ALCA NEWSLETTER



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ALCA Special Resolution

At the Council meeting held on 3rd April 2019, the ALCA Council recommended a Special Resolution vote be held on the introduction of a new membership category – Lifestyle Membership.

Following this recommendation by Council, the Australian Lowline Cattle Association will be holding a Special Resolution Postal Ballot in June 2019 for all Full members to vote on these changes to the constitution.

If successful, the Lifestyle membership category will be available for any new members from the beginning of the 2019–2020 Financial Year.

Ballot papers will be posted out to all ALCA Full Members on the 30th April 2019.

Members have previously been presented with information about a new Lifestyle membership category in the December 2018 & February 2019 newsletters with further advice sent out to the membership on Tuesday 16th April 2019.

If you have any further questions or would like to discuss this, please contact ALCA Councillors, Michele Molloy (mitchmay@bigpond.com) or Sandra Price (slprice029@gmail.com)

All Full members with ALCA are eligible to vote so please exercise your membership right and return your ballot paper promptly so your vote is counted.

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Thank You to Carole Johns

As you will now be aware, Carole Johns, the ALCA Executive Officer, has resigned from ABRI so will no longer be working with ALCA.

We would like to thank Carole for her time with our association & wish her every success in the future.

For the next few weeks, the Lowline Registrar, Natalie Herd, will be the point of contact in ALCA Office.

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9am to 3pm

Phone: (02) 6773 5588

Lowline enquiries: office@lowlinecattleassoc.com.au
Registrations: lowline.registrar@abri.une.edu.au

Please allow a 2 week turn around for all registrations once payment has been made.



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Times of Change

During my first months as ALCA President, a few issues have come to my attention that I would like to address. Please remember that Councillors and 'ALCA' are not separate to the membership but are actually part of the membership. We are working hard to try to provide the best possible delivery of services to all our members whilst endeavoring to constrain your costs. This sometimes means changes need to be made and ALCA is currently faced with having to make some changes to improve office and service efficiency in order to cut costs.

For some, change is not easy and we thank you for your patience and understanding as this transition occurs. Please remember that Council welcomes any and all suggestions.

Participating in the Membership Surveys is just one method of having your say.

However, we are not mind readers, so members need to be proactive in communicating with Council using the appropriate channels of communication. You can email Councillors individually or directly through the ALCA website. Please use this as your first point of contact if you have something to raise.

Currently it is costing the Association (and we, as members) close to \$65,000 per year to run the ALCA office. With an average annual membership of around 300 members (inclusive of Full, Junior, School, Commercial & Associate members), ALCA finances are very stretched. We do not have an unlimited pool of funds at our disposal.

Extra funding decisions need to benefit the breed and membership as a whole, not just a portion of it. We all tend to think that our area is the most important, are being the most proactive or have better ideas than another but Council needs to share funding between groups as the funds belong to the entirety of the membership, not just one state or region.

All Promotion Groups automatically receive a set amount for annual funding plus a proportion of the fee charged for each membership for each state – the more members, the higher membership portion allocated to the group. Extra funding is available upon application and most times is granted. As a Council we need to be accountable to the membership as do the Promotion Groups in their use of members' funds – hence the reason we ask Promotions Groups to submit application & reconciliation forms/reports for funding.

Council is also currently faced with trying to extricate 'ALCA' from being the middle man between Neogen and the members. This is not an easy process. Neogen is a large transcontinental corporation and ALCA is really only 'a little fish in a big sea'. The changes to services implemented by Neogen when they took over from the University of Queensland Animal Genetics Laboratory are beyond ALCA's control. Be assured that we are doing everything we can to seek the best outcome for members. We are all being affected by this.

To maintain, and in certain areas improve the services offered by the Association it has necessitated change. The Lowline Shop and fee payment method is the most notable modification. The Shop is an online platform, no different to that which many of you already use. Everything is in one easy to use location. When members make their service purchases through the Shop there is significant time saved in office processing, hence saving money for ALCA in office fees.



Times of Change cont.

Members also have access to their transaction history for all purchases made through Shop. As is usual in today's world, this system is mostly automated, saving further time and money.

Interestingly, since the introduction of the Lowline Shop, sales of merchandise have increased and ALCA has gained increased exposure to a much broader public audience in Australia and overseas.

Without the online Shop we would not have sold as many copies of the book, Australian Lowline, nor other merchandise to non members as we have.

Most users of the Shop are finding it to be a hassle free experience. The Lowline Shop has definitely improved service availability and ease for our international members.

We encourage you to embrace the changes, explore the features and functions the Lowline Shop offers and get involved with your Association.

Advice from a Councillor is always available.

Always remember, by definition, an Association is a group of people organized for a joint purpose. ALCA's purpose is to preserve and promote this wonderful breed – Australian Lowline.

We have always been noted for being progressive and ahead of the game in many areas – DNA testing is just one instance. If we were ordinary we wouldn't be where we are today. Let all our ALCA members work together to promote and enhance our breed and ensure our bright future.

Julie Knight ALCA President

SRPG Cattle Structural Assessment Day



The ALCA Southern Region Promotion Group held an extremely successful Cattle Structural Assessment Day field day in Steels Creek on Sunday 24 March.

First we enjoyed an illustrated talk on cattle structure from well known cattle judge and Angus breeder, Fiona Glover, followed by a delicious lunch.

Then an on-farm visit was kindly hosted by Jacqui and Richard Feagan of Tarrawarra Lowlines where Fiona followed up her talk with practical exercises to develop our assessment skills.

A highlight was her use of chalk to demonstrate the key anatomical points of an extremely patient bull!

If you missed attending this great day, Fiona's notes are published in the book 'Australian Lowline' available from the Lowline Shop





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How to Simplify Your Cattle Registrations

Cattle registration is not really difficult - it only seems that way if you haven't done it before.

Below explains step-by-step how the DNA & registration process should take place so your registration can be processed quickly for you.

- 1/ Pull tail hairs from your animal for DNA & Parent Verification & send to Neogen or Zoetis. Instructions are on the website in 'Forms & Downloads' & MEMBERS AREA.

 Post a copy of the DNA Form & samples to the appropriate DNA testing Laboratory.
- The results of the DNA & PV will be sent to you in about 5 6 weeks. When you have received your DNA & PV results make your payment for the REGISTRATION at the Lowline Shop www.lowlineshop.com. Add details of the animal in the NOTES section. You will be emailed the link to the Registration Form to be filled out & sent to the Lowline Registrar.
 - OR fill out your registrations ONLINE via the MEMBERS AREA Herdbook Database Login. Instructions for both of these are on the website in 'Forms & Downloads' & the MEMBERS AREA.
- If your animal has already been RECORDED on the Herdbook Database, you will not be required to fill out another registration form.
 Just email the Lowline Registrar & notify them of the animal you need to have upgraded.
 Payment for the UPGRADE REGISTRATION should be made at the Lowline Shop www.lowlineshop.com
 Add details of the animal in the NOTES section.
- 4/ Make payment to ALCA for the Registration for the animal/s you need registered.

This can be done -

- * The Lowline Shop <u>www.lowlineshop.com</u> (preferred option)
- Via Bank Transfer to our ALCA Bank Account: BSB-082 407 Account Number-45 349 8710
- * Mailing a Cheque with your registration form

Please note - Registrations will NOT be processed without payment.

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Full Registration - Female $35.00 (+GST) /Bull $100.00 (+GST) per animal Upgrade RECORDED Animal - Female $30.00 (+GST) /Bull $95.00 (+GST) per animal
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Email the Registration Form to lowline.registrar@abri.une.edu.au with a brief note about which animal/s you require registered & let the Lowline Registrar know you have paid for the service. Include a copy of your DNA/PV results for the animal/s to be registered.

Registration Certificates will be emailed as a PDF unless you say you would like a paper Registration Certificate, and then it will be posted to you.

If you follow these steps your registrations should be processed promptly.

Please remember that Registrations will not be processed without DNA and PV results, correct registration details on a Registration Form and payment in full. Allow a 2 week turn around for registrations.

For prompt processing, please put the completed Registration forms and the DNA / Coat Colour Test Results together, and then submit to the Lowline Registrar lowline.registrar@abri.une.edu.au

Lowline Junior Page

Welcome to the second of our Junior Newsletters!

In this edition we have stories from Gracie Ann Walker who is 9 & Immy Tennent who is 8.

Gracie has Woodvale Park stud and has 4 cows. She hopes to show this year.

Immy comes from Cloudbreak Lowlines and has been involved with Lowlines for many years. Immy also likes showing.

Thank you to Gracie & Immy for sharing your stories.

You can share your story here too. Just email photos or stories to garryj@y7mail.com I am looking forward to hearing from more Junior members.

Riley Jensen



My name is Gracie Ann Walker and I am the owner of Woodvale Park Lowlines. I am 9 years old and turning 10 in August. My family and I have been preparing for my new cow's arrival. We have bought Crimson Park Krystal, who is in calf, and another heifer calf which is 6 months old. They will be arriving in a few weeks.

Thank you to Sharon & Steve Coome of Crimson Park Lowlines for their help and guidance in this process. Riley Jensen has been helping me out and teaching me all I need to know, like how to halter a cow and what to feed them, he has also taught me a bit about caring for them. We hope to increase the amount of our cows and bulls in our herd soon. I look forward to seeing you all at shows that my Mum and Dad can take me to.







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Lowline Junior Page cont

My name is Immy. I was born at Shady Acres. I am 8 years old. We moved to Cloudbreak when I was 2 years old. We have around one hundred head [cattle]. We have 215 acres. I hope you like my story.

Lowlines are good pets because they are friendly, and they can grow a bond with you. Our old cow Cooinda would probably let you ride on her.



Kel Tennent with Immy in 2011 on Cooinda



Right - Lucinda

Lucy, Cooinda's daughter, unfortunately was very cheeky. So I couldn't lead her. So instead I led well behaved Magneto. Soon he became a bull (my favourite bull). He made the best babies. Then we had to sell him. I was very sad.





Princess Poppy was just sent to Mackay Christian College because she was misbehaving. Princess Poppy was actually born at college where they teach the animals to behave better.

Once when we brought some of the animals home from college, they ran kicking their legs cartwheeling down the lane way!
I thought that was pretty funny.

Written by Imogen Tennent (in her own words and her own photo choices)

The reason we DNA our cattle

Some members think that having to DNA & Parent Verify their Lowlines is time consuming & costly. The following article appeared recently in The Weekly Times newspaper & proves why ALCA should continue to require DNA & PV for all registrations – to preserve the integrity of our breed.

https://www.weeklytimesnow.com.au/agrib usiness/cattle/irelands-angus-ordered-topay-200k-for-catalogue-error/newsstory/ce9dd64bf06801e888e98f80837aac2e

A PROMINENT Angus stud has been ordered to pay out more than \$200,000 after a court found it misrepresented the sire of a bull.

The NSW District Court on Tuesday ruled Wagga Wagga stud Irelands Angus sold a bull, Irelands Kelleher K34, for \$18,000 to Bongongo Angus in August 2015, only for it to be discovered the bull's sire was not that noted in the sale catalogue.

Irelands Angus, which is owned and operated by Corey and Prue Ireland was ordered to pay \$200,191.88 to Bongongo for the error.

District Court judge Margaret Sidis said the bull was listed as the progeny of sire Granite Ridge Thomas F223 — a bull purchased by Irelands in 2012 for \$14,000 — and Irelands Lowan B107. DNA testing after the sale established that Granite Ridge Thomas was not, in fact, the sire of K34.

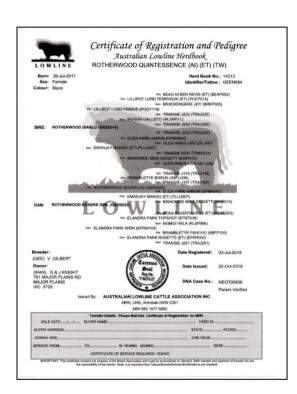




How to Transfer a Registered Lowline

From time to time you will sell one of your registered Lowlines to another ALCA member.

Filling out the Transfer of this animal correctly will ensure the new owner will have no problems registering progeny in the future.



At the bottom of the Certificate of Registration & Pedigree is a section that needs to be filled out when a registered animal is sold.

This needs to be filled out & signed/dated by the Vendor.

Without authorization from the Vendor an animal cannot be transferred to another member.

A Transfer fee of 30.00 (+GST) is to be paid by the Vendor.

Direct payment can be made through the Lowline Shop www.lowlineshop.com

Add details of the animal to be transferred in the NOTES section.

Scan & email the signed Certificate of Registration to the Lowline Registrar <u>lowline.registrar@abri.une.edu.au</u>

Issued By: AUSTRALIAN LOWLINE CATTLE ASSOCIATION INC

ABRI, UNE, Armidale NSW 2351 ABN 982 1677 6682

	Transfer Details - Please Mail this Certificate of Registration	to ABRI
SALE DATE:JJ	BUYER NAME:	HERD ID:
BUYER ADDRESS:		STATE: PCODE:
JOINING SIRE:		SIRE REG#:
SERVICE FROM:	TO: Al: YES/NO SIGNED:	DATE:
	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE REQUIRED: YES/NO	

IMPORTANT: This certificate remains the property of the Breed Association and must be surrendered on demand. Both transfer and payment of transfer fee are the resonsibility of the vendor. Note: It is important that Tattoos/Brands/Animal Identifications are checked.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are selling a female that might be in calf, please fill out the following -

JOINING SIRE & SIRE REG # - give full details of the bull the female was joined to/running with

SERVICE FROM**TO**.... - give the dates the bull was with the female

AI: YES/NO - note if the pregnancy was by AI. If the AI bull was a Registered AI Sire no further action is required.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE REQUIRED: YES/NO - this is needed if the AI bull was not a Registered AI Sire



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2019 Royal Sydney Easter Show

Once again Australian Lowline exhibitors put on a fantastic display of quality animals for the public. The Lowlines were judged under lights by young cattle breeder, Harris Thompson from Western Australia & were great to watch.

Harris grew up helping his Grandmother breed & show her Dexter cattle (the first in WA) so he has an affinity with our cattle. He said he loved judging the Lowlines, it brought back memories of his childhood & the quality of the cattle paraded before him were superb.

Congratulations to all exhibitors for another fun & friendly show.



The moment of success – Musketeer Valley Gstar & handler, Skye Baxter get the nod from judge, Harris Thompson as winner of the Junior Champion Heifer

Australian Lowline Results

FEMALES

CLASS 101 - Female, over 12 & not over 16mths

- 1 Cann Valley New Moon Jedame Lowlines
- 2 Serena Downs Pippa II Christine &

Michael Noel

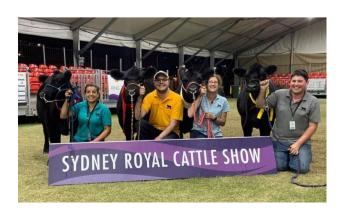
CLASS 102 - Female over 16 & not over 20mths

1 Musketeer Valley Gstar - Jessica & Jason

Muscat

- 2 Rotherwood Nitelight Rohan Monk
- 3 Elle Kay Lady Gaga L,L,R & J Kuipers

Junior Champion Female - Musketeer Valley Gstar Reserve Junior Champion Female - Cann Valley New Moon



L to R: Jess Muscat, Rohan Monk, Karina Britton, Matt Cooney

CLASS 106 - Female over 24 & not over 30mths

- 1 Elle Kay Dexie L,L,R & J Kuiper
- 2 Serena Downs Nina Christine & Michael Noel

3 Lach Lans Nora - Lachlan Williams

CLASS 107 - Female over 30mths

- 1 Tarrawarra Fantasia Matt Cooney
- 2 Whitby Farm Voque Ken & Gill

Lorains

3 Wanamara Licorice Allsorts – Julie &

Greg Knight

4 Rotherwood Lady Madonna - Matt

Cooney

Senior Champion Female - Tarrawarra Fantasia Reserve Senior Champion Female - Whitby Farm Vogue

Grand Champion Female - Tarrawarra Fantasia





2019 Royal Sydney Easter Show

BULLS

CLASS 112 - Bull over 12 mths & not over 16mths

1 Serena Downs Prince Regent - Christine
& Michael Noel

CLASS 113 - Bull over 16 & not over 20mths

Cann Valley Nutcracker - Matt Cooney

Junior Champion Bull - Cann Valley Nutcracker

Reserve Junior Champion Bull - Serena Downs Prince Regent

CLASS 117 - Bull over 24mths & not over 30mths

- 1 Whitby Farm P.T Ken & Gill Lorains
- Wanamara Dynamite Julie & Greg Knight
- 3 Rotherwood Master Maelstrom –

 Christine & Michael Noel

Senior Champion Bull - Whitby Farm P.T

Reserve Senior Champion Bull - Wanamara

Dynamite

Grand Champion Bull - Cann Valley Nutcracker

Supreme Exhibit & winner of the Roger Barlow Perpetual Trophy for Best Exhibit Tarrawarra Fantasia

Ian Stewart Pullar Perpetual Trophy for the most successful Junior Member - Matt Cooney



Senior Champion Bull, Whitby Farm P.T with owner Ken Lorains

Ian Stewart Pullar Perpetual Trophy

Following the recent sad passing of ALCA Life Member & co-founder of our Association, lan Pullar, the NSW Promotion Group organized a perpetual trophy in his name to be presented to the most successful Junior Member at the Royal Sydney Show.

We were very pleased to have lan's wife, Erica Pullar, their daughter, Sally & granddaughters, Caitlin & Breanne attending the Lowline judging & the celebrations afterwards.

Julie Knight, having had a lot of contact with lan during the compilation of the Australian Lowline book, spoke about lan's involvement in the establishment of the Australian Lowline, the Association, & his continued interest in our breed.

An emotional Erica & her family were very proud to have a trophy to honor lan.

Erica presented the Ian Stewart Pullar Perpetual Trophy to Matt Cooney of Cann Valley Lowlines as the 2019 & inaugural recipient.



Erica Pullar presenting Matt Cooney with his trophy



Sydney Show Lowline Champions on parade



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2019 Toowoomba Royal Show - Lowline Feature



Grand Champion & Small Breed Interbreed Champion Female: Ebony New Attitude, led by Felicity Caesar - Wendy & Travis Caesar

Australian Lowlines were the Feature Breed at this year's Toowoomba Royal Show which was held from 28 – 30th March 2019 at the Toowoomba Showgrounds, Qld.

A large number of fantastic cattle were paraded by individual Lowline studs & schools at this event. The Feature Breed had great support and we would like to thank the following sponsors – Australian Lowline Cattle Association, McIntosh Creek Lowlines, Rotherwood Lowlines, Ebony Lowlines, Susan & Jamie Smith – Vern Park Lowlines, Rosbrook Pastoral Company, Furney's Stockfeeds Toowoomba, Limitless Cattle Supplies, Blimey Bags, Pittsworth Glass & Patios, and South Queensland Lowline Promotion Group.

Judging of the Lowlines was held on Saturday 30th March.

Congratulations to all exhibitors for a great show.

The Youth Judging competition with the major prize being \$500 to support travel to the Canterbury A & P Show in the Christchurch, New Zealand was won by Callum Humphries from Dakabin State High School.

BULLS

BULL 6 months and under 12 months

1st Suzan Smith Vern Park -Vern Park Pioneer

2nd Lockyer District High School – Loc-Hi Party Time

3rd Remy Barron - Merowen Pirate

CALF CHAMPION AUSTRALIAN LOWLINE BULL Suzan Smith Vern Park Lowlines – Vern Park Pioneer RESERVE CALF CHAMPION AUSTRALIAN LOWLINE

Lockyer District High School - Loc-Hi Party Time

BULL 15 months and under 18 months

1st Dakabin State High School – Dakabin Nate

BULL 18 months and under 21 months

1st J M P Schiller – Lik Lik Notorious

JUNIOR CHAMPION AUSTRALIAN LOWLINE BULL
J M P Schiller – Lik Lik Notorious
RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION AUSTRALIAN LOWLINE

Dakabin State High School – Dakabin Nate

BULL 24 months and over

1st Suzan Smith Vern Park – Vern Park Legacy2nd Suzan Smith Vern Park – Vern Park Nero

3rd J M P Schiller – Lik Lik Maximus

SENIOR CHAMPION AUSTRALIAN LOWLINE BULL
Suzan Smith Vern Park Lowlines – Vern Park Legacy
RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION AUSTRALIAN LOWLINE
Suzan Smith Vern Park Lowlines – Vern Park Nero

GRAND CHAMPION AUSTRALIAN LOWLINE BULL
J M P Schiller – Lik Lik Notorious



Grand Champion Bull – Lik Lik Notorious



2019 Toowoomba Show cont

FEMALES

FEMALE 6 months and under 12 months

1st Lockyer District High School – Loc–Hi Poppy

2nd T & W Caesar - Rosslyn Petunia

3rd Suzan Smith Vern Park - Desire Red Pandora4th Suzan Smith Vern Park - Desire Red Playful

FEMALE 12 months and under 15 months

1st T & W Caesar - Ebony Noelle

2nd Rosbrook Pastoral - Rosbrook Nina

CALF CHAMPION FEMALE AUSTRALIAN LOWLINE

T & W Caesar - Ebony Noelle

RESERVE CALF CHAMPION FEMALE AUSTRALIAN

Lockyer District High School - Loc-Hi Poppy

FEMALE 15 months and under 18 months

1st T & W Caesar – Ebony New Attitude

2nd Dakabin State High School - Dakabin Nellie

FEMALE 18 months and under 21 months

1st Pittsworth State High School – Pittsworth Naraji2nd Dakabin State High School – Dakabin Nessa

JUNIOR CHAMPION FEMALE AUSTRALIAN LOWLINE

T & W Caesar - Ebony New Attitude

RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION FEMALE AUSTRALIAN

Pittsworth State High School - Pittsworth Naraji

FEMALE 24 months and over

1st Dakabin State High School - Dakabin Molly

2nd T & W Caesar - Alycam Lucerne

3rd Suzan Smith Vern Park Lowlines - Vern Park Matilda

4th Lockyer District High School – Loc–Hi Liberty

5th G & C Hine – Mcintosh Creek Kept-A-Secret

SENIOR CHAMPION FEMALE AUSTRALIAN LOWLINE

Dakabin State High School - Dakabin Molly

RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION FEMALE AUSTRALIAN

T & W Caesar - Alycam Lucerne

GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE AUSTRALIAN LOWLINE

T & W Caesar - Ebony New Attitude

SUPREME LOWLINE EXHIBIT

T & W Caesar - Ebony New Attitude

Small Breed Interbreed Champion Cow

T & W Caesar - Ebony New Attitude

BREEDERS GROUP LOWLINE

1st Suzan Smith Vern Park – Vern Park Lowlines2nd Dakabin State High School – Exhibitors Group



Felicity Caesar with her winning heifer Ebony New Attitude



Welcome to New Members

We send a big welcome to our new members for this month from Queensland, Victoria, Tasmania, England & New Zealand.

Robert Harding-McRoberts Full Membership

Brookstead QLD - Hardengar Ligmarki

Travis Garner Full Membership

Stonehaven VIC - Bon Vache

Stephen & Sofie Kanters Full Membership

Ningi QLD - Lil Rascals

Margaret Temple & Sandy Newman Full Membership

New Norfolk TAS - Oneys Creek

Steve Jones & Richard Pilkington Full Membership

Hope, Wrexham UK - Bigtime

Dylan Beardmore Junior Membership

Okato, New Plymouth, New Zealand - Peak

