

# PRESIDENTS POST



**To date the year has been rather complicated due to lack of rain and my commitment to the Bundaleer Festival at Jamestown. It had been my intention to attend both the Whittlesea sale and Sydney Royal. I have had positive reports from both these events, which, unfortunately, I was unable to attend.**

The Victorian Region has shown great skill in holding the sale at Whittlesea and the expertise and knowledge gained will be of great use in organizing a national Red Poll sale at a future time.

For the first time, in 32 years of breeding cattle, I have had no significant rain since the end of winter last year and as a result have spent nearly every day for three months droving around the roads near my property. Due to the poor weather conditions last season's hay supplies are low and prices at a premium. In addition, selling cattle into the current poor markets makes it a depressing exercise. Despite all these limitations, I am extremely please at how well Red Poll cattle adapt to the difficult environment. My fences have not been put under too much pressure, and the mob behaves itself well on the road, going back into the bare paddocks easily and maintaining reasonable condition. I suspect this sort of tolerance in difficult conditions would not be as forthcoming

from some of the other breeds.

I began my drought strategy in November, selling all my autumn calves after weaning one month earlier than usual. I was reluctant to sell a line of 15 heifer weaners at the time but they looked good in the market and sold for money not seen since. The steers also sold very well. I then sold any cows that may have had a poor udder or feet or were getting to replacement age. Some of these were hard to let go but by reducing the herd numbers by 40 it meant the hay would go further. I also weaned my spring calves at the end of January into feedlot conditions and took their dams on the road. At this stage, the strategy has been effective, but my autumn calving has started and with 22 calves already on the ground and no sight of breaking winter rains things are tightening up again. The spring calving dams are in good forward condition and their calves as robust as ever. Rain before the cold winter weather of Jamestown will see me back in full production and I would expect the markets to lift considerably soon to increase my options as the weaned cattle would be able to be sold for what they are worth. I thought I would relate my drought program to you as it has reinforced my belief in this wonderful breed of cattle that we have been privileged to care for.

Your Executive has already met earlier this year and by the time you get this newsletter we will have had another tele-



conference. One issue you will be aware of is the show uniform which has been modified by changing the white for a green chambray shirt. Many members in Victoria and NSW have been using this shirt with the Red Poll logo as their knock about show shirt for some time. Enquiries regarding access can be made to the secretary.

Another issue we have had to deal with has been the nonpayment of fees. It is a very difficult issue as it means that those members who pay their dues diligently are really supporting those that do not and our secretary has the unpleasant task of ringing members to request payment. Sometimes we have carried members for several years which of course limits the activities of the Red Poll Cattle Breeders Inc.

Progress with the World Tour is continuing and now a link has been established on our website with our tour manager, Sunlover Tours. Kim McNeill of Sunlover would be only too happy to deal with your enquiries regarding participation. The full itinerary has been included with this newsletter.

Sponsorship for the tour has been very difficult to find. Of the 30 major rural companies approached only five have replied, all negative except for Alflex, who will supply tour name tags

and have offered a tour of their factory. If anyone could help with possible sponsors to we would be grateful. We need names and addresses and if possible, a contact person as we have found most companies are not readily accessible to discuss parting with their money only with gaining yours.

Currently entries are open for Junior members to apply for the Youth Ambassador award. The winner will have fares, entry and a heifer available for the SA Heifer Expo, and the World Tour Scholarship. Scholarship applications will be reviewed by a select committee, and the successful awardee will represent Australia on tour. All fees will be paid on the tour but the awardee will be expected to pay for their flights to and from and within the tour. Further details are included with this newsletter.

In ending this report I would like to remind you that the AGM will be at the Melbourne show this year so could you keep that in mind. In the meantime, I intend to be at Bendigo, Brisbane, Melbourne and Perth shows this year and I hope to catch up with many of you there.

RICHARD DALEY

# SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The fire at Bundaleer North

The S.A. region has been very dry for a long time. Spring rains failed to eventuate after a long cold dry winter leaving paddock feed in short supply. The southern areas did well with their cropping but since then they also have experienced dry conditions. Winter rainfall and summer drought are normal for S.A. but this year conditions are the worst that most of us can remember. Although some old timers say the early 1940's were the worst

As usual, we started our regional activities for the year with a lunch meeting at Balaklava. This is always a convivial event and sets us up for the year to come. Moyle Park participated in the S.A. Beef Field Days and had a very interesting group of people attending including Bob Graham, the retired principal of Broomfield Red Polls. Bob still has a keen interest in everything rural and he and Jan live in Maitland.

Maleer suffered the loss of 600 acres in the Bundaleer Forest fire in February. This was a major fire destroying one third of the historic forest of Bundaleer. Bundaleer was the birth place of plantation forestry in Australia. John and Chris both have amazing stories to tell about the fire. They are still fencing. Richard Sampson stayed for two days to help pull down the old fencing as he had personal experience of replacing fences after the Adelaide hills fires a few years ago.



Hay has been difficult to source to feed cattle and the market price is so poor that reducing numbers is very uneconomical. However this may be an option for some of us if a break in the weather doesn't come soon. Planning for the year is currently on hold although the school steers will be leaving our properties soon. The schools again have been keen to source Red Poll Cattle with a new school this year coming onboard. Lets hope we can emulate our results from previous years.

RICHARD DALEY

# QUEENSLAND



Glenleigh Nugget

First off Priscilla Hancock from the Glenleigh Red Poll Stud at Glen Innes won supreme beast of the show at Dorrigo in November with her senior bull Glenleigh Nugget. The judge Colin Rex commented on Nugget's thickness and how a bull like this will benefit the breed in moving forward.

Tim Light from the Lagoon Red Poll Stud at Armidale was selected to compete in the state final junior judging competition at Sydney. This is the first time that Tim has achieved this level and gained a lot of experience from it.

ALBERT AND RACHAEL HANCOCK

# WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The summer of 2013 has been the hottest and driest on record, although early march rainfall has brightened a few horizons with many in the wheatbelt already beginning their seeding programs.

It has been relatively quiet on the Red Poll front in Western Australia, with cattle prices at a low point and the instability of the domestic and export market, many cattle producers have been assessing their options elsewhere.

In February the Yongerellen and Red Sands studs offered bulls at the annual multi breed bull sale held in Narrogin, unfortunately just the 1 bull sold, the animal offered by JH Williams and Co, was sold for \$3000.

Unfortunately Red Polls didn't make it to Wagin Woolarama this year, however Ranfurley and Juniper studs made it down to Harvey agricultural show, where the Juniper heifer was awarded Junior Champion British bred heifer and the cow exhibited by Ranfurley stud, Ranfurley High Society, was awarded Supreme Beef Female.

Preparations are in full swing for the upcoming W.A. leg of the Red Poll congress tour of Australia, with many exciting things to see and do in W.A. its highly recommended every Red Poll enthusiast make sure they mark the dates in their diary and come to W.A. to see the sights and quality cattle.

WAYNE OWSTON

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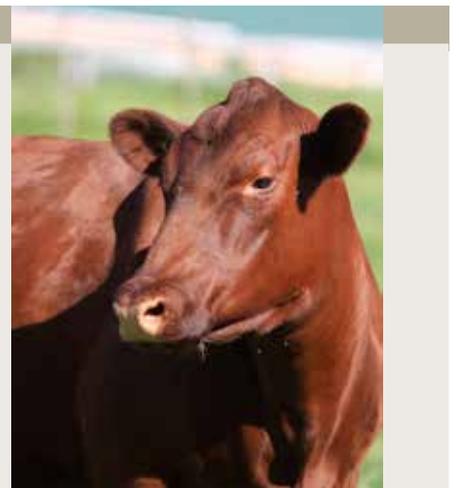
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# NEW SOUTH WALES



Carla Wiese-Smith, The Land, judge Barry Godbolt, Manilla, NSW, Keith Smith and Rochelle Prattly, Gunning, NSW with the grand champion Red Poll female.

We start with some exciting news... NSW now has its own face book page up and running. You will find us at .... NSW Red Poll Beef Cattle Region. So jump on and have your say add some photos or just catch up with friends. Members will be able to promote upcoming events, breed news, sales or just chat to each other. This is not just for the younger members; I'm sure most of our older members are computer savvy enough to use this as a way of staying up to date and in touch.

A successful Royal Canberra Show was held this year with five exhibitors battling it out; thank-you to Richard Wilkinson, Garrick Mulcahy, Michael Smith, Christine Smith, and Anne Smith. The weather was wet and gloomy and left little to be desired; however, the addition of the new green shirts to the uniform did give all our handlers a very smart, crisp clean look.

Christine Smith dominated the event by taking home all the Champion Ribbons bar one. Thanks to our judge Mr. Barry Godbolt.

This was my first visit to the Royal Easter Show in Sydney for many years. I must complement all the exhibitors on not only the quality of their cattle but also the level of care and maintenance put into the continual 'house-keeping' of the stalls... well done. The weather was hot and steamy and on the day the rain held off until about 2 min into the first round of judging, when a mad dash for cover had to be made. Thanks to Ross Drapper, Gai Ward, Albert Hancock and family, Pricilla Hancock, Ian and Jill Coghlan, Richard Wilkinson, Garrick Mulchay, Anne Smith, Christine Smith, Michael Smith for making it a great event. It was great to see Ian and Jill back in the Show Ring after few break. Thanks to Mr. Craig Gapes for judging us on the day.

## 2013 SYDNEY ROYAL COMPETITION WINNERS | JUDGE - CRAIG GAPES

Junior Champion Female:	Mr Ross Draper	Red Cactus Treasure
Reserve Junior Champion Female:	Mrs C Smith	Belault Haley
Senior Champion Female:	Mr Ross Draper	Red Cactus Jolly
Reserve Senior Champion Female:	Mr R Wilkinson	Baladeen Eloise
Grand Champion Female:	Mr Ross Draper	Red Cactus Jolly
Junior Champion Bull:	Mrs C Smith	Belault Hampton
Reserve Junior Champion Bull:	Mrs G Ward	Redward Bonsoir
Senior Champion Bull:	Mrs C Smith	Belault Grantham
Reserve Senior Champion Bull:	Mr Ross Draper	Red Cactus Jethro
Grand Champion Bull:	Mrs C Smith	Belault Grantham
Supreme Exhibit:	Mrs C Smith	Belault Grantham

**The Brigadier G S Hurst Perpetual Prize for Grand Champion Bull, (supported by Mrs M Hurst in memory of the late Brig. GS Hurst, DSO, OBE):** Mrs C Smith Belault Grantham.

**W. K. Cowlshaw Perpetual Trophy for best Exhibit:** Belault Grantham Christine Smith

**The Princess Royal cup for the most successful Exhibitor:** Christine Smith

**Best Maintained Team:** 2-5 head Albert Hancock and family

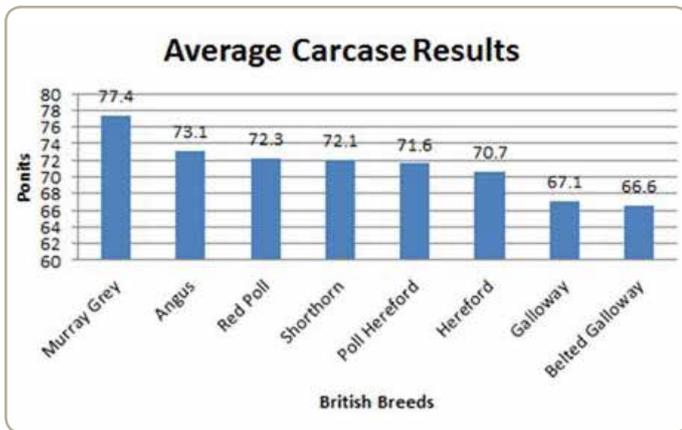
**The Junior Handler for the 2013 Sydney Royal Easer Show:** Matt Orton, congratulations Matt, for a job well done.

## 2013 ROYAL CANBERRA SHOW | JUDGE - BARRY GOLDBOLT

Junior Champion Female:	C Smith	Belault Haley
Reserve Junior Champion Female:	C Smith	Belault Heidi
Senior Champion Female:	C Smith	Belault Carley
Reserve Senior Champion Female:	JA Smith	Glenrossal Beautiful Nat
Grand Champion Female:	C Smith	Belault Carley
Junior Champion Bull:	C Smith	Belault Hampton
Senior Champion Bull:	C Smith	Belault Grantham
Grand Champion Bull:	C Smith	Belault Grantham
Supreme Champion of the Breed:	C Smith	Belault Grantham
Breeders Group	C Smith	Belault Red Polls
Sires Progeny	C Smith	with Cooeeyana Oscar

This year with only five Red Poll steers exhibited excellent carcase results were obtained. The included graph shows the average carcase results for British Breeds exhibiting five or more head.

As you can see from the graph (on page 5) the Red Poll steers performed very well at the 2013 Sydney Royal Easter Show purebred Steer and Carcase competition. Only the Murray Greys were significantly higher in points than the Red Poll steers. This is a tremendous achievement as there were only five Red Poll steers exhibited against a larger pool of Murray Grey (31 steers), Angus (35 steers), Shorthorn(12 steers), Poll Hereford(11 steers),



Hereford (11 steers), Galloway (5 steers) and Belted Galloway (5 steers) Steers exhibited. When put into perspective this is a great result; having such a small number of Red Polls being judged it would have only taken one steer to cut dark and our results would have been blown out of the field. The quality of our steers proved as always to be very high. Congratulations goes to Richard Wilkinson, Kookabookra Red Polls, Prairiewood High School (Steers Bred by Richard Wilkinson & Garrick Mulchay) and Bede Polding College (Steer bred by Richard Wilkinson) on this great result.

While in Sydney for the show I took advantage of having a few extra members around me and used the opportunity to discuss with them any ideas they may have in regard to being the 2015 Feature Breed. I also had a very good look at how other breeds promoted themselves and what displays and information they had. It was obvious that to have a stand-out display sponsorship needs to be a focus.

Without it, it would be impossible to have the banners, brochures, out-door furniture etc., needed to hold a successful event. Several ideas arose from Sydney and may I stress are at this point only in the idea stages, so are still open for discussion.

1. Increase the categories per class: Break the female with calf at foot into more age ranges... under 30mths, over 30 but less than 48mths, over 48mths. This would mean that the younger heifers are not competing against the older more proven cows and it would also help to highlight the ability to calve in the older cows.
2. Promote the Steers within the breed itself and also by Studs/ Breeders sponsoring steers via the schools
3. Introducing prize money 1st through to 4th places
4. Grand Champions receiving Rosettes with the possibility of a pin or brooch in the Rosette
5. Re-introducing Calf Classic to the Sydney Show with it being sponsored/promoted by RED POLL
6. An older bull category was mentioned however at this stage I am awaiting RAS guidelines.
7. The URQUHART TROPHEY. It was mentioned that the fact that the RED POLL SOCIETY NSW donated this perpetual trophy is

not clearly highlighted in the programs. ... I will be speaking with the promoters of the Royal Easter Show and see if this can be rectified by using a larger/bolder font in the future.

8. Sponsored '2015 Feature Breed' camp chairs. It was suggested that a memento chair would be nice to present to either all class winners or to all exhibitors.
9. Sponsored '2015 Feature Breed' Polo shirts in a uniformed team colour. The shirt would be worn by all exhibitors. It was suggested to have the shirts available for the 2014 R.E Show this way sponsors get more 'time for their money' and we get to use it as an advertisement.

All of this is still in the planning stage, so if you have any ideas or suggestions to put forward or if your best mate owns a business that may like to sponsor us, please contact me.

MY aim is to have 120 stud animals at the show and as many quality steers as we can possibly muster, so NOW is the time to start looking at what is coming through your breeding lines and start your planning.

This of course includes our interstate breeders in WA, SA, VIC and QLD. the Royal Easter Show in Sydney is a terrific way of promoting the great job you have been doing interstate as well as being a lovely way of rounding off and winding down from the World Congress.

There is a lot to organise for the feature breed and many hands make light work; I will not knock back any offer of help.

Thank-you to the organising committee for holding the Red Poll/Maine Anjou sale at Wittlesea Show grounds on the 2nd of March.

Small Farms Magazine April 2013 had a British Cattle Breed feature in which we had a great write up.

JUDY ROBBINS



**up & coming  
events**

NATIONAL BEEF IS ON  
IN BENDIGO  
AT THE SHOWGROUNDS

**WEDNESDAY 15TH TO  
SUNDAY 19TH MAY**

# VICTORIAN



Judge of the on Farm Challenge - Robert Burness explaining his judging techniques after the presentation luncheon at Pheasant Creek.

## ON FARM CHALLENGE: 19-23 FEBRUARY

This year's On Farm Challenge commenced on Tuesday with Judge Robert Burness of Moa Vale Red Poll Stud in Coolangatta assessing Doug D'Oliver's cattle at Leongatha. Robert and Doug moved on to Lang Lang to see the herd of Mark and Elke Harris then north-west to assess Nell and Ian Staff's herd at Pheasant Creek. On Wednesday, Robert completed the examination of the remaining entries at Pheasant Creek and was then driven north by Don Castle to Bunbartha to see the Almora cattle of Merle Hipwell and Olive Halliday then to Shane Storm's herd at Barham, NSW. With daylight a problem after the long driving time, the last animal was assessed on Thursday morning. Don and Robert moved south-west to Gaye Wuchatsch's cattle at Pirron Yallock and then on to Don's own cattle at Carpendeit and Stoneyford. On Friday, the travellers journeyed to Greg Abbott's herd at Kolora and Mortlake, followed by a visit to Robert and Terry Nutting's herd at Hawkesdale.

On Saturday, a get together of Red Poll participants was held at Pheasant Creek to witness the Judge's explanation of his judging system and words of wisdom about evaluating structure, milking ability and fertility assessment in cattle. The presentation of awards followed with the results shown below. All told there were 70 females and 18 bulls entered from 9 herds. Greg Abbott's cattle reigned supreme by winning both Champion Bull and Champion Female.

The Judge used his own Classification System, which contains a range of scores from 1 to 10 for 19 to 21 characters. The top score of 10 is preferred whilst animals with characters scoring less than 5 would have a problem.

He stated that for productivity, the most important features to consider in assessment were structure, temperament, flat muscling and production assets. He stressed the importance of

selecting animals with good legs and feet and cows with well-structured and textured udders, good teat placement, smooth shoulders and suitable hip to pin lengths and width of pins for easy calving.

When commenting on the animals assessed, Robert stated that he saw a high quality of cattle, evenness of stock and serious faults were a rarity. He reiterated that Red Polls are highly underrated in the Beef Stock Industry and should be considered as leaders in Fertility, Femininity, Productivity and Ease of Doing. The great results of Red Polls in Carcase Competitions, where Judges' breed preferences in On the Hoof Competitions are annulled, provide proof that the long flat muscling in Red Polls is a highly desirable characteristic that produces high muscle volume and dressing percentages (>60%) and is used by knowledgeable breeders in their cross-breeding activities.

### ON FARM CHALLENGE RESULTS | JUDGE - ROBERT BURNES

CHAMPION FEMALE	G. Abbott	- Turanga Fussah's Hero
CHAMPION MALE	G. Abbott	- Eurimbla Ajax

Complete results are available on the Victorian Red Poll Website:  
<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~redpoll>

## RED POLL AND MAINE ANJOU SALE 2 MARCH 2013

Buyers concentrated on females at the Helmsman Auction at Whittlesea on Saturday 2nd March conducted by Landmark Embling, Alexandra.

Nine Red Poll females averaged \$1395 while the Top-Priced Red Poll was a bull, Sophronites Casanova offered by Nell and Ian Staff of Pheasant Creek and purchased by Emma Herbert for \$2400.

Emma had travelled from Bathurst to attend the Sale and was happy to buy the bull that had West Australian genetics via AI as well as another bull and heifer. Thanks go to Michael, Anne and Christine Smith for their entries from Tarago, NSW - their heifers were all sold.

Two new Junior members were gained for the Red Poll Society, Carlie McCormick of Congupna who went home with five heifers and Mathew Peacock of Sydney. Because of the dry season, there was little interest in the commercial cattle unlike in previous years when supply was less than demand.

Once again, Graham and Lorelle Neal provided invaluable assistance at the Sale by cooking breakfast, and hamburgers and sausages and selling drinks and snacks for all who attended the Sale. Thanks go to all who helped in the preparations for the Sale.

As this is the only multivendor Sale for Red Polls in Australia, we would like members from all States to communicate with our Committee as to how we could obtain their involvement in our future sales.

Ross Draper, Daryl Johnson and Ian Staff



Ian Staff with Sophronites Casanova - top priced Red Poll at the Sale purchased by Emma Herbert of Bathurst.

## PROMOTIONS OF RED POLLS IN VICTORIA

Don Castle, Greg Abbott and Nell and Ian Staff contributed to the Red Poll Stand at Sungold Field Days at Allansford in western Victoria on 13-15 February, 2013. Sales have usually resulted in the area as a result of this stand.

Seymour Alternative Farming Expo was supported by Gay Ward and Ross Draper on 15-17 February. and was a valuable effort leading up to the Red Poll Sale in March.

The Lardner Park Field Days Stand was provided by Barry, Daryl and Keith Johnson, Mark Harris, Doug D'Oliver and Nell and Ian Staff in the former Shorthorn Site. The small shed provided valuable cover for the cattle who were inspected by a large number of visitors and interest in commercial heifers was generated.

## SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW

Two Victorian Studs were successful in Sydney Royal Easter Show with Ross Draper winning Senior and Grand Champion Red Poll Female (Red Cactus Jolly), Junior Champion Heifer (Red Cactus Treasure) and Reserve Senior Champion Bull (Red Cactus Jethro). Gay Ward also did well gaining the Reserve Junior Champion Bull with Redward Bonsoir.

We look forward to National Beef Bendigo Show on 15th -17th May where we expect a good showing of Red Polls including steers and invite all members to join us for the Red Poll Exhibition and Annual General Meeting at Royal Melbourne Show in September. Judging of Red Polls will be in the morning of Sunday 29th September.

## IAN STAFF

# FROM KERYN



Welcome to the start of the 2013 season. For some, the season has been underway for a few weeks with many Red Poll events completed for the year. Congratulations to all members who have contributed their time and expertise.

As mentioned in the Presidents report there has been a uniform change. Members can elect to order through their region or directly from a supplier such as Goulburn Country & Workwear.

For information on the new Red Poll Shirts go to the following website: <http://www.bisleyworkwear.com.au>



Ordering Information:

**Goulburn Country & Workwear**  
**PO Box 749, Goulburn,**  
**NSW, 2580**  
**Ph:02 4821 9466**

Included with this newsletter please find information and an application for the World Congress Scholarship Program. Entries close 30 September 13.

Wishing you all the best for the remainder of the year.

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# 2014 PRELIMINARY WORLD TOUR & CONGRESS

## Day 1 - 21 October 2014 - Arrival Perth

### Welcome dinner and registration.

Dinner in the hotel restaurant/function room

Overnight accommodation in a twin share standard room,  
Novotel Perth Langley

## Day 2 - 22 October 2014 - Perth

Full breakfast included in the hotel restaurant

Travel to Quairading via York by coach

Visit to include hosted Lunch & Dinner and view  
Yongerellen, Le Topaz and Red Sands herds

Return to Perth. Overnight accommodation in a twin share  
standard room, Novotel Perth Langley

## Day 3 - 23 October 2014 - Perth to Bunbury

Full breakfast included in the hotel restaurant

Visit Yarrabah to view Ranfurley, Bellaway and Juniper herds.

Visit Cooranning and Aurora herds at Wandering including  
hosted Lunch at Cooranning.

Entrance and dinner at Dardanup Heritage Park

Overnight accommodation in a twin share standard room,  
All Seasons Sanctuary Golf Resort

## Day 4 - 24 October 2014 - Bunbury

Full breakfast included in the hotel restaurant

Full Day tour of surrounding area including Black Rock  
angus stud at Vasse, a silk farm, Margaret River for lunch at  
own account, Lake and Mammoth caves

Dinner at Voyager Winery

Overnight accommodation in a twin share standard room,  
All Seasons Sanctuary Golf Resort

## Day 5 - 25 October 2014 - Bunbury to Perth

Full breakfast included in the hotel restaurant

Brunswick Show and return to Perth.

Overnight accommodation in a twin share standard room,  
Novotel Perth Langley

## Day 6 - 26 October 2014 - Perth to Adelaide/Clare Valley

Full breakfast included in the hotel restaurant

Transfer by private coach to the Perth Domestic Airport,  
FLY PER-ADL

Coach for Adelaide, Clare and Barossa Valley Touring.

Dinner in the hotel restaurant or outside venue

Overnight accommodation in a twin share Studio Rooms,  
Clare Country Club

## Day 7 - 27 October 2014 - Clare Valley to Yorke Peninsular

Full breakfast included in the hotel restaurant

Visit Virangra on way to Oakwood.

Visit to Oakwood to include hosted Lunch



Return to Clare. Dinner in the hotel restaurant or outside  
venue. Overnight accommodation in a twin share Studio  
Rooms, Clare Country Club

## Day 8 - 28 October 2014 - Clare Valley to Jamestown to Adelaide

Full breakfast included in the hotel restaurant

Visit to Maleer and Moyle Park including hosted Lunch

Return to Adelaide

Dinner in the hotel restaurant or outside venue

Overnight accommodation in a twin share Deluxe Rooms,  
Mercure Grosvenor Hotel, Adelaide

## Day 9 - 29 October 2014 - Adelaide to Melbourne

Full breakfast included in the hotel restaurant

Day at leisure in Adelaide. Transfer to the Airport for 4pm  
flight to Melbourne

Transfer by private coach from Melbourne Airport to Hotel

Dinner in the hotel restaurant or outside venue

Overnight accommodation in a twin share Standard Rooms,  
Crown Promenade, Melbourne

## Day 10 - 30 October 2014 - Melbourne

Coach travel from here to Gold Coast

Full breakfast included in the hotel restaurant

Visit to Lardner Park, east of Melbourne, to view Ketlang, St.  
Cerry and Raedean studs (includes a hosted lunch).

Observe grass fed steer trial.

Travel to Phillip Island and Cowes for lobster dinner and  
Penguin Parade at dusk

Return to Melbourne. Overnight accommodation in a twin  
share Standard Rooms, Crown Promenade, Melbourne

## Day 11 - 31 October 2014 - Melbourne to Ballarat / Hawkesford

Full breakfast included in the hotel restaurant

Travel west of Melbourne, via Lorne to visit Koallah Park  
including hosted Lunch

Travel to Ballarat via Turanga Red Polls.

Entry, Dinner and Show "Blood on the Southern Cross" at  
Sovereign Hill. Overnight accommodation in a twin share  
Standard Rooms, Mercure Ballarat

## Day 12 - 01 November 2014 - Ballarat to Kilmore to Melbourne

Full breakfast included in the hotel restaurant

Visit Cabbage Tree Hill Pastoral Co. on way to lunch in

Bendigo. Bendigo Tourist tram time permitting then visit

Derrileen and Woodburn on return to Melbourne

Dinner in the hotel restaurant or outside venue  
Overnight accommodation in a twin share Standard Rooms,  
Crown Promenade, Melbourne

**Day 13 - 02 November 2014 - Melbourne to Albury**

Full breakfast included in the hotel restaurant  
Depart Melbourne for Whittlesea Show to view Red Cactus,  
Lynbarry, Sophronites, Redward and others  
Depart early afternoon for Albury  
Dinner in the hotel restaurant or outside venue  
Overnight accommodation in a twin share  
Standard Rooms, Rydges Hotel, Albury

**Day 14 - 03 November 2014 - Albury**

Full breakfast included in the hotel restaurant  
Full Day Conference Room Hire including morning/  
afternoon tea and lunch  
Conference Dinner with beer, wine and soft drinks  
Overnight accommodation in a twin share  
Standard Rooms, Rydges Hotel, Albury

**Day 15 - 04 November 2014 - Albury**

Full breakfast included in the hotel restaurant  
Melbourne Cup Sweepstake  
Visit Coeeyana and then to Eurimbla for hosted lunch  
Dinner in the hotel restaurant or outside venue  
Overnight accommodation in a twin share  
Standard Rooms, Rydges Hotel, Albury

**Day 16 - 05 November 2014 - Albury to Canberra**

Full breakfast included in the hotel restaurant  
Travel to Canberra via the Alpine Way  
Boxed lunches  
Dinner in the hotel restaurant or outside venue  
Overnight accommodation in a twin share  
Standard Rooms, Novotel Hotel, Canberra

**Day 17 - 06 November 2014 - Canberra**

Full breakfast included in the hotel restaurant  
Guided tour of the Australian War Memorial  
Travel to Tarago to visit Glenrossal, Belault and  
Red Cedar studs and hosted lunch  
Return to Canberra and the Old House of Parliament  
for dinner in Members Dining Room  
Three Course Set Menu Dinner  
Three Hour Beverage Package to include beer,  
wine and soft drinks. Overnight accommodation  
in a twin share Standard Rooms,  
Novotel Hotel, Canberra

**Day 18 - 07 November 2014 - Canberra to Dubbo**

Full breakfast included in the hotel restaurant  
Entrance to Dubbo Zoo  
Dinner in the hotel restaurant or outside venue  
Overnight accommodation in a twin share  
Standard Rooms, Comfort Inn,  
Blue Lagoon Dubbo

**Day 19 - 08 November 2014 - Dubbo to Tamworth**

Full breakfast included in the hotel restaurant  
Travel to Murrurundi via Denman to view horse stud  
on route and Lunch at Murrurundi Art Gallery  
Visit to Omega 3 "Bindaree" Stud  
Dinner at the Cattleman Steakhouse, Tamworth.  
Home of Australian country music  
Overnight accommodation in a twin share  
Standard Rooms, All Seasons Tamworth Towers

**Day 20 - 09 November 2014 - Tamworth to Glen Innes**

Full breakfast included in the hotel restaurant  
Hosted lunch at Glen Innes Showground and view  
Kookabookra, Glenleigh, Lagoona studs and others.  
After lunch visit Rangers Valley Feedlot and return to  
Glen Innes  
Dinner in the hotel restaurant or outside venue  
Overnight accommodation in a twin share  
Standard Rooms, Rest Point Motor Inn, Glen Innes

**Day 21 - 10 November 2014 - Glen Innes [via  
Tenterfield] to Goldcoast**

Hosted breakfast at Tanamerah stud, "Culgoa" at  
Deep Water.  
Visit Richmond Dairy at Casino on way to Gold Coast for  
hosted lunch.  
Dinner in the hotel restaurant or outside venue  
Overnight accommodation in a twin share  
Standard Rooms, Sofitel Goldcoast

**Day 22 - 11 November 2014 - Depart Brisbane**

Full breakfast included in the hotel restaurant.  
Farewell lunch at Sofitel.  
Transfer to Brisbane Airport for outgoing flights.



# Calendar of Events 2013

May 18 - 28	Casino Beef Week
June 4 - 6	Farmfest Field Days, Toowoomba
July 15 - 18	Junior Heifer Expo, Adelaide
August 8 - 17	Brisbane Royal Show, EKKA
September 6 - 14	Royal Adelaide Show
September 21 - 2 Oct	Royal Melbourne Show
September 28 - 5 Oct	Royal Perth Show
October 1 - 3	Elmore Fields Days, Elmore
October 17 - 20	Geelong Show

## VALE DR RICHARD JONES

### Greetings from Jamaica,

Hope all is going well at your end.

We are saddened by the death of Dr Richard Jones on March 31, after a brief period of illness.

His contribution to Jamaica's agriculture is outstanding and even more prominent was his remarkable personality.

We are happy to have shared him with you while we record our debt of gratitude for his service and friendship.

With kind regards

Sincerely,

**Karl Wellington**

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