



Welcome to our July 2020 newsletter, my first as President of the Australian Galloway Association. I was proud and honoured to be elected by the new Committee following the Annual General Meeting, and look forward to leading the Association for the next year. Thank you to the members who took part in the voting process and who attended the Annual General Meeting via teleconference. With the travel restrictions in place it was an unusual process for us, but hopefully next year we'll be able to meet together again and enjoy each other's company.

With the COVID-19 travel restrictions easing, there are several field days being organised at members' studs in different states, with the dates listed later in this newsletter. As details of the field days are firmed up we will fill you in on the planned activities.

I am pleased to advise that the funds raised to help Galloway Family breeders following the fires

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earlier this year have now been distributed, and we hope that it has helped, even just a little bit, to get them back on track. Our thanks are extended to those who gave generously to help other members of the Galloway Family.

Luke Bonar
President

New Members

The following people have joined the Association since the last newsletter was distributed – a warm welcome is extended to you all.

Nicholas Downes, Nowra NSW
Bhundoo BHG

Kristy and Jamie Parkinson
Upper Lansdowne NSW
Cashmere Cottage XOX

Stephen Parker and Melissa Compen
Modewarre VIC
Oolgarinna OOL

Ashley Hubble, Kanagulk VIC
Fulham FUL

Louise Renouf, Marysville Vic
Oakvale LRR

Wayne Weaire and Robyn Wilson
Bungaree VIC
Mingara Park MPB

Kathryn & Mark Miller
Cootamundra NSW
Katmar KJM

Jessica Gordon, Kaniva Vic
Frewville's Miniatures FMG

Bronwyn and Darryl Marks, Elsmore NSW
Morningside BDM

Kelly Iredale, Robertson NSW
Karningul KGL

Jack and Janelle Currie, Yea VIC
Allambee Farm JJC

John Bridge, Ringwood Pty Ltd
Bredbo NSW
Ringwood RW

We'd like to mention that John's family bred Galloways in the 1970's using the Ringwood stud prefix and RW tattoo, and we are very happy to welcome John back after so many years.

Administration Matters

Amendment to Constitution

As you would have seen from the Annual General Meeting minutes there was a motion passed adding a clause to the Association's constitution. The Committee recently identified that Rule 70 of the Constitution limited the way funds could be dispersed. This rule was amended so the Association may fundraise for particular issues that are affecting members and the Galloway Breed and therefore enable funds held in trust to be distributed to members. General income and funds received through memberships, fees, etc are accounted for separately and are not a part of this amendment.

The updated Constitution is included as an attachment with this newsletter. Please print and replace the previous constitution in your Members' Manual.

Miniature Galloway Height Charts

Please remember the hip height is what distinguishes a miniature Galloway, and the only way to keep a good handle on the breeding of your miniatures is to keep measuring them regularly. A record of measurements becomes a form of quality control, and gives you and your buyers reassurance you are on the right track with your breeding programme as far as height goes.

Hip height charts need to be submitted to the office on registration, transfer, 2 years and 4 years.

All miniature cattle calved in 2016 should have their height measured and their height charts submitted to the office for updating for their 4 year old height.

Belted Galloway Bull registrations

A reminder that clear photos of Belted Galloway bulls, both miniature and standard heights, are required on registration:

- 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.

Please ensure that photos are submitted at the time of registration to avoid delays to your registrations.

Committee Meetings

The new Committee has met by teleconference a couple of times since the Annual General Meeting and is currently working on a marketing plan. Some Committee members are also looking at updating Association documents, and there has been a sub-committee formed to look at ways of preserving the Galloway family gene pool.

A survey of members is also being worked on and we ask that when this is circulated you take a few minutes to fill it in and let us have your thoughts.

Distribution of the funds raised following the fires has been finalised, and the Committee would like to express it's gratitude to all who contributed financially. The Committee would also like to acknowledge those members who helped out in practical ways, offering agistment, feed, and hands on help to fellow members and breeders who were affected.

If members have anything they wish to have brought forward at a committee meeting, please

let the office know – the next meeting will be at the end of July.

Field Days

There are several field days planned in different areas in September and October. As dates and details are firmed up we will let you know. In the meantime, mark these dates on your calendars. We look forward to catching up with you.

September 2020

13th September - Freedom Rise Galloways, **Yarraman SE Qld** 4614. Contact Baden Geeves. Phone 07 4163 8652, mobile 0417 859 799, email freedomrise@bigpond.com

26th or 27th September - Clan Woolfe Belties, **Bungaree Vic** 3352. Contact Cameron Woolfe. Phone 03 5334 0588, mobile 0409 190 776, email clanwoolfebelties@gmail.com

October 2020

Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th - Romani Galloways, **Millfield, NSW** 2325. Contact Shane Smeathers. Phone 0438 934 983, email traditionalgalloways@gmail.com

Sunday 11th October - Balytcyckle Miniature Galloways, **Yea, Victoria**, 3717. 8.30am for a 9 am start until 4.30pm. Contact Sonya Heron. Phone 03 5780 2320, mobile 0488 196 245, email sonya_heron_bears@hotmail.com

AGA Galloway Annual

The Association's Annual will be in production over the next few months. If you'd like to advertise, please contact the office as soon as possible so we can save you a place.

Advertising costs this year will remain the same as the past years. As an extra, we are offering the inside front and inside back covers for anyone who may be interested. Prices are

Quarter page \$220
Half page \$385
Full page \$577.50
Inside front or back page
Full \$1100
Half \$660

You can supply an advertisement or we can make one up for you.

Please reply to the office by 10th July 2020 if you are interested in taking up an ad. If you know of any businesses which may be interested in advertising, please pass on their contact details and we will follow up.

As always we need photos of your Galloways to be included – wouldn't it be great to see your cattle on the front cover!



Social Media – Facebook

It is great to see there are many facebook pages dedicated to the Galloway Family and the variations found within the breed and the interesting and varied discussions within those pages. However, The Association has had several complaints recently from members concerning posts they have seen on Galloway pages that they have found offensive, rude, belittling and bullying.

The Association hosts one facebook page only – Australian Galloway Association. All other Facebook pages concerning Galloway, Belted Galloway, Miniature Galloway and variations thereof in Australia, are privately managed and are not monitored or sanctioned by the Australian Galloway Association.

We ask you when posting to keep in mind the following pointers to ensure you socialise without offending others or regretting your actions.

Think before you post

Every post should be considered carefully. A status update that is inappropriate, rude, embarrassing or offensive may haunt you forever, as will responses to other people's posts that may be inappropriate, rude and condescending or bullying.

Respect other people

Think before you post or tag others; they may be uncomfortable with it. Never gossip about other people on your timeline or in posts – on the whole they become public, and even though you may remove the comments there is always the chance they have been subject of a screen shot and are out there forever.

Photos

Ensure the photos you post are the best you have – remember you are putting yourself and your cattle in front of the entire world. Make sure the world has a great impression of your cattle!

Marketing Plan

New Committee member Joanne Tesoriero has offered to assist with the Association's marketing plan, and she writes:

On 04/03/2020 we all received an email from office@galloway.asn.au re: marketing.

Attached to that email was a document from Malcolm Cock with some ideas and suggestions. Page 1 contained the below.

Marketing the Diverse Galloway Family - Our Galloway family in all its forms to survive and thrive.

Calling for expressions of interest (Eoi) on being one of the marketing group co-ordinators:

1. Belted Galloways
2. Miniature Galloways
3. Galloways

Please see below AGA Market proposal that was presented to the members at the AGM, where the vast majority of members agreed to proceed with the revamping AGA marketing as per proposal.

This marketing plan needs to be put in place ASAP.

Motion:

Action 1: establish the 3 Marketing Groups (MG) as per page 2 of AGA Marketing Proposal attached

- a. Appoint a marketing group (MG) convenor for each group
- b. Convenors call for people to be on each MG: Can have as many as they want and do not have to be members of the AGA.
- c. MGs to meet and prepare draft marketing plans.
- d. Marketing plans to be submitted to National Committee (NC) for suggestions re the areas where it may be possible to

work in with the other MGs to advantage.

A response is requested from members, so that we can implement the much needed marketing plan in a move for the Galloway Family to become profitable in current times and sustainable into the future. Only two members have responded to date.

At the AGM in 2018 the above motion was moved and passed by the members.

It is time to call to action and we need member participation.

Telephone or email to discuss:

Malcolm Cock: 0418 316 009 email:
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Joanne Tesoriero: 0491 219 543 email:
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delicious. Harvey Norman Produce Awards 2020 State Winners announced

These produce awards are selected from the best in dairy and sea, to the top produce from the paddock and the earth. These worthy recipients showcase quality, talent and hard work. We salute them all!

Congratulations again to Warialda Belted Galloway Beef - 100% Grass-fed Heritage beef, Victorian paddock finalist. Allen and Lizette Snaith will now be competing in the Australian finals and we wish them the best of luck.

State finalists, winners and national gold medalists since 2008, it is great to see the Snaiths continuing with their success – a just reward for their many years of very hard work.

If you'd like to try some of their amazing Belted Galloway beef, check their website for their online shop:

<https://openfoodnetwork.org.au/warialda-belted-galloway-beef/shop#/about>

LPA NVD's

All members should be aware of the Livestock Production Assurance National Vendor Declaration (NVD), the legal document which communicates the food safety and treatment status of every animal every time it moves along the value chain – between properties, to saleyards, or to processors. The NVD also acts as movement documentation throughout the value chain.

Changes are being made to the NVD from 1 July 2020. The changes will include updated NVD versions, the release of the new electronic NVD (eNVD) and the decommissioning of the current eDEC system. It should be noted that any current versions of the NVD you may have will continue to be accepted up until the 31st December 2020, but from 1 January 2021 ONLY the updated versions will be accepted for all species.

To learn more about, and to help make the change to the new NVD's head to the Integrity Systems website to see a step by step animated video explaining the process.

<https://www.integritysystems.com.au/on-farm-assurance/national-vendor-declaration-nvd/>

NLIS DATABASE WEBINAR

Hand in hand with the LPA NVD's, you should also be aware of the NLIS database. AJM Livestock Solutions is holding a webinar during July to help you navigate your way around your NLIS database.

If you have any queries email office@ajmlivestocksolutions.com.au for details about the webinar, and with any specific questions you may have about the NLIS database.

VIRTUAL EVENTS

COVID-19 has seen many shows, field days and other events we were all looking forward to, or preparing for, being cancelled, postponed, or held in different formats. Here are a couple of events we are aware of that you may be interested in:

Royal Adelaide Show – Steer carcass competition

A carcass only competition will be held - refer to the Competition Schedule for further information. Transport to Teys from various locations will be organised by the Society once the location of steers is known.

The Competition Schedule can be accessed at: <https://www.theshow.com.au/media/3785/2020-steer-carcass-comp-schedule.pdf>

Entry closing date 25 July 2020 5pm.

The Ekka – Virtual Young Judges competition

The new Virtual Young Judges Competition gives aspiring judges the opportunity to showcase their budding talents. Exhibitors will partake in the judging process online through a series of images and videos. Entry is FREE and open to people aged 25 years and under, with the competition featuring a Junior Class for under 15 year-olds and a Senior Class for 15 to 25 year-olds.

The Competition Schedule can be found at <https://www.ekka.com.au/media/4567/young-judges-schedule-2020.pdf>

Entry closing date is 26 July 2020

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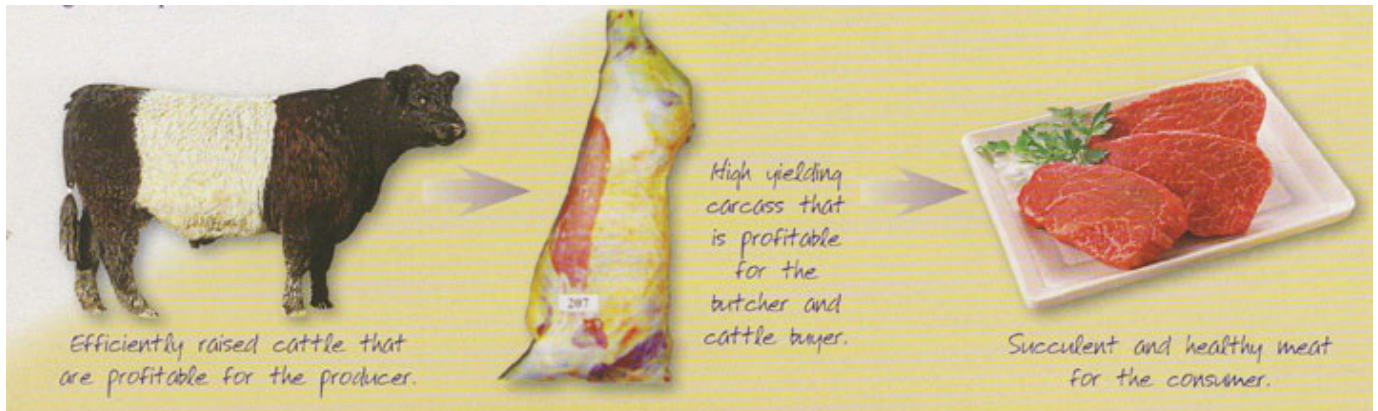
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Assessing Galloway cattle to get the market meat premiums



Congratulations to Peter Munday and Alexandra Teuma of 7 Hills Belted Galloways, for entering their steers for their first time, into a carcass competition to learn more about their cattle. If any breeders have a chance to enter their cattle into a carcass comp or grazing trial, you will find it rewarding.

The Galloway breed has an excellent carcass reputation and this has been proven over many decades, but it needs breeders to continually show the world that Galloways are ideal for the current market.

Peter Munday and Alexandra Teuma said:

“We are so pleased with the results of our very first Carcase Competition! We entered two completely different steers into the Wingham Beef Week Carcase Competition. They were different ages, types and genetics. They were both heavyweights weighing 622kgs and 504kgs a week before they took the seven hour road trip to Wingham Beef Exports.

With scores of 82 & 80 for our first attempt, we are very happy. It was interesting to note that although it was a little high, one of our steers had the highest P8 Fat mm of the whole competition. We look forward to using this data to better our breeding program”



Wingham Beef Week 2020 7 Hills Belted Galloways Results

Body #	HSCW	Market Specifications						Total Saleable Meat Yield					MSA - Eating Quality					Total /45	Grand Total /100			
		P8 Fat	/10	MC	/5	FC	FD / 5	Total	RFT	/15	EMA	/20	/35	TBC	Sex	Hump	Oss			AUS MB	MSA MB	pH
330	261	12	10	2	5	4	4.5	19.5	5	13	73	10.8	23.8	0	M	65	130	4	600	5.45	38.586	81.858
331	325.5	20	10	3	4	2	5	19	7	13	86	11.5	24.5	0	M	65	110	1	330	5.43	36.891	80.435

HSCW - Hot Standard Carcase Weight
P8 Fat - (mm)
MC - Meat Colour - (1a - 7)
FC - Fat Colour - (0-8)
FD - Fat Distribution - (1-5)
RFT - Rib Fat - (mm)
EMA - cm2
TBC - Tropical Breed Content - (%)
Hump - (mm)
OSS - Ossification - (100-590)
AUS MB - AusMeat Marbling - (0-9)
MSA MB - MSA Marbling - (100-1100)
pH - Meat pH

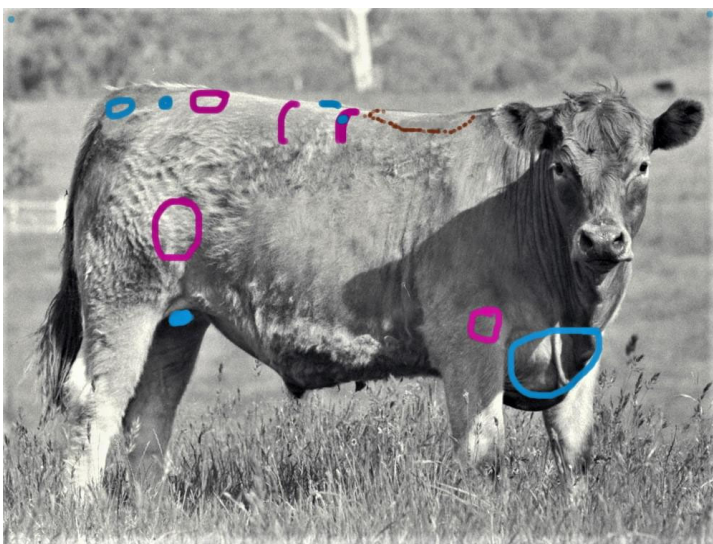
More and more cattle are being sold direct to the processor, therefore it is very important that breeders & finishers know that their cattle will meet the premium carcass grid.

Hitting that grid 98% of the time, usually means that you are doing things well and that the processor will buy your cattle again. It advantageous for breeders to up-skill their management, stock assessment and carcass competitions are a great way of doing that.

Carcass specifications for local trade at some processors:

- Hot Standard Carcase Weight (HSCW): 220 - 310 kg - Use scales & use approx 54% of LW
- Fat at P8 site: 5-14mm - Estimate on live animal.... see photo
- Muscle: D, C, B: D = poor, C = average, B= well muscled . Estimate on live animal. see photo.
- MSA requirements: <https://www.mla.com.au/marketing-beef-and-lamb/meat-standards-australia/msa-beef/>

Galloway (75%) X Shorthorn (25%) steer – he was a champion carcass!



Up skill by entering carcass competitions, beef discussion groups, selling over the hooks (can be costly), selling on Auctions Plus where your cattle are assessed by a qualified assessor, field days etc.

Assessing is best done by hand (or ultrasound). Sight is not as reliable, particularly with the Galloway winter coat. It takes practice, so start as soon as you can.

Blue = fat selection sites – pin bones, P8 site, rib, code/ twist, brisket, spine

Pink = muscle selection sites – 11/12th rib, loin, thurl muscle, jump muscle, forearm.