

RED POLL

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2016 ARPCBI AGM AND STUD TOUR

The South Australian Region
Saturday 22nd October and
Sunday 23rd October 2016



Proposed itinerary

Saturday 22nd October 2016

- ▶ commencing at Oakwood Red Polls (3 hrs from Adelaide) anytime from 10am
- ▶ cattle inspection
- ▶ followed by lunch at 12.00pm
- ▶ visit to Viranga Red Polls
- ▶ then on to Clare for the AGM at 5.00pm
- ▶ after the AGM dinner to be held at the Taminga Hotel Clare.

Sunday 23rd October 2016

- ▶ a meeting of the executive will be held early Sunday morning
- ▶ tour participants and the executive committee to visit Moyle Park and Maleer Studs
- ▶ there will be a BBQ lunch 12.00pm at the Bundaleer picnic ground, Jamestown
- ▶ back to Adelaide for return flights home (Jamestown approximately 2 – 3 hrs from Adelaide).



Accommodation

- ▶ South Australia region has some rooms reserved at the Country Comfort Clare Inn
- ▶ accommodation in Clare is filling fast - don't delay
- ▶ a list of accommodation options can be found at www.clarevalley.com.au/accommodation-directory

Please Note - you will need to make your own travel arrangements – flights, cars, accommodation.

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FROM THE DESK OF GAY WARD

President



As we come to the last few weeks of winter I hope this edition of our Newsletter finds that everyone has had good rains so far with more follow up in Spring which will help to set us all up with good crops, pasture feed, dams full, hay and a much better outlook for the drier months ahead.

There are many events in the coming few months for Red Polls, details of which are in this edition, these events provide a great window of opportunity for us to professionally present Red Polls to the face of the industry and provide vital information about our Breed.

I hope the many Breeders who are not directly participating provide support and help to their fellow Breeders by attending events in their local State or Region.

Good luck to all involved, don't forget to keep everyone up to date on our National Facebook page.

Some key reminders

- ▶ Our National AGM & Stud Tour, which takes place in SA this October.
- ▶ The Annual which is for production later this year, will be the edition that goes to our next Red Poll World Congress in the USA 2017.

▶ Your National Executive have been busy working on projects, the key one being implementing changes to the AI Sires Listings, the first stage is nearly finalised with details to be communicated in due course.

▶ For information on the additional work we are doing please remember to refer to the Minutes that are distributed to each Regional Secretary for Members reference and information.

Thank you to those Members who regularly contact me with their thoughts, ideas and input, it's great to hear from you and discuss opportunity's and interests with others who are as passionate about Red Polls as I am and who also look to provide a professional platform to promote our Breed.

I'm looking forward to catching up with many of our likeminded Red Poll enthusiast's over the next few months.
Gay Ward



WELCOME

The ARPCBI welcomes the following new members

**BOW Bowraville
Central School**

Bowraville NSW 2449

**BVW Russell
and Rebecca Otto**

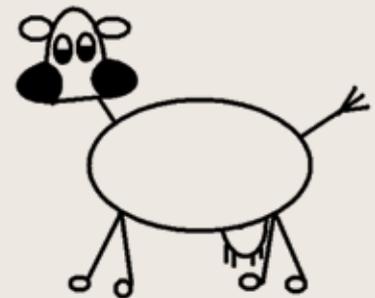
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'SAVE THE DATE' RED POLL YOUTH CAMP

**THE NNSW/QLD REGION LOOKS
FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU!!!**

The Red Poll Youth Camp will be held by the NNSW/QLD Region on 7th, 8th and 9th of October Glen Innes Showgrounds.



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VICTORIAN REGION REPORT



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All the news from Brittany Abbott

The Stud Beef Victoria Cattle Handlers Camp was held at the Prince Of Wales Showgrounds, Bendigo and started on Saturday 2nd - Tuesday 5th of July. There were 158 participants and 168 head of cattle.

The Red Poll Society sponsored the Champion Senior Parader which was fantastic to see, Hannah Homberg won this section. A big thank you needs to go to the Red Cactus and Stormley Red Poll Stud for providing ballot animals and all Studs for their participation.

The Red Cactus Red Poll Stud supplied three heifers:

- ▶ Red Cactus Teresa - Cassie Wilshire
- ▶ Red Cactus Jarbla - Darby McClaren, Darby had a great time at the camp as he was awarded fourth place in his Handlers Class and the Brian Alford Award for Best Herdsman in the Junior Section
- ▶ Red Cactus Meah - Ethan Stuart

The Stormley Red Poll Stud supplied three heifers, one bull and a steer:

- ▶ Stormley Pebbles - Joel Van Huizen
- ▶ Stormley Paris - Leanne Smith
- ▶ Stormley Princess - Trent Storm
- ▶ Stormley Prime Power - Kiara Shapcott-James
- ▶ Captain Jack - Trent Storm

The Turanga Red Poll stud supplied three heifers:

- ▶ Turanga Anne Maree - Annalise Abbott
- ▶ Turanga Ollie - Jamilla Abbott
- ▶ Turanga Ada - Brittany Abbott, I was placed fourth in my handling class.

The line up of Red Poll animals was exceptional and was great to see the breed being represented by high quality animals.

We are all looking forward to the 2017 camp!

All the news from Ian Staff

Ross Draper and Gay Ward have publicized the Red Poll Breed at the Bendigo Sheep Show with a stand and cattle on the 14th - 17th July.

Entries in the Lardner Park Grassfed Field Trials include 2 groups from:

- ▶ Judy Rand - 1 pair of Red Poll
- ▶ 1 pair of Angus X Red Poll, also
- ▶ J Fowler has entered a pair of Red Polls

Red Polls will be at the Melbourne Show 17th - 27th September and at a site at Elmore Field Days from 4th -6th October.

The Victorian Region Annual General Meeting will be held at Whittlesea Showgrounds Meeting Rooms on Saturday 23rd July.

Cattle for Sale - view <http://www.redpollvic.com>



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1 Annalise, Brittany and Jamilla Abbott with Turanga Red Polls at the VIC Handlers Camp.

2017 ANNUAL MAGAZINE PRODUCTION SCHEDULE

The advertising schedule has been mailed and is also available on the website.

Booking deadline for advertising
28th October 2016

Due date for material to be included
10th November 2016

In order to facilitate the production of a quality issue, with content readers find relevant and attractive member support is critical.

This will be the magazine to be taken to the World Congress in the USA



FROM THE DESK OF KERYN HUTTON

Executive Officer



Change is Good ...

At least if it gets us thinking and considering how best to move forward. As an organisation competing in the modern beef world the Red Poll breed needs to keep abreast of change, and decide how best to promote the growth of the business both as a collective (ARPCBI) and individuals (members).

The latest cattle projections as at July 2016 from MLA are that the Australian cattle market will find itself battling conflicting forces for the remainder of 2016. From a cattle supply point of view, numbers over the coming two years will fall to levels not seen in more than twenty years. This alone will more than likely stimulate strong competition between restockers, feedlots and processors for the limited availability. The national herd is estimated to fall to 26.2 million head by 30 June 2016, before rising slightly again in 2017, to 26.3 million head.

Fortunately, the good rainfall experienced by many producers will boost stock feed, and in conjunction with good strategies of management and genetic progress, average carcase weights will increase considerably to help offset in part the shortfall. There is opportunity for breeders to take advantage of!

The 2016 AGM, as advertised, is to be held in South Australia and I would encourage members to visit this beautiful part of Australia – Clare Valley, Barossa Valley, Flinders Ranges, Yorke Peninsular to name but a few beautiful areas.

On a more practical note, I would like to remind you of the upcoming election of regional councillors on the National Executive. Nomination forms will be sent out in August with the following requirements.

- ▶ Nominations for the election of Federal and Regional Councillors shall be in writing signed by two (2) full members other than the member nominated and shall be furnished to the Secretary within twenty one (21) days of the date of posting by the Secretary to members at their registered address of notices calling for nominations of members of National Executive.
- ▶ Nominations for the election of a Regional Councillor shall specify the Region for which the nomination is made and the person nominated and members signing his/her nomination shall be members of that region.

Enjoy the rest of the year, Keryn



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NEWSLETTER PRODUCTION DATES

Deadline for material
13th October 2016

Newsletter posted by
30th October 2016

Advertising accepted
Contact the Executive
Officer for rates



'SAVE THE DATE'

**THE FOLLOWING EVENTS ARE FAST
APPROACHING - MARK THEM IN YOU DIARIES!!!**

Saturday 3rd September 2016
Adelaide Show - Judging

Saturday 24th September 2016
Perth Show - Judging

Sunday 25th September 2016
Melbourne Show - Judging

Tuesday 4th - Thursday 6th October 2016
Elmore Field Days Victoria

Friday 7th - Sunday 9th October 2016
Youth Camp - Glen Innes

Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd October 2016
AGM and SA Stud Tour



SOUTH AUSTRALIAN REGION REPORT

All the news from Peter Wilson



As the depths of winter set in here in SA it's always reassuring to see the hardiness and 'doability' of the Red Poll breed, as the cows calve in cold wet conditions with little fuss and getting on with the job of rearing their offspring. After a very dry start into May the rain has been consistent and welcome across the state.

There has been renewed interest in the beef cattle industry lately and just reward for sticking with the cattle. Speaking to red poll breeders in recent months has certainly been positive with reports of excellent steer prices, along with encouraging female and bull sales.

From a regional perspective it was great to see local girl Cassie Hughes be awarded the 2016 Red Poll Youth Ambassador award. Cassie has started up her own Red Poll herd, Wilsdonview Red Polls.

Cassie will be a very worthy representative of our breed and we wish her all the best for the Heifer Show in July. There will be several Red Polls at the heifer show, thanks to Richard Daley for once again providing the animals and support for the exhibitors.

Preparations for the 2016 Federal AGM and stud tours are well underway with four SA Red Poll studs keen to welcome visitors to inspect their herds. Full details are included in this newsletter and also on the website. So keep the October 22nd - 23rd weekend free for a trip to South Australia for some great cattle and hospitality.

Also the **Adelaide Show** starts on Friday September 2nd with the Red Poll judging probably on the Saturday September 3rd.



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Well Done Cassy!

Cassy from Booleroo Centre in SA's mid north was the ARPCBI 2016 Youth Award winner selected to participate in the South Australian Heifer Expo. Cassy has started her own Red Poll cattle stud, Wilsdonview and we wish her every success in future endeavours with the breed.

Cassy's future goal is to work within the Agricultural industry to help maintain Australia's primary producers. "I'd look to do this by running or working within a cattle stud to help Australia producing Australian beef. I think the experience of starting a cattle stud from scratch along with learning opportunities such as attending the SAJHE are great ways to understand and develop into the agricultural industries."

Report from the South Australian Heifer Expo

I had a great time the heifer show, thank you and the rest of ARPCBI for giving me the chance to go. It was a lot of fun and I learnt heaps! We did lecture sessions about, breedplan, beef scanning, feedlot

management, butchering and others! We also learnt the finer points of showing and junior judging with the opportunity to ask lots of questions.

While I wasn't successful in any judged classes, we were assessed on participation, presentation, looking after the animals, keeping stalls clean etc. as well as a marketing assignment. During presentations at the end of the week I was excited to receive the Intermediate encouragement award.

I still have a lot to learn within this industry but feel attending the SAJHE was a great chance to meet new people and expand contacts.

By Cassy Hughes



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- 1 Cassy Hughes awarded the Intermediate Encouragement Award.
- 2 Left: Cassy Hughes Right: Tiana Poulton (only two red poll leaders at the show).



NNSW/QLD REGION REPORT

All the news from
Briony Looker



Eliza Cunningham, Associate Judge - Armidale NSW, Emily Perkins - Tabbita QLD, handler Layla Williams and exhibitor Tim Light - Armidale NSW.

Results Royal Brisbane 2016

Judge: Stephen Crowley, Barraba NSW

JUNIOR CHAMPION HEIFER	T Light	Lagoona Nichola
RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION HEIFER	N & P Lee	Omega 3 Gabriel
SENIOR CHAMPION FEMALE	K Cagney	Little Miss Valkerie
RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION FEMALE	K Usher	Rosedale Wildfire
GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE	T Light	Lagoona Nichola
SENIOR CHAMPION MALE	AJ & RM Hancock	Kookabookra Banjo
RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION MALE	C Jones	Red Cactus Arthur
GRAND CHAMPION MALE	AJ & RM Hancock	Kookabookra Banjo



Farmfest 2016

Thank you to the Studs who participated this year!

Studs attending were:

- ▶ Lagoona Red Poll Stud: 3 head
- ▶ Kookabookra Red Poll Stud: 3 head
- ▶ Wilanstie Red Poll Stud: 2 head

Considerable interest was generated and NNSW/QLD will have cattle back at Farmfest in 2017.

USA 2017

THE 15TH INTERNATIONAL RED POLL CONGRESS

The American Red Poll Association, extend an invitation to all Red Poll breeders to the USA to see the cattle and country.

The tour is 25 days in length and will encompass Red Poll cattle in differing US management styles, agriculture, historical places ranging from Appalachian settlements to the Biltmore Estate, entertainment from baseball to the famous Budweiser Clydesdales, as well as relaxation to visit and discuss the day's happenings.

Please see the payment procedure and the registration forms. We request one for each person attending.

Any questions contact Melissa at [Croswell Tours](mailto:CroswellTours) or Dan or Mary Jo Schmiesing at mardanacres@gmail.com

WHAT A MILESTONE!



Congratulations and best wishes to Ian Staff who celebrated his 80th birthday in June

Ian and his wife Nell have been Members for 25 years and contribute actively for Red Polls particularly in the Victorian Region, Ian also continues to hold the position of Secretary/Treasurer for the Region, all of their commitment and efforts are very much appreciated by all of the Red Poll community.

Ian celebrated his Birthday with a wonderful gathering of family and friends where a great time was had by all.

We would also like to wish Nell all the best and a speedy recovery from major shoulder surgery.

1 Ian, Nell and family celebrating.



DO YOU HAVE A STORY TO SHARE

Please send stories and photos you would like included in the next edition to red.poll@abri.une.edu.au or fax to 02 6772 5376 Att: Keryn

MEETING MARKET SPECS

Richard Murphy, a buyer from Bindaree Beef Abattoir and Myola Feedlot explains what they want in the cattle they purchase. He uses their current cow grid as an example and focuses on two major points 1. Knowing your cattle and 2. Improving your cattle.

Jason Siddell, Senior Land Services Officer for Livestock, Glen Innes, then points out some of the tools available to producers to do this.

Receiving carcass feedback and understanding it really comes down to 2 major points for the producer.

Richard

► 1. Knowing your cattle

There are still many producers that do not understand processor payment grids and do not assess their cattle properly prior to sale. I'll use our current cow grid as an example.

WEIGHT	6 - 22MM	0 - 5MM	23 - 30MM	31 - 40MM
400 - 425.9kg	2.10	4.97	4.95	4.72
300 - 399.9kg	5.20	5.07	5.04	4.81
275 - 299.9kg	5.15	5.02	5.00	4.76
250 - 274.9kg	5.10	4.97	4.95	4.72
225 - 249.9kg	5.00	4.88	4.85	4.63
Under 225kg	6-15mm	0-5mm	16-22mm	23-30mm
200 - 224.9kg	4.85	4.73	4.70	4.49

If a producer thinks their cattle will weigh 310kg with 8mm of fat then they will receive \$1,612/hd but if the cattle are actually 290kg with 5mm fat then they will receive \$1,455.60 – a difference of \$156.40.

► 2. Improving your cattle

What are the carcass traits that I can improve through genetics to receive a greater return? These vary depending on your market/environment but can include selecting earlier maturing genetics to finish cattle faster for a trade weight and avoid and lean penalties. By finishing the cattle faster i.e. still at Milk teeth as opposed to 4 or 6 teeth there will be a correlation in a lower ossification score which will also increase the eating quality and therefore the MSA Index.

High IMF genetics – Increasing marble scores in finished cattle is a great way to increase return. Not only does it improve the MSA Index score but it may make the carcass eligible for a Marble score premium (often a 2+ is needed to achieve this).

Temperament – Although there is no direct premium for quiet cattle vs stirred cattle, the results can be evident in the Meat Colour part of MSA assessment. If the animal is stressed by either being stirred itself or in a pen with a stirred animal it can result in the 'dark cutter' (high PH and dark Meat Colour).

By combining both MSA and carcass feedback the producer can make more informed decisions for both future genetic selection and marketing decisions for slaughter cattle.

In regards to feedlot cattle, producers should ask if they can receive some performance data from the feedlot, although sometimes this may not be available as part of a company policy. This may include average daily gain/ conversion/ marbling. By understanding how your cattle performed, a producer can understand why they received a certain price for their feeders. It may also be used to demand a premium e.g. on current rations a performance difference of 0.1kg/day can mean 10-15c/kg HSCW difference for an animal fed on a 100 day program.

Jason

I agree producers should be sourcing and analysing feedback from the processors and feedlots they have supplied cattle to in the past. By identifying potential areas of improvement such as growth, fatness, eating quality and yield, producers can look for these traits when considering bulls for purchase, while being mindful of maintaining or improving calving ease, fertility and mature cow size in your female herd.

The problem that commercial beef producers have is that even if they run their cows in single sire joining mobs very few producers will match the steer and heifer progeny back to the dams. Hence they would be accessing feedback and making heifer replacement decisions on half the story. So in my view information needs to be related back to sires and dams to truly make change.

In regard to visual muscling the results from the NSW DPI Muscling Herd Project at the Glen Innes Research Station (Angus Herd - 24 years of study) has shown an increase in one muscle score i.e. D to C will increase the dressing percentage of a steer by about 1% and the Retail Beef Yield by 1% and be worth an extra 0.21c/kg liveweight when selling the animals through live selling systems.

Muscle Score assessed visually has moderate to high heritability, and low genetic and phenotypic correlations with weight and fatness traits. It can be selected for at a young age because of the very high genetic correlations between weaning and yearling measurements. The research has shown muscle score does not affect female fertility (except cows with 821del11 under nutritional stress) or meat quality, but improves feedlot feed efficiency, dressing percent, retail yield, meat: bone ratio.

Therefore with the introduction of value based payment systems, carcasses that are high yielding with superior eating quality will be in high demand and selection of sires with increased visual muscling (C+, B-, B or B+), high growth (lower ossification), high Carcass wt, high IMF and adequate rib and P8 fat will be highly sought after.

Prue

I've looked at the Breedplan figures too and they can help us to know our cattle, for example 200 and 400 day growth figures help us to breed cattle with the growth potential to ensure good outcomes at the abattoir or in the feedlot. The carcass EBVs including IMF, EMA, Retail Beef Yield, positive or negative fat figures also give breeder's the information needed to support good breeding decisions. Currently very few Red Poll breeders are scanning their cattle for these traits, although this is improving gradually.

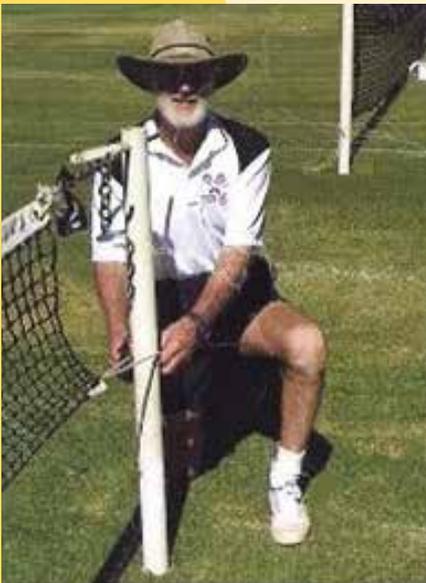
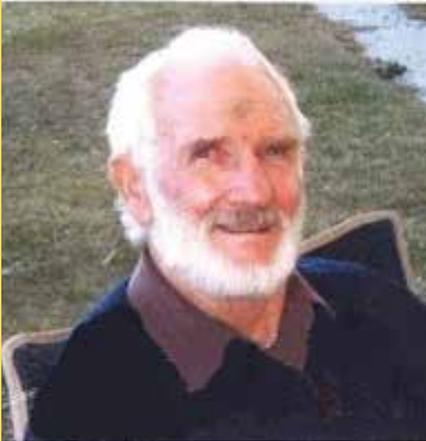
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WESTERN AUSTRALIAN REGION REPORT

All the news from
Quentin Hooper



Not a lot of cattle activity happening in WA currently, but breeders report across the region one of the best starts to a session on record. With some areas actually having more rainfall than needed and some issues of getting crops in the ground. There was excellent early pastures but cool weather and low rainfall in areas in June, has slowed this early pasture growth. In most areas the outlook for crop yields is still very good.

It is with deep sadness that the WA region lost member Bob Hall on Saturday 2nd July

Bob and Bev ran the Hallmark stud and were the last WA members of the association before the merger. Bob was a loyal family man with a strong sense of community. Softly spoken but always listened to. Most WA Red Poll stud breeders were in attendance to pay their respects at his funeral on the 9th July. In time, the WA region will share the story of Bob's cattle exploits and influence within the region, but for now, we share a poem penned by Bob's son Glenn, which was read at his funeral. The poem is written as if thru Bob's eyes and allows us all to reflect.

Time Is Precious *Written and delivered by Glenn Hall*

Life and time is precious, I know this fact
There's no dress rehearsal, no second act
So I took my chances and made a wonderful life
With three great kids and an amazing wife

We toiled hard and farmed the land
We did our best, in the "Koolena" sand
Together we loved our family, they were our number one
Bev we have guided them, an important job well done

Then, our small family eventually grew
With three great spouses and six grandsons too
So proud of them all and they brought me joy
All showing traits, of the "Sleepy Hollow" boy

No regrets, as I take one last look
Maybe, should have penned a history book
I contributed to my community, where I could
I treated all as equals – as everyone should

So you all carry on and do your best
As I am weary and it's my time to rest
Remember, love your families and devote them time
Be involved in their life, as I did mine

Please grieve for me, but not too long
For I am courageous and very strong
Remember me and say my name
Share happy stories, until we meet again

Well that's it folks, my time has come
Be good to each other and look after Mum
And as I end, my last poignant rhyme
Move forward, enjoying, that precious time

Bob Hall 28.05.1940 - 02.07.2016

God will link the broken chain
As one by one we meet again
In our hearts he will always stay
Loved and remembered every day

Thank you for loving and sharing
For giving and caring
God bless you and keep you
Until we meet again

Our family would like to
thank you for all your love
and support at this sad time



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