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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 in August. Each person elected on Council will have a 2 year term and if there are more than four nominations, the positions will be decided by postal/electronic voting.

Councillors vacating their current positions will be Julie Knight, Jacqui Feagan, Philip Worthington and Michelle Millar.

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.

The successful nominees will be formally approved and welcomed to Council at the AGM on 4th November 2023.

ALCA AGM

This year we will be having a face to face AGM in **Brisbane on Saturday 4th November 2023.**

The venue is still to be decided and Jess will send out information as soon as details are finalised.

It will be the first opportunity for a few years for members and Council to meet together, so we would love to see as many members as possible attending. A dinner for those who would like to attend will also be organised for the Saturday night.

It is always great to be able to sit and chat with other members so please make an effort to attend if you can.

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Membership Renewals are now due

Invoices have been emailed to members from the office and can be paid via the Lowline Shop - a link for Membership Renewal is in the email from the Office.

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

If you have not received your renewal notification, please contact Jess - office@lowlinecattleassoc.com.au

Have you remembered to
RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP



*Do it Today
Before Time Runs Out!*





Wanamara Farm - Lowline Beef Day

Wanamara Farm Lowline Beef Day was held on-farm on Sunday 7th May at Major Plains in Victoria. The event was sponsored by ALCA in support of its Victorian members.

The purpose of the day was to help members who were interested in beef production to understand the various avenues for selling animals, including the opportunity of selling animals to Paddock to Table Butchery in Laverton.

The day was focused on helping breeders to understand what is necessary to enable them to achieve the best possible price, wherever they chose to sell.

Using a Power Point presentation, the pros and cons were discussed for private sales, selling Lowline beef privately and through markets, private butchers, saleyards and abattoirs. Advertising stock on the ALCA website Saleyard page was also covered.

Selling to the Paddock to Table Butchery in Laverton with the opportunity of establishing a continual market for their animals was discussed at length and was thought to be advantageous by many of those attending.

The process of castrating bull calves, assessing cattle body condition, where to find further information regarding animal husbandry practices, what ALCA CLB tools are available to members & the need for cattle scales were also covered. One participant commented as he was leaving 'I can see I need to purchase some cattle scales!'



We had a great response to the event. For some participants, this was the first ALCA event they have attended. We had 18 people attending with a few more unable to attend on the day due to family illness. Two people each travelled over 5 and 6 hours to get there, which shows commitment.



Private Sales

From the Farm Gate

- Steers/breeding cattle - can be any age (weaners or finished cattle)
- Lowline Beef - regulations for food processing & handling need to be followed
- Steers need to be finished for processing for beef sales
- You can name your price
- Not always easy to find customers - start with family/friends
- Great for people with only a couple of steers per year to sell

Lowline rump steak and sausages from a Wanamara steer previously sold to Paddock to Table was served for the BBQ lunch.

The Beef Day was open to ALCA & non-ALCA members and advertised to the public through the Australian Lowline Discussion Group Facebook page.

Participants took home an ALCA 'show bag' containing promotional material as well as printed copies of information discussed on the day. A Lucky Door prize donated by Wanamara Farm was a highlight for the winner who had begun his day at 5am that morning to attend from 5 hours away.

The Beef Day was a great success for being both educational and supportive for members as well as a very friendly social event which everyone enjoyed.

It has also established a network for Lowline beef producers in Victoria.

*Julie Knight
Wanamara Farm*



Identification of Calves for Recording or Registration

For many members, calving season will be starting soon and it is an exciting time!

It is important for calves to be given the correct identification in order for them to be recorded or registered on the ALCA database.

Each animal is given its own unique identification which should include the Herd prefix of the breeder (Member ID), the Year Letter and a 3 digit number.

Calf numbers are allocated consecutively as they are born regardless of whether they will be registered or not. The numeric sequence continues in following years – **it does not return to 001 at the commencement of each year.**

The individual calf number can be any number from 001 to 999 but no two animals can have the same identification number.

Example: ABCU105

Breeder Herd Prefix – ABC

Year Letter for 2023 – U

Individual Number – 105

(the next calf number will be 106)

For new members, the first calf born on your property should be given the 3 digit number of 001. The next calf will be 002, and so on.

Contact Jess or Claudia at the ALCA office if you need any assistance.



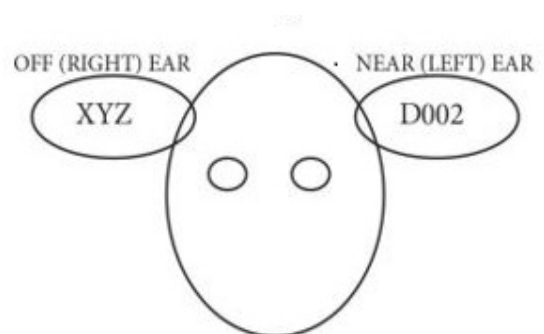
Tattooing

Most Agricultural Societies require animals to be ear tattooed in order for them to be exhibited at shows.

The **Herd (stud) prefix** is imprinted into the animal's **right ear** so that it can be read upright from the front.

The **year letter and individual calf number** is imprinted into the animal's left ear.

In the example below, the right ear has been tattooed with the Herd (stud) prefix of XYZ and the tattoo in the left ear is D002. Thus the full ear tattoo of the example calf is XYZ D002. It is recommended that this be done using a green paste to allow for easier reading of tattoos.



The year letter is not specific to Australian Lowlines and is the same numbering system as used by many breeds of cattle.

2023 Year Letter is U

2024 Year Letter will be V

2025 Year Letter will be W

2026 Year Letter will be Y

(NB – the letters I, O and X are not used as Year Letters in this system)

As required by the relative country, the NLIS tag (Australia) or NAIT tag (New Zealand) will also be required to be present in the ear of the animal. These tags enable lifetime traceability for all animals whether they are show or paddock animals.



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

Johnny David Lee Hart
Opunake, New Zealand – **LOWRIDA**

Kristie Dixon
Mudgeeraba, QLD – **BERRIDAVALE**

Rebecca Manktelow
Booral, NSW - **BOORAL VILLAGE**

Stuart Kenny & Kirsty Skinner
Royalla, NSW - **BEEHIVE COTTAGE**

Ronald & Suzanne Garrett
Boonah, QLD – **GARBROOK**

John Fulton
Ashburton, New Zealand – **ARAAWA**

Doug & Amanda Gannon
Bowning, NSW – **GANUGAN FARM**

Alison Smith
Bungandore, NSW – **RIVENDELL EAST**

Lifestyle Membership

LD & EM Williams LTD
Hamilton, Waikato, NZ – **BLACKBURN**

Kevin & Penny Harmer
Kaiapo, New Zealand - **ORIGINAL ARAAWA**

Michelle & Richard Popovski
Wattle Ponds, NSW – **BAIAME VALLEY**

Gregory Vickery
Tinonee, NSW - **KANANGRA**

New Merchandise

Have you looked at the Lowline Shop merchandise lately?

<https://lowlineshop.com/>

LOWLINE CAPS

New style Lowline Trucker Caps are now available through the shop and are selling for \$25 + GST + Postage.

With material fronts & mesh backs they are ideal for hot weather.

Put your order in now.



LOWLINE MUGS

New limited edition Lowline mugs in black or yellow are now available in the Lowline Shop.
Price: \$20 + GST + postage

A great gift idea.



Open Letter

An open letter,

The reward and fulfillment that I get from owning Lowline cattle is quite a satisfying one. To put calves on the ground, to watch the fantastic maternal instincts and traits of my cows is a reward within itself. To then watch that animal grow and if you are lucky enough for that calf to develop into a show quality animal, to then show and achieve a good result is again rewarding.

Whether you keep that animal or sell it to another breeder, once again it is a fulfilling feeling to watch the process come back full circle and commence that cycle all over again.

In the busy world of today, it is even more satisfying to see our youth getting involved in the Lowline breed and more so to see people volunteer their time and in some instances their money, to promote the Lowline breed and brand name.

Not everyone has the capacity to do so, but to all those who donate money, and to those who volunteer their time as Council members, promotional group members and show helpers, your time and efforts do not go unnoticed.

To all of you, thank you from this ALCA member.



2023 Royal Sydney Show Results

The Sydney Show was held in March 2023 and 4 Lowline studs from Victoria and New South Wales exhibited 13 animals.
Congratulations to all exhibitors.

Female, 9 & not over 12mths

CANN VALLEY TAILORED GIRL (ET) (RC)

Female, over 12 & not over 16mths

ROTHERWOOD DREAMS GIRL (AI)

WHITBY FARM VELETTA

Female, over 16 & not over 20mths

ROTHERWOOD SAPPHIRE GIRL (AI) (ET)

Junior Champion Female

ROTHERWOOD DREAMS GIRL (AI)

Reserve Junior Champion Female

CANN VALLEY TAILORED GIRL (ET) (RC)

Female, over 20 & not over 24mths

CANN VALLEY SUPER MOON (AI)

Female, over 30mths

CANN VALLEY NEW MOON

ROTHERWOOD QUACK QUACK GIRL (RC)

Senior Champion Female

CANN VALLEY NEW MOON

Reserve Senior Champion Female

CANN VALLEY SUPER MOON (AI)

Grand Champion Female

CANN VALLEY NEW MOON

Bull, 9 & not over 12mths

ROTHERWOOD TSUNAMI RED ALERT (R)

Bull, over 12 & not over 16mths

CANN VALLEY TELEGRAPH (AI) (RC)

Bull, over 16 & not over 20mths

WHITBY FARM HARRISON

Junior Champion Bull

WHITBY FARM HARRISON

Reserve Junior Champion Bull

ROTHERWOOD TSUNAMI RED ALERT (R)

Bull, over 24 & not over 30mths

MUSCATEER VALLEY SARGENT (AI)

Senior Champion Bull

MUSCATEER VALLEY SARGENT (AI)

Grand Champion Bull

WHITBY FARM HARRISON

The Roger Barlow Perpetual Trophy for the Best Exhibit, donated by Betty and Brian Higgins

CANN VALLEY NEW MOON

Most Successful Australian Lowline Exhibitor

Matt Cooney, Cann Valley



New Zealand Report

The Australian Lowline breed is represented in New Zealand by the North Island and South Island Lowline Promotion Groups, effectively branches of the home breed society, the Australian Lowline Cattle Association.

Here in New Zealand, members were pleased to get back into showing in the 2022-2023 season, with South Island exhibitors participating at Rangiora (October), the New Zealand Agricultural Show (November), Malvern (March) and Oxford (April).

It was great to see the young cattle handlers out in the show ring again for their parading and stock-judging events, and to have the breed once more in the public eye.

Hillary Cooper, the winner of the Senior Herdsperson and Lady Isaac Scholarship at the NZ Ag Show, participated in and competed at the 2023 Royal Sydney Easter Show in New South Wales, Australia, as part of the Cann Valley Lowline team from Victoria. A big thanks to Matt Cooney for making a hands-on place in his Cann Valley team. As Matt said 'No worries. We're all one big team in the Australian Lowlines'.



Facebook – the North and South Island Lowline Promotion Groups have combined their presence in the 'Lowline Cattle New Zealand' page and discussion group, sharing stud and general beef and animal information.

North Island breeder – Matt Wilkinson from Rukihia – is the main driver; Thanks Matt.

After nearly three years of ZOOM meetings, our breeders have had the chance to meet up again away from the show ring. Those in the South Island had the chance of an enjoyable social catch-up over lunch at Leeston.

On March 11, the North Island group held their AGM followed by their annual Summer Field Day, attended by international guests Ross and Emma Hardy who especially travelled all the way from Hanging Rock in Victoria, Australia. Ross is also on the ALCA Council.

One of the guest speakers at the field day was Amy Hoogenboom, from Zoetis New Zealand, who emphasised the importance of breeding cattle for the markets Lowlines are establishing, the importance of weight and growth performance records, and gave some useful tips on heifer selection.

The other guest speaker was Hugh Jellie from ATA Regenerative, which is part of the Savory Institute, and he outlined some of the first steps available to breeders as they begin the journey into Regenerative Agriculture.

The field day was followed by a group dinner in Rotorua.

The first Lowline school stud in New Zealand – indeed the first outside of Australia – has been registered with Rangiora High School launching the Whakatipu Stud. They have had a successful calving with nine calves using AI straws and a follow-up bull.

Membership numbers in New Zealand now stand at 41 registered studs, 28 in the North Island and 13 in the South Island.

*Philip Worthington
Woolstone Park,
South Island*



Out and About with Members

The latest Lowline Journal told the story of Paul and Arlene Miller from Otway Valley stud in Victoria who have started their own brand, Otway Valley Meats, to sell their Certified Lowline Beef and home-grown pork to the public.

Paul and Arlene have now embarked on their latest venture – the Farmers Markets.

From past experience, we know there will be many repeat customers once people have eaten their tasty products.

Congratulations!



Junior Queensland member, Leo Clarke has been busy taking his Lowlines around the local shows.

Leo with young bull, McIntosh Creek Stockman won Junior Champion Bull at the Gympie Show and went on to compete in the Interbreed Competition.



Out and About with Members

Rockhampton Junior Beef Show 2023 was held recently with Australian Lowlines being paraded by Juniors.

Photos were taken by Kellie Barron, Merowen stud.



SRPG Cattle Handling and Show Skills Weekend

The SRPG Cattle Handling and Showing Skills weekend was held on a weekend on 24th and 25th June at Whitby Farm Lowlines.

We lost four attendees to COVID - still rearing its ugly head - but we were very happy to have members from all over the state, as well as interstate, participate.

Thanks to our ALCA councillors Danielle Wood and Jacqui Feagan for supporting the event by attending - it's always wonderful to see you both.

Thank you to all those people who attended - there wouldn't be any point in trying to run these sessions, if you didn't want to come to them.

Due to other commitments, we didn't get the guest presenters we were hoping for, but that didn't matter, because Matt Cooney and Ken Lorains were more than able to take people through the topics - we even had a couple of people leading animals for the first time (very proud of them).

Catering and care was provided by Gill Lorains - thank you again - it was delicious.

Gary Smith and I were the support team - not that anybody needed us, but we were there to support everyone too.

I think the weekend went well.

Sue Pace

Black Label Lowlines



Member Grievances

Dear Member,

In the event of a dispute between members (in their capacity as members) or between a member and the Association, the Australian Lowline Cattle Association's (ALCA) Constitution details a dispute resolution process.

Where do I get for more information about this process:

Refer to the ALCA Constitution: Part A, Section 12 - Dispute Resolution. A copy of the Constitution can be found on the ALCA website under the 'Association' tab.

ALCA members are also bound by a Code of Ethics. The Code of Ethics is detailed in the Association Bylaws which can also be found on the ALCA website under the 'Association' tab.

How do I make a complaint:

To commence the dispute resolution process Council must receive a written complaint from the affected member/s. The complaint must include a statement about the nature of the dispute or grievance and wherever possible provide specific details including names, date/s, and times.

Who do I contact when a dispute arises:

In the first instance contact should be made with ALCA's Executive Officer. The Executive Officer will refer the complaint to Council. Council will then investigate the complaint and provide timely feedback to the member/s involved in the dispute on the next steps in the dispute resolution process. Please be assured that all complaints will be held in the strictest confidence.

Finally, where a dispute arises, member engagement in the dispute resolution process is an important part of protecting and improving the good standing and reputation of the Australian Lowline breed, the Association and its members.

ALCA Council



Kaitake Lowlines in New Zealand

