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<u>Australian Lowline -</u>The Book is here!



By now, most of you who have pre-purchased this beautiful coffee-table book will have received your copy. We hope you are enjoying it.

It has been many months of preparation (blood, sweat & tears) but now it is here and we have had wonderful reviews.

Sandra Price and I would like to thank all those who contributed photos, stories and information to compile into this ALCA publication which contains over 300 photos. Unfortunately we couldn't use every photo submitted but others will be used for ALCA publications in the future. Thank you to all contributors.

This book is full of interesting historical photos and facts, with many stories from people who love Lowlines today.

We hope this book will not only be of interest to ALCA members but also to the general public, encouraging further interest in our cattle and perhaps new members to the Association.

So if you haven't purchased your copy, visit the Lowline Shop www.lowlineshop.com

Happy reading, Julie Knight

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Deepest Condolences

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the recent passing of two long-time ALCA members. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to their family and friends.

Phyllis Beech

Wife of ALCA past President, Allen Beech, Phyllis passed away in mid June. Phyllis & Allen Beech were very early members of ALCA and had Avonsleigh Stud at Emerald in Victoria. The Beech's were always strong supporters of ALCA and SRPG.

Gordon Marsden

Another long time member, Gordon Marsden lived in Wingham, NSW. Gordon had moved into a Nursing Home but he was still always interested in the association and Lowline cattle. Gordon passed away mid June also.

Losing such well respected members of our Association is very sad & we send our condolences to the families.

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Rockhampton Beef 2018

Once again ALCA had a Trade site with around one thousand visitors recorded, at Beef Australia in Rockhampton. Great interest was generated with enquiries for semen from France (1000 head dairy), South Africa, Philippines, China and Malaysia as well as visitors from across Australia – some as far afield as WA. Highlights of the week included live crosses being done from the trade site by both local radio and ABC Tropical North radio.

The Trade site was put together and manned by a small group of dedicated ALCA members. Thanks to those who donated time, materials and display cattle.

Many school groups visited, taking away promotional bags and materials and there was a steady stream of people interested in learning more about the cattle. Each day there were speakers giving talks about various aspects of animal husbandry and the Lowline breed. These proved to be very popular. Thank you to all involved.

The showing of the Lowline cattle took place early on Thursday morning with 62 head being exhibited – Lowlines being one of the better represented breeds at Beef. Livestreaming of the event– thanks to Landmark – was a great idea and Mandy Tennent uploaded snippets to the ALCA Facebook page for those not able to attend. This generated a lot of interest from ALCA members, in Australia and overseas. The day was hot with a 7.30 a.m. start, but all 62 head were well presented and the judge, Renee Rutherford, spoke very well.

Congratulations to all Lowline exhibitors for presenting such a brilliant line-up of animals at the show for such a large crowd of Australian and international visitors to Rockhampton Beef.

Australian Lowline Show at Rockhampton Beef 2018



THE Grand Champion ribbons in the Australian Lowline ring went south of the border to first-time Beef Australia exhibitors

Vicki Gilbert, Rotherwood Stud, Cann River, Victoria, and her nephew Matt Cooney, Cann Valley Stud, Cann River, took home the grand champion male and female titles respectively.

Judge Renee Rutherford, Redbank, Rockhampton, was impressed with the consistency of the animals on show, and considered them to be a "great representation" of the Australian Lowline breed.

A big 'Thank You' to all exhibitors for putting on such an outstanding show. Well done!



Rockhampton Beef 2018 Australian Lowline Show Results

Calf Females

Class 1 – Female 6 to 9 mths 1st Gigi Nova – Gigi Stud

Class 2 - Heifer 9 to 12 mths

1st Lik Lik Necessity – Lik Lik Stud
 2nd Lik Lik Naveena – Lik Lik Stud

3rd Dakabin Nessa - Dakabin State High School

4th Crimson Park Nina - Crimson Park

5th Cloudbreak Nefertiti - Mackay Christian

College

6th Crimson Park Neo - Crimson Park

Class 3 - Heifer 12 to 15 mths

1st Desire Red National Pride - Gigi Stud

2nd Gigi Next-in-line - Gigi Stud

3rd Rotherwood Number One Girl - Rotherwood

4th Cloudbreak Nirvana – Mackay Christian

5th Dakabin Neve - Dakabin State High School

6th M&M Norma Jean - M&M Stud

Calf Champion Female – Lik Lik Necessity Reserve Calf Champion Female –

Desire Red National Pride

Calf Males

Class 6 - Bull 6 to 9 mths

1 st Rotherwood Notorious - Rotherwood

2nd Gigi Nefarious - Gigi Stud

Class 7 - Bull 9 to 12 mths

1st Lik Lik Notorious – Lik Lik Stud

2nd Crimson Park Notorious – Crimson Park

3rd Cloudbreak Neptune - Mackay Christian

College

4th Dakabin Noel - Dakabin State High School

Class 8 - 12 to 15 mths

1st Langley Park Nitro - Langley Park
 2nd Tanview Nutcracker - Tanview Stud

3rd Dakabin Norman - Dakabin State High

School

Calf Champion Bull – Rotherwood Notorious **Reserve Calf Champion Bull** – Gigi Nefarious

Junior Females

Class 11 - Heifer 15 to 17 mths

1st Dakabin Maggie – Dakabin State High

2nd Desire Red Meleoka - Gigi Stud

Class 12 - Heifer 17 to 19 mths

1st Sarah Lea Marvelous Creation - Tanview Stud

2nd Dakabin Mia – Dakabin State High School

3rd McIntosh Creek Red Medallion - Tanview Stud

4th Desire Red Malia - Gigi Stud

Class 13 - Heifer 19 to 21 mths

1st Sunrise Milan - Sunrise Stud

2nd Pittsworth Modem – Pittsworth State High School

3rd Alycam Midnight - Alycam Stud

Junior Champion Female - Sunrise Milan Reserve Junior Champion Female -

Sarah Lea Marvelous Creation

Junior Males

Class 16 - Bull 15 to 17 mths

1st Rotherwood Master Maelstrom -Rotherwood

2nd Crimson Park Monarch – Crimson Park

Class 17 - Bull 17 to 19 mths

1st Lik Lik Maximus - Lik Lik Stud

Junior Champion Bull -

Rotherwood Master Maelstrom

Reserve Junior Champion Male – Lik Lik Maximus

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Senior Females

Class 21 - Female 21 to 24 mths

1st Lik Lik Midori - Lik Lik Stud

Class 22 - Cow 24 to 30 mths

Dakabin Molly - Dakabin State High School
 Crimson Park Mystic Miss - Crimson Park
 Crimson Park Legacy - Crimson Park
 McIntosh Creek Mystery Girl - Gigi Stud

5th Tanview Matilda - Tanview Stud
 6th Gigi Maybe Midnight - Gigi Stud

Class 23 - Cow 30 to 36 mths

1st Dakabin Lucy - Dakabin State High School

2nd Lik Lik Liberty – Lik Lik Stud

3rd Tanview Lovebird - Tanview Stud

4th Roulette Red Delight – Mackay Christian College

Class 24 - Cow 36 to 48 mths

1st Cann Valley Lunar Eclipse - Cann Valley

2nd Tanview Lorileet - Tanview Stud

3rd Crimson Park Krystal - Crimson Park

4th Dakabin Katrina - Dakabin State High School

Senior Champion Female – Cann Valley Lunar Eclipse Reserve Senior Champion Female – Dakabin Lucy Grand Champion Female – Cann Valley Lunar Eclipse

Senior Males

Class 27 - Bull 21 to 24 mths

1st Tanview Master - Tanview Stud

2nd Pittsworth Model - Pittsworth State High School

3rd Dakabin Magnus - Dakabin State High School

4th Cloudbreak Magneto - Mackay Christian College

Class 28 - Bull 24 to 30 mths

1st Rotherwood Masterpiece – Rotherwood

2nd Tanview Lord Guinness – Tanview Stud

3rd McIntosh Mondaroo - Gigi Stud

4th Serena Dows Merlin the Magician - Crimson Park

5th Dakabin Max - Dakabin State High School

Senior Males cont.

Class 29 - Bull 30 to 36 mths

1 st Platinum Park The Red Baron - Rotherwood

Senior Champion Bull – Rotherwood Masterpiece Reserve Senior Champion Bull – Tanview Master Grand Champion Male –

Rotherwood Master Maelstrom

Group Classes

Class 32 - Exhibitors Group

1st Rotherwood 2nd Lik Lik Stud 3rd Crimson Park 4th Tanview Stud

5th Dakabin State High School6th Dakabin State High School

Class 33 - Sire's Progeny Stakes

1st Crimson Park - Sire: Timitch Hill Bakari

2nd Dakabin State High School - Sire: Merowin H.R

3rd Dakabin State High School-Sire:Lik Lik Houston

Class 34 - Dam's Progeny Stakes

1st Lik Lik Stud - Dam: Lik Lik Exquisite

2nd Crimson Park - Dam: Allambie Gladys

3rd Crimson Park - Dam: Tanview Grace

4th Dakabin State High School-Dam: Kobblevale Joyce

5th Dakabin State High School-Dam: Dakabin Fenella



ALCA Annual Conference & AGM in Christchurch, New Zealand

3 & 4th November 2018

This year the ALCA AGM & Conference will be held at the Commodore Airport Hotel, 449 Memorial Ave. in Christchurch, New Zealand. A bus tour of some surrounding Lowline studs has been organized for Sunday 4th November, the day after the AGM.

All members, Australian, New Zealand & international, are cordially invited to attend what will be a really interesting event organized by the NZ South Island Promotion Group. This is a great opportunity to meet some of our New Zealand Lowline members & see how they operate their farms in a different climate zone. It will also be an opportunity to meet our New Zealand counterparts face-to-face.

Day One - Saturday 3rd November

12 noon -- Meet and greet / registrations and lunch

1 p.m. -- Breed conference with speakers:

- Monique Koning The impact of mycoplasma bovis in N.Z.
- Professor Dr. Pablo Gregorini Aspects of beef production
- Johanna Scott The transition to SNP from Microsatellite DNA

3 p.m. Afternoon Tea

3.30 p.m. Annual General Meeting of ALCA

4.30 p.m. Council meeting

6.30 p.m. Meet for conference dinner at 7 p.m.

<u>Day Two</u> - Sunday 4th November

Stud tour by luxury coach (on-board toilet) departing and returning to the Commodore on Memorial Avenue.

Departure 8 a.m.

The 310 km tour will take about 9 hours, but only half of that will be travelling, the rest of the time on farm.

You will travel through back roads and on main highways, across the mountain gorge bridges of two of the biggest rivers on the South Island and through plains farmland serviced by some of the biggest irrigation schemes in New Zealand.

Lunch is included.

You will visit

- Woolstone Park Lowline Stud Philip and Kay Worthington, Rangiora
- Flat Hills Lowline Stud Monique Koning and Ron Uitdewilligen, Hororata
- Ashmore Lowline Stud Gordon and Debbie Guthrie, Ashburton
- · . Araawa Lowline Stud Kevin and Penny Harmer, Dunsandel

Rancho Radiata Lowline Stud, North Island, New Zealand



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ALCA Annual Conference & AGM in Christchurch, New Zealand

Conference Speakers:

Monique Koning is a practising veterinarian as well as a Lowline stud breeder. She runs her own business, Mobile Vetcare Ltd., but actually began her career as a doctor in her home country, the Netherlands, where she had obtained a medical degree and a PhD in Experimental Cardiology. Monique came to New Zealand some 25 years ago, changed careers, and obtained a Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree from Massey University. She worked in equine and several mixed practices and developed an interest in acupuncture, chiropractic and laser therapy for animals. Further studies with the Australian College of Veterinary Acupuncture and with Options for Animals in the USA led to certification with IVAS (International Veterinary Acupuncture Society) and IVCA International Veterinary Chiropractic Association. Her subject is very topical, with the Government deciding that New Zealand would become the only country in the world to try to eradicate *mycoplasma bovis*, which – at the time of writing – has been identified on 46 farms and expected to cost the country some \$886 million and the slaughter of some 152,000 cattle.

Dr Pablo Gregorini is Professor of Livestock Production at Lincoln University.

Argentinian by birth he was working as a research assistant on alternative grazing systems even before getting his Ba Ag Sc at the National University of La Plata in 1998. Over the next 10 years he completed two further graduate programmes while serving as a lecturer and adjunct professor at that same university. He then joined an international project on nutrition and foraging behaviour of cattle at the Uruguayan University of the Republic and throughout 2002/2003 worked in the Waneningen Institute of Animal Science in the Netherlands. Pablo then moved to the USA (2004–07) to work on his PhD in Animal Science at the University of Arkansas, focusing on ruminant nutrition and grazing management. He came to New Zealand in 2008 to take up a role in Dairy NZ's Feed and Farm Systems Group. The winner of many international awards and author of scores of peer–reviewed articles in international publications, Pablo is a popular speaker with international audiences and has given more than 80 invited presentations in the USA, Europe, Australasia and South America.

Johanna Scott is the National Technical Services Manager for Zoetis Genetics. A farmer's daughter and graduate of Massey University in Animal Science and Agriculture, Johanna worked as a general labourer on a dairy farm and as a cook and bar manager for an Oamaru hotel before obtaining a job with Zoetis as a customer services consultant. In the five and a half years since then she has gone on to be a genetics area manager for the company, establishing a new market within the Zoetis genetics team in the North Island, and since November 2016, has been in her present role. As well as the comprehensive technical knowledge of genomics that this entails, Johanna also has a deep understanding of the agricultural industry. In 2016 she also graduated from the Kellogg Rural Leadership Course at Lincoln University after which she relaxed by volunteering as a field researcher into the conservation of wildlife such as marabou storks, giraffes, and other threatened species in Swaziland.

ALCA Annual Conference & AGM in Christchurch, New Zealand

Commodore Airport Hotel

The conference venue is 5 minutes from Christchurch International Airport and has a **free 24-hour shuttle service** to and from the airport (plus indoor pool and sauna if you want.)

We have obtained a special conference rate and the hotel is holding rooms for us at those special rates which will apply from Thursday 1st November until Monday 5th November (departure Tuesday 6th). Detailed descriptions of room types and facilities can be viewed at on the hotel's website

www.commodorehotel.nz

ALCA Conference rates:

Premium room: \$201.00 including breakfast per room per night. **Business level: \$251.00 including breakfast** per room per night.

These special rates are in NZ dollars and include all applicable taxes and will be available until September 30th or until the allocation of rooms has been filled. Any bookings taken after this time will be taken subject to room availability and at the best available rate.

ACCOMMODATION TO BE BOOKED DIRECTLY WITH THE COMMODORE BY SEPTEMBER 30 ROOMS CANNOT BE GUARANTEED AFTER THAT DATE.

Please email reservations@commodorehotel.co.nz or call +64 (03) 358-8129

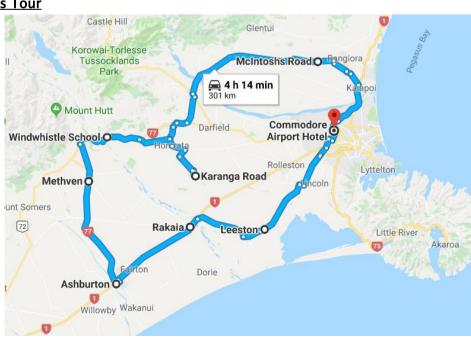
(**Freephone NZ** 0508 266 663 / **Aust.** 1800 628 357) and quote our conference booking reference: **389-9061-4312**

Registration Forms for attending this event are available from Carole Johns at the ALCA Office office@lowlinecattle.com.au

Registrations close Sunday 30th September Send completed registrations to:

Late registrations will incur a \$20 pp admin fee.

Map of Sunday's Tour



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Australian Lowline Cattle Muster, Queensland

28th - 30th September 2018

The North Qld Promotion Group of the Australian Lowline Cattle Association is holding a Cattle Muster on September 28th – 30th, 2018 at Ridgelands Showgrounds, Ridgelands, Queensland.

Come along and learn about washing, clipping, parading, judging, nutrition and cattle health. There are also plenty of fun, social activities planned.

Plus you get to spend time with the Lowline crew! Everyone is welcome!

DON'T MISS OUT, BOOK YOUR SPOT TODAY!

All enquiries to:

Michele Molloy 0413 147 652

Entry forms available for download from the LOWLINE SHOP

https://lowlineshop.com/collections/memberships
-forms/products/australian-lowline-cattle-muster

- Just add to cart, proceed to checkout & fill in your details



NSWPG Cattle Workshop

On Saturday 26th May, 2018, a Cattle Workshop was held at "The Junction', Tuena, NSW, which was organized by the New South Wales Promotion Group (NSWPG).

Hosts for this event were the Kuiper Family & Elle Kay Lowlines.

Activities for the day included basic animal husbandry (tattooing, ear tags, vaccinations, drenching), cattle structure, bull selection, cattle nutrition & a farm tour. Many more topics were discussed on the day.

A big 'Thank You' to all involved in co-ordinating & assisting in this event.

Workshops like this will be held in the future if members are interested. They are a great way to learn more about your cattle in a relaxed & friendly atmosphere & to meet other Lowline breeders in your state.

Contact your State Promotion Group to register your interest for a future workshop.

https://www.lowlinecattleassoc.com.au/membership/promotion-groups





New Food Labelling Regulations

The Australian government has introduced new country of origin labelling requirements for most foods intended for retail sale.

From 1 July 2018, foods must be labelled according to the requirements of the *Country of Origin Food Labelling Information Standard 2016.* If your business is required to adopt the new labels, we remind you to consider:

- identifying whether your products are'priority' or 'non-priority' foods
- confirming if you need any information from your suppliers to work out the percentage of Australian ingredients in your foods
- * determining the types of claims you can make about your products - are they grown, produced, made or packed in Australia or overseas?

For more information to help you understand the new requirements, visit:

Country of origin food labelling.

https://www.industry.gov.au/regulation-andstandards/country-of-origin-food-labels

> A butcher sells steaks that are made from Australian cows that are butchered in Australia. The beef could be labelled as:



Youth are our Future

Youth are the future of any breed & in the ranks of the ALCA membership there are quite a few young people doing awesome things.

<u>Ebony Lowlines</u> were showing at the local show at Toogoolawah in Queensland.

"This was my first time attending this show. We took 2 little 6 month old heifers and Alycam Midnight.

Ebony New Attitude (aka Nat) placed 2nd while Ebony New Horizon placed 4th. Horizon has only been broken in for 2 weeks. For both Nat and Horizon it was their first time away from home.

Alycam Midnight placed 3rd.

Our youngest daughter led Nat in the under 12 paraders and came away with 2nd place. " says Wendy Caesar



Our membership continues to grow. A warm welcome to our latest new members.

Sean & Diane Colman (Full Membership) Rockton NSW - Sedira Lowlines

Hawkesbury High School (School Membership) Hawkesbury, NSW - Hawkesbury High Lowlines

Don Smith & Abner Sanders (Full Membership), Coffee Springs, Alabama, USA -

South Alabama Lowlines

Brigitte Price (Full Membership) Irongate, Qld. - Minya Lowlines

Julian Moore & Karen Merciela (Full Membership) Reedy Creek, Vic. - Reedy Creek Lowlines

Andrew Evans (Full Membership) Limestone Creek. Old - Evans Lowlines

Glen Flackton (Full Membership) Maryborough Qld - Cowabunga Estate Lowlines

Guy Angwin (Commercial Membership) Bass, Vic

Olivia Weir (Full Membership) Mount Fairy, NSW - Kinlochie Lowlines

Dylan Leys (Full Membership) Leeston, Canterbury, South Island, NZ - Valleys Lowlines

Jacqueline Passfield (Full Membership) Louth Park, NSW - Windyhill Lowlines

Tom and Tenae Stentz (Full Membership) Spokane, Washington USA - TRG Ranch Lowlines

Welcome to New ALCA Members ALCA Membership Renewals are Due Now

Australian Lowline Cattle Association Members have the strength of a proactive association behind them, ensuring long term support, commercial viability and purity of the unique genetics of this Heritage breed.

Membership provides access to the accumulated wealth of knowledge and support of other breeders - not only do you gain relationships but you benefit from the collective market place presence.

Protect your investment - being a member of an association gives credit to your product, allows you to have use of the Lowline Logo and Trademark to promote your Stud or Beef business - this helps with market place recognition and consumer confidence.

Membership allows registration of your stock, protecting both your own investment and that of your clients. You're also participating in the preservation and promotion of the purity of this breed.

Continuing your membership of the Australian Lowline Cattle Association and buying and selling registered stock ensures that the animal you are purchasing and breeding with is in fact an Australian Lowline.

The DNA traceability guarantees this.

Forming lasting friendships with other breeders provides satisfaction - having the ability to converse or communicate with another who is just as passionate about the breed as you are is immensely gratifying and encouraging.

So renew your Membership NOW

It is easy to do online!

Go to The Lowline Shop & choose your membership type, add to the cart & proceed to checkout

https://lowlineshop.com/.../membe.../products/ membership-renewal

NSWPG promotes Australian Lowlines at Field Days

We are often asked 'what is our membership money used for?'

Apart from paying for the administration of the association, membership fees go towards the State Promotion Groups so they can promote the breed for its membership.

The New South Wales Promotion Group has recently participated in some regional Field days to promote Australian Lowlines. Hopefully, this will lead to more people becoming Lowline owners and future members of our Association.

Tocal Field Days was held from 4th - 6th May. Tocal is an Agricultural College in the heart of the Hunter Valley that hosts the three day Field Day event. The Hunter Valley is a popular and well established gourmet food and wine producing area. It is also undergoing significant agricultural changes towards smaller land holdings in the hands of retirees, weekend farmers and working families from both the Newcastle and Sydney areas. It was considered by the NSWLPG to be an ideal marketing opportunity. 23,133 people attended this year's Field Day. Three Lowline cattle were exhibited this year. A beautiful Lowline bull owned by Megan McNamara and Gary Urguhart showed all the dominant qualities of the breed. A lovely cow with bull calf at foot owned by Rachael Bruce and her son Lachlan Williams, completed an impressive line up of Lowlines

The **41st Mudgee Small Farm Field Days** was held on 13th & 14th July.

The event is long-standing and the premier Field Days event in the Central West NSW.

Mudgee Small Farm Field Days focuses on innovation and sustainability, making the event just as relevant now as it was when it originated in 1977.

It was a busy 2 days for those involved with plenty of interest in the Lowlines. The Shadow Park calf 'Pickles' proved a real draw card attracting the crowds on what was a successful days of championing the attributes of the fine breed to lots of interested passers by ... both young and older.

New Lowline Registrar

Tessa Pearson will be replacing Laura Teege who has been our registrar for the past 21 months. Laura and is now moving to another breed society within ABRI.

The new contact phone number for Tessa is (02) 6773 2173 – please note this new phone number on you contact lists, and direct all registration and animal enquiries to Tessa at the e-mail address of lowline.registrar@abri.une.edu.au or phone her on (02) 6773 2173.

Please do not hesitate to contact Tessa – she is a very knowledgeable and experienced cattle registrar, and she is very pleasant and helpful with all the enquiries.

I would like to thank Laura for her dedication and commitment to the Australian Lowline Association during the period she has been our registrar, and I am very pleased to welcome Tessa into our team.

Carole Johns ALCA Executive Officer



Pickles & some of his admirers at Mudgee Field Days

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Nominations for Election to Council for 2018/2019

With the approach of the ALCA AGM, it is time for nominations for Council for the next twelve months.

The aim of the ALCA Council is to provide guidance for the membership and establish strategic plans for the advancement and promotion of the association and the Australian Lowline breed. Whilst it is often a difficult role, it is also extremely rewarding to see the positive outcomes both for the individual members and the Association as a whole.

Members are encouraged to nominate for Council to:

- · Represent members interests,
- Influence the continuing advancement of the breed and the Association,
- Contribute leadership to achieve the Association's objectives.

Nominations are now being called for the election of Councillors of the Australian Lowline Cattle Association, whose term shall commence from the closure of the 2018 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Association on 3rd November 2018 in Christchurch New Zealand.

In accordance with Rule 18(b) of the constitution the following Councillors are required to retire by rotation:

Gordon Guthrie (NZ), Lucy Kuipers (NSW), Klaus Emmerich (SA) and Ku Lacey (QLD).

Therefore, four (4) Councillors need to be elected to serve a two year term.

Please note the following:

- Only Full Financial Members may be nominated for the position of Councillor.
- Nominations shall be in writing, on the Council nomination form, signed by two (2) Full Financial Members and/or Honorary Life Members.
- Written consent of the person being nominated is also required on the nomination form.
- Nominees are encouraged to provide a statement about themselves to assist voters should a ballot be required.

We have the following councillors continuing on for a further 1 year term: Phil Worthington (NZ), Julie Knight (Vic), Michele Molloy (QLD) and Colin Schiller (QLD)

Nomination Forms will be sent out to the membership by Carole Johns at the ALCA office.

Nominations must be lodged at the Association's office no later than 5pm on Friday 31st August 2018.

For further information, please contact Carole at the ALCA office [office@lowlinecattleassoc.com.au] or any of the ALCA Councillors who will be very happy to have a chat about the position & expectations of the Councillor.

2018 EKKA

It's showtime again!

Preparations for the 2018 Royal Brisbane Show, now known as the EKKA, are now underway.

If you plan to be in Brisbane for the event, put these dates in your diary.

Come to the EKKA and see some beautiful Australian Lowlines



Renew your JBAS Farm Report

JBAS - Johne's Beef Assurance Score

What is JBAS?

JBAS is a voluntary, market driven risk assessment tool implemented by industry through Cattle Council Australia and Animal Health Australia. The <u>J-BAS system</u> uses scores from 0 to 8 to assess risk of exposure and management of Johne's disease.

If you are showing cattle at major shows you need to renew your JBAS Report annually.

 The default position for beef only producers after 30 June 2017 is JBAS 6, unless you have had a Johne's disease infection on your property in the last 5 years in which case you should self– assess your JBAS.

A Biosecurity Template for your farm report can be found at

https://www.animalhealthaustralia.com.au/wpcontent/uploads/On-Farm-Biosecurity-Plan-Template.pdf

A photo speaks a thousand words!



The true embodiment of this breed!
Four year old Cameron, took his favorite cow, TNG Win Dixie, to the Northeast Lowline show this weekend. At 7 years of age, Dixie was Grand Champion Female. She's such a wonderful cow, who loves to show.

Rebecca Miller, Lime Kiln Farm Delmar, New York, USA

EDITOR NOTE: This beautiful photo was too good not to share with our members.
Thank You Rebecca for sharing.