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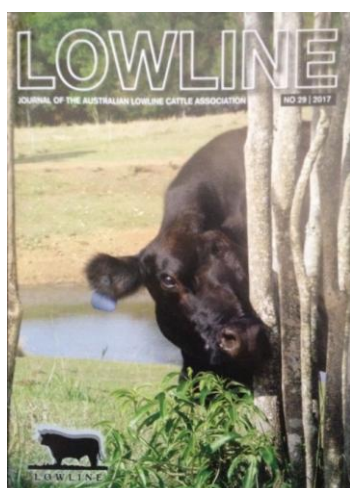
2017 Lowline Journal

By now all members should have received the 2017 Lowline Journal.

The Journal Team has, once again, done a wonderful job getting this publication together. The Christmas period always makes it difficult to organize to have it ready for the first major show of the year, Canberra Show. But it is here!

We would like to thank all the contributors to the Journal – the many interesting articles, the beautiful photos and the stud advertising. Without you all, there wouldn't be a Journal.

We would also like to thank the editor, Jo Glasheen from The View Concepts & publishers, Rural Weekly.



The Journal will also be available on the ALCA website as an E-journal

If you would like further copies for promotion, please contact Carole Johns at ALCA
office@lowlinecattleassoc.com.au

Enjoy the read!

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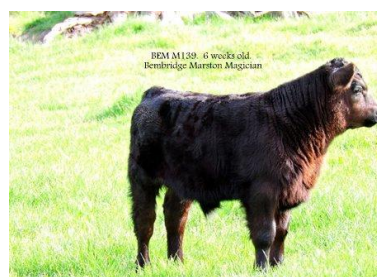
Reminder – Recorded Calves

The January Newsletter continued with further 'HOW TO...' tips to assist our members. January included – 'Instructions to Simplify your Cattle Registrations' **These can now be found on the website – FORMS & DOWNLOADS/MEMBERS AREA.**

Your calves can be RECORDED & then REGISTERED at a later date.

Once recorded on the ALCA database that animal DOESN'T need to be added to a Cattle Registration Form again to register.

Just email the ALCA Office & let them know the details of the animal to be upgraded to a FULL REGISTRATION (eg. Name, ID number, DOB). A payment of \$30 (+ GST) will be required to upgrade the animal on the database.



South Queensland - Upcoming Events

For members in the southern areas of Queensland, below are shows and events which will be held during the year.

You are encouraged to join other participating members and help to promote the breed. If you would like to attend with or without cattle, or just need further information about the event, contact the South Queensland Promotion Group – Christina Schiller
email: christina.schiller@uqconnect.edu.au

Details of these shows and events are also on EVENTS on the website.

Pittsworth Show 10-11th March

- Will have 5 Lowline studs attending (Lik Lik Lowlines & Sunrise Lowlines Cambooya, Ebony Lowlines - Pittsworth (First Show), Pittsworth SHS, Loc-Hi Lowlines – Gatton)

<https://www.pittsworthshowsociety.com.au/schedule>

Toowoomba Royal Show 30th March - 1st April

- Entries Close Tuesday Feb 7th
- Lowline Judging Saturday 1st April 8:30am

<http://www.toowoombashow.com.au/rasq-toowoomba-royal-show/show-schedules/>

Goombungee Small Breed Competition - Saturday 29th April

<https://www.facebook.com/Goombungee-Haden-A-H-P-Society-Inc-140894342646158/>

Toogoolawah Show 9-10th June

- Schedule TBA

<http://www.toogoolawahshowsociety.org.au/schedules.htm>



Gatton Show 21-22nd July 2017

<http://www.gattonshowsociety.com.au/>

- Contact stud cattle co-ordinator
- Amy Steinhardt 0423378984 for schedule

Ekka (Brisbane Royal Show)

Monday 14- Sunday 20th August

- Schedule TBA – generally sent to members in May

Queensland Beef Expo

Wednesday 30th August - Friday 1st Sept

- To be held at Toowoomba Showgrounds Qld
- Features School Hoof & Hook Competition & all breed bull sale
- <https://www.facebook.com/gldbeefexpo/?fref=ts> or <https://beefexpo.com.au/>

Queensland Beef Expo is set to be Southern Queensland's leading Beef Industry and Farming event, showcasing a vast range of products and services used for growing and managing beef, stock control, transportation, breed displays, better on-farm practices, export opportunities, as well as farm machinery, vehicles, tractors, equipment, safety and more.

This event will also service the wider farming community with products and services for the agricultural industry, construction and earthmoving equipment, fencing and engineering, produce growers, cotton, grain, equine and more.



Little Farm Lowlines donates to fire victims

A brief article came to light last week about a very generous young man, Kai Gregory, an ALCA Youth Member, who has his own stud, Little Farm Lowlines at Piallamore in NSW.

Following the devastating fires in NSW this month, Kai's story was picked up by Real FM Mudgee, NSW & broadcast through their listening area & on the Real FM Mudgee Facebook page on Friday 17th February. His story follows –

'Kai is 11 and he wants to donate a steer and heifer (lowline x angus) from his commercial herd to a family who lost stock in the fires.

He breeds and shows Lowlines and has asked if there is someone who would like these two commercials.

They are halter broken, still on mum at the moment and will be ready to wean in a few months, Kai has said that this will give the farmers time to fix their fences.

He would like to deliver them himself. His stud name is Little Farm Lowlines.

EDIT: Saturday – Kai has been inundated with calls & messages. He & his family have now found a new family for the animals.'

Kai's story has gone viral worldwide via Facebook.

What an amazing and inspiring young man we have as a member!

Well done Kai and Family!!!



2017 Seymour Alternative Farm Expo

The Seymour Alternative Farm Expo three day event was held at King's Park, Seymour in Victoria from 17th – 19th February.

This is an extremely popular annual event and attracts people from all walks of life, from city slickers to tree changers and commercial farmers. Some people travel hours just to get there.

Wanamara Farm took Lowlines for their display with 22 month old bull, Wanamara Cavalier and young cow, Wanamara Ruby Sunset, who came out of retirement for the event. Ruby had her 7 month old bull calf at foot, Wanamara Consentino, who enjoyed being the centre of attention.

Over the three days, Greg & Julie Knight chatted with many visitors interested in their farm and their Lowlines – some with established farms and some looking for a 'tree change' in the future.

Due to the great Spring season last year in Victoria, there was a very positive atmosphere, with many keen enquiries about Lowlines, which will be difficult to fill if they all come back for cattle.

But hopefully, there will be some new Victorian ALCA members in the future.

Vaccinating Your Cattle

If you have cattle, they will need annual vaccinations at some time during the year.

The most common vaccination vital to the health of your cows is a '5 in 1' or a '7 in 1' vaccination which will prevent the most common Clostridial diseases that can occur in cattle – Tetanus, Blackleg, Malignant Oedema, Botulism, Enterotoxaemia (Pulpy Kidney) & Black's Disease.

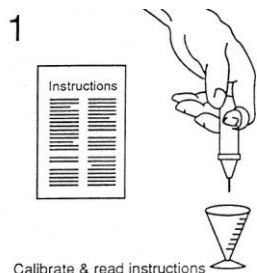
Calves usually need their first vaccination after 4 weeks old & then a 2nd Booster vaccination at a later date, before weaning. This 1st & 2nd vaccination will apply to all vaccines administered to a calf. From then on, the vaccinations will be annual. **Check directions on vaccine packaging for correct timing of vaccinations.**

It is most important to make sure a bull calf has been fully vaccinated before he is steered (castrated).

Further information about cattle vaccines can be found on the NSW DPI downloadable PDF.

http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0010/111250/beef-cattle-vaccines.pdf

It is very important that you have good holding facilities, either a crush or head bale to ensure that vaccinations can be done safely. The safety of the owner and the cow is imperative.



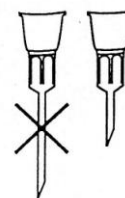
Calibrate & read instructions

STEP 1 – Read the instructions on the package to make sure the correct dosage is given.

STEP 2 – Ideally use 16 gauge x ½ inch long needles, but longer will be OK if careful

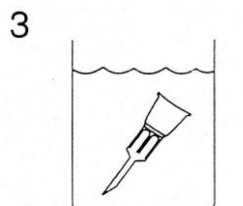
- Change needles regularly as they get blunt after a few animals

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Use 16 g 1/2" needles

Change needles regularly



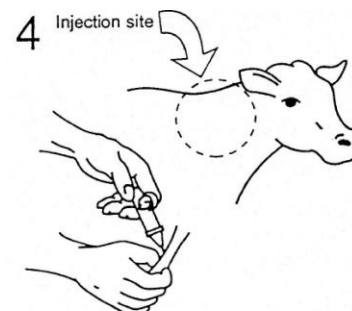
Sterilize equipment before use & check for operational efficiency

STEP 3 – Make sure your equipment is sterilized if using an automatic vaccination gun.

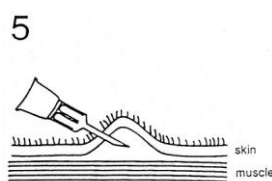
- Check the gun is calibrated & working correctly.
- If using individual needles & syringes, they are already sterile in their packages.

STEP 4 – Injection site is best around the neck so it doesn't affect meat quality & makes least damage to the hide in steers.

Or in the loose tissue behind the front leg of a calf.



Pinch a fold of skin



Inject under raised skin

STEP 5 – Subcutaneous injections – Pinch a fold of skin to form a 'V' in the neck skin

- Insert needle under the raised skin into the area between the skin & muscle
- Inject the vaccine under the skin & remove the needle



Record:
Date, Animal ID, Dose, Dose rate,
Weight, Batch No., Expiry Date

STEP 6 – Record the information – Manually or Electronically

- Date, Animal ID, Dose given,
- Type of vaccine, Batch number, Expiry date,



Wessex
Lowlines
Dorset, UK

Welcome to New Members

Our membership continues to grow every month. Welcome to our latest new members. It is great to see more Overseas Lowline breeders joining us.

Welcome to ALCA !

Sienna Smith (Youth Membership)
Windsor Downs, NSW – Red Lily Lowlines

John Dudli & Shirley Dudli (Full Membership)
Ohaupo, North Island, NZ – Lotus Lowlines

Mason Wright (Full Membership)
Terranora, NSW – Break O'Day Lowlines

Oliver Latter (Full Membership)
Badminton, Gloucestershire, UK – Cotswold Lowlines

Mark & Mel Hartwell (Full Membership)
Bulahdelah, NSW – Markwell Valley Lowlines



2016 Canterbury A & P Show, NZ –Highlands in the Grand Parade being photo-bombed by Australian visitor, Riley Clancy carrying the Lowline sign.....that's the way to get Lowlines noticed! Well done Riley..

Advertise in the Saleyard & Farmyard Marketplace - It's FREE

A reminder to members that advertising your cattle, farm machinery or anything connected with cattle or farms is FREE to members on the ALCA website.

The ALCA website is public so anything advertised here can be seen by anyone looking for a purchase.

To advertise in the Saleyard email your information to

saleyards@lowlinecattleassoc.com.au

Lowline Merchandise



If you are looking for gifts, why not purchase some Lowline merchandise for family and friends.

As show season is just beginning in the north, show uniforms will be a requirement so get in early.

Clothing items are printed on order so please place your order a few weeks before they are needed.

Other items in stock can be ordered directly from the ALCA office. Please contact Carole at the ALCA office to place your orders.

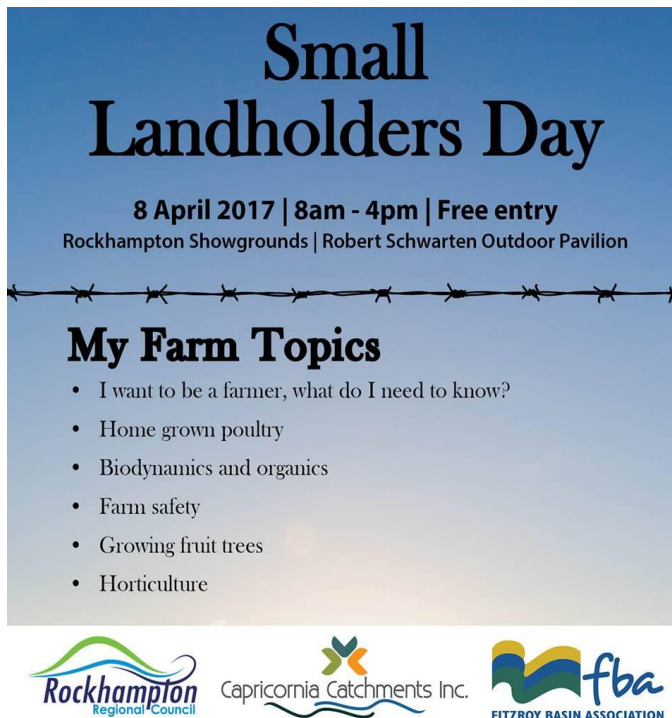
office@lowlinecattleassoc.com.au

For prices & available sizes check the MERCHANDISE tab on the ALCA website.

The Order Form can be downloaded from the ALCA website www.lowlinecattleassoc.com.au



Nth Queensland - Upcoming Events



Small Landholders Day

8 April 2017 | 8am - 4pm | Free entry
Rockhampton Showgrounds | Robert Schwarten Outdoor Pavilion

My Farm Topics

- I want to be a farmer, what do I need to know?
- Home grown poultry
- Biodynamics and organics
- Farm safety
- Growing fruit trees
- Horticulture

Logos: Rockhampton Regional Council, Capricornia Catchments Inc., FITZROY BASIN ASSOCIATION

8th April – 8.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. – FREE ENTRY!

Robert Schwarten Outdoor Pavilion, Rockhampton Showgrounds, Rockhampton, Qld

Australian Lowlines have a site and display – come and have a chat!

Talk to local breeders, learn about the breed and the beef!

THE CAVES SHOW – 29TH April 2017
The Caves Showground, Qld.

MONTO SHOW – 29th April, 2017
Monto Showgrounds, Monto, Qld

RIDGELANDS SHOW – 3rd June 2017
Ridgeland Show Venue, Ridgeland, Qld

More Queensland Shows & Events can be found on EVENTS on the ALCA website

Meet the Mini Day

Last year we had over 2500 people at the Meet The Mini Day – many more are expected this year.

Heaps of interactive displays ("paint a bull" from last year for example), and information on Lowline cattle available.

Many animals will be on display, some for sale, and there will be the opportunity to talk to a variety of Lowline breeders.

See what our cattle have to offer you!

Lots of other interesting activities and events – mini horses and goats– including babies to pat, races, heaps of food stalls, entertainment, market goods, great coffee! Everyone from the Lions Club and Men's Shed to belly dancers and face painters – and everything in between! A great family day out. Raffles and gate prizes, produce, croc pies, pony rides, chickens, whatever rural pursuits you may be interested in.....come and see it here!



JUNABEL MINIATURES

MEET THE MINI DAY

Sunday 2nd July 2017 – 9:30am til 2:00pm

Join us for a fun filled Family Country Day
\$5 per person – 3yrs & under free

Informative Displays & Presentations

824 Coowonga Road Phone: 0409270922
COOWONGA Q 4702 Email: clipsmartebigpond.com

WHATS ON

- Horse & Goat Races
- Kite making & flying
- Lowline cattle
- Lots of food stalls
- Lucky gate prizes
- Pony rides by El-Jay
- Coffee & ice cream

- Live entertainment
- Market stalls
- Face painting
- Petting area
- Multi draw raffle
- Lots of interaction for the kids
- Wildlife rescue



Lacey wants young women to break down barriers in ag

By Zhanae Conway-Dodd – Rural
Weekly 21st February 2017

Lacey Smith Ag prefect RGGS:

Lacey Smith, the Agricultural prefect at Rockhampton Girls Grammar school shares her ideas about breaking stereotypes of women in the ag industry



WATCHING her mum manage cattle stations all her life has given Lacey Smith the strong belief women can do anything.

Especially when it comes to the agriculture industry.

And now the Rockhampton Girls Grammar Year 12 boarding student wants to share that belief with other young women.

In her final year of school, Lacey has been awarded ag science prefect and intends to use her role as a leader to break down stereotypes of women in the agricultural industry.

She says she wants to promote the fact there are "so many careers in ag, especially for girls".

Coming from a 52,000–hectare property near Alpha and Springsure with 300 mainly droughtmaster breeders, Lacey runs a committee every three weeks for young women who are interested in ag at the school.

"I'd really like to try and get the girls to promote to the school that there are so many careers in ag, especially for women. It's not just working on the farm, there's a lot more to it and there is a lot of opportunity for girls in that career," she said.

"Especially seeing the ag prefects before me. I have got some ideas from them and built on what they have done.

"We would probably just like to run (an event) or something that can promote the careers, maybe try and get some guest speakers in from all different aspects from the ag industry."

Lacey has grown so passionate about women in the agricultural industry, all thanks to her mother.

"Well because my mum is a manager of a property, I don't think you see that often and I want to get it out there that you can do that stuff," she said.

Postscript: An inspiring young lady, Lacey is a member of the Rockhampton Girls Grammar Cattle Team. They have a show team of Lowline cattle that they exhibit at many local & national shows in Queensland.

2017 Clifton Show Results, Qld

Judge: Mr Corey Evans

12 head shown from 4 studs – Lik Lik Lowlines, Pittsworth State High, Sunrise Lowlines & Ebony Lowlines, at their first show. Congratulations to all who competed.

Junior Champion Bull: Pittsworth Model

Res. Junior Bull: Lik Lik Legend

Grand Champion Bull: Pittsworth Model

Junior Champion Female: Lik Lik Melina

Res. Junior Female: Lik Lik Liberty

Senior Champion Female: Lik Lik Jelina

Res. Senior Female: Sunrise Jubilee

Grand Champion Female: Lik Lik Melina



Emily from Ebony Lowlines with her 2nd place heifer, Alycam Lucerne at her stud's first show



More photos from Clifton Show



South Australian Promotion Group

2017 On Farm Challenge

Entry forms have been sent out for the upcoming "On Farm Challenge" scheduled for the end of April/beginning of May.

Due to distance, it will be held over a couple of weekends.

This is a great competition for cattle breeders. No cattle preparation is needed and the animals are judged in the paddock. Feedback from the judge will help you to make future breeding decisions to improve your herd.

If you would like further information to participate in this event please contact Sue Foureur Glenlonny@hotmail.com

Hot Summer Tour, Mount Gambier, SA

Burrungule Boutique Beef once again excelled themselves by catering at the Hot Summer Tour held at The Old Goal in Mount Gambier on Saturday 11th February.

Peter and Denise Moloney with Sue Foureur served their wonderful Scotch Fillet steak sandwiches and Gourmet sausages to a crowd of 3,500 people.

It was a great night of entertainment with 'ICE HOUSE' the featured band, supported by Pseudo Echo, Dragon, Shannon Noll, Daryl Braithwaite and James Reyne.

Although the weather was perfect to begin with, it did turn wet later in the evening but did nothing to dampen the spirits of all who attended.



Scene of the crowd from the BBQ tent

Victoria - Upcoming Steer Events

Below are some 2017 Steer/Carcass events in Victoria that might interest members with steer and beef production.

This is a great opportunity to learn more about the steers you are producing by entering a carcass competition. The data and information received from these trials and carcass competitions is extremely beneficial and will help with your decisions for herd improvement and beef production.

They will also be useful for breed promotion so you can tell prospective buyers exactly what meat yield or dressing percentage your cattle produce. This is what buyers want to know!

If you would like to enter animals in the carcass competitions and need further information, contact the Victorian Promotion Group (SRPG)

Secretary: natarsha@yarrangeslowline.com.au

Or

Email: Jeanette Stebbins – stebbins@bigpond.com

Lardner Grass Finished Steer Trial – June to November

Contact: (03) 5626 1374

Email office@lardnerpark.com.au

Yea Show and proposed Carcass Competition – November 2017

Contact: Matt Noonan 0427 090378

Noorat Show and Carcass Competition – 18th November, 2017

Contact: Vicki Maher 0455 669984



Collecting Steer Data

As part of the Producer Agreement with ALCA for Certified Lowline Beef, CLB producers are asked to submit steer carcass data with ALCA.

This data is being collected and collated, and will be used as promotion for Lowline beef and promoting the commercial use of Lowlines.

Members are asked to submit any data they have collected to add to this database. The more data collected, the more accurate the results will be.

The main information being collected is –

- Animal type: Steer/heifer
- Breeding (eg. Lowline/Lowline crossbred)
- Parent names or sire (if using Lowline bull)
- Age
- Liveweight (if known)
- Carcass Weight (from Kill sheet/butcher)
- Dressing % (if you know Liveweight)
- Meat Yield %
(weight of meat produced once boned out – ask butcher to weigh packed meat or weigh packs at home)

Meat Yield % can be calculated –

$$\frac{\text{Meat weight}}{\text{Carcass Weight}} \times 100 = \text{Meat Yield \%}$$

If you know the Liveweight of your animal before being processed, you can also work out Dressing Percentage, which is the percent of the live animal that ends up as carcass.

Some factors may affect the results for Dressing %, eg. if the animal was weighed with a full stomach or empty.

$$\frac{\text{Carcass Weight}}{\text{Liveweight}} \times 100 = \text{Dressing \%}$$



All of this information is valuable but if you don't have it all, send what you do have.

Email your Carcass data to Michele Molloy
mitchmay@bigpond.com

