

RED POLL
BEEF CATTLE



Since our last newsletter, there has been a lot of activity within the breed. I attended Brisbane, Adelaide, Melbourne and Perth shows and enjoyed meeting with our members.

Although exhibitor numbers were down in Brisbane, they made a great effort to show steers with Tim Light assisting an Armidale girl's college to prepare steers. At both Melbourne and Perth, the exhibitors presented their cattle and the breed in an extremely professional manner making it easy to be the proud President of the breed on the day. Melbourne had the added attraction of hosting the AGM. Adelaide show had only two exhibitors but was memorable for its great result with steers in the led steer and carcass competitions.

Our AGM was held at the Melbourne showground with the venue arranged by Ian Staff. Ian has now retired as national federal council representative having provided valuable service and will be missed for his attention to detail. Nell Staff willingly stepped in as minute secretary for Keryn Hutton, who was overseas, and provided excellent minutes for both the AGM and Executive meetings on the day. The two federal council positions were announced on the day. With each candidate receiving an equal number of votes, the returning officer, as directed by the constitution, conducted a ballot with Gay Ward and Letisha Salzke subsequently elected.

National Executive: President - Richard Daley, Vice President - Ross Draper, Treasurer - Jill Bockman, Representatives - Gay Ward, Garrick Mulcahy, Wayne Owston and Letitia Salzke.

The committee organizing the World Congress Tour met in Adelaide on a weekend and after much hard work now has the tour, conference, promotion and educational program well in hand. Unfortunately, despite much effort, we have been unable to attract much sponsorship. Some regions have managed to get some local sponsorship and think this is a good idea. There is now interest expressed from overseas and a full report will be available in our Annual. In the meantime, I suggest you go to our website where you can view the itinerary and we have a link to our tour provider.

As the end of the year is fast approaching and publication of the Annual deadline fast approaches, I advise you to get your copy into Keryn as soon as possible for adverts and she would greatly appreciate any good editorial. I hope those of you in the Northern parts of the country get rain soon and I wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year

RICHARD DALEY | PRESIDENT

CARCASS SUCCESS AGAIN IN ADELAIDE BY PAULA THOMPSON

LED steers on-hoof judge Jonathan Spence could not go past a Red Poll shown by Maitland Area School for grand champion. "The steer meets market specifications and is very even in his conformation," he said.

The steer - Kev - came from Kevin Graham's Red Poll stud at Ardrossan. Mr Graham also won the grand champion led steer carcass at last year's RAS. The 525-kilogram steer had 102 square centimetres eye muscle area, 10 millimetres P8 fat and 8mm rib fat.

The steer had earlier won champion heavy domestic steer, a class for which Mr Spence was full of praise. He said the blue ribbon winners in the class were an outstanding group of steers.

"You could travel to any other show in the world and these steers would still match up," he said.

But as soon as Kev entered the ring, the steer caught Mr Spence's eye and became a championship contender. "He's a super, complete steer - filled in beautifully over the shoulder and he's tremendous up over the loin," he said.

Mr Spence said the steers met the criteria for which he was looking: carcass specifications, yield, good feel and overall attractiveness.



LEFT - Happy Winners! Thomas Foods International plant manager Peter Hancock presents the led steers team championship award to Kevin Graham, Virangra, Ardrossan and the Australian Red Poll Breeders president Richard Daley, Moyle Park, Jamestown.

BELOW - Peter Bond, T&R Murray Bridge, SA sashed the grand champion steer at Adelaide show 2013, with judge Jonathan Spence, Keith, SA and handler Thomas Smart, Maitland, SA.



QUEENSLAND & NORTHERN NEW SOUTH WALES

2013 BRISBANE SHOW

COMPETITION WINNERS

JUDGE - RICHARD DART, UK

Junior Champion Female:	RA, VA, TD & EL Light	Lagoona Claudia
Reserve Junior Champion Female:	A J & R M Hancock	Kookabookra Ruth (AI)
Senior Champion Female:	A J & R M Hancock	Kookabookra Debbie
Reserve Senior Champion Female:	A J & R M Hancock	Kookabookra Reef
Grand Champion Female:	A J & R M Hancock	Kookabookra Debbie
Junior Champion Bull:	J Bockman & J Rhea	Tanamerah Elton Jon
Senior Champion Bull:	J Bockman & J Rhea	Tanamerah Dapper Chappy
Grand Champion Bull:	J Bockman & J Rhea	Tanamerah Elton Jon



Grand Champion Bull with judge Richard Dart, UK, Lisa hedgers, Elders Toowoomba, QLD, Chikera Pateman-Ryan, Allora, QLD and Federal president, Richard Daley, Jamestown, SA.



2014 NEWSLETTER PRODUCTION DATES

Deadline for material
Newsletter posted by

April 14th 2014

April 30th 2014

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NEW SOUTH WALES

The past 3 months have flown and spring is with us once more. Some lovely end of winter rain has seen our part of the country looking green and with a bit more growth in pastures than in previous years. As always, we would like a bit more to hit the ground.

Two new logos have been designed with the aim to give NSW fresh modern logos that can be used for promotional purposes. They are in no way meant as a replacement for the National logo. The first logo features the initials RPB within a red cow head. It is hoped the design will be a recognisable symbol of our NSW breed to be used on promotional items and displays, including the wine fundraiser bottles. The second design incorporates the first but has the state of NSW surrounding the cow's head. The aim is to use this design at any function/show/event where members are representing the NSW Region. As an example, a Junior Handlers competition or interstate show enabling other breeders to recognise members from the different regions.

A lot of work has been put into ideas and planning strategies for the 2015 Feature Breed at the Royal Sydney Show. It appears to be moving along quite nicely with steers and fundraising currently the priority.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite all interstate members to support us in our endeavours. As the time approaches, we hope to be able to offer both trophies and prize money to all category winners. A feature show promotes not only the state in which it is held, but also the breed as a whole.

S.A. is testament to how well our steers do...congratulations to all our southern friends and members; keep up the great work. The promotion of steers is a great opportunity to show off the great qualities of our cattle and it is for this reason I invite you to support the steers in the Royal Sydney Show 2015.

Over the coming year I intend to contact each state to see what we can do for your state at the Sydney feature breed. I would like to again remind everyone about the wine fundraiser. The labelling looks great, the wines taste even better and can be bought as a mixed or straight dozen, they are delivered direct, and they are well known vintages.

Finally: A big welcome to our newest regional members

JUDY ROBBINS



STEER COMPETITION PARAMETERS

2015 Sydney Royal

PURE BREED STEERS

Light weight steers (milk teeth)

Live weight 330 – 400 kg

Optimum Carcase weight 180 – 220 kg (Penalties apply for carcasses under 180 kg*)

P8 Fat 6 – 10 mm

Rib fat (12/13 rib) 4 – 7 mm

Mid Weight Steers (milk teeth)

Live weight 401 – 500 kg

Optimum Carcase weight 221 – 280 kg

p8 fat 8 – 13 mm

Rib fat (12/13 rib) 5 – 9 mm

Heavy Weight (milk - 2 tooth)

Live weight 500 kg +

Optimum Carcase Weight 281 – 400kg (Penalties apply for carcasses over 400 kg*)

P8 fat 9 – 15 mm

Rib fat (12/13 rib) 6 – 10 mm

The ARPCBI **Welcomes** the following new members

E Cunningham "Carndhu", Armidale, NSW, 2350

AJ Leicester Wetherill Park, NSW, 2164



VICTORIA

Recent events include the presentation of steers and stud Red Polls at the Royal Melbourne Show 2013. The steers scored exceptionally well with a steer entered by Redward Stud gaining the highest score for a purebred Red Poll of 83.89. The highest scoring Red Poll cross steer with at least 50% Red Poll gained 83.97 points with a trophy donated by N and I Staff awarded to exhibitor St Paul's College of Walla Walla, NSW. This steer was sired by Rhyd-Talog Kemen out of a Limousin Female.

On the Stud side, Ross Draper was the most successful exhibitor, winning the Ketlang Trophy for his successes. Grand Champion Bull – Red Cactus Jethro – was Supreme Red Poll Exhibit. Thanks go to Redward, Stormley and Red Cactus Studs for their excellent participation in this event and to Ketlang, Rhyd-Talog, Koallah Park, and Woodburn Studs and the Victorian Region for donations of trophies. Thanks also go to our Stewards, Barry Johnson and Don Castle along with recorder, Faye Moon and Judge Glenn Trout.

At the conclusion of judging, Ross Draper was rewarded for his hard work promoting Red Polls over the years by being awarded an Honorary Life Membership of the Australian Red Poll Cattle Breeders Inc. by National President, Richard Daley.

The Victorian Region hosted the National Annual General Meeting later in the day (29th September), followed by a National Executive Meeting. Congratulations go to Gay Ward who was elected as one of the two new Federal Executive Members. It was great to meet up with members from Victoria, NSW, South Australia, and Queensland. Obviously, WA members could not attend as their Royal Perth Show was held on the following day. It was disappointing to all that only four people took the time to submit proxies for the AGM. The Red Poll festivities concluded with a lively dinner at Pacino's Restaurant, which was within walking distance of the Showground.

Elmore Field Days, held on the 1-3 October, was attended by Nell and Ian Staff and supported by Alan and Lesley Johns. Quite a bit of genuine interest occurred and one bull was sold just after the event. The weather was unkind as we had gale force winds on September 30 and October 1 with many tents onsite totally destroyed.

Planning for the rest of the year and 2014 occurred at our General Meeting on October 12, held at Mark and Elke Harris' home. We expect to attend Sungold Field Days on 12-14 February, 2014; Farm World at Lardner Park on 27-30 March, 2014; Seymour Alternative Farming Expo – 14-16 February, 2014; and our Annual Red Poll Sale will be held on March 1, 2014. A Committee was established to prepare for the Red Poll World Congress Whittlesea Feature Show in conjunction with the Whittlesea Agricultural Society to be held on November 1 and 2, 2014. We are expecting great support for this event.

IAN STAFF



Ross Draper responds to Richard Daley after being presented with Honorary Life Membership of the ARPCB Inc.



Don Castle of Koallah Park Stud acted for the first time as Ring Steward for the Red Poll Judging at the Royal Melbourne Show.



EVENTS FOR 2014 ALL WELCOME

- On Farm Challenge **January 21 – 25**
to include both commercial and stud breeders
- Sungold Field Days **February 12 – 14**
- Seymour Alternative Farming Expo
February 14 – 16
- Farm World at Lardner Park **March 27 – 30**
- Annual Red Poll Sale **March 1, 2014**
Entries are welcome from all members and we hope to get considerable support for this major event. Interstate entrants are invited and videos can be produced to support entries which may be posted on the National Website.
- Farm World at Lardner Park **March 27 – 30**

JUDGE - GLENN TROUT, WAGGA, NSW

Junior Champion Female:	R Draper	Red Cactus Janla
Reserve Junior Champion Female:	G Ward	Redward Alecia
Senior Champion Female:	R Draper	Red Cactus Mermaid
Reserve Senior Champion Female:	S Storm & Sons	Stormley Lou
Grand Champion Female:	R Draper	Red Cactus Mermaid
Junior Champion Bull:	R Draper	Red Cactus Jobe
Reserve Junior Champion Bull:	G Ward	Redward Clem
Senior Champion Bull	R Draper	Red Cactus Jethro
Reserve Senior Champion Bull:	S Storm & Sons	Stormley Landfill
Grand Champion Bull:	R Draper	Red Cactus Jethro
Supreme Exhibit:	R Draper	Red Cactus Jethro
The "Princess Royal" Cup:	R Draper	
The "Stradbroke Challenge" Cup:	G Ward	Group by Redward Samaritan



Grand champion female, with Ross Draper, Arthur's Creek, Vic and Melissa Ball, Christmas Hills, Vic, sashed by Alan Wilson, Minlaton, SA and judge Glenn Trout, Wagga, NSW.



Borthwick Red Poll steers at Melbourne Show 2013.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The main news from S.A. was our repeat success with the Adelaide show carcass competition. The advert we produced following our good result we sent to the other regions for them to use and it is also displayed on the ARPCBI webpage.

At the 2013 Adelaide show we provided both the Grand Champion Led Steer and the Grand Champion Carcass. This was the same steer bred by Kev Graham's Virangra stud and exhibited by Trinity College. The breeders also selected the winning team of three steers from twelve Red Poll steers available and any of the top six steers would have had scores high enough to be in the winning team. A Moyle Park steer of Richard and Kay Daley's stud, exhibited by Burra Community School was Reserve Champion

Heavy Domestic Carcass. This is also the second year in a row they have won this award. A steer from Alan and Peter Wilson's Oakwood stud was a very close third. Maleer also exhibited a steer that just got pushed into the export class as a carcass which cost it in fat points.

The next event in S.A. will be the S.A. Beef Field Days held in the first week of February. We are all currently making lots of hay after a very good season and soon hope to be reaping very good crops although there has been a little frost damage lately.

RICHARD DALEY

2013 ADELAIDE ROYAL COMPETITION WINNERS

JUDGE - CHARLES WALLACE, CRESSY, TAS

Junior Champion Female:	RM & KL Daley	Moyle Park Luthea
Senior Champion Female:	RM & KL Daley	Moyle Park Laure Linda
Grand Champion Female:	RM & KL Daley	Moyle Park Laure Linda
Junior Champion Bull:	RM Wilson & Son	Oakwood Zorba Beefmaker
Reserve Junior Champion Bull:	RM & KL Daley	Moyle Park Lahore
Senior Champion Bull:	RM Wilson & Son	Oakwood Zorba Top Gain
Grand Champion Bull:	RM Wilson & Son	Oakwood Zorba Beefmaker
Most successful Red Poll Exhibitor	RM & KL Daley	



Grand Champion Female with Annabelle Ritchie, Boolaroo, SA, Judge Charles Wallace, Cressy, Tas and exhibitors Richard & Kay Daley, Jamestown, SA.



Maitland area school team that got the grand champion steer at Adelaide Show 2103 prepared for the win, L-R Harrion Briggs, Brad Robinson, Thomas Smart, Amelia Honner, Tayne Polgreen, and Danielle Reid.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Grand champion bull Ranfurley Kutting Edge, Perth Royal Show.

2013 PERTH SHOW

COMPETITION WINNERS

JUDGE - A. WALKER

Junior Champion Female	Luke & Alex Longford	Le Topaz Grace
Reserve Junior Champion Female	W & B Owston	Ranfurley Lulu
Senior Champion Female:	W & B Owston	Ranfurley Jahzara
Reserve Senior Champion Female:	JH Williams & Co	Yongerellen Wattle Wattelle
Grand Champion Female:	W & B Owston	Ranfurley Jahzara
Junior Champion Bull:	Q & S Hooper	Red Sands Ricciutto
Reserve Junior Champion Bull:	Q & S Hooper	Red Sands Royalty
Senior Champion Bull:	W & B Owston	Ranfurley Kutting Edge
Reserve Senior Champion Bull:	JH Williams and Co	Yongerellen Fimiston Ironbark
Grand Champion Bull:	W & B Owston	Ranfurley Kutting Edge
Supreme Champion:	W & B Owston	Ranfurley Jahzara
Progeny Group:	Q & S Hooper	

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Feedlot and Abattoir Locations	Wilga Feedlot, Bellata, QLD Australian Country Choice, Cannon Hill, QLD Kilcoy Pastoral Co., Kilcoy, QLD	Grassdale Feedlot, Dalby QLD JBS Dinmore, QLD	Gundamain Feedlot, Gundamain, NSW Teys Australia, Wagga Wagga, NSW	Teys Australia Jindalee Feedlot, Stockinbingal, NSW Cargill, Wagga Wagga	Maydan Feedlot, Warwick, QLD Northern Cooperative Meat Company
Important Dates	Two weeks around Easter every year 10-23 April 2014 100 day Export Class entries close and cattle delivered in October each year 70 day Domestic Class entries close and cattle delivered in November each year Live assessment at Wilga Feedlot the following February.	Held in August every year. June: entries for beef cattle classes close.	October: entries close. November: cattle go onto grass at Borenore. February: cattle go into the feedlot. May/June: cattle processed Field Day held in October every year.	August: Entries close. September: cattle enter feedlot Nov / Dec: mid-term field day at the feedlot. February: Presentation dinner.	February: cattle enter the feedlot April: mid-term field day at the feedlot April: Domestic Class cattle processed May: EU Class cattle processed June: PRIMEX and Pacific Beef Exposition, presentation and awards.
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