both on the hoof and on the hook.

One major highlight of the Galloway experience was the opportunity to travel to the

UK and see the cattle roaming Dartmoor; around the Scottish lochs and on display at the Royal Highland Show. After contacting the Galloway Cattle Society at Castle Douglas, Scotland, the local breeders went out of their way to provide an unforgettable experience. All offered guided tours of farms and cattle with meals and even accommodation included plus fascinating conversation – often a visit to one stud led to another and the hospitality was just amazing. An instant cross cultural bond was formed amid the talk of champions, breeding lines, calving potential, weight gain etc - even if translation was sometimes necessary!

Today, some 44 years after being started, Glascar Galloway Stud operates from two locations near to each other in North West Tasmania and continues to represent the breed in many ways. Bulls are in high demand locally for both beef and dairy breeders due to ease of calving and good weight gain. Stud cattle from Glascar lines are displayed at many local shows and commercial cattle not only dot the countryside but perform very well at the butchers and carcass competitions.

Alison continues to work in the demanding field of mental health; Denys cultivates many plants & vegetables but together they enjoy friendly rivalry in the show ring and (perhaps) even more so, cruises to interesting & tropical destinations!

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## The Beginning...

*Kerin and Ray Black are new to cattle and the Galloway breed. Here Kerin recounts their path to miniature Belted Galloway ownership.*

Early in 2011 my husband and I made the decision to move our family onto a small acreage property. We'd spent 10 years living comfortably in the northwest of Sydney on our 700sqm block. Neither of us had any experience with cattle and at the time, was the farthest thing from our minds. The boys were into motorbikes and we just needed more space and craved some privacy to boot.

We sold our suburban house and moved into our new rural home – a weatherboard country style home on 31 acres (approximately half arable) about 70km northwest of Sydney. The lie of the land is such that we overlook a fair portion of the property from the house. This was something

that made the property both attractive to us, but also meant a great many hours were spent on the old ride-on mower the first summer trying to keep the paddock looking like a golf course. The novelty of mowing quickly wore off and by the next summer we'd invested in a tractor and slasher, whilst we gave some serious thought to what stock we could graze. Sheep, alpacas, goats and even deer were considered. We then became friends with a local family we met through the Rural Fire Service who'd recently started their Limousin Stud. Cattle??? – could this be the perfect option for us?

We spent the early part of 2013 researching cattle breeds. Our property is not large and our soil is quite sandy, so one of the smaller, docile breeds that are easier on the land seemed to be our best option. We shortlisted Dexters, Lowlines/Auslines and Galloways, did a DPI cattle

handling course, visited shows, field days, studs and generally pestered people. We quickly realised that people in the cattle industry were very welcoming and generous with their time and knowledge.

At Royal Bathurst Show 2013 we first met Dianne Burgess from DMB Galloways. DMB Faith had won Supreme Miniature Belted Galloway Exhibit with her calf, Jane, at foot. Little Jane and her mum had us smitten and it was Dianne's passion for 'Belties' that inspired us to look more closely at the Galloway breed, in particular, the miniature Belted Galloway.

The miniature Belted Galloway seemed to offer everything we were looking for. They are undeniably cute with their big teddy bear ears and their distinctive white belts make them stand out in any paddock. But, more importantly for us, they are naturally polled, very hardy, calve easily and their smaller size made them not so daunting for first time livestock owners. Being non-selective grazers also meant that we could utilize a greater proportion of our land in an environmentally friendly way. As potential breeders, we also gave consideration to any potential market. Galloways appeared to be commercially viable in the boutique meat market and we could fit one in our freezer. If not, we felt there could be a demand as pets to help keep the grass down. The Galloways seem to tick most of the boxes.

In October 2013, some local residents were relocating to Victoria and were looking to sell their four miniature Belted Galloways. I contacted Sallie from the Australian Galloway Association and quickly found out that the two cows were registered in their Stud book. Sallie also explained the process to register the two heifers. Four weeks later, and after some minor upgrading of our existing fencing, we finally took delivery of our cattle. We chose our stud name 'Kermond Park'. Due to the warm welcome from,



DMB Faith with DMB Jane and Nick Black at Royal Bathurst Show 2013

and friendly nature of AGA members, becoming members of the Australian Galloway Association was an obvious choice.

In May this year, we were fortunate to be able to attend the AGA field day, dinner and annual general meeting held in Canberra. This proved to be invaluable not only from an educational perspective, but it also afforded us the opportunity to meet so many other members of the AGA, all of whom were so welcoming and so willing to share their vast knowledge of Galloways. At the field day we also met mobile cattle handler, Bert Barrass. Bert is now in the process of getting our yards constructed. Once erected, we'll be one step closer to achieving our goal of breeding show quality miniature belted Galloways.



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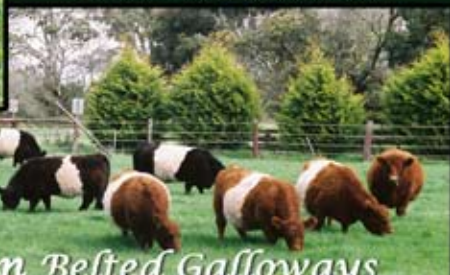
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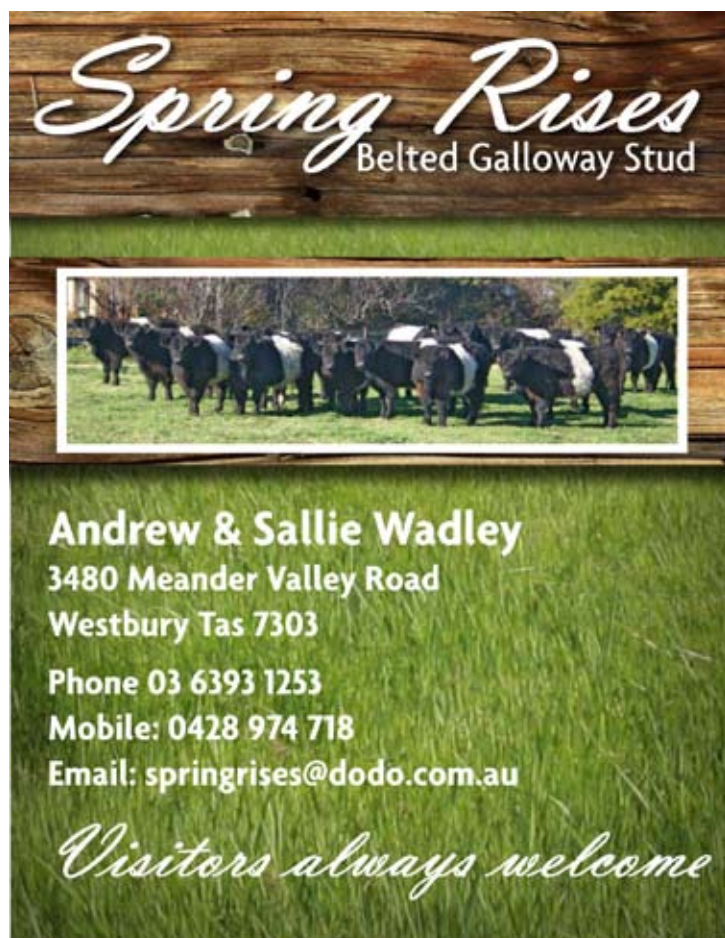
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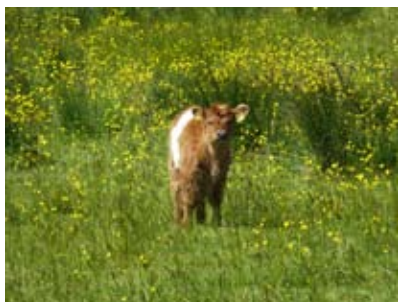
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# Anne's U.K. Adventures

*Anne Wilson, Grandview Belted Galloway Stud, Victoria, recently spent time in the UK visiting Belted Galloway Studs. Here is Anne's account of her journey.*

As the plane took off from Tullamarine, I was embarking on a "once in a lifetime" to the land of the Belted Galloways, Scotland. I arrived at Heathrow Airport and next day took a train to Penrith where I met up with Stan Robinson. Stan was over visiting his family, and had arrived earlier. He had planned a week of farm Tours and with a trusty book of maps in his lap, Stan became navigator, tour guide, and much needed translator while I drove around the narrow, hedged roads.

The first farm visit was with the lovely Murray family at Kirkland Howe Farm, Arlecdon, Frizington, Whitehaven. I stayed 3 nights with Robin, Pam, Lynn and Paul, and after their wonderful hospitality it was hard to leave. They graze their cattle, sheep and donkeys on "Stewardship Land". This is land set aside for the preservation of the native flora and fauna that had been decimated after the end of the 2nd World War. (England needed to feed its population and native plants and animals suffered at the time from the increased intensive farming needed.) The Kirkland



Beltie calf surrounded by buttercups

Howe Belties thrive on the native grasses, and the rugged rocky slopes. I loved walking amongst his Belties in their fields, crisscrossing the becks (creeks), listening to the frogs and finding all sorts of insects and wild flowers including the yellow buttercups. Under the Stewardship scheme, Robin couldn't cut hay until 15th July, when the birds and insects were declared to have hatched and left their nests.

The next farm we visited was Caroline Fletcher's wonderful Belted Galloway and Hereford Stud farm at Barwise Hall, Appleby-Westmorland in Cumbria, and birth place of the wonderful bull, Barwise Jigsaw. Caroline showed us a very good selection of both breeds she was preparing for the show ring. Both breeds of cattle seemed to enjoying the fresh summer pastures after their winter barn life, and as calving had finished the bulls were running with the cows.

Next we visited Jan and Joe Kirks, of Low Kirkbride Farm, Aulgirth, Dumfries. The farm was a little way off the highway, their novel directional sheep signs made it easy to find their farm. They value add to the farm with a Bed 'n' Breakfast. Stan and I enjoyed 2 nights in their most comfortable rooms and enormous superbly cooked breakfasts. Before we left, Joe gave us a guided tour of their farm and Belties. They were preparing a lovely cow and calf unit and yearling heifer for the Highland Show which they had success with. They have a wonderful Red Bull (Huntfield Red Bull). I haven't seen too many red bulls, but he rates as the best I've seen so far. If this bull came to my farm, he would definitely be in my front

paddock with my girls.

During our stay at Kirkbride, we travelled through Dumfries and Castle Douglas. These towns have some impressive Belted Galloway souvenirs. After a brief stop to purchase some very unique gifts, it was off to the famous Old Place of Mochrum at Port William. This was the home of Mochrum Kingfisher (dec.) the foundation sire of my herd, so this was very special to me. We drove past the magnificent Mochrum Castle with its manicured gardens and huge lake down to the manager's cottage where we found John and Monica McTurk. John showed us his lovely Belties, including the cow and calf he was preparing for the Highland Show. He also showed us some of the famous Mochrum Belties and the windswept moorlands that they thrive on. After leaving Kirkbride, we were



heading back to Whitehaven but called on John and Sandra Corrie at Park House, Tongland, Kirkcudbright, Dumfries and Galloway. This is the birth place of Park Perseus. John is the President of the UK Belted Galloway Association, and he has quality cattle in both black and red Belties. He had a lovely selection of cows and with calves at foot, and yearling bulls that were destined to serve dairy heifers before winter.

We set off to Liz Wilkes who was in the midst of renovating an old farm house and buildings, but she kindly spared some time to show us her lovely Belties. I enjoyed the varying colours of cow/calf colour combinations. Anything from a black cow with a red calf to a dun cow with a black calf, and as we walked around them they were all so

relaxed in the buttercups.

After Liz's, we drove down through the fields of Askerton Castle, Askerton, Brampton, Cumbria. There were Belties lying in the shade of trees by a beck, and others grazing in the distance. The fields were large, elevated and had native grasses all fenced by stone wall dykes. Stone walls or hedges were the predominant forms of fencing everywhere in the Northern England and the parts of Scotland we saw. These bordered the roads, making visibility and passing difficult at times.

After a quick catch-up with the Murrays again, we made a special detour to see the Carlisle Show on our way to the Edinburgh for the Highland Show. The Carlisle show proved to be well worth it as it is a very good well laid out regional show held on a racecourse. We had to don the hats and sunglasses to watch the cattle and the sheep judging in brilliant sunshine. There were lots of foods to sample and trade stands to visit but our time was limited so we had to cut the day short to make our next overnight stop at Peebles, before the Highland Show next day. Overall the Carlisle Show was a delight to see such a large crowd enjoying the show without the distraction



of show bags or sideshows. The Royal Edinburgh Highland Show was better than I expected. The Belties were very well represented in quality and numbers. The judge, Mr Douglas Crighton, had a huge task in front of him with excellent quality in females and bulls. Congratulations to all of those who exhibited and well done to those who won.

Results were:

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Supreme Bull – Coulmony Blair owned by Mt Anthony Laing.

Reserve Bull – Southfield Major Ronaldo owned by Mr & Mrs A F Bell.

Champion Belted Galloway – Clifton Daffodil

Best Pair – Clifton Locket & Clifton Daffodil – owned by Mr & Mrs A F Bell.

Most Successful Exhibitor - Mr & Mrs A F Bell.

After watching the Belties judged, we ventured to the main Grandstand to watch the Clydesdales, Shire and Belgium horses being judged in Harness. There were many more entries than you would ever see in an Australian Show. There were events like single harness, tandem, unicorn, four in hand and eight in hand and then categories like light tradesmen's and even an event for lady drivers. All the driven horses, one team at a time, made an impressive entrance through a gap in the grandstands. They entered at a trot, with their hooves thundering on the bitumen. The huge crowd cheered them on. There were also other equestrian events like the ladies Side Saddle, Rider classes, Breed classes and Show Jumping at times in the arena. There were so many animals for the Grand Parades that they all couldn't be on the arena at once. As the horses left, the cattle came on.



Images this page of the Royal Highland Show

Again there were no show bags or sideshows, but row upon row

of interesting trade stands, craft pavilions, a heritage area with demonstrations and lots of food samples.

After four days at the Show, Stan and I packed our suitcases back into the car and headed back to Penrith where I had to leave Stan and catch a train down to London for the rest of my holiday. On the outskirts of Carlisle, we passed the Longtown (Sheep & Cattle) Market Yards where the foot and mouth outbreak was originally found on 23rd February 2001. The statistics released a year later showed 214,874 cattle, 1,087,405 sheep, 39,846 pigs, 511 goats and 451 deer were slaughtered then burned or buried. This devastated farmers and my heart goes out to all the families and communities affected. We all have a lot to learn from what had happened.

Our final farm stop, before Penrith, was at the farm of Roger Robson, who has a wonderful farm at High Head Castle, Ivegill, Carlisle. It wasn't easy to find amongst the tall hedges and unsigned roads, so we had to phone Roger to come to our rescue. We were only three minutes away from his farm, and phoning Roger or anyone in Northern England was difficult as there is poor mobile reception there. Our visit was very brief, so in one hour we got to see a selection of his cattle. Like most of us, Roger had various groups of cattle, for convenience, in small paddocks close to home. The cattle had shed most of their winter coats and were enjoying the sunshine and grass. They enjoyed a scratch from Roger as he introduced each one to us. Time was up, so after a quick thankyou and goodbye, we were back in the car and raced to the Penrith Station just in time for my train.

One of the most memorable moments I had on this trip was asking the Arlecdon Post Office owner directions to Robin Murray's house. The Post Office was also home to the local bottle shop, supermarket, newsagent, toy shop and anything you would

need you just had to ask. It was 7pm and he was still open. He knew everyone in the district which was helpful. The most amazing thing about this shop was how small it was. It was so small that he could only serve one customer as that is as many people who would fit in it. My laundry is bigger.

After my whistle stop in London, I hired a car and drove down to the south of London. I caught up with another Beltie Breeder, Matthew Stoker. He had not long moved his small herd of Belties from West Sussex to Eastern Grey, Malmesbury. One of his cows, Whirlpool Moondust, stood out in his herd as an exceptional cow. I also liked a heifer and a bull calf. Matthew also runs a small Aberdeen Angus stud.

I would like to dearly thank all the people who opened up their homes and farms to Stan and me. We felt most welcome and I treasure the time people spent showing us their cattle and sharing with us their breed knowledge and experiences. I have come back with a wealth of information and lovely photos.

I am already saving for a return trip to Scotland, for the 2016 World Galloway Conference. Everyone must put this on their Christmas 2015 wish list.

Although this story is just a very brief account of our UK Beltie farm excursions. I saw so many exceptional Belties and met so many wonderfully friendly, passionate breeders, that I hope I don't offend anyone for not mentioning all their

bulls and cows by name, as this would have taken a book to do. It's all available on the Beltie UK website.

Lastly I would like to thank Stan Robinson for his friendship and taking the time away from his holiday to introduce me to all the wonderful people, and for sharing with me his local knowledge and culinary English delicacies. The trip was never boring and there were so many places I wouldn't know about, or seen if Stan hadn't been my map reader, tour guide and friend.



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# Meat Standards Australia

## A brief overview of MSA



Meat Standards Australia (MSA) is a valuable asset to the Australian red meat (beef and lamb) industry, providing opportunities to differentiate product in the market. Unlike existing industry description systems, MSA accurately predicts eating quality for Australian red meat.

It is an independent grading system designed to take the guesswork out of buying and cooking Australian beef, and delivers an eating quality guarantee. The MSA logo identifies that specific cuts of beef have been graded to meet high standards for tenderness, juiciness and flavour.

MSA began as an industry program in 1996 following detailed consumer research investigating the continuing decline in beef consumption.

MSA is a voluntary cooperative program requiring coordination and rewarding best practice across all industry sectors. Those who choose to participate in MSA are licensed, with license conditions requiring detailed audit and total product integrity. Producers and feedlots are registered and provide required information via a vendor declaration. Abattoirs, wholesalers, retailers and food service are licensed and incorporate MSA requirements into their quality assurance programs. The MSA graders are professional and perform the grading function on behalf of the industry. Grader accuracy is monitored through regular analysis and graders are required to complete regular correlations against the grading standards. Consumer complaints are monitored and product traced back to source.

### How to supply beef in the MSA system

#### Key points

Producers wishing to supply cattle for MSA must be registered.

An MSA vendor declaration and a National Vendor declaration (NVD) accompany the cattle to the MSA licensed abattoir. The MSA vendor declaration confirms that MSA guidelines for cattle handling and trucking have been followed and that tropical breed content is recorded.

MSA feedback is provided on cattle consigned for MSA. Cattle that meet the MSA requirements are graded at MSA licensed abattoirs. A National Vendor Declaration (NVD) and a MSA vendor declaration, which are checked by the grader and livestock personnel, are sent with the cattle.

Each carcass is graded by an MSA accredited grader with an eating quality grade assigned for each individual cut.

#### How carcasses are graded

Each carcass is identified with a carcass ticket and the following information is recorded in the Data Capture Unit:

- Body number and lot number – cattle from individual vendors will be kept in separate lots
- Carcass weight – important in determining weight for maturity
- Sex – male or female
- Tropical breed content– the hump height is also measured to guarantee the most accurate eating quality grade
- Hanging method– determined as being either Achilles hang or tenderstretch
- Hormonal growth promotants– will affect MSA

score obtained for different muscles

- Ossification– measured to determine physiological carcass maturity (not always reflected by chronological age)
- Marbling– using both the MSA and AUS-MEAT measurement systems
- Rib fat – a minimum of 3mm is required, measured at the AUS-MEAT standard site. Overall fat cover is also assessed including any hide puller damage
- pH and temperature– pH is measured using a pH meter and must be below 5.71. Temperature should be below 12°C according to AUS-MEAT standards
- Meat colour – recorded using AUS-MEAT standard meat colour chips. Meat colours in the range of 1B to 3 are accepted depending on the abattoir or brand specification

Other measurements that do not impact on eating quality can be taken at the customers' request, including:

- Eye muscle area (EMA) – measured in square cm using an AUS-MEAT grid
- Fat colour – recorded using AUS-MEAT chips from 0 (white) to 9 (yellow)

If the carcass meets all MSA and company specifications, it is eligible to have cuts packed and sold as MSA.

*Meat & Livestock Australia have produced a beef information kit for MSA. This is a very informative document which explains the system in depth, sets out the producer requirements and contains details on how to register in the scheme. See [www.mla.com.au](http://www.mla.com.au) and follow the links to Marketing beef & lamb/ Meat Standards Australia.*

# Useful Hints for Show Preparation

## Month Before the Show

- Check health requirements for the shows you are going to. You may need to have pestivirus testing carried out – kits are available from the AGA office
- Organise stall cards if required – available from AGA office. Fill in details for each animal and ensure all tattoos are correct and readable – it is no good getting to a show and finding out one is incorrect or unreadable, as the animal could be rejected and sent home.
- If you are showing miniature Galloways measure their hip heights to ensure they fall within the guidelines set out in the Miniature Hip Height Recording Form.
- Ensure NLIS eartags have been inserted in the right, or offside ear.
- Finalise halter training, including the parade halter, and show stick familiarisation.

## Final Week Preparation

- Increase the amount of roughage the animals have access to as it helps bind them up and reduce scouring while travelling and for the first few days at the show.
- Ensure the halters, nose clips and leads you will be using on the animals fit correctly and are in good, and clean, condition.
- Organise necessary equipment and feed that needs to be taken to the show.
- Pack showbox.
- It is better for the animals to travel on an empty stomach, as a full stomach can cause discomfort and scouring, which could cause dehydration on a long trip. Cut feed and water back to half the normal amount approximately twelve hours prior to leaving.



## Showbox

Your showbox should be easy to handle, durable and lockable. Have your stud name on it in a prominent position to help with promotion. Suggestions for suitable equipment are:

- Brushes, combs, scissors.
- Shampoo and conditioner.
- Hoses and tap fittings.
- Buckets, cloths, spray containers, towels.
- Washing halters and nose lead ropes.
- Neckstraps.
- Leather halters and show stick.
- Spare halters, neckstraps leads and noseclips.
- Spare tap and hose fittings.
- Extension leads and double adaptors for blower (if you have one) – note many show societies now require circuit breakers (or similar) and tagged and tested power cords for safety reasons so it would pay to check before you arrive to ensure you have the correct items.
- Veterinary items: antiseptic, scour tablets, oil (cooking oil is fine) in case of bloat.
- Human health items such as headache tablets, band-aids, sunscreen, and anti-histamines are sometimes useful.
- Tools: hammer, nails, tape, pliers, staple guns for affixing stall cards, etc.



## Other Equipment

- Feed and water containers.
- Pitchfork, shovel, rake, broom etc.
- Wheelbarrow.

## In the Judging Ring

- Work in harmony with your animal.
- Be attentive – watch the judge and your animal, and the animal in front of you.
- Use the whole of the ring when parading.
- Use the cane properly to stand the animal or make it walk if necessary.
- Use the leads correctly, especially the nose lead.
- Be courteous to and respect the other exhibitors.
- Be a good sport and keep calm and gracious, whether you win or lose.
- Be proud of your animal, don't lose interest and appear bored with the proceedings.



Most importantly, enjoy the show and have fun. Good luck!

# Royal Show Roundup

## Royal Adelaide Show 6 - 14 September 2013

Belted Galloways represented the Galloway family

Junior Champion Female - J McKinnon - Clanfingon Venus  
 Senior Champion Female - S Vivian - Bonnibelt Faith  
 Grand Champion Female - J McKinnon Clanfingon Venus  
 Junior and Grand Champion Bull - J Maiolo & P Brown - Clanfingon Vagabond



Essar Helen

## Royal Melbourne Show 21 September – 2 October 2013

Belted Galloways represented the Galloway family

Junior Champion Female – Pine Gully Park – Pine Gully Park Halona  
 Reserve Junior Champion Female – Ashleigh Michael – Ashleigh Holly  
 Senior and Grand Champion Female – Ashleigh Michael – Ashleigh Daniella  
 Reserve Senior Champion Female – Ashleigh Michael – Ashleigh Gwynnedd  
 Junior and Grand Champion Bull - Ashleigh Michael – Ashleigh Helmsman  
 Reserve Junior Champion Bull – Allison Hilli – Clanfingon Valentino  
 Grand and Senior Champion Bull – Allison Hilli –Cumbria Branthwite Hail  
 Reserve Junior Champion Bull – Allison Hilli – Jalaway Gungho Show Bull  
 Supreme Belted Galloway Exhibit – Ashleigh Daniella



Bangalla Harry

## Royal Launceston Show 9 – 12 October 2013

*Belted Galloways*

Junior and Grand Champion Female– A & S Wadley - Spring Rises Gina H2  
 Reserve Junior Champion Female – L & E Bonar - Lazy B Jessica

*Galloways*

Junior and Grand Champion Female – L & E Bonar - Lazy B Hermoine  
 Junior and Grand Champion Bull – L & E Bonar - Lazy B Haka



Romani Helen

## Royal Canberra Show 20 – 23 October 2014

*Belted Galloways*

Grand and Senior Champion Female – S Reynolds - Essar Helen

*Miniature Galloways*

Grand and Junior Champion Female – R & M Kidd - Romani Helen  
 Reserve Junior Champion Female – P & B Venton Coorumbene Harmony  
 Senior Champion Female – M & D Burgess - DMB Gidget  
 Reserve Senior Champion Female - S Smeathers & W Brigham - Romani Gloria  
 Junior Champion Bull - Gunadoo – R & M Kidd - MacDuff of Glenfillan  
 Reserve Junior Champion Bull – S Smeathers & W Brigham - Romani Hudson  
 Grand and Senior Champion Bull – M & D Burgess - Bangalla Harry  
 Supreme Miniature Galloway Exhibit - Romani Helen



Romani Hallelujah



## Royal Bathurst Show 2 – 4 May 2014

### Miniature Galloway

Junior Champion Female – S Smeathers & W Brigham - Romani Hallelujah  
Reserve Junior Champion Female – M & R Kidd - Gunadoo Banksia Rose  
Senior and Grand Champion Female – A & P Dunk - Tumblegum Gemima  
Reserve Senior Champion Female – S Smeathers & W Brigham - Romani Glacier  
Junior and Grand Champion Bull – M & R Kidd -Gunadoo MacDuff of Glenfillan  
Reserve Junior Champion Bull – A & P Dunk -Tumblegum Jock of Lamdash  
Supreme Miniature Galloway Exhibit -Tumblegum Gemima

### Miniature Belted Galloway

Junior and Grand Champion Female – M & D Burgess - DMB Jane  
Reserve Junior Champion Female – G Ellem - Bangalla Hanna  
Senior Champion Miniature – M & D Burgess - DMB Gidget  
Reserve Senior Champion – G Ellem - Bangalla Hanna  
Junior and Grand Champion – G Ellem - Bangalla Joker



Gunadoo MacDuff of Glenfillan



Tumblegum Gemima and calf  
Tumblegum Jean of Lamdash



DMB Gidget

# Guide to AGA's Online Herd Book

## How do I look up an animal's pedigree?

### Step 1

Click on Search, then Herd Book Search on the AGA home page: [www.galloway.asn.au](http://www.galloway.asn.au).

This will take you to ABRI Galloway Animal Enquiry Page.

### Step 2

There are several fields you can use when searching for an animal.

If you know the animal's name, enter it in the "Name" field and click search.

If you don't know an animal's name but have its tattoo, that

can be entered in the field "Animal Identifier".

If you know the tattoo and the year the animal is born, you can use the wildcard feature. By inserting "%" in the unknown field, (eg ABC K%) the computer will list everything that contains ABC K. This example would produce all animals born in the "K" year (2014) for the stud that uses ABC as its stud tattoo.

If you are looking for an animal with certain characteristics you can use other fields on the search page and the computer will list all the animals which fall into that category.

For example, during 2014,

you may want to find a 2 year old miniature Belted Galloway bull. Enter 2012 in the calving year box, and in the "Select If" boxes, click on the traits in the drop down lists: male, Belted and Miniature, and click search. The computer will list all bulls currently registered that were born in 2012 and that are miniature Belted Galloways.

There are many variations for searching; if the computer does not list what you are looking for you may need to refine your search, or add extra fields.

Note that if there are more than 15 results for your search they will be listed on another page, so you may need to click next

on the right hand corner of the page.

### Step 3

If you can see the animal you are looking for in the list of results, simply click on the underlined Animal Name in the column on the left of the list, and details of the animal will be shown.

### How do I look up an animal's progeny?

#### Step 1

Complete steps 1 to 3 for looking up an animal.

#### Step 2

Scroll down the page to Progeny, and click on View All, or View by Herd. You can look at each of the progeny of that animal by clicking on the names listed.

### How do I view an animal's pedigree?

#### Step 1

Complete steps 1 to 3 for looking up an animal.

#### Step 2

Scroll down the list to pedigree and click on View. You can look at the animal's ancestors by clicking on each name.

### How can I print an animal's pedigree?

#### Step 1

Complete Steps 1 and 2 for viewing an animal.

#### Step 2

Click on File, then Print, or Control P on the keyboard. This will produce an A4 page that shows all the details on the web page.

### How can I save an animal's pedigree to my own files?

#### Step 1

Complete Steps 1 and 2 for viewing an animal.

#### Step 2

Click on Edit, then Select All, or Control A on the keyboard.

#### Step 3

Click on Edit, then Copy, or Control C on the keyboard.

#### Step 4

You can then paste the pedigree onto a blank Microsoft Word document. Click on Edit, then

Paste, or Control V on the keyboard.

### Step 5

You can then save the document as a Word document and keep on file.

### How do I look up an AGA member?

#### Step 1

Click on the member search button on the home page (or at the top of the search screen when doing an animal enquiry). This will take you to the ABRI Galloway Member Enquiry page.

#### Step 2

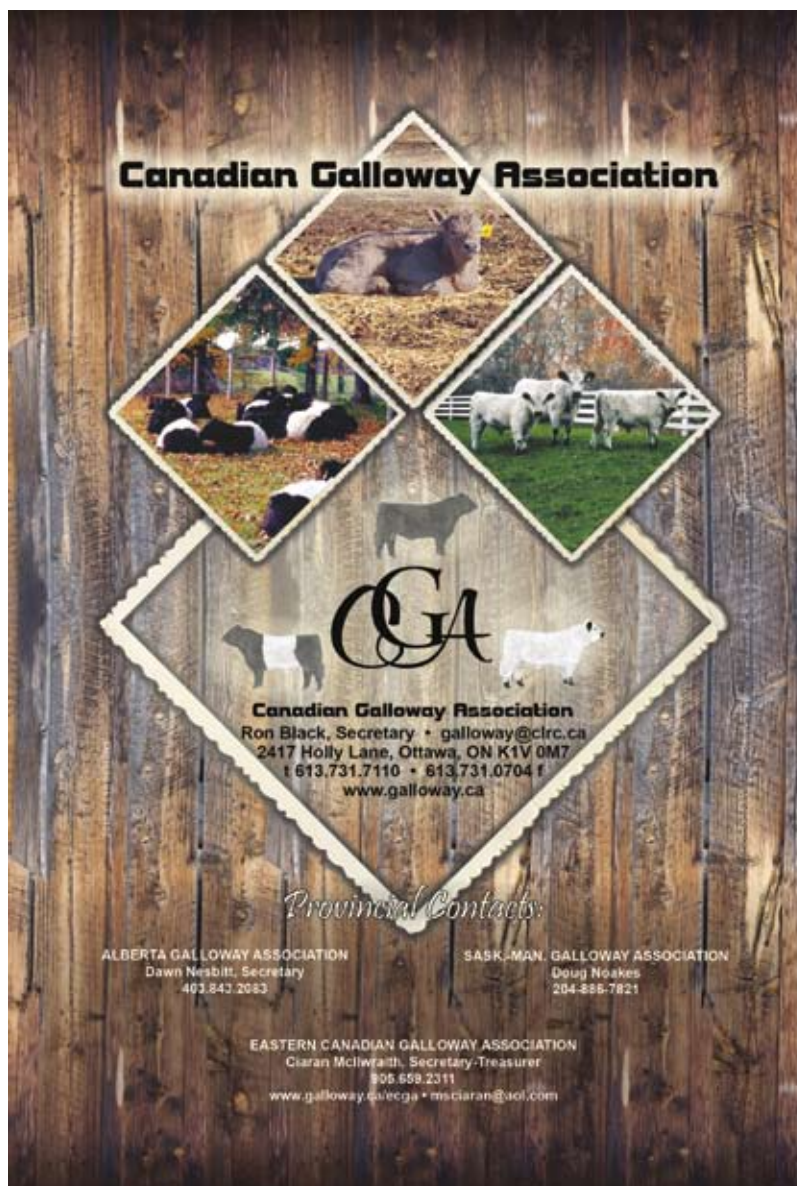
This will take you to a page with several fields available for searching for a member (similar to the animal enquiry screen). If you know the member's surname, it can be entered in

the correct field.

Similarly, you can carry out a search using just the stud name (prefix) field. A search can be done by state, using the drop down lists. Searches can be refined using the sort options at the bottom of the search table.

### Step 3

You will be presented with a list of members, and if you can see the member you are looking for, click on the underlined name in the left column of the table. If there are more than 15 results, you will need to click on the next button on the right hand side of the page. If you cannot see the member you are looking for, they may not be matched under the field you are searching in, so you may need to search using an alternative field.



# UK Galloway Report

## From Dorothy Goldie of the UK Galloway Cattle Society.

For once the weather is playing ball, spring happened when it should and we have had a great spell of sun to bring in the crops. Livestock has done well, calves and lambs are growing and sunbathing in the heat. The only thing that has been disappointing is the price of beef; beef has dropped by nearly 70p per kilo over the summer and it is a great worry for everyone, as ever, the outgoings have not dropped in price. Lamb has also taken a hit and with a lot of good fodder made, I expect it wouldn't be too dear, which is great if you are buying it, but not so good if you depend on it for income. The weather even managed to stay good for the Commonwealth Games, which were being hosted by Glasgow, I hope you have managed to catch some of the coverage on TV. Of course we were never going to beat you lot, but we have managed a respectable haul of medals. Well done on leading the medals table. The games has been a great showcase for Scotland, Glasgow and its people, I do hope it has encouraged you to travel to Scotland and the UK, if you can't make it next year, you must make in 2016 for the Galloway World Congress. A very warm Scottish welcome awaits you.

Galloway are still very much wanted, shows and sales are still as popular and well attended, there is a great entry of 64 animals for our Nationals Show which this year is being held at Stewartry Show (Castle Douglas). A full report and photos will be on our web page. Below are a few reports from

our major shows and sales. One extra bit of news - Galloway Bullock reigns supreme in the native awards at Scotland's National Winter Show! A pure bred Galloway bullock exhibited by Messrs M Telford and H Claxton, Stocksfield, Northumberland, won the best native award at the show. This April 2012 born bullock named Digby was bred at Kilnstown Farms Ltd, Carlisle and was purchased at the Society spring show and sale held at Castle Douglas. Digby is by the AI sire Orinocho of Over Barskeoch and out of Doreen 31<sup>st</sup> of Kilnstown. Malcolm and Helen also received the new prize of £250 from the Galloway Cattle Society, (this is the first time it has been won since its introduction), being awarded if a Galloway wins the Best Native award at the show. Digby is full brother to Super Mario who won the native champion at the Scottish Winter Fair in 2010.

## 2014 GALLOWAY CATTLE SOCIETY SPRING SHOW AND SALE

One of the coldest days of the winter awaited our exhibitors and spectators at the Society's annual show and sale held in Castle Douglas. This was one of the best shows in recent years, and noted cattleman and recently appointed Galloway Cattle Society cow classifier Mr David Grant, had the tough job of placing the bulls. David took his Champion from the 2 year old classes - Ben Lomond Glengoyne from the Maxwell Family, Blairvockie Farm, Rowardennan, Drymen, a son of the very successful bull Klondyke Raider, which had been male champion at the 2013 Royal Highland Show and overall champion at the 2013 National Show. Glengoyne sold for 4000gns to John Heard,

Hughslade, Okehampton, Devon, where he will join the 100 head Galloway herd. The reserve male champion was from a great line up from J & S Ross, Romesbeoch, Shawhead, Dumfries, Umpire of Romesbeoch. He is a Kirkmabreck Nimrod son and sold for 4000gns to Messrs Mastall from Germany who are returning to Scottish breeding after establishing their herd in the 80s.

Top price of the day was for a second placed bull, Strictly of Fingland from Messrs W Wallace & Sons. This May 2012 born son of the well-known AI Sire Orinocho of Over Barskeoch sold for 5200gns and is off home with John and Andrew Tullie, Bowanhill, Teviothead, Hawick to join their pedigree and commercial herd.

New member and renowned Limousin breeder David Cornthwaite was in charge of placing both the led and unled females. His champion in the led section was Lady Silverbell 8th of Gall-way from Margaret and Dennis Gall, Boquhan Home Farm, Kippen, Stirling and she went on to achieve the top price of 4100gns at the sale the following day; David backed up his decision by taking this very stylish in-calf heifer home to his 24 head of Balgray Galloway herd. Silverbell 8th, a Septimus of Tweedshaw daughter, had been junior champion at the 2012 Royal Highland Show and has a very impressive pedigree with her dam and grand dam having been awarded supreme champion at the Royal Highland show. The reserve female from J & A Finlay took the third best female price of 2600gns.

Both trophies in the unled section were won by RA McClymont and Son, Kirkstead, Yarrow. The best pair and winner of the Andros Perpetual Challenge Cup went to Kirkstead Moss Rose V5 and Kirkstead Nancy V18, both Braveheart of Gall-way daughters. Winner of the McClymont/McIntosh memorial Trophy was Perlopie Pat 3<sup>rd</sup>

bred by Mr J C Thomson and exhibited by Allan, this Kirkstead Nancy Boy daughter sold for 1350gns.

### 2014 ROYAL HIGHLAND SHOW

The 2014 Royal Highland show benefited from brilliant sunshine and with an attendance of 178,000 people (up 8,000 people on the year before) it was a show to remember. A varied line up of attractions like musicians The Red Hot Chilli Pipers, Olympians Scott Brash and Aileen Neilson, and a guest appearance by Scotland's finest chefs Nick Nairn, Lady Claire MacDonald, Jacqueline O'Donnell wowed the crowds and make them come back year after year. The highlight of the show is the appearance of over 5,000 quality animals from the best herds and flocks from all over the UK.

In the Galloway ring, numbers were on the low side, but the quality put forward was of the highest standard. Judged by Mr Peter Hunter Blair, Nether Cleugh, Dalry, Castle Douglas, once again it was the Finlay Family, John, Ann, Kelly and Iain from Blackcraig, Corsock, Castle Douglas who received the championship award for Blackcraig Noreen T423 (below).



This October 2011 born Finmac Norseman daughter is following in the footsteps of her mother Blackcraig Noreen L122, a twice Highland show winner. In 2013, the very stylish heifer gained championship awards at Stewartry and Glenkens. It was the second place heifer from Jim and Selina Ross, Romesbeoch, Shawhead, who received the reserve overall championship. Nerys 1307 of Romesbeoch, is an embryo

heifer only a month older than the Champion, she is bred from Kirmabreck Nimrod and out of the show cow Doon of Urr Nerys 42nd. Another heifer with a fine show career, she was breed champion at the 2013 Great Yorkshire show.

The Male champion was bred and exhibited by Klondyke Farms Ltd, Shancastle, Monaivie, Thornhill, with newly elected Society Chairman Scott McKinnon bringing out Klondyke Solution to take the red, white and blue rosette. This five year old bull is by German import Holsten Ed and out of Kondyke Yoko.

The reserve male champion increased the Romesbeoch rosettes, with the Ross Family taking the blue and white rosette for Windsor of Romesbeoch. This seven month old is sired by Murphy of Romebeoch and out of Beauty 1185 of Romesbeoch.

### GREAT YORKSHIRE SHOW

A welcome increase of entries produced a fine line up of Galloways in front of Aberdeen Angus veteran Mr Ian Anderson. Once again it was the Ross Team who secured overall champion, female champion, Junior champion and all but one of the first prizes. Their overall champion and female champion was the stylish heifer Nerys 1307 of Romebeoch (below).



The female reserve champion was Beauty 1185 of Romesbeoch. This March 2011 born is another Kirmabreck Nimrod daughter and out of Beauty C704 of Romesbeoch. The Junior champion was also Romesbeoch bred, Beauty 1437 of Romesbeoch, which is

again sired by the senior stock bull Kirkmabreck Nimrod and out of Beauty of Romesbeoch. To add to the celebrations for the Ross team, their champion Nerys 1307 of Romesbeoch was placed reserve beef interbreed champion, this was from a line of 17 breeds and is a great achievement for our breed.

The male champion, Harvey's Wallbanger, was from well-known show family, The Harveys, Glasgow. Their April 2013 born dun bull is by the AI sire Blackcraig Kodiak and out of Jaw Jess, a 2001 born dun cow.

### GALLOWAY NATIONAL SHOW - STEWARTRY SHOW AT CASTLE DOUGLAS

Galloways came home and they did it in style. The tenth National Show was held in the heartland of Galloway Country at Stewartry show and was proclaimed to be one of the best shows to date. An outstanding show of Galloways was put forward and this was confirmed when the Champion received the Champion of Champions award.

Well respected judge Mr Dennis Gall awarded the female and overall champion award to local family J & S Ross, Romesbeoch, Shawhead, Dumfries, with their stylish heifer, Nerys 1307 of Romesbeoch. This heifer is no stranger to championship rosettes this show season. This was just one of the many awards which included the pairs and group of three that Team Ross collected for an excellent line up of cattle. Jim, Selina, Dougie, Carolyn, Hayden, McKenzie and Logan also received Junior Champion for Beauty C1437 of Romesbeoch. Nerys 1306 of Romesbeoch (ET) a full ET sister to the champion was awarded the Reserve Female championship. Just two days younger than the overall champion, this was her first outing. Ending an amazing day for the Ross Family, Nerys 1306 was awarded the champion of champions award, placed above the sheep, dairy and horse champion.

Reserve Overall, Male champion and Junior Reserve Champion was from another well-known Galloway family, the Finlay family from Blackcraig, Corsock. John, Ann, Iain and Kelly had

a tremendous line up of cattle on parade and it was one of the youngest cattle forward which received the championship rosettes. Blackcraig Vidicator, an October 2013 born calf is

by Blackcraig Rasputin and out of FinMac Sally N194 (ET). Klondyke Solution exhibited by Klondyke Farms Ltd was reserve male champion.

# UK Belted Galloway Report

**From Ian Sutherland,  
Secretary, Belted Galloway  
Cattle Society of U.K. & Eire.**

In line with the current interest in Belted Galloways in the U.K. and Ireland the Society is in good heart, and membership continues to expand every year. We currently have 617 members, up from 572 in 2013.

A system of birth notification was introduced in 2011, and in the year to July 2014 a total of 926 births were notified to the Society (this includes White Galloways). This is helping to build up a picture of how many animals are in the national herd and the breeding pattern of our cows.

During the same period a total of 881 Belted females were fully registered and 71 bulls. White Galloway registrations included 46 females and 1 bull. Of these around 20% are registered online using the Society's software which members are able to access.

The Society organises three main sales each year and attends the major shows in England and Scotland. There is a keen interest in some parts of Britain and particularly in Ireland, where local members participate in minor shows thereby doing a useful job of promoting the breeds.

The Royal Highland Show was held recently with Mr & Mrs A Bell's Clifton Daffodil awarded Champion Female and Champion Belted Galloway. Reserve Female was Mochrum Lilac 3rd exhibited by Mochrum Estate. Best Bull was Mr Anthony Laing's Coulmony Blair, with Southfield Major Ronaldo, exhibited by Mr and Mrs A Bell being awarded Reserve Bull.

[www.beltedgalloways.co.uk](http://www.beltedgalloways.co.uk)

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best female and overall champion at the Royal Highland Show 2014*

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<b>Section A Available Sires, no permit required for registration of calves.</b>			
Ashleigh Grason	Black Belted	\$20	Bovine Breeders P: 02 6775 1231
Braveheart of Gall-way*	Black	\$66	Chris McIlroy, Agri-Gene P: 03 5722 2666 E: chris@agrigenec.com.au
Clanfingon Limelight*	Black Belted	\$55	Judith McKinnon P: 08 8389 4401 E: mckinnonjudith@ymail.com
Du Rapide Legacy 17K (CAN)*	Black Belted	POA	Simone Lagace P: +1 405 799 5117
Hawkshead Lynwood Harry	Dun	\$20	Bovine Breeders P: 02 6775 1231
Kilworth Dougal J	Black Belted	\$20	Bovine Breeders P: 02 6775 1231
Midfern Norman	Black Belted	\$20	Bovine Breeders P: 02 6775 1231
Mochrum Huckleberry*	Red Belted	\$55	Chris McIlroy, Agri-Gene P: 03 5722 2666 E: chris@agrigenec.com.au
Sundance Kid of Glenturk*	Dun	\$55	Steve Gapes P: 02 6775 5546 E: steve@irrabina .com
Wilkamdai Zikomo* Eligible for export to NZ, USA, Canada, Brazil, Norfolk Is & S Africa	Black Belted	\$22.50 Export POA	Cameron & Dianne Woolfe P: 03 534 0588 E: wilkamdai@westnet.com.au
<b>Section B Privately owned sires, sire permit required for registration of calves.</b>			
Anderson Hill Jackson	Black Belted	\$55, min 5 includes SP	Arie Eyles P: 03 5345 6468 E: arie@activ8.net.au
Budawang Max	Black Belted	\$22 SP \$55	Chris McIlroy, Agri-Gene, P: 03 5722 2666 E: chris@agrigenec.com.au
Clanfingon Nixen*	Black Belted	\$55	Judith McKinnon P: 08 8389 4401 E: mckinnonjudith@ymail.com
Glenkiln Dynamite (UK)*	Black	\$25 includes SP	Merlin Bradley P: 02 6027 3464 E: globex@globex-au.com Agri-Gene P: 03 5722 2666
Globe Magnet (CAN)	Black	\$11 SP \$550	Amberley Park P: 03 5668 5166 Agri-Gene P: 03 5722 2666
Globex Kingpin 57K	Black	\$25 includes SP	Merlin Bradley P: 02 6027 3464 E: globex@globex-au.com Agri-Gene P: 03 5722 2666
Globex Kings Crown 42K	Black	\$10 SP \$50	Mark Bailey P: 0427 095 054 Farmwest P: 08 9726 2626
Globex Quota 39Q*	Black	\$25 includes SP	Merlin Bradley P: 02 6027 3464 E: globex@globex-au.com Agri-Gene P: 03 5722 2666
Irrabina QT Covenantor E4 (AI)*	Black	\$110	Steve Gapes P: 02 6775 5546 E: steve@irrabina.com
JR Hotshot	Red	\$49.50 inc SP	Robert Maddern P: 02 6037 1249



<b>Name of Sire</b>	<b>Colour</b>	<b>Price per straw GST Inclusive</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Ngutunui White Clem 145 (Min) NZ*	Miniature White	\$100 SP \$10	Melissa Fielding P: 0409 593 612 E: contact@lbteh.com.au
Oradala Red Ochre Mountain*	Red Belted	POA	Pam Brown P: 0434 100 280
Rough Rider Extra (USA)	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 5668 5166
Wannawin Casper (Min)*	Miniature Dun	\$50 Includes SP	Peter & Gina Sutherland P: 02 6020 2039
Wannawin Chocolate Soldier (Min)	Miniature Dun	\$100 or 10/\$900 inc SP	Peter & Gina Sutherland P: 02 6020 2039
Wilkamdai Giovanni 97M (Min)*	Miniature Black Belted	POA	Cameron & Dianne Woolfe P: 03 534 0588 E: wilkamdai@westnet.com.au
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Amberley Park Batman	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 5668 5166
Amberley Park Bullseye V18*	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 5668 5166
Amberley Park Ever Ready	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 5668 5166
Amberley Park Hilton	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 5668 5166
Amberley Park Hunter	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 5668 5166
Amberley Park Impact	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 5668 5166
Amberley Park Magic	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 5668 5166
Amberley Park Masterpiece	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 5668 5166
Amberley Park Rambo	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 5668 5166
Bellarwi Banksia Man CML V1 (Min)*	Miniature Black	\$55 SP \$10	Melissa Fielding P: 0409 593 612 E: contact@lbteh.com.au
Fork Farm Loyalist (NZ)**	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 5668 5166
Fork Farm Midas (NZ)**	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 5668 5166
Glenayr Cannon Boy (Min)*	Miniature White	\$55 SP \$10	Melissa Fielding P: 0409 593 612 E: contact@lbteh.com.au
Glenayr Cassanova C5 (Min)*	Miniature Black	\$50	Phil Venton P: 0419 733 276
Gleneagles Grande G2 (Min)*	Miniature White	\$65 11/\$650 Includes SP	Ian Bull P: 02 6955 6355 E: bullie49@bigpond.com
Glen El Rusty D2 (Min) *	Miniature Red	\$65 11/\$650 Includes SP	Ian Bull P: 02 6955 6355 E: bullie49@bigpond.com
Globex Midnight 30M	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 5668 5166
Repute of Castlemilk**	Dun	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 5668 5166
Rowsley Park Red Ripper*	Red Belted	POA	Rob & Jan Davidson P: 03 5185 1341 E: karandrea@skymesh.com.au
Wannawin Hamish (Min)*	Miniature Black	\$50 Includes SP	Peter & Gina Sutherland P: 02 6020 2039
Wannawin Waratah Laddie (Min)*	Miniature Red	\$100 10/\$900 Includes SP	Peter & Gina Sutherland P: 02 6020 2039
Wannawin Xavier (Min)*	Miniature Dun	\$50 11/\$500 Includes SP	Shane Smeathers P: 0438 934 983 E: traditionalgalloways@ hotmail.com
Wirrialpa Kurrajong**	Dun	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 5668 5166
Wirrialpa Lachlan**	Dun	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 5668 5166

\* DNA Fingerprint recorded.

\*\* Mannosidosis Status Unknown. All progeny must be tested clear prior to registration.

# Ear Tattooing

## Explanation and Guidelines

The tattoo of an animal is an individual, unique number which identifies that single animal. The tattoo is made up of three components:

### 1. Stud identification (or tattoo prefix).

This identification is made up of three letters and is allocated to each member on application to join as a stud member of the Association. All animals bred by the member must carry this stud identification. For example: CWS.

### 2. Year Identifier.

Each year has been allocated a letter. 2013 is J, 2014 is K, 2015 is L, 2016 is M, etc. This is the standard system which has been adopted in Australia using all letters of the alphabet except "I" and "O".

### 3. Individual animal number.

This is a number that the member allocates to that animal. It may be the first calf born in the year is 01, the second is 02, the third is 03, and so on. Therefore the complete tattoo for the second born calf to herd

CWS in 2014 in this example would be CWS K02.

### Application of the Tattoo

The total tattoo should be in one ear. It is preferable to use the animal's left, or near side ear, as NLIS tags are placed in the right, or offside ear. The tattoo can be either a continuous line, or split with the stud identifier above and the year identifier and individual animal number below.

The tattoo should be applied high in the inner part of the ear and avoid ridges and blood vessels. When using management tags avoid placing them through the tattoo. Ensure the equipment used is kept sharp, and disinfected between animals.

It has been found that using green tattoo paste will give the best long term results.

The following points provide additional guidance:

- Use disposable rubber gloves. This will help keep the paperwork, you and your equipment clean.
- Clean the ears with

methylated spirits or surgical spirits. The head should be adequately restrained.

- Use thick paper or cardboard to check the tattoo BEFORE you tattoo the animal.
- Check, and double check the calf, the tattoo and the paperwork. You may need extra help from a friend or neighbour, just as a backup.
- Apply the paste to the ear first, use either your finger or a soft toothbrush, then tattoo, then rub in more paste into the holes. *Note:* Some people do not apply paste first, simply tattoo, then check the tattoo before applying paste in case of a mistake. If there is an error this way there is always the option to let the punctures made by the tattoo letters and numbers heal, and re-tattoo correctly later.
- Clean the tattoo letters and numbers when finished (soak in methylated spirits and use an old toothbrush).
- If possible have either a rotating head on your tattoo pliers or have a second set of pliers. This way you can have your Stud identification as a permanent setting on one side or in one set of pliers. This makes the job far easier.

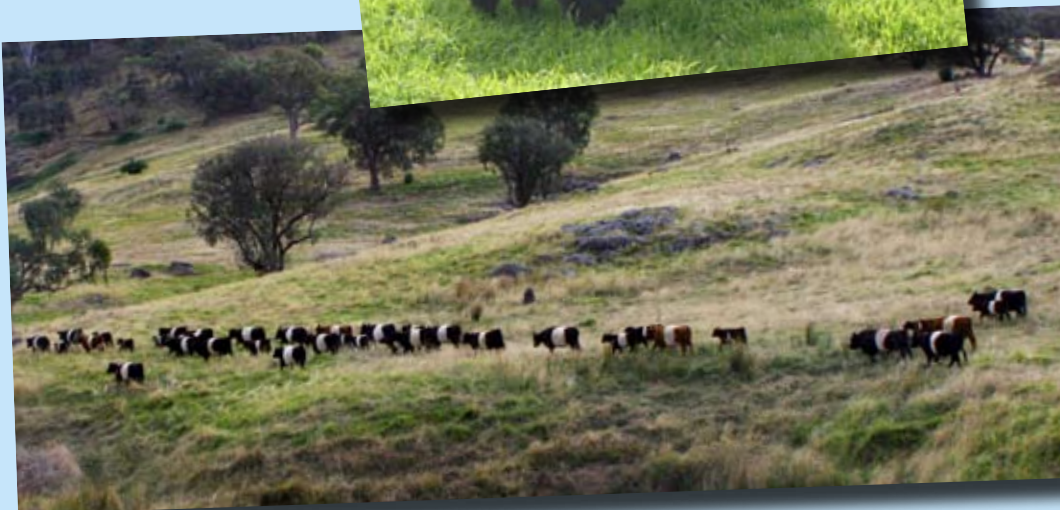
Your cattle should be handled quietly before, during and after the procedure, and the impact of tattooing on the well being of the cattle will be minimal, if carried out as recommended.



Bob Kidd, left, and Bert Barrass, right, discuss tattooing at a field day at DMB Belte Galloways, Sutton, NSW, in May 2014.

The "ear" shows a split tattoo, with the stud identifier above and year letter and animal number below. The ridges on the ear are clearly marked in the diagram, and should be avoided when tattooing.

You can see from the photo there will be plenty of room left to add a management tag without puncturing through the tattoo.



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