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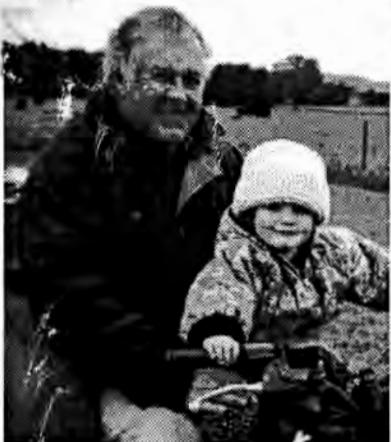
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A message from the President...



The Association President -
Ian Pullar of Mudgee

When I checked with the Royal Agricultural Society on March 5 the cattle section manager Michael Bullen informed that we have 34 head entered for the show, without counting calves at foot. This is a good number, and outdoes several of the larger breeds. I congratulate all those who are participating.

We don't yet know their names, because entries are subject to withdrawals and are not published by the RAS until the last minute. However I do know that Don Burke is bringing quite a few, and that there are entries from the Hatchers, Suzanne Garrett of Queensland, the Smiths of Goulburn, the Harveys, Barbara Palmer and the Deacons. The Pullars are taking six head to Sydney, plus three calves. If I have missed names, please forgive me.

The excellent area which we had last year is being used to trial some demountable yards in preparation for the move to Homebush Bay. Michael Bullen is doing his best for us, which required negotiation with one of the other breeds.

The Association dinner is to be held on Saturday evening March 30, at the Royal, after the judging. I hope we get a large roll up.

We have received official confirmation from the Royal Melbourne Show Society that the Lowlines have been accepted for showing this year. Allen Beech is highlighting a membership list for the Show organisers, so they can contact prospective exhibitors. Any members from other states who are interested in showing in Melbourne should contact Allen. Entries close on June 19, and substitutes close on July 29. It seems a long way off, but it does take about four months to prepare for such an event.

Dennis Boothby of the Queensland department of primary industry's artificial breeding centre at Wacol has telephoned to say that we were wrong to say there were only two independent semen quality assessing centres in Australia, one in Victoria and one in South Australia. We would be delighted to hear of any other organisations providing semen quality assessments.

We expect good publicity on the occasion of the Sydney Royal. We are advertising in Small Farms magazine, and I am told Lowlines will just about make a full page in the Land's Show preview.

The Judge for The Royal

The Royal Agricultural Society of New South Wales has asked Mr Rob Hart to judge the Lowlines at the Sydney Royal.



Promoting Lowlines

LOWLINE cattle are the wonderful result of a major cattle research project, initiated by the NSW Department of Agriculture at the Trangie Agricultural Research Centre in 1974, to investigate the implications of selection for growth rate.

Initially, 85 low growth rate cows were selected from the Trangie Angus herd to establish the original "Low Line" herd. These cows were joined to yearling bulls also selected for low growth rate from birth to yearling age. At the same time a high growth rate line (High Line) and a randomly selected line (Control Line) were established. This unique experimental method was chosen to generate a rapid divergence in growth rate, through conventional within-herd selection, the shortest possible time.

From 1974, the "Low Line" herd remained completely closed, with all replacement bulls and heifers selected from within the herd on the basis of slow growth rate performance. As a consequence, "Low Line" animals are now smaller than the Control and High Line animals at all stages, from birth to maturity.

Despite some objections from other breed societies "Low Line" were released into industry in the early 1990's. At a sale of these animals at the Trangie Research Centre on Saturday 8 August 1992, 14 interested persons, representing seven Foundation Studs, convened to form the Australian Lowline

Cattle Association (ALCA). The name LOWLINE was unanimously endorsed with "Australian" denoting the indigenous characteristic of these cattle.

The Australian Lowline Cattle Association Incorporated was duly registered on 4 November 1992.

Since 1992 the membership of the Association has doubled every year and in 1996 stood at 140 members representing all Australian states, New Zealand and shortly, in North America. The interest in these cattle has been phenomenal.

LOWLINE cattle are very definitely a beef breed. They are always black, naturally polled and at all stages of their growth about 60 per cent of the size of normal British beef breeds. As they stand today, they are generally the smallest breed of beef cattle.

Cattle of the herd are naturally docile and very easily handled. The LOWLINE is the perfect breed for the small acre farmer who can run 10 of the cattle compared with say six full sized British beef cattle. They are perfect for the family freezer and are not difficult to slaughter and dress "at home", with carcass yield 55 per cent of live weight. The meat is tender, tasty and evenly marbled and easily satisfies the most demanding local and overseas beef connoisseurs.

Restaurants and meat distributors find LOWLINE cuts extremely easy to market. This premium, small and exclusive beef is marketed as "Lowline Boutique Beef".

LOWLINE are the newest institutionally recognised beef breed (designated AL) and have been accepted for showing, as a beef bred, by the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW, the Royal National Agricultural Society of Queensland and the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria. Additionally, the breed has attracted huge interest at numerous country field days and exhibitions.

Unlike most other breeds, grading up to pure bred status is not permitted by the Association. To be registered in the Herd Book it is a requirement that all calves be blood typed for exclusivity and ensure a high and consistent standard without risk of throwback.

LOWLINE do not carry the Achondroplasia (Dwarfism) gene and there is no risk of genetically generated deformity or abortion. Calving losses are extremely small and even heifers show ease of calving.

From time to time limited number of both males and females come up for sale. Additionally, pregnant recipients, frozen embryos and registered semen is readily available.

The Association is administered by the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW and enquiries should be directed to the ALCA Secretariat:

Australian Lowline Cattle Association Inc.

GPO Box 4317
SYDNEY NSW 2001
Tel: (02) 331 9111
Fax: (02) 331 5709



How promotional groups work

The objects of promotional groups are:

- To uphold and promote the objects of the Association in the area in which the group operates.
- To cooperate with the Association, the Council and with other promotional groups generally in the interests of breeders of Australian Lowline cattle.

Promotional groups should adhere to the above objects, for the ultimate benefit of the Association. The full support of the Council, and of the Secretariat, will be given to the promotional groups in the legitimate pursuit of their objectives, including financial support if appropriate. Promotional material is available from the Secretariat.

NSW Promotion Group

A promotion group headed by Keith Smith has been formed in southern New South Wales with its main aim as acceptance by the Royal Canberra Show in 1997. The group was formed at Keith and Moira Smith's Keimoi Lowline Stud at Goulburn on February 24. A dozen members attended from as far afield as Sydney, with seven apologies. The southern NSW-Australian Capital Territory promotion group agreed to function informally, in terms of section 35 of the Association constitution. Keith Smith was chosen to be chairman, and Moira to be secretary. Keith Smith writes: The meeting was an excellent forum for the exchange of ideas, with some health, lively debate taking place. New members Peter Keith from Goulburn and Russell and Joan Betters from Mittagong were present, and it was an opportunity for them to meet other Association members. The group is to meet every three months at different studs, and it is planned that there should be guest speakers. We agreed to compile a register of shows and field days where our cattle can be promoted. The absolute priority is to assist the Council to gain admission to the Royal Canberra Show, which is held in February each year, and which is rapidly gaining in stature in the beef industry. It lasts for three days only, which is easier on the cattle and on their owners, and provides an excellent lead up to the Royal Easter Show in Sydney. To gain entry we need to give an assurance that we will enter 30 head. We will be telephoning around, but anyone interested should contact us on 048 29 2121. The next meeting will be at Peter and Greg Rhodes Broken Arrow Stud at Binalong.

WA Promotion Group

Western Australian members of the Australian Lowline Cattle Association met at Alice and Charlie Gardner's stud at Mandurah in October. Those present were foundation members Barry and Lola Doust, who travelled 500 kilometres from Northampton, foundation members Norman and Melanie Hugh, from Brigadoon, David and Stacey Collins from Toodyay and the Gardners. They inspected the Gardner's Lowline herd and exchanged experiences. It was great to talk Lowlines, writes Stacey Collins. We hadn't met each other before, and it was particularly rewarding to discuss the hopes and disappointments of embryo transfer, and plans for the future. The outcomes were positive. We decided to start exhibiting animals at small farmers field days, and perhaps at the Perth Royal Show. We resolved to meet twice yearly.

Glenfiddich Lowline Stud is dedicated to excellence in breeding Lowline cattle for long term commercial viability. Lowline cattle are very much a beef breed with some very clear advantages over other breeds of cattle.

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Gary Hatcher:

(02) 9958 2599

(02) 44 3380

Fax: (02) 9958 2664

Dennis and Christine Fisher:

(043) 76 1353

Inspections invited, strictly by appointment.



News from Victoria

Members have been advised by the Secretary of the Bendigo Agricultural Society that Australian Lowline Cattle will be a feature breed at the show held in October, 1996.

Also featuring is the Saler breed, which the Society feel will compliment the Australian Lowline cattle showing the variety of cattle available today.

The Feature breeds will be judged on the Friday and the general judging on the Saturday.

Prize money for Lowlines will be -

\$500 for 30+ head

\$400 for 20 head

\$300 for 10 head

...on the proviso that the cattle remain at the Showgrounds for the Friday and Saturday of the Show.

As we had 17 entries at Bendigo last year, the target of 30 head does not seem too daunting.

Victorian Promotional Group will be having another gettogether on the 10th March, where we will organise our promotions for the next 6 months. As the Show season finishes at the end of March, time will be available for us to attend Field Days and other general promotion venues over the Winter.

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.....from \$2,500

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All enquiries to Elizabeth and Michael Harvey "Bungaree Lowline Stud" (067) 67 4281.

Queensland Promotional Group Report

The Qld Lowline Cattle Promotional Group - referred to colloquially as the QLCPG (not quite so verbal) met again last month at the home of our super outrageous hostess - Suzanne Garrett at Kureelpa.

Each meeting is held at a different breeder's farm - so that we can of course admire each other's cattle and perhaps gain fresh ideas on how we each manage our cattle on a day to day basis.

A letter informing each member about the date and location of the meeting is mailed out in advance. If any interested folk out there did not receive notification but would like to

come along in the future, please phone me on 074 94 9527 so that I can include you on our next mailout. The more input we have from everyone - the faster we can get on with promotion the breed.

It was great to see so many new faces attending our last meeting - Terry & Sylvia Harker (newly settled at Maleny), Carol Adams and Jenny Davis (newly arrived at Peachester Heights), Neil Cook and his daughter (who operated the tidiest farm in Maleny) and Bill & Sue Gosewisch (Happy half century Sue).

Steve Atkinson - our Queensland councillor on the Federal Executive

gave us a full report on his recent trip to Sydney for the National council Executive Meeting. And just a few points discussed were the viability of an Embryo and Progeny Sale, a promotional kit for new enquiries, exhibitors for Royal Brisbane Show, and Field Days for the Future.

Our meetings are informal but constructive and informative. Thank you for the support of all who attended. At our next meeting, we plan to have a guest speaker, and some "hands on" experience at preparing cattle for the start of our show season.



The first Lowline Restaurant

Des Owens of the Mugga Lowline Stud has taken the lead in taking the lead in completing the Lowline pasture to plate production chain with plans for a Canberra restaurant serving Lowline Boutique Beef.

Des says the proposal may cause hurt to some sensitive owners of the world's most endearing cattle, but the inescapable fact is that Lowline breeders are in the beef production business, all the more so when, as Des has found, his Mugga Lowline Stud has produced many more bull calves than heifers.

The restaurant is being refurbished now. A charcoal grill is being installed and, says Des, the beef plates are being downsized.

Cattle for the restaurant will be finished to slaughter condition at the Mugga Lowline Stud, processed at local abattoirs, and then dressed and distributed by the Lachlan Valley Meat Co. Local butcher shops are lining up to take the meat which the restaurant cannot use, says Des.

Des, a foundation member and the Association Treasurer was also a pioneer of Lowline beef production in 1993, when just a year ago the Canberra Institute of Technology's School of Tourism and Hospitality held a beef promotion week. The Institute asked Des to donate two steers to be evaluated by cooks, restaurateurs, butchers and lovers of good food.

Two steers, taken straight off pasture without grain finishing, were slaughtered in Canberra, taken to the Institute and hung for 10 days. They dressed out at about 55 per cent of live weight. The meat was evenly marbled. Students under the supervision of Institute staff prepared the cuts for the week's menu, which an impressive tribute to the skills of the students and the quality of Des's steers.

For the record, the dinner menu on March 22, 1993, offered:

- Carpaccio of Beef dressed with a Lemon and Mustard Vinaigrette
- Beef Goulash served with Warm Cheese Damper
- Fillet of Beef with a Crab Filling served on a Rich Jus accompanied with Pear and Onion Chutney
- Pastry Flan with a Saute of Beef, Chilli, Oyster Mushrooms topped with a crisp leek.
- Brandy Alexander Parfait
- Selection of Australian Cheese, Nuts, Fruits and Crackers
- Tea and Coffee served with Chocolates

Now, three years later, Des is able to live up to his promise at that dinner that he might have more steers where those came from. There is an advertisement for stock for slaughter in this newsletter.

Dinnertime At The Royal

The Association is having a dinner on Saturday March 30 at the Philip Charley Room at the Sydney Showgrounds, in conjunction with the Sydney Royal. The cost will be about \$30. There is an informal meeting of members afterwards in the Cole Dudgeon rooms, on Sunday March 31, at 10.00 a.m.

In Brisbane

The Australian Brahman Breeders Association are hosting a multi-breed beef dinner at the Brisbane Exhibition beef cattle activities at the Brisbane Convention Centre on Friday August 9. The Brahman Association is organising the dinner as part of its 50th anniversary celebrations. Tickets are being made available to each of the breeds exhibiting cattle in Brisbane, but the Brahman Association would like to hear from the Lowline Association about numbers by the end of the month. The dinner will cost about \$60.

San Garrett of San's Lowline Stud is organising an Association dinner for the next day, Saturday August 10 at Brett's Wharf in Brisbane.



Showtime...

On Show at Bendigo

The Bendigo Agricultural Society is planning to make Lowlines a feature breed at the Bendigo Show in October. Prize money will be \$500 if there are more than 30 head, \$400 if there are more than 20 head and \$300 if there are more than 10 head. Jeannette Stebbins writes: The feature breeds will be judged on Friday, and the general judging on Saturday. We had 17 entries at Bendigo last year, so the target of 30 head does not seem daunting. The Victorian Show season finishes at the end of March and the Victorian promotion group is organising promotions for the next six months at field days and other general promotion venues.

The Berwick Show

Laurel Broadbent of the Peninsula Lowline Stud at Somerville reports that Lowlines had their own section at Victoria's Berwick Show on February 24, with cattle entered from Avonsleigh Stud, Elandra Park Stud, Peninsula Lowline Stud and Longbow Stud. The judge, Helen Watson, a Charolais breeder, gave the spectators a brief history of the Lowlines. She said they were an interesting breed, and that they were nice meaty animals. The heifers showed a lot of femininity, and were very soft looking animals.

The Berwick Show Results:

Bull over 20 months	1. Avonsleigh Ulysses	2. Longbow McGregor
Heifer, under 20 months	1. Ardrossan Cleo	2. Elandra Cappella
Champion Male	1. Ardrossan Ulysses	
Champion Female	1. Ardrossan Cleo	

The judge of the interbreed section Marti Alberni made a point of commenting on the Lowlines, describing them as one of the newer breeds, and economical to feed. There was never a moment at the Berwick Show when someone was not touching, looking, or enquiring about the Lowlines on show. They were a favourite with the children.



*Top Left:
Avonsleigh Ulysses - 1st Place
Champion Male, Berwick Show.*



*Top Right:
11 month old "Cleo" and Family.*



*Bottom Left:
Ardrossan Cleo - 1st Place
Champion Female, Berwick Show.*

*Bottom Right:
Group of five heifers at Berwick Show.*





The Warragul Show

Lowlines were again given their own section on March 2 at the Warragul show, Laurel Broadbent reports. There were entries from Elandra Park Stud, Lorrelle Stud, Peninsula Lowline Stud, Avonsleigh Stud and Shalimar stud. The judge, Geoff Nicholls, a breeder of Poll Herefords, said he had been impressed by the Lowlines. He considered the cow and the calf to have been well put together, with the calf being very feminine. The champion bull, Lorrelle Pedro had had tremendous length of body, walked well, and was not extreme. There was the same keen public interest at Warragul as there had been at Berwick.

The Warragul Show Results:

Bull under 12 months	1. Shalimar Anthony	2. Avonsleigh Julius
Bull 12-24 months	1. Lorrelle Pedro	2. Avonsleigh Ulysses
Bull 24 months and over	1. Avonsleigh Samson	
Heifer under 12 months	1. Ardrossan Cleo	2. Shalimar Dina
Heifer 12-months	1. Elandra Cappella	2. Avonsleigh Jessica
Cow 24 months and over	1. Lorrelle Patience	and calf Q-Emma
Champion exhibit	Lorrelle Pedro	
Champion bull	Lorrelle Pedro	
Reserve Champion bull	Shalimar Anthony	
Champion female	Lorrelle Patience	
Reserve champion female	Elandra Cappella	

The Seymour Expo

Ardrossan exhibited three heifers and Burnt Creek two bulls at the Alternative Farming Expo at Seymour from February 16 to 18. Gail Arthur writes: High interest was sustained over the three days of the expo. The breed is becoming well known, and we rarely heard the question: "What are they?"

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The Traralgon Show

The Traralgon Show was held on December 2.

Results: All other breeds
Senior grand champion bull
Ulysses Avonsleigh Lowline Stud
All other breeds
junior champion bull
Ulysses Avonsleigh Lowline Stud

The Lang Lang Show

The Lang Lang show was held on January 20.

All other breeds reserve junior champion female
Jessica Avonsleigh Lowline Stud

As you can see, we are inviting everyone to advertise in the official Association Journal for very reasonable rates. Send all ads to:

Gary Hatcher,
80 Penshurst Street,
Willoughby NSW 2068



The Crookwell Show

Keith and Moira Smith of the Keimoi Lowline Stud at Goulburn took their Keimoi Black Apollo as well as a cow and calf to the Crookwell show, in the heart of NSW commercial cattle country. They were the only Lowlines on show. Keith Smith writes: Our cattle behaved well and created a lot of interest in the show ring. Keimoi Apollo weighs in at 390 kilograms and certainly looked small compared with some of the other breeds. Our promotion activities are achieving results, on the basis of comments from the Crookwell judges, who had a knowledge of the breed history, and of its target markets. More and more commercial breeders are seeing merit in the Lowlines. Those of us who were around in the early days know what a turnaround in think this is. One Angus breeder said he believed the Angus breed had drifted away from the production of early maturing cattle.

The Rochester Show

Three bulls and five heifers were entered at the Great Northern Agricultural Society's annual show at Rochester on February 24. Jenny Ovenden writes: The entries were judged by Ross Canning of Benalla who is a Saler breeder, who commented favourably on the quality of the Lowlines, and especially the Best of Breed winner, Burnt Creek Eric, which he later placed fourth in the Supreme Champion All Breed section against strong competition from 10 other breeds. Eric had good conformation, and good head and length. Ross Canning said Lowlines had a future in the beef industry. Breeders should continue to pay attention to conformation and to sound feet in their breeding program.

Rochester Results:

Bull under 12 months	1. Beag Ni Centaurus	Ovenden Weston
	2. Shalimar Anthony	G Thomas
Bull 12-16 months	1. Burnt Creek Eric	J and G Arthur
Champion Bull	Burnt Creek Eric	
Reserve Champion Bull	Beag Ni Centaurus	
Heifer under 12 months	1. Shalimar Dina	G Thomas
	2. Ardrossan Crystal	G and J Knight
	3 Ardrossan Cherub	P and J Stebbins
Heifer 12-16 months	1. Ardrossan Sylvia	P and J Stebbins
	2. Keimoi Vella	Ovenden Weston
Champion Female	Shalimar Dina	
Reserve	1. Ardrossan Crystal	
Best of Breed	Burnt Creek Eric	

The Mirboo North Show

The Mirboo North show was held on February 3.

All other breeds junior female

1. Cleo Peninsula Lowline stud

Lowline Show Preparation Day at "Bungaree", Tamworth

Bungaree Lowline Stud was host to a Lowline Show Preparation Field Day on Saturday 17th February, 1996.

A total of 12 members gathered to learn some of the finer points of show preparation form Debbie and Ashley Castles of "Shambala Fitting Centre" Tamworth.

After a barbecue lunch which everyone enjoyed, except for "Morris", the group discussed the forthcoming Tamworth show and our promotion for the show. As a group we decided not to form a "promotion group" yet, but to work together helping each other and enjoying our cattle together. As a group we also decided that we should have more of these field days together.

A total of 18 Lowlines are entered for Tamworth show on 15th March, so it should be a good day.

Any members wishing to attend further field days in Tamworth and District please contact Elizabeth on (067) 67 4281 and you will be sent an invitation.



The Breed Standard

The updated standard for the Lowline breed is as follows:

BREED

Australian Lowline Cattle are pure beef breed.

SKELETAL SIZE

The main distinguishing feature and indeed the raison d'être for the Australian Lowline is its small and compact size.

There exists some variation in the birth through full maturity growth dimensions of both males and females within the herd, but as each year of evolution passes and because the aim of each member is to produce smaller rather than larger cattle, then so too do the mature animals get closer to a perceived target height of about 110cm (bulls) and 100cm (females) when measured at the highest point in the area of the hips.

Whilst it is important to remember that small size is the main claim for Australian Lowline Cattle, conformation and structure remain the most important factors for the future development of the herd.

COLOUR

The descriptive colour for all Australian Lowline Cattle is black. There has never been any evidence of any other colour applying to the breed. Whilst black is the descriptive colour, a little white is not uncommon and will not disqualify so long as it is restricted to the area of the scrotum or the udder. This white patch must not extend further forward than halfway between the udder/scrotum and the navel, on the underbelly only.

HORNS

All Australian Lowline Cattle are naturally polled. Any animal which is born with scurs will not be eligible for registration.

SKIN & HAIR

The skin should always be in good condition, soft and mellow. Hair should be plentiful and evenly distributed, but noting the normal differences in length expected in areas and seasons of extreme cold and heat.

CONFORMATION & STRUCTURE

Head and Neck

It is important that bulls show a masculine appearance in the head and neck and that heifers and cows display a feminine appearance. This permits a bull to have a broader head where a cow will show a proportionately longer and slimmer head. The same applies to the neck. Neck length is determined by measuring the length from poll to shoulder. This neck length is then compared with a measurement from poll to tail. The neck of a female should be longer than 1/3 the measurement of poll to tail and shorter than 1/3 for bulls. Eyes should be bright and alert.

Shoulders & Chest

Shoulders smoothly set against the body, deep chest, wide and strong through the heart, full at the elbow.

Body

The body is wide at the top between the shoulders and the hooks with a top line that begins and runs out from the top of the shoulders, or crop area, levelling at the mid back and extending down to and including a nicely shaped tail head. The body should contain a good spring of ribs.

Rump

The rump is wide, giving the animal an overall well balanced appearance having regard to its compact size. The hips and pins are wide and show a large pelvic capacity, with pins lower than the

hips to allow for easy calving.

Thighs should be smooth and well covered and without double muscling.

FUNCTIONAL EFFICIENCY

Fertility

There should be evidence of longevity.

Bulls should be masculine in appearance, virile and with strong libido.

Cows should be feminine in appearance with a breeding history of regular and easy calving.

Sheath and Scrotum

Retracted prepuce. Penis angle approximately 25 degrees from the horizontal, with no excess sheath. A bull must have a good sized and firm scrotum, with the testes fully descended. The scrotum should hang to about hock level and the sack should display a distinct neck.

Mammary

The udder should be high between the legs, balanced, well attached and with good capacity. Teats should be moderate in size, of even shape and squarely set under each quarter.

Legs and Feet

The legs should be wide apart squarely set with forelegs and feet straight and strong and hind legs strong and straight when viewed from the rear. From the side, legs should be nearly perpendicular from the hock to pastern; pasterns strong and springy. Signs of good spring and strength are essential. Feet should show depth of heel and be free from growth overlap deformities.

The animal should have a good carriage, a free athletic stride and be free from lameness.

DISPOSITION

Docility and ease of handling are features of the breed.



1996 TAMWORTH SHOW

Lowline cattle made their inaugural appearance at Tamworth Show in 15th March 1996. Tamworth is considered a good lead up to the Sydney Royal Easter Show and most breeders from the north, who are attending Sydney, present their cattle at Tamworth on their way to the Royal.

Our thanks go to Elizabeth and Michael Harvey for making it all happen. Elizabeth ensured that our Lowlines were given good exposure and we had a pleasing number of inquiries from the public.

EXHIBITORS

Carter & Farnham	Reedy Creek Singleton
S Garrett.....	25 Angus Cres Kureelpa Qld
M & E Harvey	RMB 783A Duri Wallamore Rd Tamworth
P & J Kellie	"The Glebe" Peachester Qld
J & V McDowall	8 Kuranga Ave Raymond Terrace
T & S Sheridan.....	"Glendon" Mullaley
I & M Wheeler	"Kintyre" Narrabri

Tamworth Show Results:

Junior Bulls		
Bull 6 months and under 12 months	Deer Little Norman	Deer Little Lowline Stud
Bull 16 months and under 18 months	Sans Pluto	S Garrett
Junior Champion Bull	Sans Pluto	S Garrett
Reserve Champion Bull	Deer Little Norman	Deer Little Lowline Stud
Senior Bulls		
Bull 20 months and under 24 months	Kintyre Dundee	I & M Wheeler
Bull 24 months and under 30 months	Spinifex Miles	E & M Harvey
Bull 30 months and over	1st Spinifex Twister 2nd The Glebe Robin Hood 3rd Brambletye Buson 11	E & M Harvey J & P Kellie I & M Wheeler
Senior Champion Bull	Kintyre Dundee	I & M Wheeler
Reserve Senior Champion Bull	Spinifex Twister	E & M Harvey
Grand Champion Bull	Kintyre Dundee	I & M Wheeler
Show Results - Females		
Junior Heifer		
Heifer 6 months and under 12 months	1st Kintyre Melrose Abbey 2nd Bloodwood Jasmine 3rd Deer Little Florabella	I & M Wheeler E & M Harvey Deer Little Lowline Stud
Heifer 12 months & under 18 months	1st Sans Psyche	S Garrett
Heifer 16 months & under 20 months	1st Wanawilla Dawn 2nd Lombardy Cinamon 3rd Bramleigh Guenevere	Carter & Farnham E & M Harvey T & S Sheridan
Junior Champion Heifer	Kintyre Melrose Abbey	I & M Wheeler
Reserve Champion Heifer	Sans Psyche	S Garrett
Cow 24 months and under 30 months	1st Sans Poppett 2nd Spinifex Emblena	S Garrett I & M Wheeler
Cow 30 months and over	1st Brambletye Erica 2nd Broken Arrow Topaz	T & S Sheridan Carter & Farnham
Senior Cow or Heifer over 20 months	Sans Poppett	S Garrett
Reserve Senior Champion Cow	Brambletye Erica	T & S Sheridan
Grand Champion Cow or Heifer	Sans Poppett	S Garrett

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Tamworth Show continued...

Breeders Group	1st Sans Lowline Stud 2nd Bungaree Lowline Stud 3rd Kintyre Lowline Stud	
Two Bulls	1st Kintyre Lowline Stud 2nd Bungaree Lowline Stud	
Two Females	1st Sans Lowline Stud 2nd Bungaree Lowline Stud	

Interbreed Competition - Senior Bulls

It was very pleasing to see Kintyre Dundee exhibited by Innes and Mary Wheeler make inroads into the interbreed competition. Of eight breeds represented in the interbreed competition Lowlines were placed ahead of two other breeds.

Lowline Cattle Association Members and Studs

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