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AGM in Mount Gambier, SA

The weekend of 12th & 13th October 2019 in Mt.Gambier, South Australia, saw a well supported ALCA AGM, Member Forum & Breed Dinner on the Saturday, followed by a bus tour of local sights, Glen Willow & Glenlonny Lowline studs & local wineries on the Sunday.

This was only the second time an ALCA AGM has been held in South Australia & the first time in Mount Gambier where many of the SA members live.

The South Australian members were very welcoming. The organisation of the AGM was undertaken by the Mount Gambier members & proved to be a very informative meeting with two key speakers, Dr Sean Miller (University of South Australia) & Jeanette Stebbins (Ardrossan stud) & a Member Forum discussing many areas that the ALCA Council can explore during the next twelve months.

The dinner on the Saturday night showcased local produce & Lowline beef supplied by Anne & Brian Williams of Annies Lane stud.

A big Thank You to all who attended & especially the South Australian Promotion Group who organised this fantastic weekend.



Bus group at Yallam Park, SA

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ALCA Council 2019/2020

ALCA Councillors for the next year will be;

President: Julie Knight (Vic)
Vice President: Michele Molloy (QLD)
Secretary: Phillip Worthington (NZ)
Treasurer: Gordon Guthrie (NZ)
Klaus Emmerich (SA)
Sandra Price (NSW)
Bill Brydon (NSW)
Bryce Barker (USA)



Left to right: Klaus Emmerich (SA), Gordon Guthrie (NZ), Julie Knight (VIC), Phillip Worthington (NZ), Bill Brydon (NSW)

Absent: Michele Molloy (QLD)
Sandra Price (NSW)
Bryce Barker (USA)



ALCA AGM

The AGM Meeting included the approval by members for some fee changes & a Special Resolution for Certified Lowline Beef (CLB) after recommendation by the ALCA Council.

A summary of the key changes that were accepted at the AGM are:

Fee Changes

From 1st July 2020 –

- Junior Membership will be increased to \$25 + GST
- School Membership will be increased to \$40 + GST
- Commercial Membership will be increased to \$75 + GST

Special Resolution

- From July 2020, the Full Membership fee will include the Certified Lowline Beef (CLB) program without further fees and on receipt of the signed CLB Producer Agreement.

This will mean that all Full Members will be entitled to the CLB benefits, once the member signs the CLB Producer Agreement, without paying a further \$25 (+ GST) CLB fee.

Commercial Members will still be required to pay the CLB fee if they want to use CLB for the sale of their beef.



New Councillor - Bryce Barker

Welcome to our new ALCA Councillor, Bryce Barker from Colorado, USA.

We would like to thank retiring Councillor, Colin Schiller, for his years of service to the ALCA Council & send our best wishes for his plans in the future.



I live and raise my livestock in the Foothills of Northern Colorado, about an hours drive North of Denver.

I've been around animals and raising livestock my entire life. I showed pigs in 4H and later I traded bales of hay for my first heifer calf. She was a Lowline with a little bit of Angus in her background.

I bought my first bred, registered, Lowline heifers from a neighbor down the road nearly 10 years ago. These girls are still in my herd and are leading my surrogate program by accepting fullblood embryos and giving birth to fullblood calves.

My goal and intention is to preserve and protect the integrity of this wonderful breed. To ensure that future generations will be able to raise Lowlines around the world. And equally important, to continue to enjoy Lowline Beef. I look forward to being a contributing member of the council and I thank you all for the work you do everyday, caring for you herds, promoting the Lowline breed and name

Bryce Barker
Star View Farm



Mount Gambier Bus Tour



Lunch at Yallam Park

The ALCA AGM has been and gone. The organising committee were disappointed at the number attending. The AGM is your chance to be part of ALCA, and also your chance to bring to the Association's attention anything that is of concern to you, so next year make an effort to attend please. Our thanks to the members who attended, the members of Council who attended too, and the speakers (Dr Sean Miller and our own Jeannette Stebbins). Both speakers spoke about the future, but both from different perspectives, and both gave those attending much food for thought.

We had organised a Jazz interlude after the official part of Saturday was complete to entertain us prior to the dinner. The 3 young men in the photograph are attending the James Morrison Jazz Academy here in Mount Gambier and their music was well appreciated by everyone.

Brands Laira, di Georgio Family Wines and Zema Estate from Coonawarra supported us and provided wines to enjoy with our meal. The fillet steak for the main course was supplied by Brian and Anne Williams of Annies Lane Lowline Stud.

The Sunday tour had an early start with visits to Umpherston Cave, then a tour to Potters Point which overlooks Mount Gambier. The next stop was to view the Blue Lake.

We visited 2 studs then – Klaus and Jo Emmerich's stud, Glen Willow, where we had morning tea with Lowline corned beef sandwiches supplied by Jo (thank you Jo), and Sue Foureur's stud, Glenlonny.

Our tour then headed to Yallum Park, near Penola. Yallum Park was the home of John Riddoch who was the founder of Coonawarra. We were given a tour of the house, which is Heritage Listed and complete with the original wall papers, timber work, lights and so much more, by the current owner, Andy Clifford. Then we enjoyed lunch in the garden where Andy joined us and was able to answer many of our questions. Three generations of his family have now lived at Yallum Park so he has a wealth of knowledge about the house and gardens.

Our last stop was within walking distance of 6 wineries in Coonawarra. There are quite a few wineries in Coonawarra but this walking trail does make visiting a few much easier. For those of us who were a little tech savvy downloading the App (Coonawarra Wineries Walking Trail) did help. Most of us did visit 1 or 2 wineries before returning to the bus which returned us to Mount Gambier via the Airport.

All in all a great weekend was had by all attending, with loads of fun and fellowship after the business of the AGM was complete. Thank you to everyone who attended, and especially to those wonderful people who all worked so hard to make last weekend the success it was.

Anne Williams
Secretary, SAPG



Where to from here? - Food for thought for members



Guest AGM Speaker - Life Member Jeanette Stebbins, Ardrossan Lowlines

Five studs banded together inviting 50 of the top chefs in Melbourne to an on-farm Chefs Day to see and taste our produce. We all worked towards the one goal of promoting the Lowline Breed.

Many of the breeders joined and attended a Pasture for Profit Group and other educational courses to improve our farming skills to enable us to grow our cattle to the best of our ability, giving prospective new breeders confidence in what we were selling.

When I was asked to speak today on the subject "Where to from here?" I got a strong feeling of déjà vu, as I informally spoke to those attending the 2018 AGM in Christchurch on this subject last year.

As in all future endeavours, progress can't be made if history has not been observed. History has indeed been made in the progress of the breed through intense promotion, starting back in 1992, when the first Lowlines arrived in Victoria.

School fetes with 'Cow Plop' competitions, mini country town field days progressing to larger Agricultural Field Days, sites at Agricultural shows without actually showing and then the inaugural Seymour Small Farm Field Days, were all attended by breeders to promote Lowline cattle. All of these promotional events were paid for by the Lowline studs.

The first gathering of Breeders met at a Winery with all breeders from Victoria attending. Most were hobby farmers or small acreage owners who still worked a day job. From there we formed the Southern Region Promotion Group.

We met every 2 months and all breeders attended enthusiastically where possible, more than often with 30 attendees from all over Victoria, with their children attending as well. We planned attendances at shows, Field Days and On Farm Info days.

We offered and sold Lowline beef to restaurants and the Gentlemen's clubs in Melbourne and organized speakers at our meetings.

So enthusiastic were we, that we encouraged the Royal Melbourne show Committee to declare the year 2000 a Lowline Feature Show, only 5 years after we had been accepted as a Breed at the Royal Melbourne Show.

Our enthusiastic group of breeders sewed metres of curtains, made banners and decorated the whole pavilion with black, white and grey umbrellas and bunting printed with the Lowline Logo. We had 100 Lowline entries, a number not seen in a Lowline show up until that time. This was the enthusiasm that was shown by breeders.

Our President, Julie, can vouch that these breeders were what made the Breed so strong in Victoria.

And, may I also say that we all paid for everything out of our own pockets. There were no ALCA subsidies.

Because of these factors, our enthusiasm and determination to succeed resulted in more sales and more breeders joining our group. Those "grass root" activities taking place to encourage and increase Lowline participation and this is now showing in our membership numbers.



Where to from here? - Food for thought for members Cont.

You may ask why I have gone back over what has happened and what has been achieved by the Lowline Breed in the past when my subject matter today is "Where to from here"!

Unfortunately, I now see or hear of very few of those "grass root" activities taking place to encourage and increase Lowline participation and this is now showing in our membership numbers.

Our magazine should be filled with contributions from breeders whether it be from

1. Beef they have sold
2. Statistics from carcase competitions
3. Sale of pure or crossbred cattle at markets, naming sire and/or dam – how else are we going to identify superior genetics?

Yet I know this insight into the Promotion of the Lowline Breed proves what can be done. You just have to be prepared to get out and do it.

After saying much the same at the NZ AGM, I was approached by enthused New Zealand breeders, agreeing with what I had said and seeking advice as to how they could improve or change their Lowline operations. Invitations to visit their farms followed, which we did in the following week, and a group of breeders sought to join together to promote their cattle and beef.



I had asked one of these breeders, Matt Wilkinson, to speak to you about his experiences.

Unfortunately, he is unable to attend but has sent me this report to show what they are now doing.

'Sustainable Beef New Zealand is a Facebook page set up by the North Island Promotion Group (NILPG). Our aim is to raise the awareness of Lowlines in NZ.

It is not a discussion group as such, like the ALCA Discussion Group, but will feature stories and posts from our members, of which there are around 30 studs in the group. It is one of my jobs is to chase members up for posts on an ongoing basis until the page develops its own momentum and personality.

Of course, we welcome worldwide interaction. The North Island of NZ is very different to anywhere else in the world, including the South Island, so our stories are varied and diverse. This is our modern approach to Promotion. We have expanded our audience by taking it online.'

Matt Wilkinson, NIPG

This shows what enthusiasm from breeders can do and therefore

I ask "What promotion have you done for your Stud or the Lowline Breed in the last 12 months or longer?"

Even though I am a Foundation breeder and have bred and sold Lowlines for over 27 years, I don't think it is my place to stand up and lecture cattle owners where to go from here.

However, with the declining membership of ALCA, I think it is up to members to decide where they think or want the Breed to be in 5 – 10 years' time.



Where to from here? - Food for thought for members Cont.

I would therefore ask you the following:

- Do **you** want to produce good quality beef to sell at the farm gate, or dare I say to a café, restaurant, hotel, etc?
- Do **you** want to be known as a producer of quality, proven bulls to supply to other breeders or commercially to i.e. the Dairy industry or to other breeds for ease of calving for heifers?
- Do **you** want to have stock that are genetically superior to other breeders, having proven them by keeping accurate records and seeking the best genetics to add to your herd as required?
- Do **you** want to ensure you get a return on your investment where sales of Lowline cattle outweigh the production costs?
- Are **you** interested in exporting your superior proven genetics?
- Do **you** want to be a commercial breeder?

To be a recognized competitor in the Beef Industry, we need breeders who seek to prove and improve their herd's genetics and performance.

Using the same bull year after year is not improving the genetic merit of your herd.

There is a difference between mating and breeding and its breeding that will carry the Lowline breed forward.

Proving and quoting bulls' attributes via progeny is what serious beef producers want to hear, not "he is quiet and I can pat him in the paddock" or "he is so cute" or "he comes to his name" or "he eats out of my hand"!!

Or.....

- Do **you** want to be hobby farmers, just selling the occasional animal, that you have bred, to another hobby farmer?
- Do **you** just want a few cattle to show and enjoy the social side of showing?

I believe these are questions that members **must** answer for the Association to establish "where to from here" and to concentrate its support to those areas where new breeders are encouraged, and existing breeders get a return on investment.

[These are my thoughts and concerns about the Breed going forward and I now open it up for discussion.....](#)

Scales are also an essential tool when trying to improve your herd.

Just this week a breeder questioned me as to why his heifers were not cycling, as he had planned to join them to calve at 2.

I asked what weight they were and his estimate and actual weight after weighing were miles apart. Hence the reason they were not cycling.

Promotion of the attributes of our Breed as quality beef producers, must come from breeders quoting proven statistics from their herd.

Statistics should also be promoted in our magazine and to attain this, breeders must contribute their input, whether it be from beef they have sold, entries in carcase competitions or vealers, either pure or cross bred they have sold at markets, always naming the sire and/or dam. How else are we going to identify the superior genetics?

We all know most of Australia is in drought, but the data from animals in drought is just as important as those from coastal areas, the cream always rises to the top.

Jeanette Stebbins



2019 Royal Brisbane Show (EKKA)

With over 50 entries this year's EKKA, Australian Lowlines showed they are a breed to be reckoned with. Well done to all exhibitors for putting on such a great exhibition of beautifully prepared cattle.

Highly-respected judge, Lucy Newham from Cowra, NSW, is the principle of Pandora Murray Grey stud who paraded cattle for Allambie Lowline Stud over many years. Lucy has been assessing stud and commercial cattle for more than 40 years, including interstate and international duties. She was very impressed with the line-up of Lowline cattle.

Congratulations to all exhibitors.



Lik Lik Notorius – Senior & Grand Champion Lowline Bull – Small Breeds Interbreed Champion Bull

JUNIOR HEIFER	EXHIBITOR	EXHIBIT	RESULT
19 Heifer - 8 months and under 12 months			
18	Schiller, J M P	Lik Lik Platinum	First
25	Smith, Suzanne	DESIRE RED PLAYFUL (RC)	Second
19	Smith, Suzanne	MCINTOSH CREEK PERZEEKE RED (R)	Third
20 Heifer - 12 months and under 16 months			
28	Barron, Remy	PITTSWORTH PC	First
29	Smith, Suzanne	DESIRE RED PHOTOGENIC (RC)	Second
27	Smith, Suzanne	DESIRE RED PANDORA	Third
21 Heifer - 16 months and under 20 months			
36	Kenneth & Tanya Falkenhagen	Tanview Polly Parrot	First
37	Caesar, Wendy	Ebony Noelle	Second
JUNIOR CHAMPION HEIFER	EXHIBITOR	EXHIBIT	RESULT
28	Barron, Remy	PITTSWORTH PC	First
RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER			
36	Kenneth & Tanya Falkenhagen	Tanview Polly Parrot	First

JUNIOR BULL	EXHIBITOR	EXHIBIT	RESULT
22 Bull - 8 months and under 12 months			
44	Barron, Remy	MEROWEN PILOT	First
40	Pittsworth State High School	Pittsworth Printer	Second
43	Barron, Remy	MEROWEN PIRATE	Third
23 Bull - 12 months and under 16 months			
47	Smith, Suzanne	VERN PARK PIONEER	First
46	Caesar, Wendy	Loc-Hi Philosophy	Second
	Caesar, Wendy	Loc-Hi Party Time	Third
JUNIOR CHAMPION BULL	EXHIBITOR	EXHIBIT	RESULT
47	Smith, Suzanne	VERN PARK PIONEER	First
RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION BULL	EXHIBITOR	EXHIBIT	RESULT
44	Barron, Remy	MEROWEN PILOT	First

SENIOR BULL	EXHIBITOR	EXHIBIT	RESULT
27 Bull - 20 months and under 30 months			
67	Schiller, J M P	Lik Lik Notorious	First
28 Bull - 30 months and under 42 months			
68	Smith, Suzanne	VERN PARK NERO	First
69	Schiller, J M P	Lik Lik Maximus	Second
70	Kenneth & Tanya Falkenhagen	TANVIEW MASTER	Third
SENIOR CHAMPION BULL	EXHIBITOR	EXHIBIT	RESULT
67	Schiller, J M P	Lik Lik Notorious	First
RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION BULL			
68	Smith, Suzanne	VERN PARK NERO	First
GRAND CHAMPION BULL			
67	Schiller, J M P	Lik Lik Notorious	First



Loc-Hi Liberty – Senior & Grand Champion Female



Royal Brisbane Show Results cont

SENIOR COW OR HEIFER	EXHIBITOR	EXHIBIT	RESULT
25 Cow or Heifer - 20 months and under 30 months			
52	Dakabin State High School	Dakabin Nellie	First
50	Caesar, Wendy	Ebony New Attitude	Second
51	Kenneth & Tanya Falkenhagen	Tanview Nicole	Third
26 Cow - 30 months and under 60 months			
65	Lockyer District High School	Loc-Hi Liberty	First
58	Smith, Suzanne	VERN PARK MATILDA	Second
62	Dakabin State High School	Dakabin Molly	Third
SENIOR CHAMPION COW OR HEIFER			
65	Lockyer District High School	Loc-Hi Liberty	First
RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION COW OR HEIFER			
58	Smith, Suzanne	VERN PARK MATILDA	First
GRAND CHAMPION COW OR HEIFER			
65	Lockyer District High School	Loc-Hi Liberty	First

GROUP	EXHIBITOR	EXHIBIT	RESULT
29 Pair of Bulls			
73	Barron, Remy		First
72	Smith, Suzanne		Second
30 Breeder's Group			
74	Smith, Suzanne		First
76	Kenneth & Tanya Falkenhagen		Second
77	Lockyer District High School		Third



Pittsworth PC – Junior Champion Heifer



Phil Worthington, Woolstone Park, NZ, making friends with one of the senior bulls at the EKKA



NZ student, Caitlin Rhodes



Caitlin Rhodes from Rangiora High School was the recipient of the Woolstone Park Lowline TransTasman Exchange Scholarship. Caitlin's prize entitled her to travel to Brisbane, Australia to compete at the EKKA.

She worked with Pittsworth High School, Lik Lik & Sunrise Lowlines during the Steer & Stud Beef shows.

Caitlin paraded a polled Hereford in the Senior 16-18 parader/handlers age group. Across the age groups there are 283 entries with about 100 of those in Caitlin's age bracket. During Caitlin's time at the EKKA she competed in led steer paraders and herdsperson classes, followed by the young judges and the steer sale.

The following week was Stud Beef classes where Caitlin paraded Lowline cattle in the Australian Lowline classes.

Travelling with Caitlin was Philip Worthington, from Woolstone Park Lowlines in NZ.

New South Wales Promotion Group

2019 Tocal Field Days

Tocal Field days were held on the 3rd, 4th and 5th May. Racheal Bruce and Lachlan Williams from Lach Lans Lowline stud, capably manned the site. They also provided the cattle for display.

Many visitors attended the display over the 3 days and showed genuine interest in the cattle.

Most questions pertained to what was needed before the purchasing of cattle. Most attendees had just purchased or were in the process of purchasing acreage and had limited knowledge on cattle handling.

Ten people filled in their contact details for further follow up in the future.

The event was extremely successful, gaging by the amount of genuine interest.

2019 Mudgee Field Days

Mudgee Field days were held this year in cold windy conditions over 12 and 13 July. Two Lowline cattle where presented by Carthona Stud, Dubbo. A lovely cow with her 16 month bull progeny. Both were fine examples of the Breed and were positively commented upon by interested spectators. Four cattle breeds were represented at the Field Day, the Australian Lowlines, Galloways, Fleckviehs and Murray Greys.

The event itself was attended by just under 20,000 visitors over the two days and is one of the most significant agricultural machinery and information events held annually in the Central West of NSW. Our display, being located next to the sheep dog trials, drew substantial passing trade. A round yard with public seating was set up and each Breed gave a talk on the benefits of their Breed. The Australian Lowline presentation was well received with a number of inquiries sought out after the talk. The aim of the display was product identification and education on the benefits of the Breed, Robyn Kuipers from Elle Kay Stud, Rebecca and Angus Gorman from Shadow Park Stud and Bill and Lee Brydon from Barrenjoey Stud.

2019 Mudgee Field Days cont

A big thank you to those involved. The stand was manned on various times over the two days by Steve Bevan from Carthona Stud

The majority of the questions fielded related to the origins of the Breed, the suitability of the cattle to the regional area, their use for smaller acreage and first time farmers as well as the support of a Breed Association. No sales were directly made but a number of people indicated that they would follow up with breeders in the not too distant future. This response was very positive in light of drought conditions facing the general area of the Central West.

All things considered it was another successful presentation of the Lowline Breed in a developing small acreage agricultural area.

Australian National Field Days, Orange

24 – 26 October 2019

Australian National Field Days – Orange, NSW hosted Central West Beef Week over the last 3 days. Representing the Lowline Breed was Shadow Park Stud with Ferrari and her Googolplex calf, Queenie, doing their best to impress. The level of interest was both satisfactory and pleasing given the current drought conditions.



Well done
Gorman family



Sustainable Beef New Zealand - Member Profile

Sustainable Beef New Zealand is a Facebook social media page organized by the New Zealand North Island Promotion Group (NILPG).

It has only been active for a couple of weeks but has covered many interesting topics.

Check out their page to learn more about our New Zealand members –

<https://www.facebook.com/LowlineCattleNZ/>

Member Profile - Kaitake Lowlines

I have been asked to submit an article with photos, so here goes.

We are dairy farmers milking just over 200 Jersey and Jersey cross cows on a very steep challenging farm up against the Kaitake ranges. We first tried Lowline bulls with the purchase of two unregistered purebreds from Maureen Fahy. They sired many great calves but unfortunately, their hock joints failed and they were culled.

We then tried all kinds of bulls – White Galloway, Red Devon, Speckle Park, Angus, then Belted Galloway. All caused some difficult calvings. Even the Jersey bull with American bloodlines produced some huge calves, so we returned to the Lowline breed. We purchased Barnyard Benelli from Steve Luey, and ran him with the beef cross heifers including 1st cross Lowlines from the Fahy bulls. The 2nd cross calves were so good we kept three heifers and three bulls.

The next purchase was two in-calf heifers and a bull from Clees. The bull didn't settle after his trip down so we made the decision to cull him. The next purchase was three in-calf heifers from Steve Quinn, originating from the Ashmore stud. Meanwhile, Benelli had suffered an infection/injury and two vets pronounced him incapable of getting any cows in-calf. He proved them wrong with a 100% in-calf rate and also one of the calves on the cow was found to be pregnant.

We went back to Clees for a replacement bull. By then, I felt you couldn't have too many bulls so came home with two – Rancho Radiata Nemo and Rancho Radiata Nonu. They were put with 52 Jersey heifers at the tender age of 12 months and got 51/52 in-calf.

The first calving season with purebred Lowlines was a baptism by fire, with one of the Ashmore girls having a very large dead heifer calf in a storm. We also lost a bull calf from one of the Rancho Radiata girls from scours, but we did get two nice heifer calves and a bull calf – registered as Kaitake Pollygram, Prunella and Paragon.

Because of a projected high payout, John felt my mob of 24 head of beef cattle was competing with the herd, so we agreed to sell all the crossbreds and just keep the purebred Lowlines. I was allowed to purchase a couple more in-calf cows, buying Limefields Imogene and Limefields Isobella, and came home with yet another bull, Cousens Corner Siphon. I'm still waiting for them to be transferred to me, unfortunately.

This spring we have had the worry of another scouring calf, the only heifer calf, but we were on the ball and treated her and she is fine. The cows produced four bull calves as well.



Kaitake Lowlines cont

Three Lowline cows were vetted mt and held over. The difference between a dairy farmer wanting them calved in August/September and the later calving preferences of beef people meant they had no time to recover and get in-calf before the bulls were taken out at dairy farming time.

We bought a 50 acre block of FLAT ground and took over on 1st June. After a couple of extremely busy months we had fences with power. We took the Lowline females up there, with 10 good holdover cows, three belted galloway cross heifers and a couple of retired dairy cows.

One of these is rising 19 yrs old and rearing her 17th calf.

So the tally now of the stud cattle is 7 cows, 2 yearling heifers, 1 heifer calf, 5 bulls, and 4 bull calves.

The bulls will remain on the dairy farm unless needed at the runoff. I hope to convince the Jersey Club of the merits of using purebred Lowline bulls to tail the herds after AB and run with heifers. I hope some of them will come and see the bulls at our Summer Field day which somehow got organised from me having a "wouldn't it be neat to have a field day down here" idea, because a Lowline bull is a very different bull to a Jersey bull.

So I guess my focus is on producing bulls for dairy farmers as well as continuing my love for breeding quality cattle.

Fiona Henschman – Kaitake Lowlines



ALCA Office Staff Hours

We would like to welcome our new Executive Officer, Katrina McKemey to the ALCA office.

Katrina will be in available at the office three days per week –
Wednesday to Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm.
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Lowline Registrar, Natalie Herd
Monday to Thursday 9am to 3pm
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Email: lowline.registrar@abri.une.edu.au

ALCA Executive Officer, Katrina McKemey



My name is Katrina McKemey and I live on a grazing property approximately 50km from Armidale in the New England area of NSW. Together with my husband and 4 teenage children, we run a cattle trading enterprise. We purchase young steers during the autumn/winter months and turn them off to feedlots the following year.

I have always lived in the area; I grew up and worked on my parents grazing property 40kms from where we live. I have always worked on the land, both with my parents and now in our business and have always had a passion for Agriculture.

In recent times, I have started working part-time at ABRI. I admit I wasn't sure about working in the office but I have really enjoyed it. It has been interesting to see other aspects of the Agricultural industry and talk to people with different interests and passions.

I look forward to 'meeting' you in my role as Executive Officer for the Lowline Cattle Association.



2019 Royal Melbourne Show

Saturday 28th September 2019 (AFL Grand Final Day) saw the judging of the Australian Lowlines at the Royal Melbourne Show.

This year the judge was young Limousin breeder from Finley NSW, Tom Isedale, who was judging at the prestigious Royal Melbourne Show for the first time. The high quality of the Lowline exhibits did not make his job easy.



Supreme Lowline Exhibit, Tarrawarra Faith

Congratulations to all exhibitors for another friendly & enjoyable show.



Reserve Junior Champion Bull – Ardeen Phantom with owners & breeders, Steve & Alexie O'Brien

FEMALES:

Heifer, 9 To 12 Months

1. Wanamara Jelly Baby – G & J Knight
2. Muscateer Valley Gina – J & J Muscat
3. Muscateer Valley Bree – J & J Muscat Heifer,

Heifer, 12 To 16 Months

1. Tarrawarra Harmony – R & J Feagan
2. Whitby Farm Tianna – K & G Lorains Heifer,

Heifer, 16 To 20 Months

1. Wanamara Dirty Dancing – G & J Knight

Junior Champion Heifer:

TARRAWARRA HARMONY

Reserve Junior Champion Heifer:

WANAMARA JELLY BABY

Heifer, 20 To 24 Months

1. Cann Valley New Moon – D Storace

Cow Or Heifer, 24 To 36 Months

1. Ardeen Mystique – S & A O'Brien

Cow, Over 36 Months

1. Tarrawarra Faith – R & J Feagan
2. Rotherwood Lady Madonna – M.Cooney

Senior Champion Cow:

TARRAWARRA FAITH

Reserve Senior Champion Cow:

ROTHERWOOD LADY MADONNA

Grand Champion Female:

TARRAWARRA FAITH



Heifer
Class
9 – 12 mths



2019 Royal Melbourne Show Results

BULLS:

Bull, 9 To 12 Months

1. Ardeen Phantom – S & A O'Brien
2. Cann Valley Hufn Stuff – M Cooney
3. Ardeen Primus – S & A O'Brien Bull,

12 to 15 Months

1. Tarrawarra Halycon – R & J Feagan

Junior Champion Bull :

TARRAWARRA HALYCON

Reserve Junior Champion Bull:

ARDEEN PHANTOM

Bull, 20 To 24 Months

1. Cann Valley Nutcracker – M Cooney

Bull, Over 36 Months

1. Whitby Farm PT – K & G Lorains

Senior Champion Bull :

WHITBY FARM PT

Reserve Senior Champion Bull :

CANN VALLEY NUTCRACKER

Grand Champion Bull:

TARRAWARRA HALYCON

Supreme Exhibit :

TARRAWARRA FAITH

Best Three Head,

1. Tarrawarra – R & J Feagan

Sire's Progeny:

1. M.Cooney: Sire– TARRAWARRA ECLIPSE
2. M Cooney: Sire– CANN VALLEY COUNT LUCIFER

Best Two Bulls, Under 20 Months,

1. Ardeen – S & A O'Brien

Best Two Females, Under 20 Months

1. Wanamara – G & J Knight
2. Muscateer Valley – J & J Muscat

Most Successful Australian Lowline Exhibitor:

Jacqui & Richard Feagan – Tarrawarra

Annual Herd Inventory

Very soon, the Lowline Registrar, Natalie Herd, will be sending members a Herd Inventory which will list all the ACTIVE registered animals on the database under your Herd ID.

This inventory is to make sure any animals you have sold, culled or died have been noted as such on the database.

These will be made INACTIVE.

When you receive your inventory, make a note in the 'FATE' column of any animals no longer in your herd.

Return the List to the ALCA office by email or mail as soon as possible so Natalie can update your herd on the database –

lowline.registrar@abri.une.edu.au

2019 Whittlesea Show, Vic Lowline Feature

Whittlesea Show will be held from the 2nd–3rd November – This Weekend

The Australian Lowline Breed is fortunate enough to be the feature breed of this show.

We are expecting around 25 Lowlines will be on display and judged, judging to commence at 9 am on the Sunday.

The Southern Region Promotion Group will have a Lowline stand on site which will offer information and merchandise.

The SRPG welcomes as many visitors to attend and watch, this would be a great opportunity to support the breed and breeders.

Hope to see you there!



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 –

Meat weight

Carcass weight X 100 = 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.

Carcass Weight

Liveweight X 100 = 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

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.

Website data shows the ALCA Saleyard page to be the most visited page on the ALCA website.

Advertisements will remain on the Saleyard page for 3 months, free of charge.

To advertise in the Saleyard

- Fill out the Contact Form
- If you are from Victoria, don't forget your PIC number
- Upload your photos
- SUBMIT

If you sell your animals, please notify the ALCA office so SOLD can be placed on your advertisement

office@lowlinecattleassoc.com.au

