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*Best Wishes for
Christmas &
the New Year*



Dear Members,

On behalf of the Australian Lowline Cattle Association Council, we would like to take this opportunity to wish all members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Please note that the ALCA office will be closed from 4:30 pm on Friday 19 December and will reopen at 9:00 am on Monday 5 January. During this period, responses may be delayed, and we thank you for your understanding.



COUNCIL NEWS

Welcome 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.

Kerry & Allen Floyd - Full Member
CLA Chatsworth
Meldale, QLD 4510

Brett Williams - Lifestyle
CLA Chatsworth
Chatsworth, Victoria 3379

Te Ara Brgstrom - Lifestyle Member
JCF Jubilee
Waipukurua, NZ 4200

Members are reminded that the membership survey will remain open until Tuesday 6 January. This survey provides an important opportunity for members to share their views and contribute to the ongoing development and future direction of the Association. We strongly encourage all members to participate.

Thank you for your continued support of the Australian Lowline Cattle Association. Council looks forward to working with members in the new year to further strengthen the breed and the Association.

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Glenys Hall - Lifestyle Member
SDS Sootydowns
Otorohanga, NZ 3974

Glynn Price - Lifestyle Member
MME Maynard
Hannam Vale, NSW 2443

Will Mann - Junior Member
WRL Wilburs Run
Miepol, VIC 3666

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WELCOME TO ALCA COUNCIL KEN LORRAINS

Council is pleased to announce that Ken Lorains of Whitby Farm has accepted the invitation to fill a casual vacancy on Council due to the resignation of Justin Clarke. Ken, along with his wife Gill, operate Whitby Farm Lowline



Stud near Shepparton in Victoria. Ken has had a long association with the Australian Lowline Cattle Breed. As a major promoter of Australian Lowlines. Ken brings valuable experience and insight to Council, and we are confident he will be a strong asset to the team. Ken's passion for supporting schools and ALCA youth make his appointment to fill Justin Clarke's big shoes very appropriate. Welcome to Council Ken.

Thankyou Justin Clarke

We thank Justin Clark for his immense contribution during his time on Council. Justin was the driving force behind the Inaugural Youth Incentive Program (YIP), a yearly competition for Australian and New Zealand ALCA Youth that started on July 1st, 2025. Justin's commitment to the Association and its members and his thoughtful contributions to Council deliberations is sadly missed

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AGM 2025

The ALCA AGM was held in Wagga Wagga, NSW on the 22nd of November 2025. 28 **memberships** were represented either online or in person. A number of resolutions were put to the AGM, and the results are as follows:

Removal of Deemed Recorded Category in the Herdbook

Members resolved to accept the recommended changes to By-Law 7.3.9, removing the Deemed Recorded category and deletion of By-Law's 7.3.9.1 and 7.3.9.2.

Work is currently underway to develop a stringent registration process for animals in the herdbook that have

Youth Leadership Spotlight

Australian Lowline Cattle Youth Group

The Australian Lowline Cattle Association is excited to announce that Katelyn Maguire and Matilda Murray Gill have stepped into leadership roles, taking over management of the Australian Lowline Cattle Youth Group Facebook page.



With the assistance and guidance of Council, Katelyn and Matilda are well supported as they grow into these roles and work to ensure the page is a positive, engaging, and informative space for young members. Their enthusiasm and initiative are exactly what the future of the breed needs.

We look forward to the instalments they will be sharing, showcasing all things Youth and Australian Lowlines — from on-farm experiences and show preparation to learning opportunities and member stories.

It is incredibly reassuring to see young members taking the reins and actively promoting this fantastic breed. We wish Katelyn and Matilda every success and look forward to watching the Youth Group continue to thrive under their leadership.

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previously been Deemed Recorded. A scope of the work to be undertaken is currently underway to ensure that all animals have their DNA & Parent Verification reports on file and linked to their database entry and all data required for full registration is recorded. Council will provide a detailed statement to members in the New Year outlining the process and costs for the work involved

Registration of old embryos

The members resolved to accept the recommended changes to By Law 7.5 with the addition of By-Law 7.5.4. 7.5.4 In the event that the parentage of a calf produced by the transfer of an old, registered embryo cannot be proven through DNA verification due to the age of the stored samples, Council has the discretion to approve full registration subject to the rules of By-Law 6.3.

Work is currently underway to document the process for assessing any future registration applications for ET calves from very old embryos that cannot be parent verified due to the type (blood only) or the age of stored DNA samples. Council will provide a detailed statement to members in the New Year outlining the process

Junior Membership

The members resolved NOT to accept the recommended changes to By-Law 6 (d) with the addition of the sentence at the end of the paragraph to read, Applications for Junior Memberships that list multiple siblings may be accepted but will be subject to a fee for each additional person listed.

BREEDERS FORUM

A Breeders Forum was held after the AGM.

Australian Made

David Gardner presented the Official launch of the Australian Made campaign to members

The Australian Lowline Cattle Association has now been licenced to use the Australian Made logo for breed promotion. The certification does not apply to beef products.

Licensee ID number: 19165 **Licence expires:** 31 August 2026



New Banner Design

The new ALCA Banner Design was presented to the forum by Jess Muscat. Banners will be printed and supplied to all Promotion Groups in 2026



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Welcoming a New Junior Member – Will Mann, Wilburs Run Lowline Stud



The Australian Lowline Cattle Association is proud to welcome Will Mann as a new Junior Member, and we are excited to share his early journey into the Australian Lowline breed.

Will is based at Miepoll, near Euroa in Victoria, and has recently discovered his passion for Australian Lowlines after spending time on farm assisting Matt Cooney of Cann Valley Cattle Co. During this period, Will helped with general farm work as well as preparation and assistance at shows, gaining hands-on experience and a

deeper appreciation for the breed.

As a gesture of thanks for his hard work and enthusiasm, Matt has gifted Will a heifer, Cann Valley Vela, to help him begin his own breeding journey. This opportunity has sparked Will's excitement for the future, and he is thoroughly enjoying the responsibility and learning that comes with owning his first Australian Lowline.

Will has already set his sights on establishing his own stud, Wilburs Run Lowline Stud, with big plans to expand his herd over time and to attend as many shows as possible. Like many new breeders, Will is drawn to Australian Lowlines for their manageable size, temperament, and overall appeal – qualities that make the breed ideal for both juniors and family operations.

The Association is always encouraged to see young members developing a genuine passion for Australian Lowlines and becoming actively involved in the breed. We have no doubt that Wilburs Run Lowline Stud has a bright future ahead and will one day be a stud that is highly regarded within the Australian Lowline community.

We wish Will every success as he continues his journey and look forward to seeing him around the show ring in the years to come.

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Protecting Heifer Calves Future Milk Production

It has long been known by beef cattle breeders that heifer calves out of high milk producing cows are at risk of becoming LOW milk production cows themselves.

The explanation for this apparent anomaly is that if heifer calves become too fat at puberty (5-7 months) their future milk production is affected by the laying down of fat in the udder. Those fat deposits affect the development of the milk secreting tissue.

Lowline heifer calves would seem to be even more at risk because they tend to lay down fat at an earlier age than other larger breeds.

The NSW Department of Primary Industries information sheet on Weaning Beef Calves identifies some strategies for reducing the risk of heifer calves laying down fat in their udder at puberty.

- In good seasons, when calves are fattening quickly, wean heifer calves intended for replacements at 5-6 months. Grow them out steadily to acceptable joining weight and condition.
- Alternatively, draft cows with heifer calves from cows with steer calves. Put the cows with heifer calves on lower quality feed.



An at risk 7-month-old Lowline heifer calf