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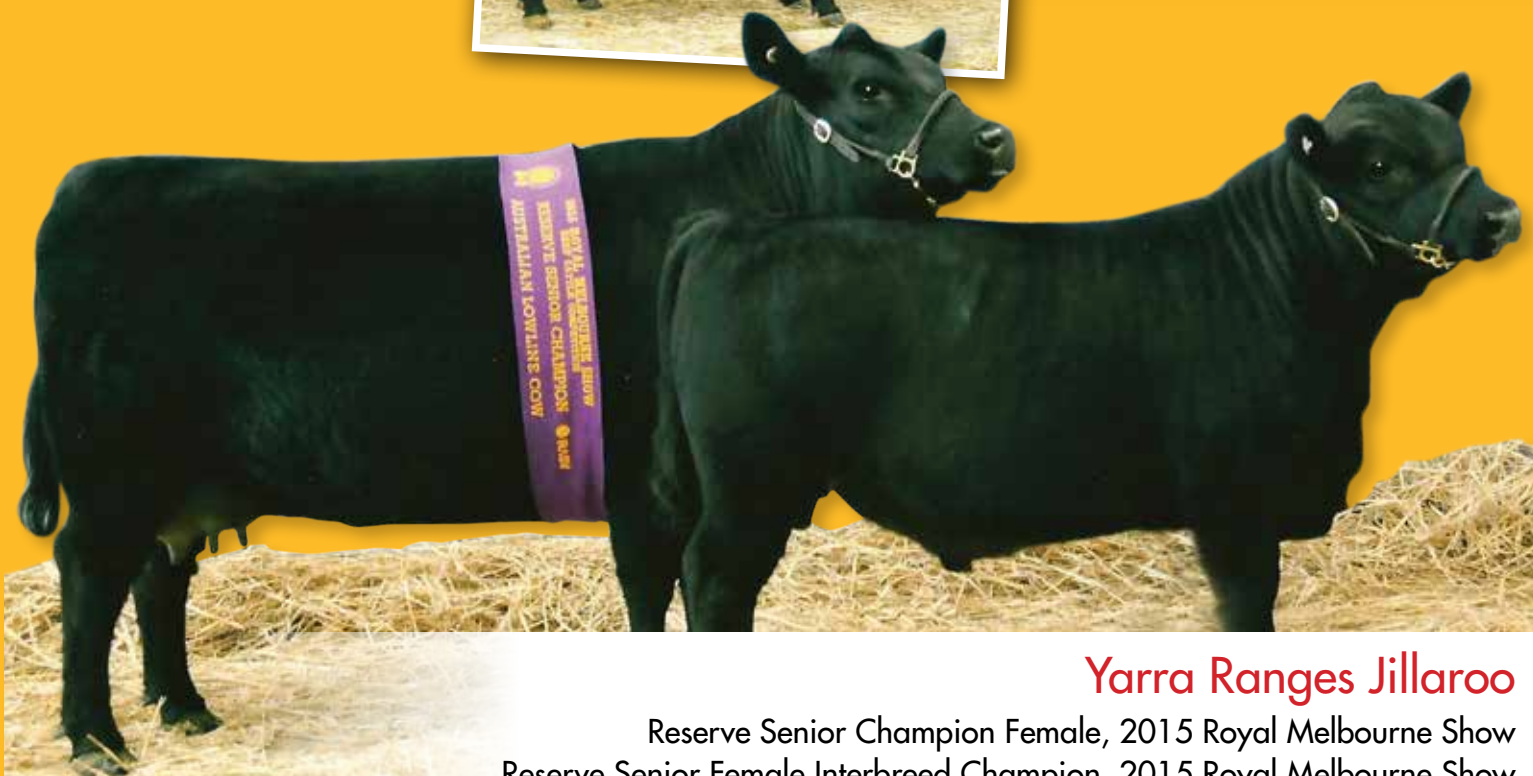
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# From the President



Gordon Guthrie

**I**t is very exciting to hear reports of the presence Lowlines are having in the mainstream beef cattle industry. We always knew our Lowline beef was a great product but even better to have a glowing testimonial from celebrity chef, Matt Golinski after cooking and eating Eungella Lowline beef. A butcher in Southern Victoria is successfully promoting Lowline beef in his shop using the "Certified Lowline Beef" trademark. Many other producers have developed outlets for their Lowline beef products at farmers' markets or private sales in their local regions.

Traditional beef cattlemen focusing on efficiency are now looking to use Lowline bulls to moderate cow size in their breeding herds. Here in NZ, strong demand continues from the dairy farmers using Lowline bulls over their heifers to avoid calving problems and to get milk production online more quickly.

ALCA is moving with the times too .....

During the last year members overwhelmingly supported the inclusion of red coated animals in the Lowline herd book. Given the breed's Angus heritage it was only a matter of time before a red coated animal was produced. However, the Australian Lowline breed is still one of the few breeds that retain a closed herd book – i.e. no breeding up to purebred status. This means that for registration all black and red coated animals must be traced back by DNA parent verification to the foundation Lowline animals.

Watch out this coming year for an updated and refreshed Lowline website with new features to promote the breed and to keep you up to date on events and happenings. There will be new and improved opportunities to help you promote your own stud activities or Certified Lowline beef.

Thank you to my team of hard working and dedicated Councillors and to Carole in the office for manning the many phone calls and emails while keeping the administration up to date.

I wish all Lowline breeders a very successful and productive 2016.

**Gordon Guthrie**  
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# EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT 2015

IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I PRESENT YOU WITH THE AUSTRALIAN LOWLINE CATTLE ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT FOR 2015.

The past 12 months have been a very productive period for the Lowline Association and its members. We have seen a great increase in involvement in events with the Lowline cattle and good growth in our membership with 37 new Members joined this year to December 2015.

The highlights of our year have been:

**Our Members voted to approve the addition of the Red Register for Red Coated Animals.**

This is one of the most progressive steps we could ask for in our Association. Thank you to all the members who voted on this very important change to our Constitution and By-Laws.

We have changed our database to accommodate the new "Red Register" which is finalised and operational. Members are able to register Red Coated animals, and also Red Carrier Animals following DNA parental verification.

Our Council has approved an amnesty on the payment of late registration fees for all animals (black and red) from the commencement of the new Red Register, and also for the recording of flushes and the registration of embryos which are outside the current 90 day registration period. This amnesty will be for a period of 6 months commencing from early September 2015.

**Cloudbreak Lowlines / Eungella Beef attending the Agritourism Field Day at Eton Qld – June 2015.**

Well done to Amanda and Kelly Tennent for achieving such outstanding results.

**2016 Calandar Competition compiled by Lucy Kuipers.**

We received hundreds of beautiful photo entries and the Calendars are available for purchase at a cost of around \$15.00. Well done to Lucy and her assisting photo judges.

**Certified Lowline Beef sales.**

Our beef sales under the Certified Lowline Beef trademark have continued to expand through our connection with our Geelong butcher Adam Trezise. We have also seen a large increase in the sale of Certified Lowline Beef at the local farmers Markets held throughout Victoria and South Australia. We have had reports of beef suppliers completely selling out of meat well before the end of the market and also regular customers ordering their meat a month ahead and collecting it at the markets. Well done to all the suppliers and their sellers.

**Membership**

Membership numbers for 2014/2015 are very encouraging. There were 19 new members in the last financial year. As of the 1 July 2015 ALCA maintains 290 financial members. It is great to see that there is continued interest in the breed and that we are maintaining a consistent flow of new memberships!

**Registrations**

There have been a total of 314 registrations between 01/07/14 to 30/06/15. The largest number of registrations by a single herd was 22 with a total of 84 herds registering animals within the last 12 months. Please note that these figures only include registration statistics and do not include calf recordings.

It has been a busy and highly successful year for the Lowline Association. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members for their support over the past 10 months that I have been with you, it has been a pleasure working with you all. I would like to thank the wonderful Council members that we have in our leadership team for their guidance and support throughout the year.

Year letter for 2016 is M.

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**Carole Johns**  
Executive Officer



# BENEATH A GUMTREE... FOUNDATION OF THE BREED

WORDS: JULIE KNIGHT

**W**hen making decisions about buying Lowline cattle, you probably would have done some research about the breed and the animals you were thinking of purchasing. But how many people know how and when our association was formed? This is an important part of the breed history that shouldn't be forgotten.

It is twenty three years since the formation of the Australian Lowline Cattle Association. Originally known as 'Boutique cattle' this unique group of Aberdeen Angus were given the name 'Australian Lowline' in 1992. Through much promotion and dedication by members of the Association, these cattle have grown in popularity to become well known throughout Australia and overseas.

The following is an extract from the official 'History of the Breed' written by David Barnett, OBE, Foundation Member, and is published in the ALCA Foundation Herd Book.

'The 'Low Line' cattle were sold by Trangie and Glen Innes (NSW Department of Agriculture Research Centres) over the period from 6 August 1990 to 30 October 1993 when the complete dispersal sale took place at Trangie.

At the Trangie sale on 8 August 1992, nine bulls, twenty three heifers and seven cows were sold. Seven purchasers – Ian Pullar, David Barnett, Des Owens, Don Burke, Carolyn Tebbutt, Kevin Everson and Bob Pringle – met beneath a gum tree at the Trangie Centre auction site to form the Australian Lowline Cattle Association, adopting the name LOWLINE.

The complete dispersal sale occurred on October 30 in 1993, when twenty bulls, forty four cows and fifty one heifers were sold, on lively bidding, from all mainland states.'

The purchasers from these sales became the Foundation Members of our Association and the stud names can still be found in many pedigrees today.

**BOAB RUN** – Stephen & Patricia Atkinson, Qld

**TANUI** – David Barnett OBE, ACT

**BINNOWEE** – Don Burke, NSW

**WARRINGTON** – Peter Clare, Qld

**RIDGEVIEW** – Ross & Jan Cullen, NSW

**QUAMBI** – Kevin & Virgia Darley, Qld

**APPERTARRA** – Barry & Lola Doust, ACT, later WA

**SPINIFEX** – Kevin & Linda Everson, NSW

**TYRILLY** – Neil & Chris Fletcher, NSW

**MELMAN RIDGE** – Norman & Melanie Haugh, WA

**THE GLEBE** – Paul & Jennifer Kelly, Qld

John McAllery - NSW

**ELIZA PARK** – David & Betty Millott, Vic

**SHAREABRO** – Maureen O'Brien, Qld

**MUGGA** – Des Owens, ACT

**CASURINA** – Robert Pringle, NSW

**BRAMBLETYE** – Ian & Erica Pullar, NSW

Lyle Robb - Qld

**BURRA** – Des & Phyl Rodgers, NSW

**LANGDALE** – Tim & Jenny Simpson, Qld

**HAZELMERE** – Pat Smith, SA

**KEMOI** – Keith & Moira Smith, NSW

**ARDROSSAN** – Peter & Jeanette Stebbins, Vic

**PALMDALE** – Carolyn Tebbutt, NSW

**KINTYRE** – Innes & Mary Wheeler, NSW

Peter & Jeanette Stebbins, Ardrossan Lowline Stud at Princetown, in Victoria are the only remaining Foundation Members, who are still breeding Lowline cattle and are active members of the Association.

Two other current ALCA members who purchased cattle from the original sales are Bob Smith, Windsor Park Stud at Uranquinty, NSW & Margaret Wood (formerly Nettle), Goan Stud in Trangie, NSW.

These people have supported the Association and the breed for over 20 years and continue to fly the flag of the Australian Lowline.

So from small beginnings, with a group of hard working and dedicated people, the Australian Lowline Cattle Association has gained recognition and popularity in the cattle industry.

The main goal of the Association has always been and always will be the preservation of the unique genetics of these animals and to assure the purity of the Lowline breed for the future.

For further reading the complete 'History of the Breed' written by David Barnett, OBE, Foundation Member, can be found as the preface in the ALCA Foundation Herd Book.

Or alternatively can be found in the History section of the ALCA website.



# ADVANTAGES OF THE LOWLINE COW

WORDS: PHILIP WORTHINGTON

Stripped back to the basics, a beef cow has one job – to provide you with a calf. The features of the Lowline breed which individually – and in combination – create the Lowline advantage in respect of what we want from a cow are:

- A low calf birth weight
- Rapid daily weight gain in the calf
- Good milking ability in the cow
- Very efficient feed conversion attributable, in part, to the breed's smaller frame
- A demonstrably shorter gestation period when compared with other beef breeds
- The lower live weight of the individual Lowline cow compared to most other beef breeds.

The low birth weight – usually in the 22kg to 30kg range – contributes greatly to ease of calving. Cows with calving difficulties are extremely time consuming and labour expensive; in addition, they have been shown in New Zealand trials to have a death loss in calves four times that of calves born unassisted.

The rapid daily weight gain of Lowline calves was one of those attributes being bred for in those early Trangie trials and has been cemented into the stabilised breed. Lowline calves at least double their birth weight in the first six weeks. In part this is a result of the smaller frame – less bone compared to flesh, and bone takes longer to grow than muscle. In part it is also a result of the good milking ability of Lowlines.

From the first Trangie trials the ability of the cow to produce ample milk over an extended period was a sought-after trait.

These trials demonstrated that the Lowline at the start of lactation produced about 6 ¼ litres of milk a day, but by mid lactation was up over 7 litres and by late lactation, when the calf demand is at its greatest – the Lowline was producing still over 6 litres a day. The quality of the milk is equally important. (In this regard it is worth noting that tests in New Zealand have shown that the Aberdeen Angus actually produced 0.05% more butterfat a litre than the Jersey).

A primary thrust of the Trangie experiment was to establish efficiency of feed conversion and from this experiment the Lowline – the efficiency breed – evolved.

The acknowledged superior feed efficiency of the Lowline has many commercial consequences – more cattle to the acre, more meat produced from the same amount of feed, and so on – but it also has consequences for the breeder: the cow that can more easily maintain her own body weight through better feed conversion can more easily maintain or increase her milk production on the same amount of feed. In addition, the cow that can more easily maintain her own body weight under stress is more likely to take the bull while still rearing a calf than a cow that is struggling.

This plus for the Lowline's feed efficiency is further magnified by the Lowline's inherently lower feed requirement, itself a consequence of the Lowline cow's lower live weight. In short, the smaller-framed Lowline cow needs less feed than a larger animal and she makes better use of it.

The other factor mentioned earlier was the demonstrably shorter gestation period of Lowlines, generally accepted to be an average 14 days less than the standard British beef breeds and again part of that Lowline genetic formula that results in lower birth weights.

To address the bottom line, the cash return, whether the calves are sold at weaning or steered and raised for sale Whatever the age, the

Lowline animal – everything else being equal – will weigh less than an equivalent-aged animal from a standard British breed and there will be a bigger gap if the comparison is with a European breed. And since payment in most instances is related directly to weight, this would seem to be an in-built handicap for the Lowline. This needs to be analysed more carefully.

It is true that the important factors when determining the productivity of a herd of cows are:

- The number of calves taken through to weaning, as a percentage of the number of cows put to the bull, and
- The average weight of those calves, since weaning weight helps to determine the eventual profit off that carcass.

To enable meaningful productivity comparisons between breeds, however, we must relate the calf weaning weight to the weight of the cow that reared it.

But – and it is a very big “but” – the total feed consumed by a herd of large cows is greater than that consumed by a herd of smaller cows so, to gauge the efficiency of a herd, the productivity measured above has to be adjusted to take account of the feed input.

Interesting figures from a long-term trial in Texas, USA, are pertinent. This trial showed that, in general, for each 100lb (45kg) increase in cow size, there is a corresponding increase of 10lb to 12lb (4.5kg to 5.4kg) in calf weaning weight. However the heavier group of cows – 1,201lbs to 1,700lbs (544.8kg to 771.1kg) – required

an average 18 per cent more energy and 13 per cent more protein a day than the lighter group – 1,000lbs to 1,200lbs (453.6kg to 544.3kg).

Significantly, in spite of the much higher energy and protein demands of the heavier cows, the average weaning weight of their calves was only 2.4 per cent more than the average weaning weight of the calves from the smaller cows. The differences in annual feed consumption means that smaller cows rearing smaller calves can be just as efficient and profitable as large cows rearing large calves.

It is worth repeating that statement: smaller cows rearing smaller calves can be just as efficient and profitable as large cows rearing large calves.

But something happens when we factor in the feed input and the efficiency of feed conversion. Because the smaller cows use less feed, either the production of the same number of calves has cost you less; or you can use the same amount of feed to run more cows and get more calves.

I haven't dealt with breed fertility – Lowlines are very fertile – nor have I dealt with the advantage of earlier puberty, allowing you to breed from a heifer earlier. The Lowline heifer can be bred from 12 months, but then so can many other British breeds so the advantage is more pronounced in comparisons with European and Bos indicus breeds. In all of the aspects we have talked of, physical and financial, the Lowline cow is at least an equal and often a better performer than other breeds. But on a purely personal front, the chief advantage of Lowlines to me is temperament. Because we tag calves at drop, often while the cow is still cleaning it, I rate the docility and easy handling of the Lowlines very highly.

# CLOUDBREAK LOWLINES & EUNGELLA BEEF



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*Eungella Lowline Beef Pastrami*

# CLOUDBREAK LOWLINES PRESENT EUNGELLA BEEF

WORDS: MANDY TENNANT

**IN FEBRUARY 2015 CLOUDBREAK LOWLINES / EUNGELLA BEEF ATTENDED AN AGRITOURISM FIELD DAY, CO-ORDINATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE DEVELOPMENT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MACKAY, ISAAC AND WHITSUNDAY REGIONAL COUNCILS**

**A**gritourism provides business opportunities for the agriculture and tourism sectors to work together and develop quality products, services and experiences for visitors and consumers. Cloudbreak Lowlines were then lucky enough to be accepted for the Agritourism Business Development Program, an amazing opportunity to grow our business and share this experience with like-minded people in the Mackay, Isaac and Whitsunday regions.

In March we attended our first of six workshops in Mackay. Cloudbreak Lowlines / Eungella Beef proudly launched our website, [www.lowlinecattleqld.com.au](http://www.lowlinecattleqld.com.au) and later Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/lowlinecattleqld> as a direct result of the enhanced knowledge and confidence we gained from the Business Development course.

We launched our Eungella Beef label at our very first trade shows at Ag.Trade.Life, then Mackay Rural Supplies Field Day, and the Pioneer Valley Agricultural Show, where we took along a cow and calf for display. We were proud to share our Australian Lowline Cattle in our local area. The field days were a great success in showcasing our rural strengths, and re-uniting people with the importance of local food provenance.

In June we were thrilled to have our Eungella Certified Lowline Beef chosen to be part of the wonderful array of local produce offered during the Regional Produce Master Class and Farm Tour, part of a focused effort to develop the Farm to Plate movement in the Mackay Isaac Whitsunday Region, to stimulate the region's food culture, and develop food tourism.

The event was aimed at restaurateurs, cafe owners, chefs, apprentices, cooks and hospitality business owners, who would like to use and feature more local produce in menu planning. They were invited to join Australian Celebrity Chef Matt Golinski and the region's most innovative producers on the Regional Produce Master Class and Farm Tour.

A big thanks to Thirsty Sound Chef Wayne Boyle for presenting our Eungella Beef in such a wonderful way, the carpaccio of eye fillet was utterly inspired, and the rib fillet 'steak sandwich' was like no other.

Thanks also to the Australian Lowline Cattle Association (ALCA) and the ALCA North Qld Promotional Group for providing a great range of promotional materials. Cloudbreak Lowlines distributed paper show bags, which included a Journal, info sheets, flyers, sticker, business cards, and fridge magnet, to each of the restaurateurs, cafe owners, chefs, apprentices, cooks and hospitality business owners at the Regional Produce Master Class and Farm Tour.



The following night, Cloudbreak Lowlines attended the inaugural Farm to Plate Dinner showcasing the most innovative producers from the region.

Guests experienced a true celebration of our region's most outstanding produce, grown, caught or raised by passionate producers and prepared by Celebrity Chef Matt Golinski, alongside some of our best and brightest chefs.

A highlight of the night was a live audio-visual link from the kitchen, with Matt Golinski taking us through the background and preparations of each wonderful course as it was about to be served.

Thanks again to the Australian Lowline Cattle Association (ALCA) and the ALCA North Qld Promotional Group for providing a great range of promotional materials..

Cloudbreak Lowlines provided promotional materials to many of the 200 Farm to Plate Dinner participants.

We had the opportunity to give Celebrity Chef Matt Golinski some of our Eungella Certified Lowline Beef to take home and try. Matt was kind enough to take the time to talk to us about our grass fed Certified Lowline beef.

Matt cooked our Eungella Lowline Beef that weekend, personally rang to let us know it was 'awesome', and provided a written testimonial. Here's what Matt said:

"During a recent trip to the Whitsunday Region for the Farm to Plate Celebration Dinners I had the opportunity to sample Eungella Beef's grassfed Lowline Beef. I was extremely impressed by the flavour, texture and consistency of their product and their obvious passion for their animals, and their industry. I would encourage anyone who gets the chance to try this premium product and support the people who produce it." Matt Golinski, 22/06/2015

Our steer 'Cloudbreak Goldie' was 100% Lowline, DNA tested to showcase provenance, and born and raised by us on-farm. Our steer was six-teeth (three year old), and grass-fed on kikuyu and clover pastures, with approx 6 mm fat. Goldie's hanging weight was 203 kgs, and dressed weight was 149 kg, giving a bone-out rate of 73%. The side which went to the Masterclass event yielded 5.9 kg of prime cuts (eye and rib fillet) from 76.25 kg total, therefore 7.7% prime cuts.

Cloudbreak Lowlines were also invited to provide a profile story, photo and recipe for the Mackay Isaac Whitsunday Regional Showcase, held at Parliament House, Canberra, to showcase our region to parliamentarians. Our story was collated into a booklet showcasing the diverse range of produce our region has to offer.



Paddock to Plate Dinner



Matt Golinski Testimonial Certificate

Cloudbreak Lowlines were very proud to provide our Grass Fed Eungella Beef to our first commercial kitchen, with the much-anticipated opening of Third Ground Coffee House, supporting the local food movement, and all made possible by partnerships created during the Business Development project. Cloudbreak Lowlines / Eungella Beef attended a brokered meeting with all levels of Government planning officers with regard to future planning development applications for our farm. With the support of our Business Development mentors, we worked through the process to develop practical, effective ideas and solutions.

We utilised our new-found media skills to do our first media presentations, with 4MK radio, and later ABC Tropical North rural news. 'Cloudbreak Lowlines and Eungella Beef' were thrilled to be one of 70 feature farmers in ABC Rural's 70 year celebrations.

We have had an amazing experience, and are proud to help increase the awareness of, and involvement in, our wonderful Australian Lowline breed. We would recommend that everyone take advantage of all the wonderful business opportunities out there and utilise all the resources available to you through your business development officers of local, state and federal governments, community organisations, and social media.



Kelly and Mandy Tennent

# NO WASTE HERE...

WORDS: KU LACEY

Cattle Club students from Rockhampton Girls Grammar School have had the opportunity to see the growth and development of a steer and also participate in the end use of the animal. Jake, the steer was broken in and led at numerous local shows in the led steer classes. Jake was slaughtered by a home-kill butcher so that the girls could experience eating many of the different cuts of lowline beef. It was not just the meat that was used. The art students have used the skull and some of the larger leg bones in their works. The hide was sent away to the tannery and we have a lovely hide that will be a saleable product. Jake experienced a good life, where he was adored and loved and is still fondly remembered.

## LOWLINES FOR ROCKHAMPTON GIRLS GRAMMAR SCHOOL

With the introduction of a cattle club program to Girls Grammar, there was a decision to be made as to what breed would be appropriate. As we live in the Beef capital, there was considerable pressure for us to go for a popular tropical breed. As a teacher there is nothing more important to me than the nature of the animal, which is ultimately why lowline cattle were chosen. The school is now the proud owner of Gigi Lowlines and have a small but growing herd of cattle for the girls to show. Of note, is the wonderful donation of McIntosh Creek Jelignite to the school. Christine Hine from McIntosh Creek Lowlines has been incredibly generous and has got our small stud off to a flying start with the donation of Jelignite and other cattle. Our proudest achievement to date with our amazing boy is winning reserve champion bull at Moura Coal and Country Festival. He was the only compact breed bull in the ring and managed to outclass many other larger breeds for this prestigious title. This is quite an achievement as there are many Central Queensland producers that do not see the value in the smaller more compact breeds of cattle.

We have forged many successful relationships through our showing and have generated interest from interstate. Rockhampton Girls Grammar has graciously accepted a donation from Margaret Woods, Trangie, NSW for cattle to include in our growing program.

## THERE IS ALWAYS TIME FOR PLAY...

One of our heifers has been spending her days since our last show at a school family's home. While there, she has got into much mischief and is certainly going to be one quiet little heifer for the show circuit next year. Gigi Lilac has a bed on the back verandah next to the dogs. She spends her days lazing about the house yard and loves kicking the ball with 8 year old Shakeeta. She even invited herself to have a swim in Shakeeta's pool.



Jelignite at Moura Coal and Country Festival



# Colombo Park

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Des Owens, daughter, Tori & Mugga Majura

# HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP: DESMOND THOMAS (DES) OWENS

B. 24 JULY 1938 –  
D. 6 SEPTEMBER 2015.

**A**t the 2015 Australian Lowline Cattle Association AGM held in Melbourne, it was announced to members that an Honorary Life Membership had been awarded to Foundation member, Des Owens, as recognition for his admirable work and dedication in the early years of ALCA.

Close friend for over sixty three years and fellow Foundation Member, Ian Pullar, recounts some background of the man who worked tirelessly to assist in the formation of this association.

“Des Owens completed more than twenty years service with the Royal Australian Navy, reaching the rank of Lieutenant Commander, and becoming a pilot in the RAN Fleet Arm. He served in Vietnam and was in HMAS Hobart when she was hit by rockets from a ‘friendly’ USAF phantom.

Post retirement, Des and his family settled in Canberra.

When my wife, Erica, and I ventured into what was then known as Boutique Cattle, about two years before the Association was formalised, we knew that the future looked promising. With co-operation from Trangie and Glen Innes, we had developed a sizeable breeding herd. But, as so often happens in the cattle industry, we suffered greatly from a very severe drought and there was every chance that our dreams would fall apart. Luckily for my wife and me, Des Owens came to the rescue and purchased about a third of our herd and trucked them to Mugga Lane in Canberra, later to become Mugga Lowline Stud.

Des gave me enormous help during those very difficult formative days. When the Association was formed, he took on the role of

Secretary/Treasurer. He had a reputation for being meticulous with his administrative duties. With his energy and hard work, he and I were able to put together the necessary paperwork required by the RAS of NSW to be recognised as a breed - including a comprehensive Herd Book and a formal Constitution. At that time, most, if not all, of the cattle industry was against our attempts to be recognised, but as we had successfully completed our administrative requirements the Royal Agricultural Society could not refuse our entry. Not long after that, the RAS of NSW assumed the role of administering ALCA.

Des and his wife, Sonia, were also involved with the Royal Canberra Show. At our first showing of Australian Lowlines in Brisbane, before we were officially recognised as a breed twenty one years ago, Mugga Majura was awarded the Grand Champion ribbon. Mugga Majura, always a favorite, died of old age on the property and is buried on a friend’s farm.

Some of the early years were difficult and various personalities came and went, but Des soldiered on through all that. He was also the first to export Lowlines into China, leading the way for others to access the export market.

I have absolutely no doubt that without the dedication of Des Owens, this Association would not have gone past first base.”

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## Ian Pullar

*Brambletye Lowline Stud*  
ALCA Foundation Member  
Past ALCA President



# LOWLINE MATRIARCH – BROKEN ARROW MOONLIGHT

WORDS: CHRIS HINE, MCINTOSH CREEK LOWLINES

This grand old lady awaits her 19th birthday on the 22nd of April 2016. We believe her to be the oldest living Lowline cow in Australia and also the U.S.

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Sired by the famous bull Broken Arrow Kaptain Midnight BAS Q007, 11/7/95 and dam GI M339 15/08/92, Moonlight's genetics are exceptional quality. Moonlight was conceived when Kaptain Midnight was only 12 months of age, he bred a four year old cow.

We purchased Moonlight on the 7th of June 2011 at 14 years of age, the year we began our stud McIntosh Creek Lowlines. She has surprised us by calving three heifers, Guessing Game, Jykoti (deceased) and Kajaani, a red gene carrier.

Our girl Moonlight will always live at our farm, she is in good health and very active and enjoys her favourite treat, a biscuit of fresh Lucerne hay.

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*Julie and Brad Tummons, John and Natarsha with Yarra Ranges Jackaroo bull calf in background 'JH Mr Jack'. Reserve Champion Fullblood Bull.*

# DENVER'S NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW

WORDS: NATARSHA CANNY

**I**t was January and time to head to Denver, Colorado, for the fabulous National Western Stock Show. On arrival we were met with the usual cold weather and lots of snow, however it seemed to snow only at night and beautiful sunny skies during the day. What more could we ask for? The show was as exciting as ever and we were pleased to meet up with our many friends from the USA and Canada.

It was great to see that the quality of Lowlines was exceptional. We of course were particularly interested in how our bull, Yarra Ranges Jackaroo's progeny would fair in the show ring. Would Jackaroo win the 'Get of Sire' (our equivalent of Sires Progeny) for the fourth year in a row? You can only imagine how thrilled we were when his progeny again dominated the show ring winning Supreme Champion Exhibit with JH Fancy Lady and the fourth year in a row for Jackaroo as 'Get of Sire'! Congratulations particularly to Jack Husung, Brad and Julie Tummons and the other exhibitors successful with Jack's babies.

The American Lowline community really know how to celebrate their shows and Karen and David Shockey from Muddy Creek Ranch put on a terrific barbeque and celebration after the judging.

Following the show we spent some time with our friends in Boulder before heading up to Montana to accept more of Karen and David's wonderful hospitality at their amazing Muddy Creek Ranch. Wow what a great experience and wonderful time we had. Not only did we enjoy feasting on some tender juicy Lowline steaks and David and Karen's restaurant in Winsall, David escorted us around Montana as we toured some of the larger cities of Bozeman and Billing before visiting "ORigen", a state of the art and one of the USA's largest semen collection centres. We were privileged to be given a guided tour of the facility and inspected the many bulls in residence. Back at Muddy Creek Ranch, we were inspired and a fair bit envious of the operation, David and Karen have a great ranch, so well organised with all the latest gear. I am not sure we could cope with the cold, the ground was frozen solid for two metres down!!

Montana, like Colorado, is a beautiful place to visit. Lowlines continue to prosper and grow as a breed in the United States and Canada. It was particularly interesting to talk with other breed cattlemen and you really get the message that they are trying to bring the size of their cattle down!



*John and Natarsha Canny with the Tummons Show team and Jack Husung with Supreme Champion Exhibit and Yarra Ranges Jackaroo daughter JH Fancy Lady*



*John Canny with David Shockey Muddy Creek Ranch and Jared Murin General Manager ORigen inspecting the massive semen tanks at their facility at Huntley, Montana*



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# ALTERNATIVE OUTLETS FOR LOWLINE PROMOTION

WORDS: DENISE MOLONEY AND SUE FOUREUR

Poor prices in the traditional market system prompted Denise and Peter Moloney to find an alternative outlet for their Lowline and Lowline-cross herd. In November 2014, they and Sue Foureur joined forces to promote Certified Lowline Beef under the banner “Burrungule Boutique Beef” at the Mount Gambier Farmers Market held every Saturday morning in the heart of the city. Attendance at the Farmers Market provided an opportunity to not only take orders for fresh beef, but also to run a barbecue. Peter, having had over 35 years experience as a butcher, developed flavoured gourmet sausages for sale (both cooked and fresh). The barbecue proved to be very popular and it also gave Denise and Sue an opportunity to discuss Certified Lowline Beef with their customers. Having journals and other promotional material available was extremely helpful.

They also took up the challenge to cater for a Blade Shearing demonstration held at the famous Glencoe Woolshed in March 2015, an event that attracted 2,500 people from across the country. Although a very successful day, they had over-catered and had some meat left over. This provided an opportunity to branch out into making gourmet pies which are also proving to be very popular and which are now included as part of their everyday market fare.

Enquiries for CLB and fresh sausages grew and so Peter & Denise moved forward and gained South Australian Meat Hygiene Unit accreditation for their mobile cool-room which enabled fresh meat sales direct from the market. A couple of sides of beef were sold, but a number of people were asking for specific cuts of beef rather than ordering in bulk. Following the idea of a beef producer in Victoria,

we have now developed a range of ‘boxes’ for sale which include five different products in various quantities depending on the size of the ‘box’ that you order. We also have specific cuts available direct from the cool-room. We believe that members of the public like the idea of buying direct from the farmer and their farms are always open if customers would like to see where their beef comes from.

The response that we have had to our flavoured sausages and fresh beef has been overwhelming. The comments that we regularly get are extremely positive – one customer travels over 100 km just for our porterhouse steak. Another customer loves our mince as it makes “the best spaghetti bolognese”.

Denise & Sue have recently attended a local Council event where over 5,000 people attended with their Burrungule Boutique Beef barbecue stall. It was extremely busy and provided great exposure for our breed and CLB. They are now included in the Council’s “Go-To” list for catering at local events.

Each Sunday in January they are attending markets at the seaside town of Robe which is a very popular holiday destination and hope to promote CLB to a wider range of potential consumers.

Although they have done very little advertising, they have acquired a regular clientele base which is expanding rapidly, all through word of mouth and of course the QUALITY of CERTIFIED LOWLINE BEEF. We believe that CLB is a wonderful product and would love to see markets created and members work together for the benefit of the breed and each other.



# 2015 HANDLER'S CAMP

**H**andler's Camp 2015 and the work experience at Whitby farm was such a great experience and one I would definitely recommend to everyone. After some struggles with google maps I found my way to the beautiful Whitby farm. I was met by a very warm welcoming committee of dogs and Ken and Gill. I truly enjoyed working with all the cattle and being a part of the day to day activities of the stud particularly when they involved the quad bike. I was super excited to meet my beautiful heifer Lovely who was to be my partner in crime for the week, she really did live up to her name. One of my memorable experiences on the trip was when Ken took the time to teach me to clip with Taylor the bull being my first victim, I am very thankful for his time and patience and fortunately there is only six weeks between a good and bad haircut. I also really enjoyed talking to Ken and Gill about their animals, the running of their stud and getting to enjoy some of Gills excellent lasagne.

As sad as I was to leave Whitby farm I was very excited to get to handlers camp. It was great to catch up with everyone at handlers and to improve my own fitting and handling skills. Lovely's compact size was definitely an advantage in the wash bay at 5am. Show day was really great fun I really enjoyed working with the juniors to prepare their cows and had great fun handling a very excited Lovely at her first show in the cattle and handlers classes.



Hayleigh Duvall, ACT and Sarah Sutton, VIC

A big thankyou to ALCA for sponsoring the scholarship, to Lucy Kuipers for organising the activities and to Ken and Gill for having me and being so warm and welcoming and to Julie and Greg Knight for supplying us with your beautiful cattle. A big thank you must also go to the Instructors, organisers and participants of the camp who made Handlers 2015 such a great experience.

## Sarah Sutton

**A**s part of the scholarship was a Victorian Stud experience and then to head to the Stud Beef Handlers Camp. On the 4th of July 2015 with my bags packed and ready to go I headed off to Wanamara Lowline Stud. Thank you to Julie and Greg Knight for hosting me for this wonderful experience. While I was working alongside Julie, we worked and prepared two Lowline heifers, I was able to learn some new techniques, which I am looking forward to sharing with my peers and teacher at school. During the experience I was able to meet Ken and Gill Lorains from Whitby Farm Lowlines and the other Scholarship winner Sarah Sutton.

Being a participant in the Stud Beef Handlers Camp in Victoria was one of the best experiences that I have ever had. I have learnt so many new things, and I don't know where to start in writing them all down. Having the opportunity to work with a Lowline has given me confidence in my leading and showing abilities, which I am eternally grateful for. Whilst having a great time learning new skills, I was also able to meet some amazing people. With the new connections I was able to make, I am looking forward to being able to work with them in the future.

I would like to thank Julie and Greg Knight for hosting me and being able to help me out where I could, Ken and Gill Lorains for being the other Stud host, and for Ken helping me out at the Handlers Camp when needed, and to Lucy Kuipers and ALCA for giving me this once in a lifetime opportunity in attending the Handlers Camp.

## Hayleigh Duvall



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# CANTERBURY AGRICULTURAL SHOW 2015

WORDS: PHILIP WORTHINGTON

**IF THERE'S ONE THING YOU CAN BE SURE OF ABOUT THE CANTERBURY SHOW IT'S THAT YOU CANNOT PREDICT THE WEATHER. WITH SUMMER JUST AROUND THE CORNER, THIS YEAR MOTHER NATURE TURNED ON HAIL, SLEET, COLD AND SOME WATERY SUNSHINE FOR JUDGING DAYS BUT SAVED HER BEST EFFORT FOR THE LAST DAY OF THE THREE-DAY SHOW, A PUBLIC HOLIDAY.**

**B**ut Lowlines are a hardy breed and Lowline exhibitors just as hardy. Three exhibitors made up the classes with an entry of 25 animals. Gordon and Debbie Guthrie, Ashmore Lowlines, and Harvey and Sally Rhodes, Edsal Lowlines, both travelled from the Ashburton area.

And the 90 kilometre trip proved worthwhile with Harvey's yearling bull, Edsal Titus, snaring him and Sally the supreme champion Lowline sash for the first time. Sally's face at ringside lit up when the judge made the call to give the young bull top spot over a five-year-old cow with calf from Philip and Kay Worthington's Woolstone Park Lowlines.

The cow, Woolstone Park Black Jessie, was champion senior female, a commendable follow-up to her supreme champion Lowline award last year. Her heifer calf from last year, Woolstone Sage, was top junior yearling heifer but bowed to the Guthries' yearling heifer, Ashmore Chantilly, which claimed best senior yearling heifer, for the top junior female award. The Worthingtons also had champion senior bull with Woolstone Park Barker, a two-year-old. Woolstone Park had 16 adult animals and five calves at the show, Ashmore a heifer and cow and calf and Edsal a bull.

Woolstone also took to the show their team of teenage handlers from Rangiora High School – 15 students led in the breed classes and took part in their own stock judging and handlers competitions. Another three students who have worked with Woolstone previously in the school team were also at the show with other studs.

The nurturing of school talent continues to draw comment and support from other breeders and the show committee. Unlike Australia, New Zealand doesn't have showing as part of the school curriculum so Philip has been instrumental in promoting youth involvement in showing. In the school teams class this year Rangiora had four of the six teams and placed 1, 2, 5 and 6. (That's a lot of yearling Lowlines in the ring at once so the fourth team was made up of borrowed Herefords. Wouldn't you know it, the Herefords claimed first place).

The neat part is that of the 15 students 10 were at their first big show. It's given them a great experience, an appreciation of training animals and teamwork and, hopefully, planted a seed about career opportunities. And travel – Caitlin Rhodes, 13, won the junior herdperson competition for under 17s, across stock judging, handling, an interview and general teamwork, and got sponsorship to attend the Future Beef event next May in the North Island. "Great," said Caitlin. "I get to go overseas."

The show also gives a chance to make friendships with young Australians – the show since 2007 has hosted a young Queenslander who has won a stock judging competition at the Toowoomba Show or AgShow. This year that was Pittsworth High's ag captain Belinda Weber, who associate judged and led cattle.

Also present this year was Meggie Riethmuller, from Toowoomba, who was helping with the Woolstone team, and shared her knowledge of preparing and handling with the students before and during the show. Meggie first made the trip as an associate judge winner four years ago.

The Worthingtons have a deal with the students that Philip gets the broad ribbons to keep and the students get the ones they win and the others. This year he was most proud of two orange fifth place ribbons. These were for two-year-old cow with calf, Woolstone Park Ariel and Athena, and a pair of yearlings, Woolstone Park Sage and Cinnamon – in the all beef breeds competition. A great result for the Lowlines matching it with the bigger breeds.

For the first time this year, the Worthingtons entered a Lowline calf in the best turned out and handled beef calf class. Woolstone Park Juno behaved impeccably for 13-year-old Lily Elvin to be the reserve champion beef calf of the show. Not a bad effort as Juno and Lily took cover in the dairy shed between sleet showers, along with the other competitors and some large dairy cows.

Woolstone Aphrodite made a well-behaved and graceful butterfly in the dressed-up calf class also – and, while not in the first three, is on her way to a showbiz career, having been booked to star in a nativity play for Christmas.



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## 2015 Royal Canberra Show Results:

**Judge:** Tim Bayliss

**Junior Champion Bull** - Serena Downs 007 -  
C & M.Noel, Serena Downs Stud, Windsor Downs, NSW (photo)



*Serena Downs 007*

**Reserve Junior Champion Bull** - Trungley Tungsten -  
W & L.Bryden, Barrenjoey Stud, Coogee, NSW

**Senior & Grand Champion Bull** - Serena Downs Googolplex -  
C & M.Noel, Serena Downs Stud, Windsor Downs, NSW (photo)



*Serena Downs Googolplex*

**Reserve Senior Champion Bull** - O'Hara Master Gerald -  
W & T.Hall, O'Hara Stud, Windsor, NSW

**Junior Champion Heifer** - Rotherwood Kindred Spirit -  
V & P Gilbert, Rotherwood Stud, Cann River, Vic.(photo)



*Rotherwood Kindred Spirit*

**Reserve Junior Champion Heifer** - Whitby Farm Georgie -  
K & G.Lorains, Whitby Farm, Zeerust, Vic

**Senior & Grand Champion Cow** - Rotherwood Glamour Girl -  
Matt Cooney, Cann Valley Lowlines, Cann River, Vic. (photo)



*Rotherwood Glamour Girl*

**Reserve Senior Champion Cow** - Serena Downs Abigail -  
C & M. Noel, Serena Downs Stud, Windsor Downs, NSW

## 2015 Royal Sydney Show Results:

**Judge:** Michael O'Sullivan, Lower Mt.Walker, Qld.

**Junior & Grand Champion Female** - Wanamara Ruby Sunset -  
G & J.Knight, Wanamara Farm, Major Plains, Vic (photo)



*Wanamara Ruby Sunset*

**Reserve Junior Champion Female** - Barrenjoey Fiorente -  
B & L.Bryden, Barrenjoey Stud, Coogee, NSW

**Senior Champion Cow** - Serena Downs Hannah Lily -  
C & M.Noel, Serena Downs Stud, Windsor Downs, NSW (photo)



*Serena Downs Hannah Lily*

**Reserve Senior Champion Cow** - O'Hara Miss Angelica -  
W & T.Hall, O'Hara Stud, Windsor, NSW

**Junior Champion Bull** - Serena Downs 007 -  
C & M.Noel, Serena Downs Stud, Windsor Downs, NSW (photo)



*Serena Downs 007*

**Senior & Grand Champion Bull & Best Exhibit** - O'Hara Master Gerald -  
W & T.Hall, O'Hara Stud, Windsor, NSW (photo)



*O'Hara Master Gerald*

**Reserve Senior Champion Bull** - Wanamara Phoenix -  
G & J.Knight, Wanamara Farm, Major Plains, Vic



## 2015 Royal Melbourne Show:

**Judge:** Erica Halliday, Ben Nevis, Walcha NSW

**Junior Champion Heifer** - Wanamara Ruby Sunset - G & J.Knight, Wanamara Farm, Major Plains, Vic (photo)



*Wanamara Ruby Sunset*

**Reserve Junior Champion Female** - O'Hara My Lady - W & T.Hall, O'Hara Stud, Windsor, NSW

**Senior & Grand Champion Cow, Supreme Exhibit** - Ballarat Grammar Gwendolyn - Ballarat Grammar, Ballarat, Vic. (photo)



*Ballarat Grammar Gwendolyn*

**Reserve Senior Champion Cow** - Yarra Ranges Jillaroo - J & N.Canny, Yarra Ranges Lowlines, Molesworth, Vic

**Junior Champion Bull** - Whitby Farm Steam Boat Bill - K & G.Lorains, Whitby Farm, Zeerust, Vic (photo)



*Whitby Farm Steamboat Bill*

**Reserve Junior Champion Bull** - Wanamara Tom Collins - G & J.Knight, Wanamara Farm, Major Plains, Vic

**Senior & Grand Champion Bull** - O'Hara Master Gerald - W & T.Hall, O'Hara Stud, Windsor, NSW (photo)



*O'Hara Master Gerald*

**Reserve Senior Champion Bull** - Ballarat Grammar JD - Ballarat Grammar, Ballarat, Vic.

## 2015 Royal Adelaide Show:

Judge Ross Canning, Mortlake, Vic, said the bull was impressive through the back end. "His muscle pattern and ability to move around the ring really demonstrate the mobility and sire appeal of this bull," he said. Serena Downs Googolplex went on to be placed 6th in the All-breed Interbreed.



*2015 Adelaide winners*

**Junior Champion Heifer** - Glenlonny Kismet - Sue Foureur, Glenlonny Lowlines, Glencoe, SA (photo)



*Glenlonny Kismet*

**Senior & Grand Champion Cow** - Wanamara Tilly Devine - G & J.Knight, Wanamara Farm, Major Plains, Vic(photo)



*Wanamara Tilly Devine*

**Senior & Grand Champion Bull, Supreme Exhibit** - Serena Downs Googolplex - C & M.Noel, Serena Downs Stud, Windsor Downs, NSW (photo)



*Serena Downs Googolplex*

## 2015 Royal Brisbane Show EKKA Results:

**Judge:** Neil Goetsch, Kalbar, Qld

**Junior Champion Heifer** - Tanview Katherine -  
K & T.Falkenhagen - Tanview Stud, Boonah, Qld (photo)



*Tanview Katherine*

**Reserve Junior Champion Heifer** - Tanview Kate -  
K & T.Falkenhagen - Tanview Stud, Boonah, Qld

**Senior & Grand Champion Cow** - Tanview Honeysuckle -  
K & T.Falkenhagen - Tanview Stud, Boonah, Qld (photo)



*Tanview Honeysuckle*

**Reserve Senior Champion Cow** - Tanview Jillaroo -  
K & T.Falkenhagen - Tanview Stud, Boonah, Qld

**Junior Champion Bull** - Tanview King Wally -  
K & T.Falkenhagen - Tanview Stud, Boonah, Qld (photo)



*Tanview King Wally*

**Reserve Junior Champion Bull** - Tanview Kermit -  
K & T.Falkenhagen - Tanview Stud, Boonah, Qld

**Senior & Grand Champion Bull** - Loc-Hi Hero -  
Lockyer District High School, Gatton, Qld (photo)



*Loc-Hi Hero*

**Reserve Senior Champion Bull** - Tanview Jackaroo -  
K & T.Falkenhagen - Tanview Stud, Boonah, Qld

## 2015 Canterbury A & P Show New Zealand Results:

**Judge:** Nancy Crawshaw, New Zealand

**Associate Judge:** Belinda Weber, Australia

**Champion Yearling Heifer** - Ashmore Chantilly - G & D.Guthrie,  
Ashmore Stud, Ashburton, NZ (photo)



*Ashmore Chantilly*

**Reserve Champion Yearling Heifer** - Woolstone Park Sage -  
P & K.Worthington, Woolstone Park, Rangiora



*Woolstone Park Jessie*

**Senior Cow & Grand Champion Senior Lowline** - Woolstone Park  
Jessie - P & K.Worthington, Woolstone Park, Rangiora, NZ (photo)

**Reserve Senior Champion Cow** - Ashmore Sweet Pea - G &  
D.Guthrie, Ashmore Stud, Ashburton, NZ



*Edsal Titus*

**Champion Yearling Bull & Grand Champion Junior Lowline,  
Supreme Champion** - Edsal Titus -H & S.Rhodes, Edsal Stud,  
Ashburton, NZ (photo)



*Woolstone Park Barker with Georgia Rhodes*

**Reserve Yearling Bull Champion** - Woolstone Park Aftershock -  
P & K.Worthington, Woolstone Park, Rangiora, NZ

**Senior Champion Bull** - Woolstone Park Barker - P &  
K.Worthington, Woolstone Park, Rangiora, NZ (photo)



## 2015 Rockhampton Beef Results:

Judge Steve Pocock, AACo Darwin, NT, said the champions were great examples of the Lowline breed.

**Junior & Grand Champion Female** - Tanview Jewel -  
K & T.Falkenhagen - Tanview Stud, Boonah, Qld (photo)

**Reserve Junior Champion Heifer** - Lik Lik Jasmine -  
Jacqueline Schiller, Lik Lik Stud, Cambooya, Qld

**Senior Champion Cow** - Tanview Hot Lady -  
K & T.Falkenhagen - Tanview Stud, Boonah, Qld (photo)

**Reserve Senior Champion Cow** - Allambie Gladys -  
Sharon Coome, Crimson Park Lowlines, Alton Downs, Qld

**Junior & Grand Champion Bull** - Tanview Jaguar -  
Susan Smith - Vern Park Stud, Coominya, Qld (photo)

**Reserve Junior Champion Bull** - Tanview Jackaroo -  
K & T.Falkenhagen - Tanview Stud, Boonah, Qld

**Senior Champion Bull** - Tanview Hero -  
K & T.Falkenhagen - Tanview Stud, Boonah, Qld (photo)

**Reserve Senior Champion Bull** - Timitch Hill Juggernaut -  
Michele Molloy, Timitch Hill Stud, Rockhampton, Qld



*Tanview Jewel*



*Tanview Hot Lady*



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# BEEF 2015

WORDS: CAROLE JOHNS

**B**eef 2015 was a celebration of all things beef! The largest beef cattle exhibition in the southern hemisphere is held only every third year in Rockhampton, Queensland.

ALCA sponsored an outstanding Lowline display in the best possible site position at Beef 2015 where we experienced enormous interest in the breed. I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate the organisers of the stand Michele Molloy & Tim Franzmann, Sharon & Steven Coome, Amanda & Kel Tennant from the NQLPG. Tanya and Kenneth Falkenhagen and Colin Schiller and also our President Gordon Guthrie and Debbie and Committee Member Phil Worthington and his wife Kay who came over from New Zealand to assist with the display and represent the Council. Cattle were on display and the bull Bakari was the central attraction for the stand. He was photographed with many children patting and cuddling him and few lucky ones even sitting on him. I would also like to thank Council Member Julie Knight and Jeanette & Peter Stebbins for assisting with manning the stand during the Beef 2015 week long activities.

The stand team made up hundreds of sample bags for the school children with inclusions such as "Find a word", a colouring in page

and a crossword - all about Lowlines, as well as stickers saying "I Love Lowlines". It was commented on by many people that every child at Beef was wearing "I Love Lowlines" stickers on their hats or shirts and it was an outstanding example of spreading the word.

The ALCA sponsored trade site had over one thousand visitors over the week from Korea, Indonesia, Japan, China, USA, Vanuatu, Brazil, South Africa, and all over Australia. We also had sixteen schools visit the site with an average of twenty five students per group. All collected promotional material, and the kids loved the stickers!

We had a very good Half Day Farm Tour to Glenmore Homestead, a Lowline Stud and historic site, with the cattle display under the shade of the trees in a lovely setting and the great commentary on the breed, their versatility and their calm temperaments. We had a good number of both overseas visitors and Australian visitors who were very interested in more information about Lowlines. A very big thank you to Sharon Ryan and George & Judy Birkbeck who put on a delicious roast Certified Lowline Beef lunch, with meat supplied by Timitch Hill Lowlines, for their hospitality and the tour of the Glenmore Homestead's historic buildings.

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In the showring Lowlines had thirty eight entries of excellent quality and presentation. Photos can be seen in the Show Champions area of this Journal.

The attendance at Beef 2015 was reported to be the biggest yet. Australian Lowlines certainly punched above their weight – and that is considerable – at this amazing event.



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# BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE – GRAZING

WORDS: MICHELE MOLLOY



**IN OCTOBER, THE NORTH QUEENSLAND PROMOTION GROUP INITIATED A GRAZING BMP WORKSHOP AT ALTON DOWNS, A FIRST FOR ANY CATTLE BREED SOCIETY. IT WAS ATTENDED BY FIVE LOWLINE STUDS AND OPEN TO A VARIETY OF OTHER CATTLE BREEDERS THAT CAME FROM PROPERTIES THAT RANGED FROM SEVERAL THOUSAND ACRES DOWN TO TEN. OVER THIRTY GRAZIERS ATTENDED.**

**T**he Grazing BMP program is a voluntary, industry led process which helps graziers to identify improved practices which can help improve the long term profitability of their enterprise. It also helps identify the steps you need to take to incorporate best management practices into your enterprise.

In time it will also allow the grazing industry to demonstrate good environmental management to the wider community.

The following modules were presented by Agforce, Qld DAFF and the Fitzroy Basin Association:

- Animal Health and Welfare
- Animal production
- Grazing land management
- People and business
- Soil health

Animal Health and Welfare included biosecurity, animal welfare, livestock transport, health management programs and extreme weather and predation. A profitable and sustainable cattle business depends on good animal health and welfare. High standards of animal health and welfare are crucial to industry's reputation and market access. Good livestock management is critical for grazing

enterprises, as it determines the type and number of animals produced and sold and consequently the business income. Animal production must be managed in unison with the grazing land management, animal health and welfare and business management.

Management, Animal Production - As with grazing land management, animal production starts with understanding your land, its inherent capabilities and its current condition. This allows you to determine the growth and reproduction levels you can reliably expect from your property. You can then determine the best market(s) to target and manage your production system to achieve these targets. Seasonal conditions have a major bearing on animal performance and may result in production targets not being achieved. Constantly monitoring production, be it growth or reproduction, allows plans to be put in place early to manage any changes affecting production. This module covered six key areas that collectively influence the profitability of a beef enterprise. They are land capability and condition, markets and marketing, managing nutrition, weaning and weaner management, weaner nutrition, managing reproduction and genetics.

This led into the Grazing Land Management module. Grazing land management is about managing the pastures and the number, type and location of grazing animals on your property to optimise



pasture growth and composition, and animal production. It considers the property as a whole and seeks to reduce the threats posed by land degradation, erosion, weeds and pest animals, as well as safeguarding and enhancing biodiversity across the property. Grazing land management starts with an understanding of your land, its inherent capabilities and its current condition.

With this information, decisions can be made about how to manage the various land types and how to improve grazing land condition in vulnerable areas. Monitoring land condition over time will reveal how the management strategies are contributing to the land's improvement or degradation.

The Soil Health module illustrated healthy soil has effective nutrient cycling, good water infiltration and storage, and provides food and shelter for soil animals. Soil health is affected by and contributes to land condition; that is, the capacity of a landscape to respond to rain and grow pasture. A healthy soil on grazing lands is one that consistently produces pasture to the potential of each land type. Best management practices for grazing are those that manage our soils for sustainable long term forage production. The productive capacity and resilience of soils are determined by their inherent physical, chemical and biological characteristics and by how these characteristics are managed. Understanding the strengths and vulnerabilities of particular soil/land types, allows for better management decisions regarding grazing and infrastructure development to be made. This module had four key areas to address the physical, chemical and biological characteristics of soils.

Improving the performance of a grazing business requires careful consideration of a range of areas such as production, natural resource management and human resources. While many producers prefer to concentrate on production, focusing on people and planning is also critical. To strengthen, grow or develop a successful grazing business, time and thought needs to be allocated to developing the people and business skills outlined in this module. It is people who make the plans, develop the strategies and implement them. This module included business planning, work place health and safety, business knowledge and skills and human resources.

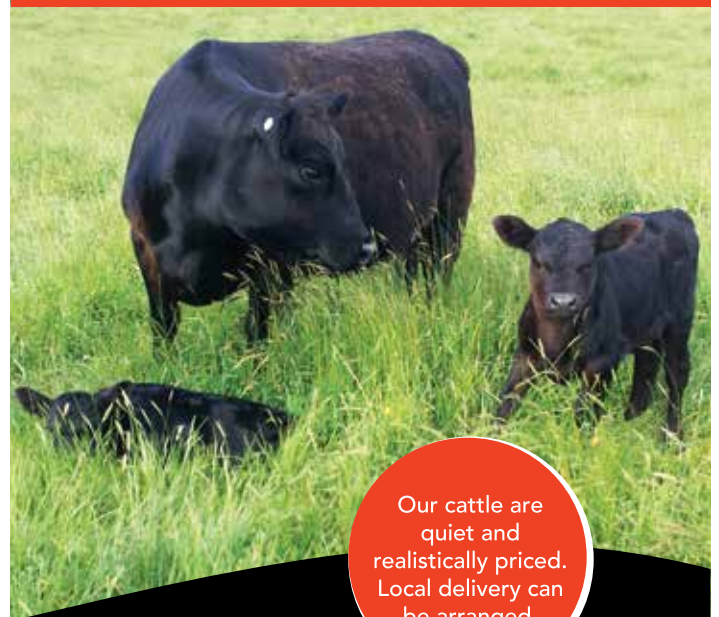
This program provided invaluable information as well as access to resources ranging from soil testing to bull selection. It allowed and encouraged evaluation of your business and development of a personalised action plan to ensure the sustainability of your business. It also provided networking with a variety of local graziers.

For the organisers, the aggregated data collected is used to help industry benchmark performance, share it's success and advocate for graziers.

Check out the website, [www.bmpgrazing.com.au](http://www.bmpgrazing.com.au). At the end of each module there are links to information available for everyone. If you have the opportunity to be involved in this or a similar program, be proactive, you will be amazed what you will learn!

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# LOWLINE FEMALE HISTORY – WHERE IT ALL BEGAN

WORDS: SHANNON LAWLOR

**THE AUSTRALIAN LOWLINE IS THE RESULT OF PEDIGREE RECORDED ANGUS CATTLE DATING BACK ALMOST 200 YEARS. THE LOWLINE HERD BOOK HAS BEEN CLOSED SINCE 1974 (41 YEARS). THE CLOSED HERD WAS MADE OF DESCENDANTS FROM THE ORIGINAL 18 ANGUS FEMALES WHICH WERE IMPORTED FROM SCOTLAND, CANADA AND THE US. THESE FEMALES WERE DESCENDANTS OF OLD GRANNIE (1824), BLACK MEG (UNKNOWN), ERICA (1857) AND SEVERAL OTHERS.**

**O**ld Grannie was bred by Hugh Watson and lived for 35 1/2 years, produced 25 calves and at 34 years of age won the medal in the class for extra stock for being such a remarkable animal at the Highland Show at Aberdeen.

Old Grannie won several other shows in her time and always remained undefeated. Black Meg had calves up until she was 20 years old, she is regarded as the foundation behind one of the most prolific ongoing families in the breed (Angus) today and in the first edition of the Scottish herd book incorrectly stated Black Meg as a Galloway.

Erica is also a prolific female family in today's modern population. She was a first prize winner at the 1861 Angus Society Show in Arbroath and was the top seller at the 1861 Kinnaird Sale. She sold for 50 guineas to Sir George M. Grant of Ballindalloch and in the famous painting of the Angus cattle at Ballindalloch Castle she is the cow with white on the udder, drinking from the stream. Erica went on to win 1st prize at 1871 Highland Agricultural Show Society Show in Perth at 15 years of age. She remained in production up until 16 years of age. Erica was a granddaughter of Beauty (Registration no.186). Just like Old Grannie she was bred by Hugh Watson. The book, "History of Aberdeen-Angus Cattle" by Macdonald and Sinclair (1910) describes the Erica's (female line) as "The Ericas show striking uniformity of type, and display undoubted indications of high breeding. They are deep, broad, compact, low-set cattle, with short fine legs, excellent ribs and loins, beautiful quality, graceful heads and very rich cover of flesh". The Erica's description is very similar to the modern Lowline.



*Portrait of the Ballindalloch herd of Aberdeen Angus cattle – Erica is circled*

The most influential female lines on the modern Lowline pedigree are Erica McGregor and Glencarnock Eurotia. Erica McGregor is regarded as the most dominant of the female lines. She was bred by James D. McGregor of Brandon, Manitoba, Canada. James bred Glencarnock Revolution 6 who was proclaimed the greatest proven sire ever offered at auction in America and was sold for \$900 in 1930 (Not the same Glencarnock Revolution that was imported by Trangie). This female line is noted for its longevity; Trangie Erica's Page, a grandson of Erica McGregor was used at the Grafton Experimental Farm and sent back to Trangie where he served cows up until 14 years of age. Female descendants from this female are noted for their longevity; one example being Trangie Miss Primrose who lived up until 18 years of age having produced 14 calves.

Glencarnock Eurotia 4th was sired by Permit 9 who was a top selling bull at the 1923 Tolan sale. He went on to be named Grand Champion at the Central States Fair, Junior Champion at both Mississippi Valley Fair and Oklahoma Fair before joining the Glencarnock show team where he won 38 Championships which made him a multiple champion in two countries; Canada and the USA. Erison of Harviestoun is noted as one of the main early sources of the red gene in Australia. However, Glencarnock Eurotia 4th arrived before Erison and may have been an earlier source of the red gene. Eurotia 4th is a female imported from Canada who produced 2 sons Trangie Revolution 2nd and Trangie Edward 4th; both sired red calves. Trangie Edward 4th was the sire of the first recorded Red Angus in Australia. Between 1929 and 1945 Eurotia 4th produced 13 calves including: Sydney Royal Champion bulls in 1935 and 1937 and Champion cow in 1939 and 1940 as well as many other class winners. Due to probability of simple recessive inheritance we could assume that Eurotia 4th contributed the red gene to the Lowline herd as well as structural correctness and longevity.

Other imported females with significance include; Blackcap Bixie 2nd who produced Glencarnock Blackcap Eric which was Champion Bull at the Sydney Royal Show in 1933. Anelot Eline 16th produced Trangie Anthony which was Supreme Exhibit at the Sydney Royal Show in 1954. Essence Glencarnock 16th was a granddaughter of Blackcap Revolution. Revolution was regarded as the greatest son of legendary Earl Marshall. Revolution was sold to James McGregor in 1921 for \$4000, he was named the Grand Champion Bull at International Livestock Exposition in 1923 and was then sold to the America's largest herd of registered Angus. He was noted for "the touch of his hide and his splendid disposition, the fullness of his quarters, the evenness and depth of flesh..." which are traits observed in today's Lowlines.





1930 Canadian import cow, Blackcap Bixie 2nd & her calf, Glencarnoch Blackcap Eric (later to be Champion Bull at 1933 Royal Sydney Show)



Trangie Feeding Time 1930



1954 Royal Sydney Show – Trangie Anthony, Supreme Exhibit

Hugh Watson, Sir George Grant and James McGregor should be commended on their early development of Angus breeding prior to the Trangie era. These cattlemen were true custodians of the breed. The longevity, docility and structural correctness dates back almost 200 years and it should be noted that the modern Australian Lowline is not only the descendant of champion Trangie bred stock but the descendants of 200 years of champion bred stock.

# FROM PADDOCK TO "RELICS CAFE" PLATES

WORDS: VICKI GILBERT

Relics Café is very large, seating approximately seventy people inside and outside. It is in a fantastic position in the heart of Far East Gippsland, Victoria.

After winning the 2011 Champion Light Domestic Beef carcass competition at the Royal Melbourne Show, we wanted to market our beef in some way. The moment we agreed to purchase Relics Café and restaurant the light bulb was turned on for us and we could see great potential in using our own beef and value adding to our product.

We officially took over Relics Café on the 1st June, 2015, which then allowed us to concentrate on our dream of using our own lowline beef.

Before putting the first of our own animals through the cafe we had a staff meeting to explain that these animals were to be treated with the utmost respect with the goal being to take advantage of the flavour, tenderness and terrific marbling of lowline meat. The response from customers was fantastic from the first hamburgers, steak sandwiches, beef rolls, sausages and steaks being sold. Although Cann River is in a remote area, many tourists from around Australia and internationally come through our little town. The perfect market to sell our meat fresh in cyrovac packages! The locals in town are very proud to see local product being used through the cafe. We are fortunate to be in a position to be able to market our own home grown beef by having



photos on display, brochures and showbags which have been very popular and a great talking point with our customers.

Rotherwood Lowline Stud did not have sufficient stock to supply the demand and the positive response from other breeders was much appreciated. Whitby Farm Lowlines sent us some magnificent animals.

As an Australian lowline breeder we would encourage every stud and commercial breeder to look at the different markets available to them. The margin of profit using your own animals through something like a cafe or market is substantially increased by comparison to the 'usual' way of selling your beef. So remember "it does not have to end at the sale yards"!

# OUR LOWLINE ANGUS DODDIES

THE ISLE OF MAN IS A SMALL ISLAND SITUATED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE IRISH SEA APPROXIMATELY 220 SQUARE MILES IN SIZE. WITH A POPULATION OF AROUND 80,000 PEOPLE, IT IS MY HOME AND HOME TO PROBABLY SOME OF THE FINEST AUSTRALIAN LOWLINE CATTLE OUTSIDE AUSTRALIA.

**M**y interest in Lowline cattle stemmed from a meeting I had with a New Zealand journalist on the Isle of Man who was reporting the TT motorcycle races. During the course of a conversation he mentioned that he had a contact in New Zealand who bred Lowline cattle and asked if I had heard of them. The answer was no but it sparked my interest in the breed.

I have been interested in and involved with exotic and unusual breeds of animals since my father imported full French Charolais from France in 1966. The progeny of those imported cattle took me across the world with consignments of Charolais for New Zealand and Australian importers. After several years of travelling far and wide importing and exporting livestock, I became a livestock breeder and farmer. I established my own herd of Charolais cattle, Texel sheep, angora goats, Vietnamese pigs, ostrich, guanaco, llamas, alpacas and exotic equines on the Isle.

Following my conversation with the New Zealand journalist I looked at the possibility of acquiring some Lowline stock from New Zealand. Earnest enquiries and effort proved that it was impossible, mainly due to the TB status of the NZ herd failing to meet the import requirements of the EU. At the same time I had some domestic issues to deal with which absorbed my time and diminished my enthusiasm for the project.

Some years later, in November 2010, I met Jenny Foy, a total 'townie' with no knowledge of livestock breeding or animal husbandry. I talked to Jenny about Lowlines and in her total innocence of the work involved, she encouraged me to look again at the possibility of having my own Lowline herd. Jenny is now my fiancé and partner on the farm and I occasionally remind her that this venture was all her fault!

Knowing that it was pointless to look at New Zealand I looked to the Lowline homeland of Australia. In 2011, as now, it was not permissible to import live bovines direct from Australia to the EU. In order to access some of the top Australian Lowline studs and export the live animals I devised a permissible route to the EU via Canada. Following importation into Canada there was at that time a protocol in place that allowed the exportation of any live bovine to the EU after it had been resident in Canada for six months. After examining



*One of the first Lowline heifers born from the Australian sexed embryos*



*Isle of Man Lowlines*

the logistics and implications I decided to go ahead with an export from Australia.

Having jumped through the hoops of on-farm isolation, the testing clearances for 39 heifers and 1 bull and getting the air freight in place, I was informed by my close contact in AgCanada that their own export protocol had been changed. All live bovines exported out of Canada now had to be entered in the newly devised two year bovine health scheme!

After a LOT of careful consideration of all the facts and implications, both financial and practical, I decided to drop the export.

At that time the protocol for exporting bovine embryos from Australia to the EU eased slightly. We decided to flush 4 donor females from each of the 4 Lowline studs previously selected for live export using two donor bulls. The end result of two flushes on 16 donor females gave us 172 grade 1 export quality embryos with 64 being certified as female embryos.



The process to this stage was painfully slow, not only for us but also for the breeders involved, but after months of endless bureaucracy the flask containing the sexed and unsexed embryos plus 400 straws of semen was on its way to UK and the Isle of Man – that little Island in the middle of the Irish Sea.

With the arrival of the flask we could finally, 18 months on from our initial visit to Australia, begin our implant programme. We purchased 40 local recipient heifers and, having rigorously checked these animals, we programmed 36 heifers to implant. The end result was 18 confirmed pregnancies out of the 36 recipients. To date we have 18 superb full blood Australian heifer calves on the ground which gives us a great feeling of achievement. We still cannot believe what we have done. The calves were very virile when born, the recipient mothers cared and nurtured “their” offspring, an amazing result from frozen embryos flown across the globe! It seemed and still seems unreal.

From our initial trip to Australia four years ago to select Lowlines, all the effort we put in and the uncertainty of the project, we now actually have these gorgeous, highly bred 15 month old Lowline heifers. The quality of these animals never ceases to astound us. We certainly made the right choice all those years ago by choosing the right breed and the right cattle from the right Australian breeders.


In a few months’ time we will flush these original Australian Lowlines on our farm on Isle of Man and implant their embryos. We will use the remaining imported sexed embryos on our next group of recipient females.



*Isle of Man cow & calf*




Our Lowline herd is growing and as I write this piece for your journal we have had three enquiries this week from potential breeders who are beginning to discover Europe’s best kept livestock secret. Our Lowline cattle are a joy to behold and our visitors too are amazed at just how good they are. When they ask where they come from we tell them these are our Genuine Australian Lowline Angus Doddies!

**James W A Graham**  
Cammall Farm  
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# NILPG ANNUAL REPORT

Overall it has been a quiet year for the NILPG, as many breeders continue promoting the breed within their region.

Katherine and Sandy Moore have once again done a great job of promoting the breed in the show ring, as they competed at many regional and country shows. They gained great results at a number of shows throughout the Central North Island, including Supreme Champion Lifestyle at the Hawkes Bay and Horowhenua Shows, as well as wins in numerous other categories.

The group is looking forward to another successful year of breeding and promoting.

**Matthew Butler** – NILPG Chairman

# SALPG ANNUAL REPORT

In November 2014, Peter & Denise Moloney (Yenolom) and Sue Foureur (Gienlonny) joined forces to promote Certified Lowline Beef at the Mount Gambier Farmers Market held every Saturday morning in the heart of the city. They sell gourmet sausages (three flavours) at the barbecue and have now received accreditation to sell fresh beef. Following accreditation they have also included gourmet pies in their range and service a second market, an All Purpose (Rotary) Market, on alternate weekends to maximise exposure. They also took up the challenge to cater for a Blade Shearing Demonstration held at the famous Glencoe Woolshed in March, an event that attracted 2,500 people from across the country. A very successful day!

Due to the south-east's close proximity to the Victorian border, a number of beef studs from the south-east and Victoria, including two Lowline studs, combined to create the "Limestone Coast Beef Week Field Day" group. This combined field day is held in February and always has a steady flow of interested visitors.

The South-East Cattle Handlers Workshop was again supported this year by local Lowline breeders. It was well attended by high school students from the area which includes the western districts of Victoria.

We held our first On-Farm Challenge in May this year. Six studs, with three from the south east and three from the hills and mid-north, took up the Challenge. Participants were very happy with the feed-back they received from the judge and are looking forward to entering again in 2017.

Our SA Promotion Group has this year received a Royal Adelaide Show Sponsor Loyalty Award for 10 or more years' continuous sponsorship of the Royal Adelaide Show.

**Susan Yates** - Secretary



*Christina Schiller, in the fog setting up for the On-farm Lowline day*

# SQLPG ANNUAL REPORT

The Southern Queensland Lowline Promotional Group (SQLPG) has had a stronger year. Lowlines were exhibited at the Pittsworth, Toowoomba, Farmfest, Gatton, Nambour, Rockhampton, Boonah, Pine Rivers, Sunshine Coast, Dayboro, Beaudesert and Brisbane Royal Shows this is an increase on last year. Many studs exhibited in their local areas and helped to increase the Lowline footprint (maybe this should be hoof print) in the cattle industry. Australian Lowlines were well represented at Beef Australia with 35 head. Several new enquires resulted from this exposure. Congratulations to Vern Park Lowlines for winning Grand Champion Bull and Tanview Lowlines for winning Grand Champion Female. Lik Lik Lowlines held an on-farm field day and combined SQLPG meeting at Cambooya on the 26th July, 19 people attended through the day.

A Downlands College student, Chloe Wallace won the junior judging section at last year's Toowoomba Agshow and travelled to Canterbury Show, hosted by Phil and Kay Worthington and Canterbury student; Courtney Winter won the reverse trip to Queensland. This event is completely funded by SQLPG, with the major prize being a trip to New Zealand and attend the Christchurch Royal Show as an Associate Judge. Thank you to Phil and Kay Worthington, Woolstone Park Lowlines for supporting our youth exchange program. Courtney Price (Dakabin State High School) won one of the trips to the Victorian Handlers camp. We now have 9 schools as part of our Promotional Group.

The major events being supported by the Southern Queensland Lowline Promotion Group in 2015 were the Junior Judging youth exchange at the Darling Downs Beef Expo in Toowoomba and attending the small breed's field day at Rocklea.

Jamie Smith (Vern Park Lowlines) has been very active generating sponsorship for our group. New signs are being printed illustrating the sponsor's logos. Thank you Jamie.

**Col Schiller** - President



# SRPG ANNUAL REPORT

The SRPG Committee has had another very busy year, as we continue to work on innovative ideas to support our Victorian Members. One of these initiatives is the upgrade of the Victorian Lowlines Website, [www.victorianlowlines.com.au](http://www.victorianlowlines.com.au). The Website is undergoing a complete transformation, with a new look and feel, pictures, and format. The new technology being used will make the site more user friendly and professional in appearance. In addition to providing information, the Website is also a great place for members to advertise cattle for sale, with links from the ACLA Website ensuring enquiries are easily directed to local studs. The Members Advertising Package was again opened to those wishing to have their Stud included in the "Breeder's of Victoria" brochure, giving smaller studs the opportunity to advertise in a cost effective way at field days and in information packs.

Our Chair was invited, along with other Promotional Group Leaders, to participate in a meeting with ALCA Councillors in Brisbane, in October. Hopefully, from this brainstorming gathering of likeminded breeders, the promotion of the Breed will be at the forefront of ALCA and Promotional Groups' advertising of both Stud and Commercial cattle in the future.

July saw the launch of a fantastic Fund Raiser effort, the brain child of Ken Lorains, from Whitby Farm. The prize was a Lowline Weather Vane, which would complement any shed beautifully! The prize draw took place after judging at Melbourne Show in September, where SPRG sponsored the Supreme Exhibit.

A Show Handlers weekend for members was held on June 13th & 14th at the Whittlesea Showgrounds, with 10 participants and 4 instructors taking part. Ken & Gill Lorains and Julie Knight instructed participants on everything they needed to know about show preparation, fitting, clipping and leading, while Gary Turnham expertly drilled the group on the art of showing. Their knowledge, patience and support encouraged everyone to get in and have a go. Members were amazed as heifers in paddock condition were transformed into sleek show animals under the expert tuition. We hope this gives these members the confidence to take the next step and exhibit their cattle sometime soon.

It was also very pleasing to hear from the SA Promotion Group that they took some inspiration from the Victorian on Farm Challenge, and held their own, which by all accounts was a great success. This type of event is another way of participating in a "show" without the preparation required for the more traditional show.

The Committee continue to work enthusiastically to provide members with the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities, but we need your support to make these events work and keep them viable.

**Jo Jackson** - Secretary, Southern Region Promotion Group

# SILPG ANNUAL REPORT

Membership numbers have remained static with previous years. There are registered breeders in most areas which gives us good coverage of the South Island.

Showing is still one of the main activities we do to promote the breed. Shows attended by members in the past year have been Rangiora, Canterbury, Oxford, Ellesmere and Mackenzie.

We also funded an advertisement in a nationwide farming newspaper to promote Lowlines which included a list of registered breeders names and contact details. With the downturn of the dairy industry we are predicting sales of Lowline bulls to be a lot tougher with farmers tightening their belts. Our focus will be on promoting Lowline bulls to produce a dairy beef calf to give the farmer another income source.

Cloe Wallace from Downlands College, in Toowoomba, won a Lowline Plus-sponsored trip to Christchurch by winning the junior judging competition at the Heritage Agshow in Toowoomba. Cloe scooped first place in the senior age group (17 and over) for judging at Christchurch and was rewarded with two broad ribbons. Cloe also paraded a Lowline yearling bull provided by her hosts, Philip and Kay Worthington of Woolstone Park Lowlines, in the senior handler's competition. During her week in New Zealand she was an associate judge at the show and also helped to prepare cattle as well as leading in the cattle parades.

Also excelling at the Canterbury A & P show cattle handling competitions were Courtney Winter and Kate Campbell who were representing Rangiora High School with Woolstone Park Lowlines. Kate attended the New Zealand beef week in Fielding (North Island), where she participated in many practical modules. Courtney travelled to Rockhampton in Australia where she spent the week with a Pittsworth, Queensland, school team at Beef 2015. Both girls had a great time and learnt a lot. Many thanks to Philip and Kay Worthington who sponsored the Australian trip and also for the many hours they give to teach a large enthusiastic group of school children showing and looking after cattle.

In February the very first Waitangi Weekend Stockmanship Camp was held at the Grampians in North Canterbury from 6th to 8th. The camp gave 60 young people the chance to learn about agriculture, how to judge stock and how to handle cattle. The camp was organised by the Royal Agricultural Society's Central Districts Youth Council and participants were aged 7 to 29. There were sessions on banking, genetics, TB, animal health, meat processing, scanning, show preparation and stock judging. A great time was held by all with plenty of food and swimming in the creek. This was attended by several Rangiora School show team students, and Lowline heifers were among the animals provided for the young handlers to work with.

**Debbie Guthrie** – Secretary



*"Hand" painted bull at Meet the Minis Day*

## NTH QUEENSLAND PROMOTION GROUP

Attempts to hold a general meeting with members has not been able to be arranged at this time with 23 members from Gin Gin to Cairns covering some 1632kms in distance.

Firstly I would like to acknowledge the vast distance between most of our members, which makes it difficult to come together as a group. There are some areas which have at least a couple of breeders/members who I am sure would give support to each other.

In Central Queensland we are lucky enough to have a few members close enough to gain this support.

In November 2014 2 studs attended the Small Landholders day, held in Yeppoon organised by Capricornia Catchments.

We were able to show off our quiet stock and show the large number of attendees the benefits of Lowlines in the meat industry or just as a nice quiet lawnmower.

Our group also assisted ALCA at Beef 2015 in May 2015. It was lovely to meet so many of our members and a special mention to those that travelled from so far away. We had a lovely Lowline Roast Lunch at Glenmore Homestead which was enjoyed by us and many international visitors. A great testament of our beef. We also assisted on the Trade Display for the week as well as a large number of Lowlines being shown from all over Queensland.

Cloud Break Lowlines demonstrated a lovely cow and calf at Pioneer Valley Show, Finch Hatton to the huge crowd while Timitch Hill and Crimson Park Lowlines showed and displayed cattle there as well. There was quite a lot of interest in our breed.

A huge congratulations go to Mandy and Kel from Cloudbreak Lowlines.

"Celebrity Chef Matt Golinski has given us wonderful feedback after he recently tried our grass fed Eungella Beef, see <http://www.lowlinecattleqld.com.au/testimonials-cloudbreak> for full details.

Crimson Park Lowlines and Timitch Hill Lowlines had a display at the Meet the Mini's Day at Junabel Miniature Horse Stud. This day was a huge success with over 2500 people visiting. We put up the canvas of our 18mth old bull for the kids to put their hand print. He was very colourful and a true gentleman. Stood, laid down, stood again for over 4 hours then went on display. It was a fun day.

A Grazing BMP training was conducted on 24 & 25 October 2015. This was a most informative day and a great success with over 30 attendees.

**Convenor of Group – Sharon Coome, Crimson Park Lowlines**



*Beef 2015 at Rockhampton in May 2015*



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If, like many Lowline breeders, you would prefer not to pay late registration fees for both your bulls and females, why not consider using ALCA's calf recording process. This provides breeders with the opportunity to record calves with ALCA and then go on to register them at a later stage without incurring late registration fees. The main benefits of this include:

- Allowing your animals to mature beyond the age of 12 months so you can then assess whether they are suitable for registration
- Providing prospective purchasers with evidence of fertility – showing that animals have produced calves even though those calves may not go on to be registered

The fee for calf recording is \$5.50 (including GST) which is deducted from registration fees if and when you choose to continue on to DNA testing and registration – even if your animal is over 12 months of age.

Calf recording can be completed online or by using the ALCA Registration Form which can be downloaded from the Members Area on the website if you would prefer to do it manually.

Further information can be found in the "Guidance for Members" located in the Member's Area on the ALCA website (By-Law 7 – Registration of Animals Embryos and Semen).

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