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## ALCA website update

Now that the new website has been up and running for just over a month, we hope that you have had a chance to look over it. We believe that this is an improvement on the old website and is in a more 'user friendly' format, containing lots of information about our breed that you can use in promoting Lowlines and your stud. The overwhelming majority of comments that we have received from members so far have been positive.

During the months prior to the site going live many hours were spent by the website team drafting and proof reading documents, consulting with GOOP (site developers) on the layout and making numerous changes. Unfortunately we did not have access to the Members Area until the site went live. This did not give us the opportunity to 'iron out the bugs' as we did for other areas of the site. This has caused a few minor hiccups and we ask for your patience as we get them sorted.

The main area of concern is the Log In process in the Members Area – we have outlined the process for Log In Registration on Page 2 of this newsletter for your information.

If you are still experiencing problems after following these instructions, please contact [web@lowlinecattleassoc.com.au](mailto:web@lowlinecattleassoc.com.au)

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## Winter is here!

Like it or not, winter is here and there are a few things we need to do to keep our cattle comfortable and healthy for the next few months.

For those who calve in Autumn/Winter, remember that cows need good feed to keep up a milk supply. During cold weather available dry feed (hay) is even more important so the cows can keep themselves warm as well as produce enough milk for their growing calves. Breeding cows need to maintain reasonable body condition so they can get back into calf and maintain a pregnancy, as well as feed a calf.

Grass tetany is a problem some farmers might face when the weather is cold & available pasture is short and green. Feeding hay and having magnesium lick blocks can help avoid this. Further information can be found in  The MEMBERS AREA of the web site,  in HERD HEALTH

Julie Knight

## Instructions for the Members Area Log In

### 1. To register (for first time users)

- 1.1. Select *Members Area* from the home screen
- 1.2. Select button “Register for Member Access” (underneath “Log In”)
- 1.3. In the window “Register For This Site”:
  - 1.3.1. Complete the box “Username or Email” (either your stud name or email address, whichever you prefer)
  - 1.3.2. Complete the boxes “Email”, “Stud Prefix” and “Phone Number”
  - 1.3.3. Select “Register”
- 1.4. You will receive an email from Wordpress that registration has been completed. The email will include a link to enable you to set your individual password. This is a security feature - to complete the process you must have access to your email account.
- 1.5. The password link will include a generated password which you can either change or accept.
- 1.6. Once your password has been set you will receive an email from the ALCA office advising that your registration has been approved. You can now log on using your Username and password.

### 2. To reset your password

- 2.1. Select “Forgotten your Password”
- 2.2. Enter your username or email
- 2.3. Select “Get new Password”
- 2.4. You will then receive an email from Wordpress containing a link to reset your password
- 2.5. Once you select the link you will be directed to page containing a preset Wordpress password, you can either accept this password or set one of your own
- 2.6. To set your own password, delete the present password and enter your own - please note the minimum requirements (at least 12 characters, upper and lower case letters and the use of a symbol)
- 2.7. You will receive confirmation that your password has been reset and you can now log in.

Please note that to enter the ABRI database section of the Member’s Area you will need to have separate login details (your previous login details). This is because the ABRI database is a separate database accessible from the GOOP website.

If you are still experiencing problems please contact [web@lowlinecattleassoc.com.au](mailto:web@lowlinecattleassoc.com.au)



## Blue Jem Lowlines, Inverell, NSW

Emma & Jason Germany established Blue Jem Lowline Stud in 2008 when they purchased 2 older cows from Allambie Lowline Stud.

Emma has been involved with Lowline cattle since 2001 through school and later through Allambie Stud with mentor, Tammy Brueur.

Emma won the Lowline Youth Ambassador Award in 2008 and travelled to the USA as an Australian Lowline Youth Representative to experience farming and Lowline cattle in America.

Jason's involvement in cattle started at school and with his parents Dexter stud but he finally saw the light through Emma's love of the breed and is now a Lowline convert.

In 2009 they purchased another 2 older cows and a show heifer from Allambie which would make up their foundation herd. The Blue Jem herd is now made up of about 15 stud females and they are run on Jason's parents property in Inverell, NSW.

'Our breeding philosophy is simple' explains Emma. 'We want to breed quality cattle that we enjoy. While our cattle are somewhat of a hobby at the moment, we have every intention to buy a property of our own in the future and expand. Temperament is a trait that is a high priority for us as we have two young children who like to get involved with our cattle.'

We are very critical of our bull calves and in the past 8 years we have only kept 2 bulls that have been sold to commercial herds. Most of our steers are either sold through the yards or butchered at home.'

Recently, Emma and Jason were fortunate enough to exhibit a couple of young heifers at the 2016 Sydney Royal Easter Show and Hawkesbury Show, with great success.

Young heifer, Blue Jem Little Star won Junior Champion Lowline at both shows and Interbreed Junior Champion Female at Hawkesbury Show.



Emma & Jason Germany with their keener helper, daughter, Megan

Having a young family makes it difficult for Jason & Emma to be involved with their cattle as much as they would like, but they will endeavour to participate in more events in the coming years as their children, Megan and Patty get older and their herd grows.

## Closing Dates For Show Entries

Just a reminder for entries for the following national shows – Royal Queensland Show (EKKA), Royal Adelaide Show & Royal Melbourne Show (20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Lowlines).

If you are entering or would like to enter cattle in these shows, the websites are below for further information. Most now have online entries available.

### 2016 Royal Brisbane Show (EKKA)

8 – 14 August -- Entries close 3 June 2016  
[www.ekka.com.au/competitions/](http://www.ekka.com.au/competitions/)

### 2016 Royal Adelaide Show

2 – 11 September – Entries close 10 June 2016  
[www.theshow.com.au/show-entries.jsp](http://www.theshow.com.au/show-entries.jsp)

### 2016 Royal Melbourne Show

17 – 27 September -- Entries close 2 July 2016  
[www.rasv.com.au/Events/](http://www.rasv.com.au/Events/)



## Lowline Matriarchs

Our April newsletter noted two Lowline matriarchs, both 19 years old and much loved by their owners – Broken Arrow Moonlight and Lorellen Spring II, who is now known to be 5 weeks older than Moonlight.

Kim and Robert Gearon, Bettowynd Stud, Macclesfield, Vic have sent in a photo of Lorellen Spring II on her 19<sup>th</sup> Birthday in March this year.



## The Caves Show, Qld

Four local studs presented Lowlines at The Caves Interbreed show on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

Crimson Park Lowlines, Timitch Hill Lowlines, Alton Lowlines paraded their cattle along with newcomers, Langley Park Lowlines.

Bradalee, Brayden and Brandon Beck from Langley Park Lowlines paraded cattle for the first time with their own stud. Well done boys!



## Calf Recording & Registrations

Many members do not realise that calves can be recorded on the ALCA database for a minimal fee of \$5.50 each and will not be charged a 'Late Registration Fee' when registered later than the required twelve months of age.

By Calf Recording your calves, they will be identified on the ALCA database with their name and Herdbook identification number.

When registering a RECORDED bull or female, a fee of \$33 applies, even if the animal is three or four years old.

If Calf Recording calves, DNA results are not required at the time of recording but if this animal is to be upgraded to a registration at a later date, DNA and Parent Verification results must be submitted to the Registrar before the registration can be finalized.

The ALCA Registration Form is used for Calf Recording, Registrations and Deemed Registrations.

This form requires the details of the dam and sire, date of birth, name of animal to be recorded or registered, date of birth and coat color.

In the final column 'REGISTER' write the letter 'R' for Record Calf.

Similarly, write 'Y' in this column if the animal is to be Registered or write 'D' for a Deemed Registration.

For Registrations and Deemed registrations, DNA and PV results are required. Red coated animals, progeny of Red animals and progeny of animals recognized as being Red gene carriers (RC) also require a Coat Color test before they can be registered.

The ALCA Registration Form can be found on the ALCA website in the MEMBERS AREA under the heading 'FORMS & DOWNLOADS'



## Rockhampton Girls Grammar - the girls in pink & pearls

Show season has commenced in Central Queensland with the cattle show team from the Rockhampton Girls Grammar School already completing 3 shows.

Proving their dedication, 13 girls gave up the last 5 days of their school holidays to attend the **Toowoomba Royal Show**. It was quite a distance to travel however the results that were obtained and the attention that was generated for the Girls Grammar made the experience worthwhile.

We were known at the Toowoomba Show as the 'delightful girls in pink and pearls'.

We made a big splash in the show ring with our snazzy new black and pink halters and walked away with 4 firsts, 2 seconds and 2 Reserve Champion ribbons which went to McIntosh Creek Kajaani and McIntosh Creek Leroy.

The girls also performed exceptionally well, with Lucy Brown and Kasey Davies placing 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in a very large class of Junior Paraders.

Bridie Jackson placed in the finals of the Junior Judging competition.

Shakeeta Yates contribution to the show team was noted by all and she was awarded the Reserve Champion Herdsman Award. Quite a prestigious award for a young lady of 8 years old.

Our second show was a bit closer to home, a leisurely 1-hour drive north of Rockhampton to **Marlborough**. Competing in an interbreed ring, their lowlines once again performed well, and they brought home the Champion Senior Cow, McIntosh Creek Janarli and Reserve Champion Senior Cow, McIntosh Creek Karbon Kopy, as well as a couple of other placings.

Once again, our girls performed well in the judging and parading. Placings in the U13 years judging went to Olivia Sherry, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Georgia Sherry, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Makayla Holznagel, 4<sup>th</sup>, Shakeeta Yates, 5<sup>th</sup> and Brodie Donaldson, 6<sup>th</sup>.

In the 13-U15 years, Lucy Brown, 1<sup>st</sup>, Indy Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Heidi Davison, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Shyane Yates 5<sup>th</sup>.



Olivia O'Donnell placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the 15-U17 years class and Sallie Salisbury placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 17-U25 years class. In the parading classes, Shakeeta Yates placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the U13 years class and Lucy Brown placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the 13-U15 years class.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> show in 3 weeks was a drive south to **Monto**. We stayed at the Salisbury family property and had a ball at the show on Saturday night. The team's arrival at the show on Sunday saw a flurry of activity with washing and blowing the cattle ready for the show ring.

Competing in an inter-breed ring, it was the bulls who performed well, with both Jelignite and Kannon Fire placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in their respective classes.

The girls once again performed exceptionally well, with Makayla Holznagel and Shakeeta Yates placing 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in the U13 parading class and Lucy Brown placing 4<sup>th</sup> in the U15 class.

The bar has certainly been set high for the year. We look forward to our participation in the 6 more shows that we have for this term.



Ku Lacey

Bridie Jackson with McIntosh Creek Leroy



## Showing your Cattle – Uniform Requirements

If you are going to show your cattle, a breed uniform is required, especially at major shows, including Royal Shows.

- Black Lowline woollen sleeveless vest
- Chambray shirt (blue)
- Moleskin pants or Blue jeans
- Lowline breed tie (not a requirement but can be purchased to wear at shows)

In Queensland, if schools are showing and vests are not available, wearing a white coat is acceptable.

Junior school handlers must wear neat, tidy attire with a white coat over the top when they are in the show ring.

**In all states, vests or white coats must not have any distinctive stud identification, eg. Stud name.**

The woollen vest, chambray shirt & breed tie can be seen in the MEMBERS AREA under the MERCHANDISE tab and can be ordered through the ALCA office:

[office@lowlinecattleassoc.com.au](mailto:office@lowlinecattleassoc.com.au)

Or contact Carole at the ALCA Office to place your order (02) 6773 3295



Lowline Breed Vest (for shows)



Lowline Reversible Jacket



Nate Coome happy with his second in the under 9mth section at the Cave Show

## Coming Shows for Nth Queensland

Yeppoon Show 12 June 2016

Rockhampton Show 15–17 June 2016

The Nth Queensland Promotion Group also had a display at the Girls Grammar Open Day on 20/05/16 and at the Wholly Cow Month Big Breakfast at the Glenmore Homestead on Sunday 22/05/16.

Sharon Coome

## SRPG On Farm Challenge 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016

The Southern Promotion Group of Victoria (SRPG) will be holding their third On Farm Challenge on the Queen's Birthday Long Weekend. The judge for the Challenge will be well known Gippsland beef breeder, Larry Cutler.

This year there are 15 Victorian Lowline studs that have entered a total of 75 entries. Classes include stud bulls, stud females, commercial females, pens of steers and sire's progeny classes.

Previous challenges have been very successful and the committee is confident this year's competition will be too.

