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Nominations for Council for 2016/2017

Nominations are now being called for the election of Councillors for the 2016 – 2017 period.

In accordance with Rule 18(b) of the Constitution, the following Councillors are required to retire by rotation: Gordon Guthrie, Tanya Falkenhagen, Denise Moloney & Lucy Kuipers.

Therefore, four Councillors need to be elected to serve for a two year term.

Council positions are open to all Full financial ALCA members.

I encourage you to nominate for Council, or to nominate another member who would like the opportunity to contribute to further the advancement and expansion of our Association.

Nominations for these 4 positions close at 5.00pm on Friday 29 July 2016 – please ensure you have your nomination forms signed and sent in by either scan and e-mail, fax or post before the closing date.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on (02) 6773 3295.

Carole Johns
ALCA Executive Officer



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How to find an old Bull on the ALCA Database

If you are interested in using semen from some old Trangie or Glen Innes bulls, you will need to check if the bull is registered as an AI bull on the ALCA database to ensure that any resulting progeny is eligible for registration.

To do this you will need to find the bull on the database.

When the Lowlines were sold at the Trangie dispersal sales, the studs purchasing these animals were encouraged to give them a stud name rather than just their Trangie or Glen Innes numbers.

Eg. TRA L204 became known as Binnowee Samson



To find 'Binowee Sampson' on the ALCA database, you need to type 'Trangie L204' in the Animal Name field of the Animal enquiry to get the details for this bull, including his AI Approved status.

If the bull is a Glen Innes bull, eg. GI N323, type Glen Innes N323 in the

Animal name field to get his details.



Molonga Manor Lowlines, Victoria

After 60 years in Melbourne, my wife and I decided that if we were to experience “country life” then the time was right while we were both still physically capable and able to take on a completely new challenge.

I retired from an industry that had sustained us for 40 years and we found a lovely little property of 45 hectares at Macarthur, in the Western District of Victoria, an area that I was familiar with as I had holidayed at nearby Port Fairy as a child for a number of years and still had contact with some of the locals from the Hamilton district.

We thought long and hard about what sort of stock we would run. Our research drew us back time and again to the Australian Lowline cattle. So in December 2012, we headed into the unknown for the journey of our lives.

We started with 6 cows, 5 of which had calves at foot, a bull, 5 steers and 5 heifers.

The Lowlines were a joy from the day they arrived on the farm trucked in from around the Yea district. They have certainly lived up to their reputation and our expectations as gentle and calm to deal with, always happy to see me in the paddocks (especially when we take out a fresh bale or two of hay for them), mostly gentle on the fences and great mothers both with easy birthing and looking after their calves and those that have found their way to the freezer taste great also.

It has been a wonderful experience for us even if a steep learning curve but one that I would thoroughly recommend to anyone who is out there wondering if it would be worthwhile and whether they should give it a go or not. We have certainly never looked back and sometimes wonder why we left it so long to take the leap and just see how really good it can be.



Molonga Manor Lowlines

In the future we would like to maybe show some of them at the local shows to help spread the word about the breed, but at this stage we are very content to gradually grow the herd and just see where that takes us to.

David & Rosemary Thomson
Molonga Manor Lowlines

Past Royal Melbourne Show Winners Needed

This year marks the 20th Anniversary of the first judging of Australian Lowlines at the Royal Melbourne Show.

A display of past Melbourne Show winners is being prepared & photos are being collected.

If you have a photo of one of the previous Champions or Reserve Champion Bulls or Females & would like to add to our display, please scan & send to Julie Knight wanamara@westnet.com.au.

Your contribution will be much appreciated.

Don't forget – Entries close for the 2016 Royal Melbourne Show on 29th July 2016



2016 Stud Beef Victoria Handlers Camp

The Victorian Stud Beef Handlers Camp was held at the Bendigo Showgrounds from Saturday 2nd July until Tuesday 5th July.

Once again, Lowline members were participants, learning new skills & gaining confidence with their handling & cattle showing capabilities.

Relative newcomer, Kate Todd of Sunny Hollow Stud at Bacchus Marsh, did an exceptional job on the last day of the camp by winning her class in the Sub-Intermediate Handlers.



Kate Todd leading her heifer, Wanamara Fire Opal in a practice session

Quiet achiever, Emily Dickinson from Ballarat Grammar won the Judging Competition on the final day becoming the 2016 Stud Beef Champion Judge – a brilliant effort!



Emily wearing her prize – Stud Beef Victoria jacket

Welcome to New Members

ALCA would like to welcome the following new members to our Association.

Carly & Darren Noble (Commercial Membership)
Llanelly, VIC

Barry Wilton OAM (Full Membership)
Wiseman's Creek, NSW – Wisemans Creek Stud

David & Maree Young (Associate Membership)
Nabiac, NSW

Tony Bennett (Full Membership)
Duranbah, NSW – Duranbah Stud

Ian Hanmore (Full Membership)
Abbey Caves, Whangarei, NZ – Stone Bridge Stud

Chris & Raechel Ford (Full Membership)
Karaka Papakura, NZ – Karaka Pure Stud

Peter & Richard Gibson (Trident Estate Ltd) (Full Membership)
Whitianga, Coromandel, NZ – Masters Of War Stud

Shannon & Nicole Nance (Full Membership)
High Range, NSW – Stringy Bark Stud

Annie Kentwell & Gary Arthurson (upgrade to Full Membership)
Noorinbee North, VIC – Woodmancote Stud

Calvin & Jody Abberdan (Full Membership)
Mena Creek, QLD – Lowabee Stud

Paul Burnell (Full Membership)
Habana, QLD – Dunmattin Stud

Gary & Emily Mason (Full Membership)
Weetaliba, NSW – Mason's Stud

Karl & Heather Hales (Full Membership)
Lakes Entrance, VIC – Kinlochmoidart Stud



Australian Lowline Cattle Producers, Mandy and Kel Tennent

By ABC Rural: Lara Webster

12th July 2016



Good things do come in small packages — that is the message from Australian lowline cattle producers in Tropical North Queensland.

Mandy and Kel Tennent own and operate a grass-fed beef cattle property at Crediton, about 90 kilometres out of Mackay.

They run about 100 head of lowline cattle, with plans to double that number in the future.

The breed is derived from Aberdeen Angus genetics, and the average size is about 110cm in height.

After years of preparation, the couple has finally opened the farm gates to welcome guests onto the farm to gain a better understanding of the lowlines and their paddock to plate production.

Mr Tennent said the small cattle required less inputs than bigger beef breeds such as the brahman, and they boned out well.

"Because in their background they have got the Angus and bred from that, the quality of the meat is really, really good," he said.

"You can run more of them on less acreage, and the bone out rate is very high as opposed to a lot of the bigger animals.

"The bigger breeds tend to be getting around 65 per cent [bone out], whereas we tend to be averaging around 70 and anything up to 75 per cent.

"The main cuts — eye fillet, rib fillet — they tend to be a bigger percentage of the animal."

Mrs Tennent said the quality of the meat depended on the quality of the cattle, just like any other beef breed.

"Confirmation wise, we like a nice, flat backline, a nice tail set ... obviously you are looking at your beef cuts as well, so nice length on the animal so you have plenty of beef, nice depth and width, and a nice rump," she said.

Small steaks or big steaks?

Mackay chef Ray Manning had never before cooked Australian lowline steak.

He was surprised by the size of the beef cuts the small cattle produced, and put together five different dishes featuring the lowline beef.

"I think for the size of the cattle, if you take a look at these rib fillets, we are still really getting close to an average size steak, [that] you would be used to seeing at your butcher shops or supermarkets," Mr Manning said.



Aust. Lowline Cattle Producers -

ABC Rural article cont.

"What I can tell with this beef here is that it has got beautiful fat and a big, thick chunk of marble through the centre, so when I cook these on a hot grill they become beautiful and tender when the fat melts through the steak."

Are they too cute to eat?

For the 50 or so farm guests who met the small, black cattle, it was difficult to know they would soon be eating some of the herd.

For Leah Fraser, they were just "too cute".

"I always said that I could never eat anything that I know personally, and now I know these personally I don't think I can eat them," she said.

For Colin McPherson, there was less attachment and more interest in how the beef came to be on his plate.

"It is actually fascinating, the whole process that they have talked about ... how they manage their ground to keeping them very, very calm, and then we eat them because of the quality of the meat."

Linda Clifford has worked in the food industry for a number of years and found it interesting to meet the cattle and see the end result.

"A day like today really introduces you to more knowledge ... I think everybody has a general knowledge [of how food is produced], but you do not know the intricacies of it," Ms Clifford said.

"To see it from the ground roots is very fascinating."



Eungella beef

CLB Marketing Kit

We all need to be innovative and think outside the box and since you are already involved with Lowlines you have demonstrated that you have these qualities – otherwise you would have chosen another breed.

Let's make the most of what we have – traceability, great beef, unique genetics, quality markets, sustainability, efficiency.

Maintain the quality of the stud animals you produce while getting a good return from those that don't meet your high standards.

Become a Certified Lowline Beef producer.

A CLB Marketing Kit is now available for anyone interested in becoming a CLB Producer. It contains information about the benefits of selling your Lowline beef, including testimonials from people who have produced, cooked & eaten it.

You can use it as a marketing tool to sell your beef or encourage others to work with you to produce a market for your beef or network with other members in a supply chain.

The ideas are endless – you just have to work out what suits you best.

Remember Lowlines are a beef breed – they are bred for meat, not milk. And it is in all of our interest's to do just that – produce the best quality beef that we can. This promotes our breed, and gives you recognition as a seed-stock producer. To produce quality Lowline beef gives added value to both bulls and registered females that might not meet the standard for a seedstock animal.

Further information can be found on the ALCA website under the tab PRODUCE CERTIFIED LOWLINE BEEF.

If you would like a CLB Marketing Kit contact Carole – office@lowlinecattleassoc.com.au



SRPG On Farm Challenge 11th–13th June 2016

The presentation for the 2016 On Farm Challenge was held at the Ballarat Grammar Learning Centre. I hope that everyone who attended enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with one another.

On behalf of the committee I want to say thanks to the following people:

- Matt Dickinson, who made the Learning Centre available to the group (and arrived early to start the fire);
- Tonia Goodman, Gil Lorains, Jacqui Feagan and Craig Davis, who made a delicious and warming lunch for everyone;
- Our committee chair, Ken Lorains, who guided the committee in preparing for the challenge, and made a gorgeous door prize, which was won by Julie Knight;
- Jacqui and Richard Feagan, who planned the itinerary – a truly huge job;
- The drivers: Ron Sawyer, Peter Stebbins, David Ritter, Jacqui and Richard Feagan
- Larry Cutler, the judge, who gave up a long weekend to judge our cattle, and then attend the presentation;
- All the members who participated in the challenge. Fifteen studs entered animals this year, which is more than previous years.

Congratulations to all entrants.

Sue Pace

SRPG secretary



Judge Larry Cutler beginning one of his early morning On Farm Challenge judging sessions

Full results can be found on the ALCA website

<http://www.lowlinecattleassoc.com.au/2016/07/2016-srpg-on-farm-challenge>

Class 1 Bull 9–12mths

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| 1. | Whitby Farm Squizzy | G & K Lorains |
| 2. | Rotherwood Lethal Weapon | V. Gilbert |

Class 2 Bull 12–18mths

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| 1. | Cann Valley Count Knockout | M.Cooney |
| 2. | Yarra Rages Lucky Strike | N & J Canny |

Class 3 Bull 18–24mths

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| 1. | Ballarat Grammar Kelvinator | M.Dickinson |
| 2. | Ardrossan Birregurra | J & P Stebbins |

Class 4 Bull over 2 yrs

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| 1. | Whitby Farm Taylor Made | G & K Lorains |
| 2. | Tarrawarra Barak | J & R Feagan |
| 3. | Rotherwood Hexam | A.Kentwell & G Arthurson |

Class 5 Female 9–12 mths

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| 1. | Tarrawarra Ebonique | J & R Feagan |
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Class 6 Female 12–18mths

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| 1. | Cann Valley Lunar Eclipse | M.Cooney |
| 2. | Wanamara Firestorm | J & G Knight |
| 3. | Riverside Ranges Latte | H & L Corallo |

Class 7 Female 18–24mths

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| 1. | Whitby Farm Kirby | G & K Lorains |
| 2. | Black Label Karen | S Pace & C Davis |
| 3. | Wanamara Ruby Sunset | G & J Knight |

Class 8 Female 2–5yrs

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| 1. | Rotherwood Jem | V Gilbert |
| 2. | Tarrawarra Beyonce | J & R Feagan |
| 3. | Rotherwood Hadfield Girl | H & L Corallo |

Class 9 Female over 5 yrs

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| 1. | Rotherwood Cherish | V Gilbert |
| 2. | Whitby Farm Opal | G & K Lorains |
| 3. | Ardrossan Lucette | J & P Stebbins |



SRPG On Farm Challenge Results *cont.*

Class 10 – Pen of 3 Steers 12–24mths

1. Whitby Farm G & K Lorains

Class 11 – Xbred/Commercial Steer 12–24mths

1. Ardeen Kronos A & S O'Brien

Class 12 – Xbred/Commercial Female over 12mths

1. Rotherwood EX1 V Gilbert

Class 13 – Sire's Progeny Group of 3 Animals

1. Whitby Farm Kilkenny G & K Lorains

Whitby Farm Steam Boat Bill

Whitby Farm Kirby

Whitby Farm Champagne

2. Wanamara Guinness G & J Knight

Wanamara Tequila Sunrise

Wanamara Black Caviar

Wanamara Opal Nera

3. Ballarat Grammar Fordy M Dickinson

Ballarat Grammar Kelvinator

Ballarat Grammar Kate

Ballarat Grammar Kylie

CHAMPION BULL

Whitby Farm Taylor Made Gil & Ken Lorains

RUNNER UP BULL

Tarrawarra Barak (AI) Jacqui & Richard Feagan

CHAMPION FEMALE

Rotherwood Cherish Vicki Gilbert

RUNNER UP FEMALE

Whitby Farm Opal Gil & Ken Lorains

GRAND CHAMPION

Whitby Farm Taylor Made Gil & Ken Lorains

COMMITTEE'S ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

Galashiels Maureen & Ian Morris



Farm Gate Sign



Travel Mug

Lowline Merchandise

Lowline Merchandise is available through our ALCA office. All items can be viewed online, with sizes for clothing & prices, on the ALCA website

www.lowlinecattleassoc.com.au

Contact Carole at the ALCA Office to place your order.



ALCA AGM

Saturday 1st Oct 2016

The Australian Lowline Cattle Association (ALCA) will hold the Annual & General Meeting in Sydney, NSW on Saturday 1st October 2016.

We invite all members to attend the meeting which will also involve a Members Forum where issues about the association & the Lowline breed can be discussed with Council.

Further details will be available shortly.



Advertising on the ALCA Website

As a member of ALCA you are entitled to FREE advertising on the website & each advertisement will be posted for 3 months.

Use the ALCA Saleyards to advertise either what you want to sell or what you are looking to buy. There is a classified space for you – and it's FREE, so give it a go! Really, what do you have to lose?

The SALEYARDS is divided into 4 categories – STUD STOCK, COMMERCIAL STOCK, EMBYROS/SEMEN & FARMYARD MARKETPLACE (suitable for farm machinery, cattle equipment, other livestock, hay or anything else a fellow farmer or cattle breeder might want to buy or sell).

The ALCA website is available to all members and for viewing by the public. It can promote your animals to other beef breed producers or dairy farmers who buy your stud bulls and provide an outlet for your steers.

To place an advertisement on the website, fill in the on-line form with the details

<http://www.lowlinecattleassoc.com.au/saleyards>

For further information contact

saleyards@lowlinecattleassoc.com.au

Electronic Registration Certificates & Invoices

Due to the rising costs of postage, it has been decided by Council that Registration certificates, invoices, statements & most paperwork, where practicable, will now be sent electronically via email to members.

Paper documents will continue to be posted to members who do not have emails.

To transfer ownership of a registered animal, the owner can print the Registration certificate, fill in & sign the certificate & either scan & return to the ALCA office via email or send by post.

If you have any queries please contact Carole
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Rockhampton Junior Beef

Rockhampton Junior Beef was held in the first week of the school holidays. This was open to Peewee's under 8 right up to 25yrs old.

We had Lowlines entered from Crimson Park, Langley Park Lowlines and Rockhampton Girls Grammar School Studs.

There were a few first time juniors and they really appreciated the good mannered Lowlines to learn new skills of parading and looking after an animal.

Sharon Coome
Nth Qld Promotion Group



Nate Coome collecting his 3rd place ribbon in the Peewee Section



A Peewee entrant who fell in love with Crimson Park Layla. The heifer ended up as her Birthday present!



Another young handler learning how to parade with Lowline heifer, Crimson Park Krystal



Brandan Beck received 1st place in Junior Paraders Under 15, with Crimson Park Krystal.

He is pictured here with Crimson Park Keigh, Senior Champion Bull at Rockhampton Show

