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## What's On

The new Financial Year has begun so there is plenty going on in the ALCA office.

### Nominations for Council

There will be 4 positions available on Council for nominations this year and Nomination Forms will be sent out this week. Each person elected on Council will have a 2 year term.

Councillors vacating their current positions will be Bill Brydon, Matt Wilkinson, Sue Foureur and the position vacated earlier this year by Ken Lorains.

All current financial Full members are entitled to nominate so if you would like to work with your Council to improve the Association and help its members, please apply for a position.

**All Nominations need to be returned to the ALCA office by close of business on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022.**

### Membership Renewals

**Membership renewals are now overdue and need to be paid before 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022.**

After this date all animals on the database belonging to the unfinancial member will be made inactive. If payment of membership renewal is made at a later date there will be a \$5 (+GST) reactivation fee for each animal to be reactivated.

**Renew now to avoid the extra fees!**

Animal recordings, registrations &/or transfers will not be processed unless the member has renewed their membership.

### Welcome to Anna Kempf

ALCA now has a new Executive Officer, Anna Kempf, who has recently taken up the position. We welcome Anna and hope she enjoys her time with ALCA.

Anna will be your contact at the ALCA office for all general enquiries, while Claudia Scott is the contact for registrations, transfers and other related issues.

*Julie Knight*  
ALCA President

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## Anna Kempf, ALCA EO



I am originally from Toowoomba with my family coming from different breeding backgrounds and being heavily involved in other breed societies when I was younger. I have a bachelor of agribusiness which I completed at the University of New England and in my spare time I love working on my photography as a livestock photographer as well as a family and wedding photographer.

My office hours are Monday – Friday, 8am-4pm so do not hesitate to email

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or give me a call. I am really looking forward to learning all aspects of this position and hopefully will make the transition as seamless as possible, and I look forward to meeting and working with you all in the future.

*Anna Kempf*

## On Farm Challenge, Victoria

The SRPG On Farm Challenge presentation was held in July and was a wonderful opportunity to catch up with other members, speak with our judge, Courtney Hazeldene and find out the results of the Challenge, which was run over the Queen's Birthday weekend. Oh, and lunch was pretty good too.

On behalf of the SRPG committee, I would like to congratulate all those who entered the challenge.

I'd like to acknowledge and thank ALCA for donating 6 female registrations that were awarded to the winners of classes 1-6 (heifer classes).

I'd also like to acknowledge International Animal Health Products for donating Ausmectin Cattle Pour-on to the group and grand champions.

There was a special presentation, as the inaugural and perpetual Trish Ellis trophy was presented to the Challenge's Supreme Champion.

*Sue Pace  
(on behalf of the SRPG committee)*





## Vale Dr. Patricia Ellis



In May we received the very sad news that long-standing ALCA member and SRPG stalwart Patricia Ellis had passed away. A dear friend of many Victorian members, Trish will be sadly missed. We send our deepest condolences to her partner, Gary and family.

*The following was written by her colleagues from the Equine Veterinarians Association.*

It is with great sadness we note the passing today of Dr Patricia Ellis AM. A cherished veterinarian of the highest professional integrity, who used her training to benefit the wider community as well as the profession. Dr Ellis graduated in 1968 from the University of Melbourne, a time when women vets were a minority. She did so with First Class Honours and went on to be a trail blazer in her career.

Dr Ellis was the first female President of the EVA in 1992, and the first Honorary Secretary of the EVA in 1971. Her career was a fine blend of academic achievement and successful private practice in Australia, Ireland, and the Middle East, with an influential period of public practice. Amongst her many contributions, Dr Ellis pioneered the protocols, safety and biosecurity of international air transport for horses.

Her achievements have been recognised by being awarded an AVA Meritorious Service Award, the AEVA Award for Veterinary Excellence, the EVA Award for Services to the Horse Industry. In 2009 Dr Ellis delivered the Pascoe Oration to a standing ovation. Distinguished in 2013, she was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia (AM), for significant service to veterinary science. Dr Ellis was a leader in the veterinary profession and a cherished friend and mentor to many.

Vale Trish.

## Report - Dairy Beef Project NZ

In 2020, your ALCA Council decided to fund a Lowline bull entry into the New Zealand Beef + Lamb Dairy Beef trials. This was the first opportunity to collect data on a Lowline bull since the closure of the Trangie Project.

A large dairy herd in Taupo NZ was inseminated with a multitude of mainstream beef breeds as well as a Lowline bull and the calves were born in late winter/early spring 2021. All calves were DNA verified to the correct sire. All calves are to be reared through to finishing with more data collected at slaughter.

Dairy beef - the calf resulting from using a beef sire over dairy cattle, is very popular in New Zealand both as a means to minimise bobby calves from the dairy industry and provide a valuable source of beef cattle to beef rearers.

Below are the first of the results of how Ploughbright Fennessy offspring compare with other beef breeds.

As expected, birthweight and gestation both have positive results for the Lowline bull.

### April 2022 – Calving and weaning traits

Dr Nick Sneddon, Massey University

This report provides an update on calving and rearing performance of the 2021-born calves at Pāmu's Renown farm. Only sires used in this cohort are included in the report, but all calves of the sire are included, even if some were born in previous cohorts (Link Sires).

The traits assessed include:

- Gestation Length (days), which is based on the recorded birth date, and the recorded AI date for the DNA-assigned dam with semen from the DNA-assigned sire.
- Birth Weight (kg), which is recorded on arrival at the calf shed, within 24 hours of birth.
- Weaning Age (days), which is the age at which the calf was weaned, adjusted to the target weaning weight of 85kg. A lower value is desirable as the calf spends fewer days on milk to reach weaning weight.

All values are least squares means, adjusted for sex and year.

Sire	Breed	Animal ID	Number of calves born	Gestation length (days)	Birth weight (kg)	Weaning age (days)
Focus 193013	Angus	NZE194990193013	36	281.9	34.6	92
Focus Cracker 4025	Angus	NZE194810184025	39	283.3	38.7	82.4
Ngaputahi P219	Angus	NZE21095018P219	35	282.8	36.9	81.4
Ploughbright Fennessy	Aus Lowline	QLRF046	23	290.4	35	89.5
Ardo Hustler 8014	Hereford	0277188014	44	284.7	38.5	81.6
Beechwood Imposer 44	Hereford	0051180044	30	280	38.6	73.9
Beechwood In Time 7	Hereford	0051180007	38	282.3	35.8	79.7
Foulden Hill King 180500	Hereford	1731180500	42	284	41.1	81.8
Mahuta Ocean 8073	Hereford	0628188073	25	280.5	37.6	80.2
Shrimpton Hill 190126	Hereford	0300190126	38	282.3	37.5	88.6
Westholm Fargo U66	Hereford	0421190066	38	282.5	36.1	85.1
Torrsville Pegasus P66	Murray Grey	1427180066	45	281.4	40	80.9
Tinopai BA Jed 1633	Red Devon	172916033	37	282.3	38.4	86.3
Kerrah Fortress F326	Simmental	1667AF0326	35	284.6	39	74.1
Maungahina Kidman's Cove	Speckle Park	MAU K247	31	288.7	40.2	81.8
Totara Hill Steak House N6	Speckle Park	-	33	285.4	40.3	76.3
Focus Stabilizer 5004 (red)	Stabilizer	-	40	281.8	38.4	84.9
Focus Stabilizer 5183 (black)	Stabilizer	-	39	285.5	36.1	84.5
Glenworth 17013*	Angus	1264017013	67	277.8	33.5	90.5
Ardo Ajax 5014*	Hereford	0277155014	74	282.3	36.1	83.9
Kierah Exchange ES02*	Simmental	1667AE0502	54	286.1	38.5	85.5
Leafland E121*	Simmental	1614AE0121	46	285.2	39.9	77.2
Focus Trinity 135263*	Stabilizer	-	48	283.1	36.7	81.7

\*Link Sires

*Matt Wilkinson*

## Welcome to New Members

A warm welcome to our new members.  
We hope you enjoy being a part of the Australian Lowline family.

### Full Membership

Ross & Ros Wackerling (reinstated Full Membership)  
Westbrook, QLD – ROSSLYN

Darren & Sarah Purse  
Pearce, ACT – FBS

Adam Kirkbride/A P Kirkbride Pedigree Livestock  
Keswick, Cumbria, UK – CUMBERLAND

Ruth Pranker & Amanda Bethune  
Eltham, NZ – MOONACRE

JE & LR Pitt  
Moorlands, SA - MOORDALE

Christian Greives (reinstated Full Membership)  
Breelong, NSW - ASCOT

Adam Smith  
Bude, Cornwall, UK – LIGHTNING

### Lifestyle Membership

Joshua Creenaune  
Splitters Creek, NSW – WAKANDA

### Junior Membership

Jack Lewers  
Tinonee, NSW – CHISUM

Olivia Price  
Rangiora, Canterbury, NZ - EYREGUS

### School Membership

Geelong Grammar School/Matt Dickinson  
Corio, VIC – GEELONG GRAMMAR

### Associate Membership

Cindy Blake & Travis Hamilton  
Goonong, VIC

## Lowline Merchandise

Are you looking for presents for someone?

Do you have your Lowline Uniform to exhibit your cattle this season?

Remember, if you are exhibiting at the Royal Melbourne Show you will need to have the correct Breed Uniform.

Allow 6 – 8 weeks for your orders to be delivered if you need Lowline Vests & Chambray shirts for the Melbourne Show

Check out the Lowline Merchandise in the Lowline Shop – [www.lowlineshop.com](http://www.lowlineshop.com)

A new supply of Lowline Breed Ties (Maroon) have been ordered will be available from next week.



## SNP Profiles for Registrations

Most members are now using SNP profiles for their progeny testing but there are still a few members who are using MiP for Parent Verification.

As of 1 November 2022, animals will be required to have a SNP profile for them to be approved for registration.

This will enable all cattle in the future to be SNP parent verified rather than some being on a different platform and requiring different testing.

## OFC Cattle Structure Reports

Courtney Hazeldene, SRPG On Farm Challenge Judge

Each animal judged by Courtney was given a detailed critique which was passed onto the breeder/owner at the On Farm Challenge Presentation lunch.

This is example of how each animal was judged is for Black Label Nymph, a lovely female bred by Craig Davis & Sue Pace, Black Label Lowlines.



LOWLINE	
ALCA Southern Region Promotional Group On Farm Challenge 10-13 June 2022 Assessment Form	
Class:	8 - Female 36 months and under 60 months
ID:	PDS H070
Animal:	Black Label Nymph
DOB:	17/09/2017
Entrant:	Black Label - PDS
Category	Points/10
HEAD (muzzle, jaw, eyes)	8.5
NECK & SHOULDERS	9
TOPLINE (chins, loin, strength of spine)	9.5
DEPTH, BARREL, SPRING OF RID	8
RUMP & TAILHEAD	8
CAPACITY - HIP TO PIN, WIDTH	8.5
FEET	9.9
LEGS	8
GAIT	9
TESTICLES/UDDER/SHEATH	8
TEMPERAMENT	9
Subtotal (out of 110)	92.5 / 110
OVERALL IMPRESSION (eye appeal)	9
Total (out of 120)	101.5 / 120
*Judge - If you wish to make an alteration, please cross out the original and write the correction next to it (to ensure our data entry is correct).	
Comments: A lot to like about this female. Excellent feet, great length, lovely shoulder and refinement through to a strong head, strong topline, a lovely udder. Well done.	

The following photos are of different structural features the judge looks at when judging cattle. They show what breeders should be aiming for in their breeding programs to improve the type of animal they are producing.

Courtney also supplied another article 'Judging Beef Cattle' and this will be included in the next newsletter.

### Topline



### Tailhead





## OFC Cattle Structure Photos -cont

### Legs - Sickie Hocked



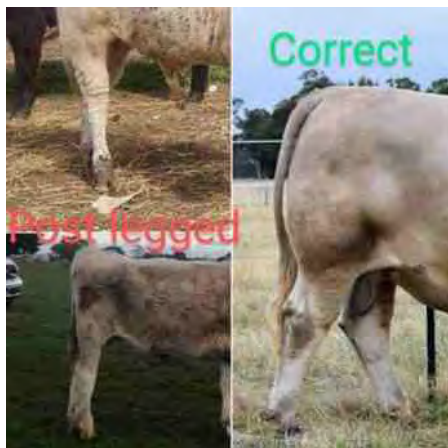
### Legs - Cow Hocked



### Shoulders



### Legs - Post legged



### Legs - Calf Knee



## OFC Cattle Structure Photos - cont

### Legs & Feet - Weak pasterns



### Legs & Feet - Turned out feet



### Feet - Shallow heel/long toe



### Feet - Long toe



### Sheath- Untidy sheath



*A big 'Thank You' to Courtney Hazeldene, Ganado Murray Greys, for judging the SRPG On Farm Challenge & allowing us to use her photos.*



## 2022 EKKA, Queensland

Judging was held on Friday 12 August with a great line up of Australian Lowlines. Congratulations to all exhibitors for presenting such beautifully prepared cattle.



Lockyer State High



Merowen Lowlines



Leedar R U Perfect  
Grand Champion Bull & Supreme Exhibit



Tarrawarra Harmony  
Grand Champion Female





## 2022 EKKA Results.

Class 399- Heifer 8 months & u12 months- 1<sup>st</sup> Leedar Perfect Light (RC), 2<sup>nd</sup> Loc-Hi Sahara

Class 400- Heifer 12 months & u16 months- 1<sup>st</sup> Loc-Hi Suki, 2<sup>nd</sup> Loc-Hi Spotlight, 3<sup>rd</sup> Loc-Hi Stella

JUNIOR CHAMPION HEIFER- Loc-Hi Suki

RESERVE CHAMPION HEIFER- Leedar Perfect Light (RC)

Class 403- Bull 12 months & u16 months- 1<sup>st</sup> Loc-Hi Stuart Little

Class 404- Bull 16 months & u20 months- 1<sup>st</sup> Leedar R U Perfect, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dakabin Rudolph

JUNIOR CHAMPION BULL- Leedar R U Perfect

RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR BULL- Dakabin Rudolph

Class 405- Cow or Heifer 20 months & u30 months- 1<sup>st</sup> Merowen Razzamatazz, 2<sup>nd</sup> Merowen Ruby Red Shoes, 3<sup>rd</sup> Merowen Rosella

Class 406- Cow 30 months & u60 months- 1<sup>st</sup> Tarrawarra Harmony, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tarrawarra Heavenly, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dakabin Quinley

SENIOR CHAMPION COW OR HEIFER- Tarrawarra Harmony

RESERVE CHAMPION COW OR HEIFER- Merowen Razzamatazz

Class 407- Bull 20 months & u 30 months- 1<sup>st</sup> Merowen Robotics, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dakabin Ringo

Class 408- Bull 30 months & u42 months- 1<sup>st</sup> Loc-Hi Quest, 2<sup>nd</sup> Merowen Qwirkle

SENIOR CHAMPION BULL- Merowen Robotics

RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION BULL- Loc-Hi Quest

GRAND CHAMPION COW OR HEIFER- Tarrawarra Harmony

GRAND CHAMPION BULL- Leedar R U Perfect

Pair of Bulls- 1<sup>st</sup> Barron Family (Merowen), 2<sup>nd</sup> Dakabin State High School

Breeders Group- 1<sup>st</sup> Lockyer District High School, 2<sup>nd</sup> Barron Family (Merowen), 3<sup>rd</sup> Dakabin State High School

Most Successful Australian Lowline Exhibitor Trophy- Lockyer District High School (Loc-Hi Lowlines)

INTERBREED SMALL BREEDS BULL- Leedar R U Perfect

## Around the Showgrounds

Agricultural shows are up & running again after many cancellations due to Covid.

It is great to see members out in force parading cattle at their local shows.



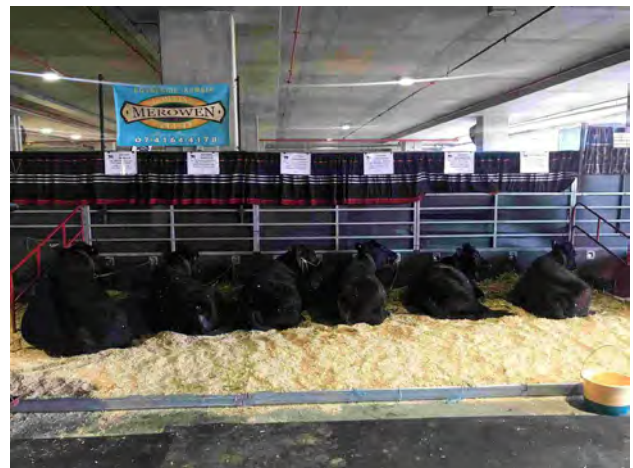
Columba Catholic College preparing & parading Coolindowns Lowlines at the Charters Towers Show, Qld.



Merowen Lowlines at the Rockhampton Junior Beef Show, Qld



Dakabin State High School cattle show team & at the EKKA. Qld



Merowen Lowlines at the EKKA, Qld

