

LOWLINE

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A message from the President...



The Sydney Royal Show once again proved to be a major success for the breed and I was particularly pleased to see so many spectators form other breed Societies looking over the fence at the time of judging. I spoke with several of them after the show, and I can safely pass on that they were all very impressed.

Congratulations to all who exhibited cattle and to all those who obtained ribbons.

The dinner too was a major success and enjoyed by all who attended. In a letter from the RAS received since the Show, it has been confirmed that for 1997 we will automatically be upgraded to Group 4.

■ The Association President - Ian Pullar of Mudgee

Special General Meeting

The president Ian Pullar has called a special general meeting of the Australian Lowline Cattle Association at the request of members who disagreed with a decision reached by the Association Council at its meeting on June 1st on the status of 56 head of Angus cattle held at the NSW Department of Agriculture research centre at Shannon Vale, near Glen Innes.

The meeting is to be held at the Royal Agricultural Society rooms at the Sydney Showground on July 6th.

The Association has received a formal request from the Cooperative Research Centre at the University of New England at Armidale for the use of the Lowline name, which the Association owns, to describe 37 cows and 19 heifers which the Centre is proposing to sell at auction on July 20th.

As all members are aware, the Lowline cattle had its origins as a breed when the Australian Lowline Cattle Association was formed at Trangie on October 31st, 1994 after the NSW Department of Agriculture's dispersal sale.

The cattle then sold were described as the last members of the Lowline herd which Trangie research centre established for its protein conversion trials. The ALCA herd book was closed with stock sold at the Trangie auction and at previous sales and their progeny as its sole members.

It now turns out that the NSW Department of Agriculture retained some cows from the low growth experimental herd with which it continued a nutrition, experiment. These cows were joined to two bulls which the New England University's Cooperative Research Centre leased from lan Pullar.

Those further experiments are now at an end The bulls have been returned to Ian Pullar, and the Centre proposes to sell its herd of 37 cows

and 19 heifers. Its seeks the permission of the Association to sell them as Lowlines. Papers would be available to authenticate their parentage as originating with the low growth herd. The parentage of the heifers would be harder to establish, requiring blood typing, since the cows were paddock mated

The Council took the decision that these animals are not Lowlines, since Lowlines are these cattle registered in the Herd Book after the Trangie dispersal sale, and their progeny.

The Council took the view that members who bought cattle at the Trangie dispersal sale paid the prices which they did pay on the basis that there would be no more Lowlines generated by the Trangie Research Centre's program of experiments, and that all subsequent purchasers of Lowline cattle from members of the Association did so on the basis that there were a known number of Lowline cattle.

It was the view of the Council, with one member abstaining, that to protect these investments the university centre's request for the use of our name should be refused.

However it is now being argued that the low growth cattle at Shannon Vale would be useful to those members wishing to enlarge their herds, should they be registerable, and that they would add to the breed's genetic base. The cattle are empty, and would be available for joining in the spring.

There would also be a six-figure windfall for the University of New England, which would benefit from the work of members in building up the Lowline breed. For members with stud stock to sell this year, they would represent a change in the demand-supply balance

The choice to be made at the special general meeting is whether or not the Shannon Vale cattle can be registered by their purchasers as Lowlines, and given places in the Herd Book.

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Seminar in September

The Council of the Australian Lowline Cattle Association agreed at the last meeting to hold a seminar in Sydney in September, on the Sunday following the annual general meeting. That's two good reasons for being in Sydney on the weekend of August 31st and September 1st.

The seminar subjects are to be genetics, the use of embryo transfer and artificial insemination, stud management, breeding and nutrition, marketing and export.

The intention is for the seminar to be held at the Royal Agricultural Society premises in Sydney, and for the seminar to commence at 0900 with registration of those attending. The first session, from 1000 until morning tea, would be genetics, following by ET and AI production and record keeping.

Lunch wold be followed by the session on herd production. After a break for afternoon tea, the discussion will move on to marketing, with export requirements as the final session.

Each speaker would speak for about 30 minutes, with a question and answer session afterwards lasting 15 minutes. The seminar would end at about 1600.

The speakers would present papers, which would then be available to those attending.

Your president Ian Pullar is looking for a sponsor to meet the cost of some of the speakers, who apart from normal fees will require to be recompensed for their air-fares and accommodation. If that search goes well, the registration cost for the seminar would be about \$50.

The breed is now six years old, and the Association has been in formal existence for more than four years. The seminar is an opportunity to review progress, to learn more about breed development, and to learn more about marketing, both in Australia and abroad.

The Lowline breed is now accepted for showing as a breed in its own right at Sydney, Brisbane

and Melbourne. Lowline semen has an internationally recognised code, AL. The membership growth is large and ustained, and export has begun to a number of countries.

Ultimately, however, there must be commercial production. There are already signs that this is underway. Several Angus herds are now using Lowline sires over the heifers to produce a cross without hybrid vigour.

Heifers from these joinings will be covered by a terminal Lowline sire to produce a second cross. If these are successful it won't be long before 220 to 230 kilogram steers are available in sufficient numbers to meeting a potentially lucrative niche market.

What this adds up to is a sound further reason for a seminar at which there will be an opportunity to take stock as the Lowline breed moves from the production of stud cattle only to the production of Boutique beef as well.

Ian Pullar

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Around the shows

Pakenham

Lowlines collected ribbons for a second place and for two third places when they were shown in the Any Other Beef Breed section at the Pakenham Show on March 9, competing against Murray Greys, Charolais, Herefords, Red Poll and South Devon. The Lowlines were shown by the Avonsleigh Lowline Stud (Allen and Phylliss Beech) and by the Peninsula Lowline Stud (Laurel and Piki Broadbent and John and Jennifer Page). Results were:

Bull, more than 24 months	2 Avonsleigh Samson
Heifer, under 12 months	3 Ardrossan Cleo
Group of three	3 Avonsleigh Ulysses, Samson and Jessica

Red Hill

Stewards at the Red Hill show on March 23 invited Lowline exhibitors to address the crowd at the grand parade on the nature of the Lowline breed. The invitation as taken up by Laurel Broadbent of the Peninsula Lowline Stud who told 10,000 people how the breed had developed at Trangie, and described the its features, drawing on the Associations brochure. Red Hill is planning a Lowline Feature Show for next year. The show steward described the Lowlines as an up and coming beef breed with an important place in the cattle industry.

Four Lowline studs brought cattle to Red Hill. All cattle shown were judged in an All-Breeds Classic. Herefords and Angus were in there, along with Murray Greys, Limousins, South Devons and Gelbvieh. Against this line up of established breeds, Lowlines won three seconds, two thirds and a fourth. The studs showing at Red Hill were: Avonsleigh Lowline Stud, Elandra Park Stud (Jane and Andrew Ristrom), Peninsula Lowline Stud and Warrangine Lowline Stud (Warren and Vicki Kenney). Results were:

Bull, 15 to 18 months	3 Avonsleigh Ulysses (Avonsleigh)	
Bull, over 30 months	2 Avonsleigh Samson (Avonsleigh)	
Heifer, 12-15 months	4 Ardrossan Cleo (Peninsula)	
Heifer, 15-18 months	3 Elandra Park Cappella (Elandra Park)	
Heifer, 18-21 months	2 Ardrossan Serena (Warrangine)	
Group of three	2 Elandra Park Cappella, Muscle Man, Jewel	



Red Hill Show: Avonsleigh Lowline Stud, Samson 3rd Place, Elandra Cappella





Starting Young

Sam Ristrom of the Elandra Park Lowline stud paraded Muscle Man at Red Hill on March 23rd in the Junior Handlers section. Sam, who is 11, and Muscle Man, who is eight months were both making their first appearances. They were placed fifth.

A week later Sophie Broadbent paraded Ardrossan Cleo in the Junior Handlers section at Bunyip.

Sophie, who is nine years old, and her heifer were placed first. She's an enterprising young lady who knows her animal well, said the judge.



Sophie Broadbent, nine years old



Sam Ristrom, eleven years old

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How to make a Lowline disappear

Lorraine and Geoff Webster, together with their partners in the Lorrellen Lowline Stud, Ron and Ellen Atherton, took two bulls, a cow and two heifers to the Lordner Field Days in March.

Our photograph shows the Lowlines at 8 am, before the gates opened, and then again at 9 am, half an hour after the show opened.

Lordner in Victoria's Gippsland is 15
Before and after at the Lordner Field Days.

kilometres from Warragul and 68,000 people passed through the gates over the four days.

The interest was intense, Lorraine Webster reports, recalling there was hardly time for a cup of tea. The stud principals were kept busy answering questions from 8.30 am until 6 pm each day. One interested couple who waited for a yarn, but without success because of the level of interest, came back the next day.

Gympie

San Garrett of Sans Lowline Stud at Kureelpa won Lowline grand champion female and breed champion with Sans Perseverance at the Gympie Show on May 16. Rosemary Hunwick won junior champion and grand champion with "Oh So Tiny".

Lowlines at 8am before the gates opened

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Lowlines at 9am half an hour after the gates opened

Lordner Field Days

Lorraine and Geoff Webster along with their partners in the Lorrellen Lowline stud Ron and Ellen Atherton attended and exhibited at the lordner field days two bulls a cow and two heifers.

Lordner Field days are held over four days in March being one of the major filed days held in Victoria with 68,000 people passing through the gates over the four days.

Lordner is situated about 15k's from Warragul in gippsland.

The stand constantly had a crowd the interest was incredible, many people were surprised to see Lowlines were such perfect little cattle. We hardly had time for a cuppa it was all go form 8.30am till 6.pm daily.

One couple had waited up to an hour to speak to one of us eventually they gave up and



Showtime...

Melbourne in September

Entries for the Royal Melbourne Show close on Wednesday June 19. There are 11 Lowline classes. They are:

- Heifers and Bulls under 12 months
- Heifers and Bulls under 18 months
- Cows or Heifers and Bulls to 30 months
- Cow more than 30 months
- Bulls under 48 months
- Best three head
- Bull and Heifer pair under 20 months
- Bull and female over 20 months

As well there are ribbons for champion Cow or Heifer, Reserve Champion Cow or Heifer, Champion Bull, Reserve Champion Bull and Supreme Exhibit. There will also be a special sash for the most successful exhibitor. The Royal Melbourne runs from September 19 to September 29.

Canberra in 1997

The Royal National Capital
Agricultural Society is including
classes for Lowlines at the Royal
Canberra Show next year. There
will be classes for bulls from 12 to
21 months and bulls over 21
months, females from 12 to 21
months and over 21 months, with a
champion bull, a champion female
and a supreme champion exhibit.

Lowline, Pinzgauer, Dexter, Braford, Highland, Blonde d'Aquitaine and South Devon will then be judged together for Supreme Interbreed Bull and Supreme Interbreed Female. The winner will then

compete in the Open Supreme Championship.

The chief executive officer of the RNCAS, Bjorn Christie-Johnston would like the names and addresses of ALCA members who might be interested in exhibiting by July 15 this year. His telephone number is 06 241 2478. The RNCAS address is PO Box 404 Dickson ACT 2602. The Canberra Show is held from February 21 to February 23.

Keith and Moira Smith are organising names of southern region members who might like to send cattle to Canberra.

Royal Queensland Show

Brisbane show is rapidly approaching and I sincerely hope that our numbers will be sustained. I know that several studs from northern NSW will probably attend, but it is important that the Southern Queenslanders also attendin numbers. Your contact for the show is Steve Atkinson.

San Garrett has the dinner well in hand for the Saturday night, the day following the show. Lowline steers donated by San will feature exclusively on the menu. Erica and I have enjoyed the pleasures of eating Lowline and we will certainly be up there for the dinner, even though, because we begin calving earlier this year, I regret we will not be showing cattle.

Ian Pullar

Royal Melbourne Show

Most members will also be aware that we have been accepted by the Royal Victorian Show Society, to be held in September, and that is not too far away either. When Alan Beech stayed with us overnight 14th May, he explained that he had been in contact with the Show Society and that they were sending out applications to all potential exhibitors, now.

If you don't or haven't received anything in the mail by now and you wish to exhibit, please contact Alan as soon as possible.

Ian Pullar



Royal Canberra Show

Members will also be pleased to hear that since our last Council meeting, we have forwarded formal documentation to the Royal Canberra Show Society and our application has been successful. The Canberra show is on very early in the new year and the prime movers in that area, Keith & Moira Smith are hoping for our support to ensure that we show at least thirty head.

Royal Perth Show

At the Sydney Show, I was also approached by a member of the Council for the Royal Perth Show and we have been asked to submit our credentials to them for their consideration. I realise that our numbers in Western Australia are still quite small, but we will certainly be welcome at the show, even if only as a demonstration breed for the first couple of years.

Lowline Seminar Sunday 1st September 1996

Those who attended at the dinner at Sydney will have heard me announce that plans were well in hand for the seminar proposed at our last Council meeting. Shortly after our next meeting, 1st June, we will be sending out details and costings to enable members to plan for the day, which is the day following our AGM. So far I have three confirmed speakers and I don't see any difficulty in finding the last two required.

The five areas that will be covered on the day will be,

- 1. GENETICS (an overview)
- 2. ET and Al, (Rick Tindal)
- 3. BLOOD TESTING FOR FARM MANAGEMENT AND EXPORT (The head of the Menangle Blood Testing Laboratory)
- HERD MANAGEMENT, STUD AND COMMERCIAL (Speaker to be selected from a list recommended by the Angus Society)
- 5. QUARANTINE PROTOCOLS (a speaker from AQIS, Sydney or Melbourne)

I have not yet succeeded in obtaining a sponsor, and I would therefore seek support from any member who might have access to a sponsor willing to come good with about \$4000.00 but I have at least had a guarantee from the LAND that they will donate free promotional editorial and advertising. I have a distinct feeling that we will see quite a few people from other breeds in attendance.

I regret that for understandable political reasons, Peter Pranell, who now works with the Angus Society, is unable to address the subject of HERD MANAGEMENT, as I had hoped, but in his reply to my invitation, he wrote that the Angus Society wished to now open lines of communication with our Association, and from where I sit, that really is a major breakthrough and one that we all should respect. I have since spoken with the Executive Director of the Angus Society to confirm that what Peter had said was true.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual general meeting of the Association will be held in the Philip Charley room at the RAS of NSW on Saturday, 31 August, and if members so wish it will be followed, after lunch by a General meeting of all members.

The meeting is timed to be about halfway between the end of the Brisbane Show and the start of the Melbourne Show, and whilst that may be seen to be still a long way off, we really should now be thinking ahead to that important day. At the next Council meeting, I intend to recommend that all aspirants for Council positions submit a CV for circulation in our next newsletter and judging from the fact that this has been suggested from several members, I feel certain it will receive support.

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

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Don and M Burke of Kenthurst were the most successful exhibitors at the Sydney Royal Easter Show, winning the ribbons for the best female with Binnowee Kate and the best bull with Trangie M455, which was also judged the champion exhibit. Rob Hart judged the 27 Lowlines shown at the Royal.

Other blue ribbons were won by Gary Hatcher, by Keith and Moira Smith, and by Innes Wheeler. San Garrett won two seconds, as did Ian Pullar. Gary Hatcher won a second, as did Jennifer Kellie.

Sydney Show Results:

Female 12-20 months	1 Glenfiddich Jacquie	(G Hatcher)
Temate 12-20 monnis	2 Sans Psyche	(SN Garrett)
	3 Binnowee Miss Welcome	(D and M Burke)
	4 Binnowee Baby Rose	(D and M Burke)
	5 Brambletye Perfection	(IS and E Pullar)
Female 20-30 months	1 Binnowee Kate	(D and M Burke)
	2 Sans Poppett	(S N Garrett)
	3 Spinifex Emblema	(IC and MI Wheeler)
	4 Lombardy Sally Anne	(S and S Di Candilo)
Female over 30 months	1 Trangie M352	(KL and MK Smith)
	2 Brambletye Numida	(IS and E Pullar)
	3 Glen Innes M442	(IS and E Pullar)
	4 Brambletye Joy	(IS and E Pullar)
Champion Female	Binnowee Kate	(D and M Burke)
Bull 12-20 months	1 Keimoi Black Apollo	(KL and MK Smith)
	2 Glenfiddich Angus	(G Hatcher)
	3 Sans Pluto	(SN Garrett)
	4 Binnowee Blockbuster	(D and M Burke)
	5 Brambletye The Bloke	(IS and E Pullar)
	6 Glenfiddich Lochie	(G Hatcher)
	7 Goan Messmate	(Genetics Australia)
Bull 20-30 months	1 Kintyre Dundee	(IC and MI Wheeler)
	2 The Glebe Robin Hood	(JM & SA & SL Kellie)
	3 Palmdale Horatio	(S and S Di Candilo)
Bull over 30 months	1 Trangie M455	(D and M Burke)
	2 Brambletye Admiral	Fitzroy (IS and E Pullar)
	3 Brambletye Bosun II	(IC and MI Wheeler)
	4 Glen Innes N307	(IC and MI Wheeler)
Champion Bull	Trangie M455	(D and M Burke)
Best Exhibit	Trangie M455	(D and M Burke)



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Getting to know us

Laurel Broadbent of the Peninsula Lowline Stud at Somerville in Victoria who had stock at Pakenham, Red Hill and Bunyip says the experience has convinced her that there are good reasons for entering cattle in country shows.

Apart from exposure for Lowlines, and their promotion, there is the fact that show stewards and organisers still know comparatively little about the Lowline breed. "It is extremely important for judges and officials to get to know our breed, and become more familiar with them, so they can judge more knowedgeably. In the long run this can only beneficial to us as breeders," she says.

BUNYIP

The Peninsular Lowline
Stud showed at the Bunyip
on March 30, with the
Lowlines
being exhibited in the Any
Other Beef Breed section,
winning a ribbon:

The results:

Heifer, 12-15 months
2 Ardrossan Cleo (Peninsula)

The Debut of Lowline Cattle in Northern Queensland

Allan & Maree Hayes from Walkerston in Northern Queensland will show their Lowline cattle at the Mackay show on 8 June - the first exposure for the breed in Northern Queensland.

Allan secured front page headlines in the Mackay Daily Mercury with a brilliant photo . . . what exposure . . . and he didn't even have to run the "mandatory add" as incentive to have the newspaper print his story.

Allan & Maree brought a 3 year old cow and a six month's old bull calf last Xmas for their 10 acre property just outside of Mackay. Allan recently retired from his job as a meat inspector and saw Lowlines as an ideal venture for his small holding.

Although Allan is too far away to come to Queensland Lowline Promotional Group Meetings, he keeps in touch and is always keen to know the latest developments with the breed.

Allan has jumped in head first and has taken the plunge to prepare and show his cattle around the local circuit. Northern Queensland is known as the home of cattle, so there will be plenty of interest (and chuckles) in this fresh breed.

It takes a brave man to tackle the "larger" mainstream breeds and we are sure that Allan & Maree will generate heaps of interest.

Here in Southern Queensland the show circuit is well underway and we continue to turn heads wherever we go. The next QLCPG meeting is planned for the 8 June at the property of Terry & Sylvia Harker at Reesville Rd Maleny starting at 10am. Our guest speaker will be Curtis Sutton who will discuss how to select cattle for showing. Please call Chriss Turner on 074 94 9527 for more information.

Chriss Turner



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One Flush: Sire BINNOWEE GOLIATH

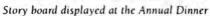
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Contributions please

The next edition of the ALCA Newsletter will be out in time for the Annual General Meeting on August 31st and the ALCA seminar on September 1st. We would like contributions please by August 1st.

The Association is looking for sponsors for the seminar. Members who know of a firm which would like to be associated with the seminar, and with the Lowline breed, I should let Ian Pullar know as soon as possible.

The seminar papers will be bound and issued to members, as a permanent record proceedings, and the sponsors will be recorded prominently in that volume.

Advertising

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Lowline go north

Lowline cattle have now made an appearance in Northern Queensland with the purchase by Allan and Maree Hayes of Walkerston of a cow and a calf for their 10 acre property outside Mackay.

The Mackay Mercury recorded the arrival with a front

page picture, and at the time the Newsletter went to press the Hayes were preparing to exhibit their Lowlines at the Mackay show. Allan Hayes recently retired as a meat inspector, and sees the Lowlines as an ideal venture.

A big welcome to the new members who have joined the Lowline Cattle Association

- IAN & JANETTE MUIR
- ENGSAN & SUSAN TECH
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