

# AGA Galloway News



**November 2016**

## From the AGA Office...

This newsletter has been a long time coming and I must apologise for the lack of newsletters this year. There is a lot to cover in this newsletter, so I hope it contains some interesting reading for you all. Since the previous newsletters we have held a successful field day and AGM weekend, members have attended shows and field days, and of course, the highlight of the Galloway year, the World Galloway Congress in Scotland, the home of the Galloway Family. Inside you will find reports on all of these, plus some administration matters which you will need to take note of.

At the Annual General Meeting we had a change of President, and we welcome Shane Smeathers to the role. He replaces Gordon Matheson, who was President of the Association for for six years, and who did an outstanding job, listening to opinions from all and promoting the Galloway Family as a whole. Thanks Gordon. We welcome Bob Kidd back to the Committee for a term of one year, after a year's absence. Phill Morrow has also joined the Committee, being elected for a term of three years, and we welcome him too.

Sallie Wadley, Executive Officer

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## AGA Administration

### Paperwork Errors

Recently there have been many errors in paperwork sent in for processing. This is time consuming and frustrating for all involved. Please take care in completing your paperwork before submission to the office. The fee schedule lists a Paperwork Error charge of \$11.00, and if errors continue at the current rate this fee will be enforced.

If you have any queries in relation to the completion of forms, a quick call to the office can usually sort them out.

***Please remember to include payment with your paperwork, or alternatively pay by direct credit to the Association's bank account (details provided on request).***

### Registrations

Please remember to include **all** the information required for registrations so they can be processed in a timely manner.

- Please check the sire of any calves you are registering has a DNA profile (this can be on the online herdbook).
- For a bull registration a DNA profile is required, so please include a tail hair sample (test cards are available from the office if you don't have any).
- If the registration is for a miniature Galloway please include the Miniature Hip Height Recording Form. Note that if you carry out your registrations online there is now a section to include the height, but the Hip Height Recording Form still needs to be submitted to the office.
- If your registration is urgent please let the office know. Be aware that DNA testing usually takes 30 days for a result and needs to be carried out before the registration can be processed. Please also allow time for postage, as delivery times are now much longer.

## Transfers

There have been many transfers submitted to the office recently that have not been signed. Please ensure you fill out all the details on the reverse of the registration certificate, including depasture details if the female has been running with a bull, and sign at the end of the transfer section. Note that a transfer form is not required if you fill out the details on the reverse of the registration certificate.

### New Members

A warm welcome is extended to all new members and we wish you the best with your Galloways.

George Cerchez, Glenwood Stud,  
Relbia, TAS  
Miniature Belted Galloways

Chelsea Filmer, Pageoway Stud  
Tambo Upper, VIC  
Belted Galloways

Sarah & Andrew Hemming, Sanda Stud  
Peak Crossing, QLD  
Miniature Belted Galloways

Carolyn and Jason Long, Davcarol Stud  
GYMPIE, QLD  
Miniature Galloways

Darren and Kim Stewart, Mini Vale Stud  
SAMSONVALE, QLD  
Miniature Galloways

David and Gail Christie, Lindisfarne Stud  
EWINGSDALE, NSW  
Miniature Galloways

Matthew and Leah Brown, The Pines Stud  
HILL TOP, NSW  
Miniature Galloways

Ross and Denva Isles, Hillhose Farm Stud  
THE OAKS, NSW  
Miniature Galloways

## AGA Uniforms

Woollen vests with the AGA logo and Galloway tartan scarves and ties form part of the AGA's show uniform. If you need any of these items please contact the office as soon as possible. We need to order new stock, and there is about a month's lead time for items. Please contact the office to discuss your requirements.

## Royal Canberra Show

The Royal Canberra Show will be held from Wednesday 24th February until Sunday 28th February 2017, and the cattle schedule is now available.

Entries close on 4th January 2017. If you are intending to enter and still need to register your cattle please forward all documentation to the AGA office by the end of November.

For more information and online entries go to <http://www.canberrashow.org.au/cattle>.

## Australian Institute of Company Directors Course - Scholarship Opportunity

The Cattle Council and Meat & Livestock Australia are providing beef producers with an opportunity to undertake the Australian Institute of Company Directors course.

The course is open to all grassfed cattle producers that have a desire to provide leadership within the grassfed beef industry. 2017 will take in fourteen AICD applicants from across the country.

For more details or if you are interested in applying please see the Cattle Council's website:  
<http://www.cattlecouncil.com.au/events/australian-institute-of-company-directors-course>

## Amendment to AGA By Laws on the Registration of Belted Galloway Bulls

At the Members' Forum held following the Annual General Meeting earlier this year, members raised the issue of mis-marked Belted Galloway bulls being advertised as registered bulls. Under the Australian Galloway Association's current By Laws, mismarked Belted Galloway Bulls cannot be registered. To ensure that this continues, the Committee has discussed the problem, and has decided to add the following clause to the By Laws:

### Section 4. Belted Galloways:

**4.1.2 A clear photograph (digital preferred) of both sides of the bull must be submitted on registration. The photograph must clearly show all feet, which should be free of dirt or mud, and not obstructed by long grass or straw, or any objects such as fences.**

This additional By Law comes into effect 14 days from notification to members, so from 1 January 2017, when a Belted Galloway bull is registered, a photo of each side of the bull must also be submitted.

### Registration of Riggitt Galloways

Following notification last year that the Riggitt colour pattern can be now included in the Association's herd book, the Committee has also requested that photos of both sides of cattle being registered as the Riggitt colour pattern accompany their registration. This is to ensure that the correct colour pattern is assigned to the cattle. By Laws relating to Riggitt Galloways are being developed by the Committee and will be notified to members on completion.

## 11th World Galloway Congress Report

I was lucky enough to be able to attend the 11th World Galloway Congress based out of Gretna Green, Scotland. A total of 234 delegates from 15 countries attended, with 34 delegates from Australia. A welcome dinner was held on the night of Friday the 5th August, when a Scottish piper piped in the representing country flags into the Marquee dining room.

On Saturday the 6th August we travelled by coach to Dumfries for the National Galloway Show and what an amazing day weather wise, and with a great representation of Galloway cattle. 150 animals competed; blacks, whites, Beltie's and riggits. Blackcraig Sid, a Blackcraig Nimrod son from the Finlay family's Castle Douglas-based herd was the Supreme Exhibit of the breed, going on to win overall champion interbreed bull of the show. The grand parade was led by

a Scottish piper followed by flag bearers from all the congress attending countries with the Galloway Family cattle then entering. They filled a full circuit of the arena - an amazing spectacle to see.

On Sunday the 7th the conference was held at Gretna Green, with all countries giving a report on what has been happening in associations across the world. The Australian Belted Galloway association also made a presentation about the 12th Galloway Congress to be held in Australia in 2018.

Monday the 8th brought a visit to Tim Oliver's farm in Hexham to view Belted Galloways and Whites. They were great animals, and the property had amazing views and was located within a mile of the historic Hadrian's Wall. We then travelled onto Kirkstead, owned by the McClymonts who breed black Galloway's - again beautiful cattle and scenery. To



Delegates to the World Galloway Congress on the steps of Drumlanrig Castle

finish off a great day we then went on to Edinburgh to attend the world famous Edinburgh Tattoo, which was another amazing experience and enjoyed by all.

The first visit for the day on Tuesday the 9th was to see the famous Mochrum herd and we were greeted by David Bertie, the present owner and cousin of the late Miss Flora Stuart. A great day for Belted Galloway breeders to see this herd that has such a history in Australian breeding genetics. The property grounds were amazing, including the residence, a 15th century castle. The next visit was to Klondyke black Galloways which has one of the largest Galloway herds in the UK. Again great cattle and beautiful scenery of great farming land and rolling hills, ending with a very nice dinner at the farm.

Wednesday the 10th brought a visit to Romesbeoch Galloways owned by Jim and Selina Ross, where we again saw some great black Galloways and some White Galloways which are new additions to their herd. Jim and Selina are no strangers to Australia where Jim was the judge for the Australian Belted Galloway Association's 40 year anniversary at Adelaide Royal Show last year. The next visit was to Speddoch Belted Galloways at Muil, which saw yet again some great cattle and countryside. Next stop was to Drumlanrig castle with the Duke of Buccleuch KBE, where the whole congress had a photo taken on the horse shoe steps of the castle before having lunch on the grounds and looking around the castle and beautiful grounds. The duke also is the president of the Galloway Cattle Society. The final visit was to the Blackcraig herd, owned by the Finlay family, where we got to see more great black Galloways - in numbers another large herd with a very successful breeding program. The coaches then all returned to Gretna Green for the final night of celebrations and to start saying

goodbye to new and old friends till we meet again. A great group of people breeding Galloways all over the world sharing ideas with fellow breeders. It was a fitting end to a very successful congress in the home land of the Galloway Family. Well done all organizer's and breeders on a very organised and smoothly run congress.

After the congress I headed down for the Belted Galloway Southern Breeders Group and Riggitt Galloway Cattle Society Joint Summer Tour, and attended the Riggitt Galloway Cattle Society meeting. I again spent a lot of time checking out more great cattle including a good number of Riggitt Galloways in both Red and Black.

Since arriving home back in Australia I am seeing most of our members are experiencing great winter and spring rains, in some areas a little bit more than you want but all in all a great start to the season.

Shane Smeathers

## Year letter for 2016

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## Livestock Handling and Welfare Course at DMB Stud 27 & 28 August

Thank you to all those who attended the Livestock Handling and Welfare 2 day course conducted by NSW Department of Primary Industries (NSW DPI) Tocal College, held at Diamond B Farm on the weekend of 27-28 August 2016. AGA members who attended included Pauline and Alan Dunk, Kerin Black, Lyndal Walters, Ross and Denva Isles and ourselves Dianne and Mark Burgess. Overall it was a very successful weekend for all of those who attended.

Our instructors Greg Meaker and Glen Walker did an excellent job instructing us in the art of moving livestock using the principles of working with an animals flight zones. We learnt to move animals around yards and in the paddock by simply walking quietly in the appropriate place. More noticeable was working with animals natural instincts, much can be achieved and with little to no stress on the livestock or the stockperson. For most of us learning to draft and count livestock seemed like a simple task but we found there was a little more to it than simply counting 1,2,3 etc, but a useful skill to have in our bag of tricks. Checking an animals dentition was also a fun exercise, being able to mouth them and categorise them as they would be in the market.

We spent a good deal of time discussing the importance of having a timetable for vaccinations/drenching and at what point these should be done to ensure the health of your livestock and having them ready for joining etc.

Our last module was on livestock nutrition and requirements, this was probably the most lively session, we had so many questions. We learnt how to work out rations to feed animals depending on the stage of their development; and how

to look at costs of different mixes of feeds. Our extremely patient instructors were amazing how well they coped with so many questions and our thirst for knowledge.

All in all it was a fantastic course, we all learnt so much. This is what some of the participants had to say:

“It was brilliant, I was amazed at how much I learned, this morning I worked out how much feed they needed, checked dung, fat scores and used their flight zones.” Kerin Black

“It was invaluable” Lyndal Walters

“It was fantastic” Pauline Dunk

I couldn't finish this report off without acknowledging two wonderful AGA members who gave up their weekend to take care of us. Malcolm and Hazel Roxburgh made sure morning teas and lunches were always ready on time. Thanks from all of us.

Dianne Burgess



Enjoying a Galloway barbecue lunch  
at the Livestock Handling and Welfare  
Course

## Murrumbateman Field Days 15 & 16 October

After a very wet lead up to the Murrumbateman Field Days the weather turned into a perfect couple of days. It was very well attended by AGA members: Dianne and Mark Burgess, Gareth Ellem and Leanne Lucas, Kerin and Ray Black, Phil Venton, Gordon and Jan Matheson. Both days saw record crowds with great enquiry and lots of interest in both the solids and Belties resulting in several sales. Thanks to all those who assisted and also thanks to all the members and friends who called in for a look and a chat. Looking forward to the third weekend in October next year, and dont forget if any members wish to participate



Galloway site at Murrumbateman Field Day



## Windellama Small Farms Field Day

On Saturday 5th November Alan and I attended the Windellama Small Farms Field Day with three of our cattle.

It was their first outing and they were fantastic.

There was great interest in the cattle, both for pet and beef. This was very pleasing.

A great day for Galloway cattle!

Pauline Dunk



Tumblegum Stud at Windellama Small Farms Field Day



## Wandin Field Day 14 & 15 October

After a week of highly unpredictable weather the Friday of the Wandin/Silvan Field day dawned with a definite nip in the air but with the sun smiling brightly down on us.

With the help of fellow AGA member Trace Cockram, from 'Trascott Park' we loaded up the stock crate with our two mini galloways (12 and 8 months respectively) and headed off to enjoy our day with hopefully no tantrums from the newly halter broken youngins!! We needn't have worried for a moment as the little guys were the perfect ambassadors for the shorter amongst our breed and were on their absolute best behaviour!

Malcolm Cock arrived armed with some fabulous information featuring both the standards and the minis for visitors to the stand. Malcolm also gave a presentation each day in the hall answering many questions regarding setting up properties suitable for Galloway cattle and other livestock and the merits of our wonderful breed. 'Gleneagles Liberty' and 'Balytykle Magnum Force' were a huge hit and made many new friends both young and old. I think the highlight of their day was the pet competition where amongst the bounty of ribbons they took, they claimed second and third in the fluffiest pet ... pipped at the post by an 'Abyssinian guinea pig which you couldn't tell the front from the back of!!

We answered many, many questions about our fabulous breed and particularly towards the end of the second day we were all feeling a little hoarse. All in all the weekend was a fabulously positive experience with many 'new' friends eager to find out more about our 'Galloway' cattle and possibly purchase some for themselves. I for one am looking

forward to my next outing with my cows and it seems I won't have to wait too long as after visiting our stand at Wandin the organisers of the 'Lilydale' show have offered us a stand on the 19th and 20th November. The 'Lilydale' show committee is hoping to reinstate classes for the judging of cattle next year and have asked us to attend this year in the hope of creating interest. Go the Galloways I say.

Sonya Heron



Gleneagles Liberty, left and Balytykle Magnum Force with their ribbons from the pet parade.



## Junior Stud - Foxtail Hill

Troy Hepburn and his younger sister Kate run the Foxtail Hill miniature Belted Galloway Stud in McKees Hill, NSW, along with a bit of help from their parents. Troy has been active with his miniature Belties for several years, doing well in junior paraders competitions and with his steers at Casino Beef Week. Recently Troy and Kate attended a cattle camp, along with 64 other children. They took along two miniature Belted Galloways, and another heifer. Troy kindly lent his bull to someone else for the duration of the camp. Troy worked hard at the camp and was selected by the organisers as the winner of the Bos Indicus Clint Edwards Trophy For Displaying Interest and Dedication to the cattle Industry. Congratulations Troy, and keep up the good work.

Troy and Kate have been regular competitors at their local shows, but unfortunately Kate recently broke her arm and is out of action for a short time. We hope you get better soon Kate. Troy is still going strong, especially in the Junior Paraders competitions, qualifying at Bangalow Show for the zone finals. Congratulations Troy and good luck.



Kate Hepburn, left, and friend at cattle camp.

## Show Results

### Royal Melbourne Show

Judge: Sean Kalladay

#### Belted Galloways

##### Heifer, 12 To 16 Months

1. Heazlewood Family, Pine Gully Park:  
Pine Gully Park Lillypilli (AI) (MF)

2. Alison Hilli: Jalaway Love Affair  
Junior Champion Heifer: Pine Gully Park  
Lillypilli

Reserve Junior Champion Heifer: Jalaway  
Love Affair

##### Cow Or Heifer, Over 30 Months

1. R W & J E Davidson, Karandrea:  
Karandrea Gem

Senior Champion Cow: Karandrea Gem

Grand Champion Female: Pine Gully Park  
Lillypilli

##### Bull, 9 To 12 Months

1. Chris & Kim Newsome, Newsome:  
Newsome La Boeuf

##### Bull, 12 To 16 Months

Heazlewood Family, Pine Gully Park: Pine  
Gully Park Lord Lockhart (MF)

Junior Champion Bull: Newsome La Boeuf

Reserve Junior Champion Bull: Pine Gully  
Park Lord Lockhart (MF)

##### Bull, Over 24 Months

1. Chris & Kim Newsome and Paul  
& Andrea Tierney, Newsome: Apriash  
Jameson 9898 (POIS) (MF),

2. Alison Hilli: Cumbria Branthwaite Hesket  
Supreme Exhibit: Apriash Jameson

##### Best Three Head:

Jalaway Belted Galloway Beef

Most Successful Belted Galloway Exhibitor:  
Chris Newsome

#### Galloways

##### Cow Over 30 Months

R & J Davidson, Karandrea: Karandrea  
Fiona

Senior and Grand Champion Cow and  
Supreme Exhibit: Karandrea Fiona

## Royal Launceston Show

Judge: Michael O'Sullivan

Belted Galloways

Heifer 12 to 16 months

1. Spring Rises Sylph L1, A & S Wadley  
Junior and Grand Champion Heifer: Spring  
Rises Sylph

Bull 9 to 12 months

1. Spring Rises Lyle, A & S Wadley  
Junior and Grand Champion Bull: Spring  
Rises Lyle

Sire Progeny: A & S Wadley, Spring  
Rises Hamish

## Mullumbimby Show

16 Miniature Belted Galloways attended Mullumbimby Show, and the Hepburn Family were over the moon with their young bull Foxtail Hill Leroy being awarded Reserve Champion Male and their heifer, Pardy's Laura Being awarded Junior champion Female. She then went on to beat the senior female to win Supreme Belted Galloway Exhibit.



Troy Hepburn with Pardy's Laura, Supreme Belted Galloway Exhibit at Mullumbimby Show

## New Approach To Johne's Disease In Cattle

From 1 July 2016 a new, national approach to the management of Johne's disease (JD) in cattle - the BJD Framework - was introduced.

It focuses on managing on-farm biosecurity risk rather than controlling disease through regulation, and treats JD as just one of many diseases that producers must manage within their business.

Supported by more flexible regulation, producers will be able to make informed decisions about the opportunities and risks associated with purchasing livestock. Producers will be the cornerstone of the new biosecurity approach, integrating measures against JD into their on-farm biosecurity planning. The existing National Cattle Health Declaration (formerly called the Cattle Health Statement) will be enhanced to reflect the new system.

For more information go to the Animal Health Australia website:  
[www.animalhealthaustralia.com.au](http://www.animalhealthaustralia.com.au)



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Scenes from the Livestock Handling and Welfare Course  
DMB Stud, 27 & 28th August, above, and

Wandin Field Day 14 & 15th October, below

