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### 2023

It is amazing how quickly the year flies by. Christmas is just around the corner and the holiday time is imminent.

This will be my last ALCA Newsletter after 8 years of sharing information with the ALCA membership. I hope you have enjoyed the content of each of these editions, which are available to download from the ALCA website if you missed any of them.

The year has offered many challenges to the farming communities. Many areas are still struggling with the drought and most states are tinder dry. A time to be preparing for fires.

For those who are fortunate enough to be taking holidays over Christmas and New Year, we hope you enjoy plenty of relaxation time with family & friends.

For those of us who will be home on the farm with the usual farm and cattle duties, we hope you also have a great Christmas and enjoy a Happy New Year.

We hope 2024 brings an increase in people wanting to purchase our Lowline cattle everywhere because we know how good the Australian Lowline breed is.

Best wishes Julie Knight



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## **ALCA Office Holiday Dates**

The ALCA Office will be closed for Christmas the close of business on Thursday 14th December & will reopen on Tuesday 2nd January 2024.

A big 'Thank You' to Jessica Zirkler and Claudia Scott for all their work throughout the last year. We look forward to another productive year for our Association.

#### ALCA Office Hours in 2024:

Jessica Zirkler (Executive Officer) Tuesday - Thursday 8am - 4pm

Claudia Scott (ALCA Registrar) Tuesday - Thursday 8.30am - 4.30pm

REMINDER - Please send all animal related enquiries and applications (registrations/transfers/calf recordings etc) to the Lowline Registrar



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# 2023 EKKA Results

AUSTRALIAN LOWLINE					
JUNIOR HEIFER					
394 - Heifer - 8 months and under 12 months					
1072	Caesar, Wendy	Ebony Tanami	First		
1071	Barron, Ashley & Kellie & Kipp Shay Remy	LIK LIK TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE	Second		
	395 - Heifer - 12 months a	nd under 16 months			
1075	GALLEON PASTORAL PTY LTD	WHITBY FARM MATTEUS	First		
1073	Dakabin State High School	Dakabin Topaz	Second		
1077	GALLEON PASTORAL PTY LTD	CANN VALLEY TAILORED GIRL	Third		
	396 - Heifer - 16 months a	nd under 20 months			
1079	Dakabin State High School	Dakabin Tamika	First		
1080	GALLEON PASTORAL PTY LTD	WHITBY FARM VELETTA	Second		
	JUNIOR CHAMPION HEIFER				
1075	GALLEON PASTORAL PTY LTD	WHITBY FARM MATTEUS	First		
RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER					
1073	Dakabin State High School	Dakabin Topaz	First		
	JUNIOR B	ULL			
	397 - Bull - 8 months and	d under 12 months			
1082	Lockyer District High School	Loc-Hi Tallis	First		
1083	Caesar, Wendy	Ebony Thor	Second		
399 - Bull - 16 months and under 20 months					
1084	Dakabin State High School	Dakabin Tarik	First		
	JUNIOR CHAME	PION BULL			
1084	Dakabin State High School	Dakabin Tarik	First		
	RESERVE JUNIOR CH	AMPION BULL			
1082	Lockyer District High School	Loc-Hi Tallis	First		





Dakabin State High Show Team

Dakabin State High School winning bull



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# 2023 EKKA Results

	SENIOR COV	W OR HEIFER	
	400 - Cow or Heifer - 20 m	onths and under 30 months	
1090	Lockyer District High School	Loc-Hi Suki	First
1085	Lockyer District High School	Loc-Hi Sahara	Second
1087	Lockyer District High School	Loc-Hi Spotlight	Third
	401 - Cow - 30 months	s and under 60 months	
1094	Dakabin State High School	Dakabin Quinley	First
1092	Barron, Ashley & Kellie & Kipp Shay Remy	MEROWEN RAZZAMATAZZ	Second
1093	Dakabin State High School	Dakabin Ruby	Third
	SENIOR CHAMPIO	N COW OR HEIFER	
1094	Dakabin State High School	Dakabin Quinley	First
	RESERVE SENIOR CHAP	MPION COW OR HEIFER	
1090	Lockyer District High School	Loc-Hi Suki	First
	GRAND CHAMPIO	N COW OR HEIFER	
1094	Dakabin State High School	Dakabin Quinley	First
		R BULL	
		and under 30 months	
	Dakabin State High School	Dakabin Steven	First
1097	Lockyer District High School	Loc-Hi Stuart Little	Second
	SENIOR CHA	MPION BULL	
1096	Dakabin State High School	Dakabin Steven	First
		CHAMPION BULL	
1097	Lockyer District High School	Loc-Hi Stuart Little	First
	GRAND CHA	MPION BULL	
1096	Dakabin State High School	Dakabin Steven	First
	GRO	OUP	
	404 - Pai	r of Bulls	
1099	Dakabin State High School		First
1100	Lockyer District High School		Second
	405 - Breed	der's Group	
1102	Dakabin State High School		First
1104	Lockyer District High School		Second
1105	Caesar, Wendy		Third



Dakabin Quinley Senior Champion and Grand Champion Female



Dakabin Steven
Senior Champion and Grand Champion Bull



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### Welcome to New Members

It is with great pleasure that we welcome these new members to our Association and hope they enjoy being part of the Lowline family  $\mathfrak{S}$ .

#### **Full Membership**

Daniela Monk Tallegalla, QLD – MISTY RAIN

Chris Ball Ble Knob, NSW – BLUE KNOB

Jane & Robert Franklin Whangarei, NZ – ASCESSION PARK

Mark Dufty Springfield, VIC – HOPE GLEN

Brayden Noller Taroomball, QLD – WYN

Danny & Erica Lawrence Kelsey Creek, QLD – CACADIGGA

Rachaelle Mann Bombeeta, QLD – PASTURE PLOT

Darren Arthur Bramley, WA – CBCO MARGARET RIVER

#### **Commercial Membership**

Darren Harris Junabee, QLD

#### **School Membership**

Riverton & District High School Riverton, SA – RIVERTON HIGH



### 2024 ALCA Journal

Plans are in place to produce a Journal in 2024 which will be ready in time for Beef Australia in May 2024.

We hope members will assist by submitting photos or articles when requested by the Journal Team.

All photos for the Journal need to be of a High Resolution so please don't send photos saved from programs like Facebook as these photos are reduced in size and won't be suitable.

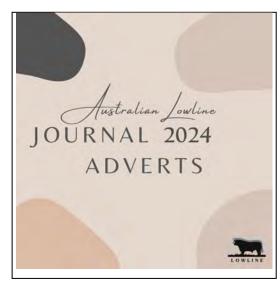
Show winner photos from the major state shows can be submitted to Jess Zirkler at the ALCA Office now. The sooner these photos are sourced, the easier it will be for the Team to prepare.

#### ADVERTISING IN THE JOURNAL

There will be an opportunity for members to advertise their studs in the Journal which will have 2000 copies produced. As the Journal is available to the public at shows and field days it is a great way to promote yourselves.

Bookings will be taken for Journal advertising in the New Year through the Lowline Shop.

Julie Knight





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# Understanding the Elusive Red Gene

By now most members will have seen red Australian Lowlines. They are not common as the red gene is recessive.

The following article, taken from the Australian Lowline book, may be of interest to those who might like to delve further into the world of red genetics.

The Australian Lowline book covers the history of the red Lowline genetics (pages 98 - 105) and explains how the red animal can be bred from a black herd.

The Australian Lowline Book can be purchased from the Lowline Shop – <a href="https://www.lowlineshop.com">www.lowlineshop.com</a>



### Understanding the Elusive Red Gene

Simply explained & without going into a complex genetic discussion, in Australian Lowline cattle the **RED** colour gene is recessive, whilst the **BLACK** colour gene is dominant.

There is within the Lowline herd both the wild allele and what is known as the 'true' red gene. However, this is of little consequence as both function in the same way when it comes to the chance of breeding a red-coated Lowline.

There also is no difference in coat colour between the animal that carries the wild allele and that which carries the 'true' red gene.

Regardless of whether it is the wild allele or the 'true' red gene the animal requires a double dose (one gene contributed from both the Sire & Dam) to result in a red coat.

A red-coated Lowline will also have a 'pink' nose, a 'pink' tongue and 'pink' hooves versus the black/grey nose, grey/black tongue & black hooves of the Black coated Lowline.

When breeding, the recessive nature of the Red colour gene makes for interesting & challenging circumstances if you're chasing the red coat colour. The Red colour gene is easily identified via DNA testing (Coat Colour Test), so this makes the job a little easier.

However, it is often still a game of chance as you'll see explained in the diagram on the following page.

Remember **BLACK** is dominant & **RED** is recessive. Also in each mating, the parents contribute one gene each to give the resultant colour.

#### Where did the Red Gene come from?

One of the original females to be imported to the Trangie Research Farm was Glencarnock Eurotia  $\mathbf{4}^{\text{th}}$ .

As two of her sons sired red calves, it is reasonable to assume that Glencarnock Eurotia 4th was a carrier of the red gene.

TRANGIE REVOLUTION 2ND - Born: 5 March 1933, was the sire of TRANGIE GERA 13th, a Red Angus.

TRANGIE EDWARD 4th - Born: 7 March 1934, was the sire of TRANGIE JOAN 5th, the first Red Angus recorded in Australia.





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# How do the combinations of Red and Black genes work?

The BLACK gene is the Dominant colour gene.

The RED gene is the Recessive colour gene.

For ease of explanation, we will name the BLACK gene (B) & the RED gene (R)

A **BLACK** coated animal carries **two black alleles** (genes) = **BB** 

A **BLACK** coated RECESSIVE animal carries **one Black allele** (gene) and **one RED allele** (gene)= **BR** 

A **RED** coated animal carries **two RED** alleles (genes) = **RR** (remembering that to have a red coat the animal requires a double 'dose' of the red gene).

Each calf will get one colour allele (gene) from each parent.

There is no guarantee which gene will pass on to the calf from a Black coated red gene carrier (RC) parent – it could be the Black gene or it could be the Red gene.

From here on it is really just a simple mathematical equation, for each time the parents are mated.

#### RED COATED RR X RED COATED RR

- ALL calves will be RED RR
- will be noted as (R) in the ALCA database

#### RED COATED RR X BLACK COATED BB

- ALL will be BLACK coated calves but ALL will carry the RED Gene BR
- will be a RED gene carrier noted as (RC) in the ALCA database

#### RED COATED RR X BLACK COATED BR

- A 50% chance of BLACK coated RED gene carrier -
- A 50% chance of RED coated calf RR

#### BLACK COATED BR X BLACK COATED BR

- A 50% chance of BLACK coat RED gene carrier BR
- A 25% chance of a dominant BLACK coat (non red gene carrier) BB
- A 25% chance of a RED coated calf RR



ALCA Regulations require all progeny from a red coated animal (R) or a black coated red gene carrier (RC) to be DNA Coat Colour Tested prior to registration.

This ruling enables any member who only wants to breed black animals to be able to source animals that don't carry the red gene to use in their black herd.

The same goes for members who want to breed red Lowlines. They will know if an animal does carry the red gene (RC) so they have the opportunity of breeding red animals from any red (R) or red gene carriers (RC) they purchase.

### **Animal Reactivation Fees**

A Reminder to Members -

A reactivation fee of \$5 (+ GST) is charged for each animal that needs to be reactivated.

If a member renews their membership after the renewal cut-off date the animal reactivation fee will be charged.

Animals to be transferred from a member with a lapsed membership will also incur the reactivation fee.

ALCA is charged by ABRI for the deactivation and activation of each member and animal so ALCA needs to pass this cost on to the members when these processes take place.



## Using Molasses as a Feed Supplement

During drought conditions when hay and grain are expensive to buy, alternative supplements and additives can sometimes be a better option. Straw can be fed to cattle and best results are with the addition of supplements. The following information might be useful for some people.

PRIMEFACTS - NSW DPI fact sheet No.271

# Fortified molasses mixes for cattle

#### Bill McKiernan

Research Leader Animal Production, Production Research, Orange - Head Office

#### WARNING

Drought increases the risk of unacceptable residues in stock. Risks include contaminated feed, increased intake of contaminated soil, concentration of existing residues as animals lose condition, and many other causes. Refer to Primefact 312 *Drought increases residue risks* for details before purchasing stockfeed or making feeding decisions.

#### Introduction

Molasses is an excellent energy source in drought but needs to be fortified with urea and/or protein meal. These fortified molasses rations rely on adequate paddock roughage (over 700 kg dry matter per hectare), and are fed twice weekly at this stage.

When paddock roughage is below 700 kg dry matter per hectare, these rations need to be fed three times weekly or with the addition of 1–2 kg of

roughage/hd/day (see Primefact 322 Feeding calves in drought).

Molasses rations are fed in open troughs. (Do not confuse this with the roller drum method.)

Although fortified molasses mixes are much more expensive than roller drums or blocks, experience has shown that they are far more effective in promoting the utilisation of dry feed and maintaining animal condition and production. Molasses has little protein, therefore urea and/or protein meal must be fed to balance the animal's requirements and allow effective use of dry feed.

#### **Buying molasses**

Bulk molasses is always the cheapest per tonne; molasses in drums is always the most expensive. When buying drummed molasses, check the weight stated on the drum so that you know how much you're buying. Drums are commonly sold through resellers at 4 drums to the tonne on a pallet.

Seek a specific assurance from suppliers that drums were properly cleaned before being filled with molasses and did not contain contaminants which could result in unacceptable stock residues.

Table 1. Recommended molasses rations (calculated assuming adequate roughage is available)

Class of stock	Molasses	Cottonseed mesi	Urea	Phosphate
	These amounts must be fed 2 times per week.			
30 cows with calves at foot. For lactation and successful rejoining. Suitable for poor cows.	250 kg (1 drum)	50 kg	B kg	3 kg
30 cows late pregnancy. Plenty of better quality dry feed. Suitable for good scrub.	250 kg (1 drum)	25 kg	B kg	3 kg
30 weaners (200 kg). For normal growth.	125 kg (½ drum)	50 kg	2 kg	2 kg
30 head of dry stock. For maintenance of weight and condition.	250 kg	(÷)	8 lig	2 kg

<sup>\*</sup>See Table 2 for phosphate rate adjustments for different products. Weights shown are for products containing 21% phosphorus (Kynofos 21® and Biophos®).



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## Using Molasses as a Feed Supplement cont.

Molasses measurement guide

1 kg = 0.66 L 1 gal. = 7 kg 1 L = 1.5 kg 1 drum = 250 kg (4 drums/pallet)

#### Urea

Prilled urea fertiliser is used as a non-protein nitrogen supplement in molasses mixes. It stimulates microbial activity in the rumen and is an important ingredient when feeding molasses.

Use prilled urea only, because it is easier to dissolve in the mix than is granulated urea.

In these mixes prilled urea is used at 3% by weight of molasses. Start at 1% in week 1, go to 2% in week 2, then 3% in week 3. Cattle should not consume more than 60g urea per head per day.

#### By-pass protein

Most proteins are broken down in the rumen by micro-organisms, although this depends on the time taken to pass from the rumen. By-pass protein, however, passes through the rumen and is digested in the intestines along with microbial protein. It therefore adds to the animal's protein supply. Cottonseed meal is an example of a by-pass protein source. Other suitable protein sources are linseed meal, sunflower seed meal and soybean meal.

The most cost-effective source should be used. Manufactured protein meals are available that are as good or better and can be less expensive.

#### Meatmeal

It is illegal to feed ruminant animals with meatmeal derived from ruminant animals.

#### Roughage

Best results are obtained when roughage is available. There is a risk of molasses 'drunkenness' if molasses is fed with little or no roughage.

#### Phosphorus

Molasses contains very little phosphorus. On phosphorus-deficient, unsupered country, this deficiency can be met with monocalcium phosphate or dicalcium phosphate mixed with molasses at 1–2% by weight. Both are low in fluorine and cadmium.

Monoammonium phosphate (MAP) and diammonium phosphate (DAP) fertilisers are not

recommended as sources of phosphorus for cattle. MAP and DAP now contain fluorine at levels which can cause fluorosis if fed to stock for an extended period.

Various phosphate fertilisers are available. See Table 2 for rate adjustments.

Table 2. Phosphate rate adjustments

Product	Ingredient	Phosphorus content	Rate adjustment
Kynofos 21®	mono- and dicalcium phosphate (50:50)	21%	none
Biophos®	mono- and dicalcium phosphate (67:33)	21%	none
Palaphos®	dicalcium phosphate	15.3%	×1.25
DCP	dicalcium phosphate	18%	×1.12

The rate adjustment shown is the amount by which you will need to multiply the figure given in Table 1. For example, if you use DCP for 30 weaners, you will need 2 kg (from Table 1)  $\times$  1.12 (from Table 2) = 2.24 kg.

#### Method of feeding

Molasses is fed undiluted in open troughs. No water is added. 200-L drums cut lengthways make good temporary troughs and provide enough trough space for 30 head, although with molasses feeding, trough space is not as important as it is with grain feeding. Old bathtubs or heavy steel troughs are more resistant to corrosion. Where long troughs are used, a bar 30 cm above trough level helps prevent wastage and injury by preventing animals being pushed in.

#### Mixing

It is important to thoroughly mix the required amount of urea into the molasses first, otherwise poisoning can occur. Urea content should be increased gradually in the mix over a 3-week period. Protein meal is added last.

Mixing urea with water and adding to molasses is **not** advised when preparing a fortified molasses mix. This increases the risk of poisoning and can cause fermentation in hot weather. If it rains on the mix and if the urea has not been mixed in properly, then urea poisoning can occur. Paddles welded to a post-hole boring attachment on a chainsaw makes an excellent mixer.



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# Using Molasses as a Feed Supplement cont.

Mechanical trailer-mounted or stationary feeder/mixers can be made to run off a tractor power take-off or with their own drive mechanisms. If large numbers of cattle are to be fed molasses, time and labour can be saved by mixing and/or feeding with these devices.

#### Managing intake

If the cattle are aggressive eaters and are gorging, halve the urea levels and add more protein meal.

#### Further information

For further information see

 Drought feeding and management of stock www.agric.nsw.gov.au/reader/drtfeeding

or contact your nearest NSW Department of Primary Industries Livestock Officer (Beef Cattle).

# Visit the Lowline Shop

Looking for gifts for friends or family?

Visit the Lowline Shop for Lowline merchandise – www.lowlineshop.com

Due to Christmas holidays, orders through the shop will not be processed until January. This includes registrations, transfers, calf recordings and any other processes that are usually done through the shop.









### Life Memberships Awarded

At the recent ALCA AGM held in Brisbane, Queensland, two Honorary Life Memberships to the Australian Lowline Cattle Association were awarded.

Life Memberships are awarded for recognition of especially meritorious service to the Association and its members and are rare within the ALCA membership.

Philip and Kay Worthington of Woolstone Park, Rangiora, South Island, New Zealand have been ALCA members since 1999. Their work with schools and agricultural societies has grounded the Australian Lowline breed in New Zealand and their sponsorship of Junior members in partnership with the South Queensland Promotion Group has helped many young people pursue careers in the industry.

Philip and Kay Worthington are true ambassadors of the breed and selfless supporters of our New Zealand schools and members and ALCA in general. This award is well deserved.



Julie and Greg Knight of Wanamara Farm, Major Plains, Victoria, have been ALCA members since 1995.

Julie has dedicated over a decade of her time to the ALCA Council, four of those as President, and prior to this many years with the Victorian Promotion Group. For almost three decades, Julie and Greg have shared a role in promoting the breed in the show ring, holding on-farm days and at field days where they began promoting Lowlines soon after they began their stud.

Their passion for the breed is undeniable, their commitment to its growth has been admirable and their support for fellow members is never-ending.

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# 2023 Royal Melbourne Show Results

#### AL01 - Heifer, 9 To 12 Months

1	719	VICKI GILBERT, ROTHERWOOD LOWLINE STUD: ROTHERWOOD THAT'S MY GIRL (RC),
2	349	KEN & GILL LORAINS, WHITBY FARM LOWLINES: WHITBY FARM RIVER
3	351	JUSTIN AND SAM DICKINSON , KAWALA VIEW : KAWALA VIEW TABOO
4	350	NORMAN IRONSIDE, ESCARDA LOWLINES: ESCARDA TABETHA
5	347	PETER, REBECCA, ANGUS, MOLLIE GORMAN: SHADOW PARK PRINCESS TIGERLIL
6 <u>AL02 - F</u>	348 <b>Heifer, 12</b>	MATT COONEY, CANN VALLEY LOWLINE STUD: CANN VALLEY TIMELESS (A.I.) (E.T To 16 Months
1	354	MATT COONEY: CANN VALLEY THE FIRE OPAL (A.I.) (RC)

- 2 JESSICA & JASON MUSCAT: MUSCATEER VALLEY TRIXSTAR 355
- 3 JUSTIN AND SAM DICKINSON, KAWALA VIEW: KAWALA VIEW 352
- 721 J, R, N DICKINSON, KAWALA VIEW: KAWALA VIEW TOPKNOT

#### AL03 - Heifer, 16 To 20 Months

357 VICKI GILBERT, ROTHERWOOD LOWLINE STUD: ROTHERWOOD DREAMS GIRL (A.I.),

#### AL04S - Junior Champion Heifer

357 VICKI GILBERT, ROTHERWOOD LOWLINE STUD: ROTHERWOOD DREAMS GIRL (A.I)

#### AL05S - Reserve Junior Champion Heifer

354 MATT COONEY, CANN VALLEY LOWLINE STUD: CANN VALLEY THE FIRE OPAL (A.I.) (RC) 2

#### AL06 - Heifer, 20 To 24 Months

359 WHITBY FARM, ESCARDA LOWLINES: WHITBY FARM CHERUB 1

#### AL07 - Cow Or Heifer, 24 To 30 Months

1 360 MATT COONEY, CANN VALLEY LOWLINE STUD: CANN VALLEY SUPER MOON (A.I)

#### AL08 - Cow, Over 30 Months

MATT COONEY, CANN VALLEY LOWLINE STUD: CANN VALLEY NEW MOON

#### AL09S - Senior Champion Cow

361 MATT COONEY, CANN VALLEY LOWLINE STUD: CANN VALLEY NEW MOON

#### **AL10S - Reserve Senior Champion Cow**

MATT COONEY, CANN VALLEY LOWLINE STUD: CANN VALLEY SUPER MOON (A.I)

#### **AL11S - Grand Champion Female**

MATT COONEY, CANN VALLEY LOWLINE STUD: CANN VALLEY NEW MOON



# 2023 Royal Melbourne Show Results

#### AL12 - Bull, 9 To 12 Months

1	362	MATT COONEY.	CANN VALLEY LOWLINE STUD: CANN VALLEY THE BIG BANG
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2 363 VICKI GILBERT: ROTHERWOOD TOP SHELF ON ICE (A.I.) (R)

#### **AL13 - Bull, 12 To 16 Months**

1	364	MATT COONEY, CANN VALLEY LOWLINE STUD: CANN VALLEY TOP SPICE (A.I.) (E.T)
2	366	ARIEL & NATE MARGRIE, ELOURA PARK LOWLINES: ELOURA PARK CHEVROLET
3	365	PETER REBECCA ANGLIS & MOLLIE GORMAN: SHADOW PARK THOR

#### AL14 - Bull, 16 To 20 Months

1	369	MATT COONEY, CANN VALLEY LOWLINE STUD: CANN VALLEY TELEGRAPH (A.I.) (RC)
2	368	KEN & GILL LORAINS, WHITBY FARM LOWLINES: WHITBY FARM MR DARCY (AI)
3	367	VICKI GIJ BERT: ROTHERWOOD TSUNAMI RED ALERT (R)

#### **AL16S - Junior Champion Bull**

369 MATT COONEY, CANN VALLEY LOWLINE STUD: CANN VALLEY TELEGRAPH (A.I.) (RC)

#### **AL17S - Reserve Junior Champion Bull**

368 KEN & GILL LORAINS, WHITBY FARM LOWLINES: WHITBY FARM MR DARCY (AI)

#### AL18 - Bull, 20 To 24 Months

1 370 JESSICA & JASON MUSCAT: MUSCATEER VALLEY STORM

#### **AL19 - Bull, 24 To 30 Months**

1 371 KEN & GILL LORAINS , WHITBY FARM LOWLINES: WHITBY FARM HARRISON

#### AL20 - Bull, Over 30 Months

1 372 JESSICA & JASON MUSCAT: MUSCATEER VALLEY SARGENT

#### **AL21S - Senior Champion Bull**

371 KEN & GILL LORAINS, WHITBY FARM LOWLINES: WHITBY FARM HARRISON

#### **AL22S - Reserve Senior Champion Bull**

370 JESSICA & JASON MUSCAT: MUSCATEER VALLEY STORM

#### **AL23S - Grand Champion Bull**

369 MATT COONEY, CANN VALLEY LOWLINE STUD: CANN VALLEY TELEGRAPH (A.I.) (RC)

#### **AL24S - Supreme Exhibit**

369 MATT COONEY, CANN VALLEY LOWLINE STUD: CANN VALLEY TELEGRAPH (A.I.) (RC)





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# Rangiora A & P Show, NZ 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration



We had a local A&P show last weekend, the 150<sup>th</sup> Rangiora show (we missed four after the first three held between Rangiora and Kaiapoi, one during WWII, and two thanks to Covid).

If you are interested, the Rangiora High School cattle handling page on Facebook has several photos from the day, most of them taken by parents of the kids in our team. A great day – we had 16 animals there and the young ones had a ball!

https://www.facebook.com/rangiorahighcattlcrew

You can see from the number of young ones in the photos how popular it is and the photo heading the page is this year's team at our cattle yards during one of the training days.

The big number of youngsters in the show photograph with the two judges includes not only the present team but some of those from past years, no longer at school but now out working in the career jobs, but still keen to turn up, lend a hand, and take part in the herdsperson's competition for handlers and young judges.

It really is a great treat to keep catching up with them like this. The video which starts with dairy cattle has the Lowlines towards the end – it was supplied by a dairy exhibitor and was taken as the cattle assemble for the grand parade. Unfortunately, we were the only beef exhibitors this year – no other Lowlines and no Angus or Hereford as we normally have – but it does mean the official records for this year's show register a Lowline as Supreme Beef Animal (Woolstone Park Idaho, a four year-old cow with calf at foot).

Philip Worthington
Woolstone Park

# Annual Summer Field Day -North Island Promotion Group New Zealand

# Lowline Summer Field Day Preliminary Notice

The North Island Lowline Promotion Group would like to invite all Members and interested Australian Lowline admirers to attend the Lowline Field Day being organised by our group.

WHEN: Saturday 24 February 2024

WHERE: Kaitake Lowline Stud, Taranaki, New Zealand

The afternoon field day will be a social event focused on growing Lowlines for beef and supplying a local butcher.

This is an open invitation to all ALCA members in New Zealand and Australia, as well as non-member enthusiasts.

