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ALCA Council 2022/2023

Saturday 22 October 2022 saw the AGM held via ZOOM which included an electronic voting facility which enabled members to vote online prior to and during the meeting.

A Member Forum took place following the AGM and one of the suggestions was for the return of ALCA AGMs to be held in different states, as was done pre-covid. Council will look into this further in time for the 2023 AGM.

A big Thank You to all the members who took the time to attend.

We welcome four new Councillors – Michele Molloy (QLD), Danielle Wood (NSW), Ross Hardy (VIC) and Ashley Barron (QLD).

We would like to give a big Thank You to retiring Councillors, Bill Brydon and Matt Wilkinson for their valued service on our Council. Their ideas and wise words will be missed.

ALCA Council for the next year;

President: Michele Molloy (QLD)
Vice President: Ashley Barron (QLD)
Secretary: Julie Knight (VIC)
Treasurer: Sue Foureur (SA)

Philip Worthington (NZ)
Michelle Millar (NZ)
Jacqui Feagan (VIC)
Ross Hardy (VIC)
Danielle Wood (NSW)

All Councillors can be contacted if you have any issues or would like to discuss anything regarding the breed and Association. Contact details are on the ALCA website –

<https://www.lowlinecattleassoc.com.au/contact>

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Special Resolution - 2022 Constitutional Review

During the AGM, members were asked to vote on changes to the Constitution and By-Law rules. These changes were passed by majority at the AGM.

Most of the changes, as suggested by Council, were tidying up rules which needed more clarity.

One in particular was By-Law 7.3.9 which was originally called 'Deemed Registration'.

This has now been changed to 'Deemed Recorded' to clarify that a DR animal is recorded, not registered with the Association, so does not have the same benefits of a registered animal.

Explanation – the definition of (DR) as a suffix is changed from 'Deemed Registered' to 'Deemed Recorded' to clarify the meaning of the (DR) animal which is 'recorded for pedigree purposes only' as stated in the body of By-Law 7.3.9.

If you have any queries our Lowline Registrar, Claudia Scott will help you –

lowline.registrar@abri.une.edu.au



Coat Colour Testing

By-Law 7.3.5. Animals that require DNA coat colour testing are: – **red coated animals**
– **progeny of registered red coated animals**
– **progeny of registered animals designated as red carriers (RC)**

: and any animals nominated by ALCA Council

This By-Law was introduced to ensure the genetic markers of these animals were identified so they can be registered correctly as either red (R), red gene carriers (RC) or black animals.

Coat Colour Tests are required with the usual SNP and Parent Verification for the registration for Australian Lowlines that are red coated, progeny of red coated animals and progeny of red gene carriers (RC).

If you are registering any animals that come under this By-Law 7.3.5, you will need to have the results of a Coat Colour Test to supply with your registration application. Failure to provide a Coat Colour Test will mean your animal will not be eligible for registration until the results are presented to the Lowline Registrar, Claudia Scott.

You need to remember that Claudia cannot 'see' your animals so the Coat Colour results will provide proof that an animal is red coated or a red gene carrier for the correct identification and registration of your animal in the ALCA Herdbook.

Coat Colour tests can be processed at the same time as SNP and Parent Verification at the same laboratory.



SNP Testing for all Registrations

At the Council meeting on 14th July 2022, Council passed a motion to ensure all applications for registration in the future have a SNP profile.

To be in line with the changeover to SNP testing, Council has agreed to mandate that all animals applying for registration have a SNP profile from 1st November 2022.

Failure to supply a SNP profile will mean the animal cannot be registered until a SNP profile is produced.

By ensuring all animals have a SNP profile, the parent verification of calves in the future will be much easier with all animals being on the same DNA platform.

In rare cases, if SNP cannot be used for the parent verification, PV can still be done using the old MiP profiles of the parents but the animal to be registered must have its own separate SNP profile in order for it to be registered.

This may be the case for progeny of old embryos or semen that do not have SNP profiles or animals that are deceased and cannot be upgraded.

Contact Claudia if you need any help
lowline.registrar@abri.une.edu.au

MIPs + MIPs	✓
SNPs + SNPs	✓
SNPs + MIPs	✗



2022 Royal Melbourne Show - Australian Lowline Feature

Congratulations to the 14 exhibitors who presented 50 perfect examples of the Australian Lowline breed at the recent Royal Melbourne Show where Australian Lowlines were the Feature Breed.

Special thanks to the SRPG, helpers, exhibitors, handlers and attendees who all made the day very special. It was fantastic to have the judging live-streamed all over the world - thanks to ALCA for funding the Livestream.

People enjoyed Certified Lowline Beef at the RASV Exhibitors BBQ supplied by Hyland Estate Premium Meats, funded by ALCA and SRPG and catered for by SRPG volunteers.

After judging, a breed dinner was held attended by exhibitors, ALCA members and friends where delicious Lowline beef from Paddock To Table Butchery was served and auctions of donated goods and services took place.

The Livestream Royal Rumble Auction held the following afternoon was for a limited number of elite cattle from various breeds and the prices achieved were well deserved.

The top-priced Australian Lowline was Cann Valley Lady Sia (Cann Valley stud) who sold for \$11,000 and a heifer donated by Whitby Farm, Whitby Farm Cherub, brought a \$10,000 donation for the Black Dog Institute for mental illness.

The major prize for the Supreme Australian Lowline Exhibit was the use of a Kubota farm vehicle for 12 months. This was won by Vicki Gilbert, breeder and owner of Rotherwood Precious Girl (RC)



Show Results

FEMALES

AL01 - Heifer, 8 To 10 Months

- 1 **MATT COONEY:** CANN VALLEY SENTIMENTAL (RC)
- 2 **JACQUELYNN FEAGAN:** TARRAWARRA KYRIELLE
- 3 **ELLE KAY LOWLINES:** ELLE KAY MINNIE THE MOOCHER

AL02 - Heifer, 10 To 12 Months

- 1 **VICKI GILBERT:** ROTHERWOOD SAPPHIRE GIRL (A.I.) (E.T)
- 2 **JACQUELYNN FEAGAN:** TARRAWARRA KARLA
- 3 **WHITBY FARM:** WHITBY FARM CHERUB

AL03 - Heifer, 12 To 14 Months

- 1 **MATT COONEY:** CANN VALLEY LADY SIA (A.I)
- 2 **WHITBY FARM:** WHITBY FARM COCO CHANEL (A.I)
- 3 **JACQUELYNN FEAGAN:** TARRAWARRA KATRIEL
- 4 **JUSTIN DICKINSON AND SAM DICKINSON:** KAWALA VIEW SUGAR
- 5 **PETER, REBECCA, ANGUS & MOLLIE GORMAN:** SHADOW PARK STORMY

AL04S - CALF CHAMPION HEIFER

CANN VALLEY LADY SIA (A.I)

AL05S - CALF RESERVE CHAMPION HEIFER

CANN VALLEY SENTIMENTAL (RC)

AL06 - Heifer, 14 To 16 Months

No placings or awards were made for this class

AL07 - Heifer, 16 To 18 Months

- 1 **MATT COONEY:** CANN VALLEY SUPER MOON (A.I)
- 2 **GEELONG GRAMMER:** BALLARAT GRAMMAR SIOBHAN
- 3 **MR GARY SMITH:** GLENHOLME SUSIE

AL08 - Heifer, 18 To 20 Months

- 1 **GEELONG GRAMMER:** BALLARAT GRAMMAR SOPHIE
- 2 **ELLE KAY LOWLINES:** ELLE KAY ROSAMUND

AL09S - INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION HEIFER

CANN VALLEY SUPER MOON (A.I.)

AL10S - RESERVE INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION HEIFER

BALLARAT GRAMMAR SOPHIE



2022 Royal Melbourne Show Results cont.

AL11 - Cow or Heifer, 20 To 24 Months

- 1 **ELLE KAY LOWLINES:** ELLE KAY JUST DANCE: CALDEN GADGET
- 2 **JUSTIN DICKINSON AND SAM DICKINSON:** KAWALA VIEW RACHAEL

AL12 - Cow Or Heifer, 24 To 30 Months

- 1 **WHITBY FARM:** WHITBY FARM SWEET HEART
- 2 **MATT COONEY:** ROTHERWOOD RADIANT GIRL (RC)
- 3 **LUCY TANTI:** ELLE KAY SILKA'S LACE

AL13 - Cow, 30 To 36 Months

No placings or awards were made for this class

AL14 - Cow, 36 To 48 Months

- 1 **MATT COONEY:** CANN VALLEY QUILL
- 2 **MATT COONEY:** CANN VALLEY PANDORAS BOX
- 3 **NATE AND ARIEL MARGRIE:** WHITBY FARM FLUER
- 4 **ELLE KAY LOWLINES:** ELLE KAY JASMIN

AL15 - Cow, Over 48 Months

- 1 **VICKI GILBERT:** ROTHERWOOD PRECIOUS GIRL (RC)
- 2 **MATT COONEY:** CANN VALLEY NEFERTITI GIRL (A.I.)
- 3 **WHITBY FARM:** WHITBY FARM L.C.
- 4 **ELLE KAY LOWLINES:** ELLE KAY ROSE GOLD

AL16S - SENIOR CHAMPION COW

ROTHERWOOD PRECIOUS GIRL (RC)

AL17S - RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION COW

CANN VALLEY NEFERTITI GIRL (A.I.)

AL18S - GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE

ROTHERWOOD PRECIOUS GIRL (RC)

BULLS

AL19 - Bull, 8 To 10 Months

No placings or awards were made for this class

AL20 - Bull, 10 To 12 Months

- 1 **VICKI GILBERT:** ROTHERWOOD MASTER STORM (A.I.)
- 2 **JESSICA & JASON MUSCAT:** MUSCATEER VALLEY STORM

AL21 - Bull, 12 To 14 Months

- 1 **MR ROHAN MONK & MR MATT COONEY:** LOCARNO SENTINEL (A.I.)
- 2 **WHITBY FARM:** WHITBY FARM HARRISON
- 3 **WHITBY FARM:** WHITBY FARM THE GOODS (A.I.)
- 4 **WHITBY FARM:** WHITBY FARM CAVADA
- 5 **GEELONG GRAMMAR:** WHITBY FARM STANLEY
- 6 **PETER, REBECCA, ANGUS & MOLLIE GORMAN:** SHADOW PARK SQUID

AL22S - CALF CHAMPION BULL

LOCARNO SENTINEL (A.I.)

AL23S - RESERVE CALF CHAMPION BULL

ROTHERWOOD MASTER STORM (A.I.)

AL24 - Bull, 14 To 16 Months

- 1 **MATT COONEY:** CANN VALLEY SOLAR ECLIPSE (A.I.)

AL25 - Bull, 16 To 18 Months

No placings or awards were made for this class

AL27S - INTERMEDIATE BULL CHAMPION

CANN VALLEY SOLAR ECLIPSE (A.I.)

AL28S - RESERVE INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION BULL

No placings or awards were made for this class

AL29 - Bull, 20 To 24 Months

- 1 **JESSICA & JASON MUSCAT:** MUSCATEER VALLEY SARGENT
- 2 **ELLE KAY LOWLINES:** ELLE KAY RUDULPH VALENTINO

AL30 - Bull, 24 To 30 Months

- 1 **MS VICKI GILBERT & MR MATT COONEY:** ROTHERWOOD RADICA

AL31 - Bull, 30 To 36 Months

- 1 **VICKI GILBERT:** ROTHERWOOD QOINTREAU ON ICE (R)
- 2 **WHITBY FARM:** WHITBY FARM HENRY FORD
- 3 **WHITBY FARM:** WHITBY FARM REMUS

AL32 - Bull, Over 36 Months

- 1 **JACQUELYNN FEAGAN:** TARRAWARRA ILLUSTRIOUS

AL33S - SENIOR CHAMPION BULL

ROTHERWOOD QOINTREAU ON ICE (R)

AL34S - RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION BULL

TARRAWARRA ILLUSTRIOUS

AL35S - GRAND CHAMPION BULL

ROTHERWOOD QOINTREAU ON ICE (R)

AL36S - SUPREME EXHIBIT

ROTHERWOOD PRECIOUS GIRL (RC)

AL37 - Best Three Head, Any Age, Both Sexes To Be Represented And All Bred And Owned By The Exhibitor

- 1 **VICKI GILBERT, ROTHERWOOD LOWLINE STUD**
- 2 **MATT COONEY, CANN VALLEY LOWLINE STUD**
- 3 **K & G LORAINS, WHITBY FARM**
- 4 **ELLE KAY LOWLINES**
- 5 **ELLE KAY LOWLINES**

AL38 - Sire's Progeny: Best Three Head, Any Age Progeny Of One Sire

- 1 **VICKI GILBERT, ROTHERWOOD LOWLINE STUD:** GROUP BY PLA
- 2 **K & G LORAINS, WHITBY FARM:** GROUP BY WHITBY FARM PT.
- 3 **ELLE KAY LOWLINES:** GROUP BY CALDEN GADGET
- 4 **ELLE KAY LOWLINES:** GROUP BY CALDEN GADGET

AL39 - Best Two Bulls, Under 20 Months, To Be Bred By The Exhibitor

- 1 **MATT COONEY, CANN VALLEY LOWLINE STUD**
- 2 **K & G LORAINS, WHITBY FARM**

AL40 - Best Two Females, Under 20 Months, To Be Bred By The Exhibitor

- 1 **MATT COONEY, CANN VALLEY LOWLINE STUD**
- 2 **JACQUELYNN FEAGAN, TARRAWARRA LOWLINES**

AL41 - Dam's Prpgeny

- 1 **MATT COONEY:** GROUP BY ROTHERWOOD HADFIELD GIRL
- 2 **MATT COONEY:** GROUP BY CANN VALLEY LUNAR ECLIPSE (A.I.)
- 3 **VICKI GILBERT:** GROUP BY ROTHERWOOD BOXERS GIRL



Buyer Beware - Vendor & Purchaser Responsibilities

When buying and selling registered Australian Lowlines there are responsibilities both the Vendor and the Purchaser need to fulfil in order for the process to have an amicable and successful outcome.

VENDOR

1. If you are advertising REGISTERED stock, make sure the animals are registered and on the ALCA database so the prospective purchaser can see the pedigree.
2. If the animals are only RECORDED on the database, be honest and don't tell prospective purchasers that the animals are registered because registration cannot be processed until the correct SNP and parent verification results are provided.
3. SNP and Parent Verification need to be done before an animal is registered.
4. If the animal is red coated, a red gene carrier or progeny of a red gene carrier (RC), the animal also needs a Coat Colour Test done by the breeder.
5. **Registration needs to be done by the Breeder, not the Purchaser**
6. Once sold, the Transfer needs to be signed by the Vendor and transfer fee paid by the Vendor.
7. **The Vendor needs to be a current financial member of ALCA for any of these processes to take place.**

PURCHASER

To purchase Registered animals –

1. Do your homework and research the animal you are thinking of purchasing
2. Check the database to make sure the animal is registered.
3. If it is only recorded, make sure the breeder has sent off DNA for Parent Verification and a Coat Colour test if it is a red animal or progeny of a red or red gene carrier.
4. If possible, view the animal and don't rely on photos.
5. Make sure the Vendor is a current ALCA member.
6. **Only the breeder can register the animal so make sure it is registered before you make the purchase.**
7. If the animal has not been registered and the Vendor's membership has lapsed, it will cost you a lot more money to have it Deemed Registered later, if it is eligible. Not all animals are eligible for Deemed registration and it will need Council approval.
8. Unless both parties are ALCA members, the animal cannot be transferred to you.
9. Many people will say they are selling registered animals but you need to check the ALCA database to see if this is true.

'Hints on Purchasing Cattle' can be found on the ALCA website

<https://www.lowlinecattleassoc.com.au/the-breed/hints-on-purchasing-cattle>



A Blast from the Past 1996 Royal Melbourne Show



Twenty six years ago, the 1996 Royal Melbourne Show saw their first Australian Lowline cattle on display.

It was a big experience for many exhibitors as they were novices and had never shown cattle before. But the enthusiasm of the ALCA members made the week at the show a lot of fun and a great learning experience.

Of the ten studs that exhibited the 26 Australian Lowlines, only Ardrossan and Wanamara have remained members of ALCA so many years later.

Judging took place outside on the main arena and the rain that day was relentless leaving everyone looking like drowned rats. The cattle coat preparation before judging had been a waste of time.

The photos are of the Australian Lowlines in the 1996 Grand Parade which was a big event. Unfortunately, the Grand Parade these days is only a glimmer of what it used to be.



Welcome to New Members

Once again we are welcoming many new ALCA Members to our Australian Lowline family. We hope you are enjoying your cattle and being part of our Association.

Full Membership

Dr Terry Byers & Naomi Camile
17 Mile Rocks, QLD – **MT MORIAH**

Peter Anderson & Stephanie Gill
Baan Baa, NSW – **RIVERSIDE**

Commercial Membership

Ellis James
Glenrowan West, VIC

Julia Field
Mount Barker Springs, SA

Junior Membership

Tylah Cooper
Stratford, NZ – **SUMMIT**

Australian Lowline Book

Looking for a Christmas present? If you are interested in the history of our breed, the Australian Lowline book covers that and much more.

With over 300 colour pages, plenty of interesting stories and photographs, it makes a great present for Christmas or birthdays.

Available from the Lowline Shop
www.lowlineshop.com



ALCA Journal

We will be producing a Journal in early 2023 which should be printed in time for the Canberra Show. Distribution of the Journal is not only to ALCA members but at multiple events and shows where Lowlines are on display. It is a great place to advertise your stud and/or business.

Bookings are being taken for advertising in the Journal and an email will be going out to all members this week.

Fara Williams, ABRI, will be doing the ads for members and will be charging a separate fee of \$60 per ad, which includes one (1) revision to the layout and design.

ADVERTISING PRICES FOR MEMBERS

Full page \$540.00 + \$54.00 GST = \$594.00
Half page \$300.00 + \$30.00 GST = \$330.00
Quarter page \$180.00 + \$18.00 GST = \$198.00
One eighth page \$120.00 + \$12.00 GST = \$132.00
(Inside front & back pages are reserved)

STRICT DEADLINE for Advertisements
– **FRIDAY 2nd December 2022**

Bookings and payments can be made in the Lowline Shop –
[2022/23 Lowline Journal Advertisement – Australian Lowline Cattle Association Shop](http://www.lowlineshop.com)



Using the Lowline Logo

The Lowline Logo is the registered Trademark of the Australian Lowline Cattle Association. This unique logo represents the history of the breed and is widely recognised as the identity for Australian Lowlines.

As part of your ALCA membership, you have the opportunity to use the Association Lowline Logo for promotion for the duration of your membership.

However, this privilege stops when your membership is discontinued.

As a registered trademark, the Lowline Logo may be used as long as there is no alteration to the original design, which is the three bulls standing on grass with the LOWLINE word underneath. The font also needs to be the same as the registered trademark.

For any member wanting to use the logo for stud promotion, you should contact the ALCA office for a digital download of the Logo and send a copy of your design to the office for Council approval.

Constitution Rule 38 – Use of Association Logo
No member of the Association shall use the logo, registered trademarks or any other emblem of the Association in a manner that has not previously been approved by the Council.

The Lowline Logo is legally owned by the Association so misrepresentation or misuse of the logo can be contested by ALCA.

STUD NAME



LOWLINE

Phone or Email

Left: Correct use of the Lowline Logo.

This is the template for the Lowline Gate sign which is available through the Lowline Shop & can be ordered with your stud details.



Some of you may have been watching the reality TV program, *The Block*, which has just concluded.

ALCA member, Rod McNeill lives in Gisborne, Victoria, on the same road and opposite the property used for this year's program.

Rod said they were getting 'Block' sightseers driving past all the time with many going up driveways of those living nearby. So, Rod purchased a Lowline Gate sign which he proudly displays on his closed front gate.



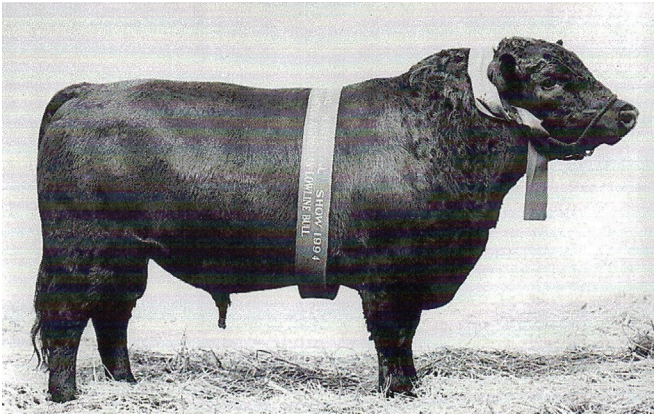
Get Ready for the EKKA in 2024

The Southern Queensland Promotion Group is excited to announce:

On behalf of the Royal Queensland Show's Beef Committee, we are pleased to announce the Australian Lowline as the 2024 Feature Breed for the Beef Small Breeds at the Royal Queensland Show (EKKA).

So, start planning your show teams for 2024 when the EKKA will be held in August of that year. Further information will be available at a later date, but if you have any questions, please contact the South Qld Promotion Group.

We look forward to celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Australian Lowline breed at EKKA.



1994 Supreme Champion Bull – Mugga Majura



2022 EKKA – Lockyer Valley State High

Photos needed for the Journal

The Journal Committee are looking for good quality photos that could be used in the Journal.

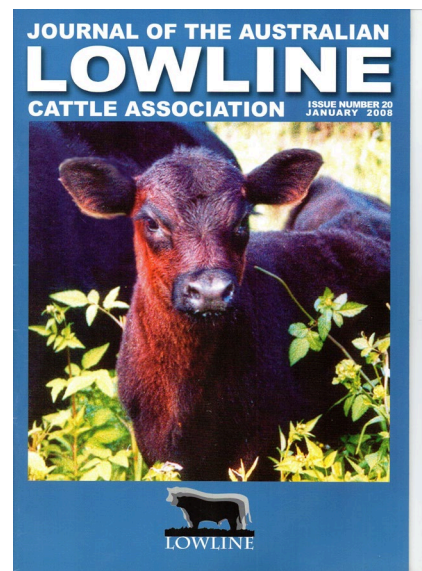
Photos need to be in High Resolution and not photoshopped or altered with special effects.

We are looking for a COVER photo but this needs to be of very high quality and taken as a vertical image, rather than horizontal so it fits the cover.

Photos of show winners from major shows held since the 2020/2021 Journal should be sent to Anna at the office. Make sure they are a good example of your Lowlines.

Junior and School members are asked to send in interesting photos of themselves and school groups as there will be a Junior page for these members to showcase themselves with their cattle. Photos don't have to be show photos, just interactions with your cattle would be great.

Any photos that are not used in the next Journal will be used for newsletters in the future.



Annual Herd Inventory

Our Lowline Registrar, Claudia Scott, has sent members a Herd Inventory which lists all the **ACTIVE registered** animals on the database under your Herd ID.

NB: Calf recorded animals are not included on this list.

This inventory is to make sure any animals you have sold, culled or have 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 as soon as possible so Claudia can update your herd on the database - lowline.registrar@abri.une.edu.au

If you have not received your Herd Inventory, please check your SPAM folder or contact Claudia.

You can also notify Claudia during the year if you sell any animals so the database is kept up to date on a regular basis.



Calf Recording on Database

Did you realize that you can calf record your calves on the database?

This can be done before you have the SNP & Parent Verification results & will only cost you \$5 (+GST) per calf.

At a later date, when you decide to REGISTER your calf you can UPGRADE this animal to 'registered' once you provide the ALCA office with the SNP & Parent Verification results & pay the upgrade fee (Females \$30 + GST/Males \$95 + GST) through The Lowline Shop.

To Calf Record your animals, you can use the Registration Form to Calf Record or do so directly on the ALCA Database.

Instructions for both procedures are on the ALCA Website => Forms & Downloads

<https://www.lowlinecattleassoc.com.au/the-association/forms-downloads>

Payment for Calf Recordings can be made via The Lowline Shop & once payment is made, a link to the Registration Form will be emailed to you.

If you have any problems, please contact the ALCA office.



A Spring calf at McIntosh Creek

