

RED POLL

BEEF CATTLE

The New South Wales region will host the 2012 Annual General Meeting to be held on Saturday 10th November at 4pm.

VENUE: Hawkesbury Racecourse Motel

ADDRESS: 1 Racecourse Road, CLARENDON, NSW, phone: 02 4560 4300

DIRECTIONS: Trains run half hourly from the Airport via Central Station for Clarendon-Richmond Line. Pick up from the railway station available on request.

DETAILS: A buffet dinner to be held from 7pm at the Hawkesbury Racecourse Motel at an estimated cost of \$41.00, to include a short talk by Ms Sarah Smith.

A steer demonstration and judging event for schools is planned for the morning of the 10th November in conjunction with the Farming Small Areas Field Day.

The NSW Region would like to have numbers for the dinner:

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2012 ARPCBI AGM

Farming Small Areas Expo 2012

9th & 10th November 2012
(Friday & Saturday) from 9am - 4pm

A fantastic weekend for all those, who want to know what's new in the farming section.

- Over 200 exhibitors and foodstalls
- Industry & Investment
- Shearing demonstrations
- Poultry display and talks
- Music, fun and entertainment for the whole family

Entry fee \$2 per person, child under 12yrs free if accompanied by an adult, \$5 per car for parking and entry.

Hawkesbury Showground
Racecourse Rd, Clarendon NSW



PRESIDENTS POST



Much has happened with Red Polls since our last newsletter. Our trip to Rockhampton produced considerable interest from the northern cattlemen and it was due to the excellent effort made by Jill Bockman and the Queensland region.

The site assigned to us turned out to be in a very visible position and Jill had arranged it very well. Albert Hancock, Richard Light, Prue Lee, Keryn Hutton and I with help from the showing members under the supervision of Jill, manned the site. Unfortunately I could not be there for the whole show but Jill herself put in a major effort.

The enquiry was constant everyday and most people were well aware of the qualities of Red Poll cattle and their potential within the northern cattle industry. It was surprising the number of people who said they had had Red Polls or were aware of them in their area and what good cattle they were. Most felt they weren't readily available but if they were they would consider them. The cattle Jill had on display, certainly highlighted the quality of our breed and she managed them so well that they appeared fresh throughout the 5 days of Beef 2012.

In conjunction with the static display, four studs exhibited cattle. Burnie and Owen McCarthy took a truck load from Victoria and presented them in excellent condition considering the trip. Priscilla Hancock, Albert and Rachael Hancock, Tim, Ellen, Vicki and Richard Light, made the effort to show their cattle and support Jill with managing the Red Poll site. Overall, the Queensland region, with Toolleen's help, did an outstanding job for our breed at Beef 2012.

On returning home, I made enquiries of the stud stock manager at Landmark about acceptance of Red Poll cattle at the major all breed sale held in Rockhampton, February and he was more than helpful. He suggested the cattle go up a month before the sale to be acclimatised and prepared by the fitters they recommend. He also asked me to send him our annual and brochure which he would send on to his local branches and this I have done. In addition, he gave me an independent agent to contact in Emerald, which I have done and received favourable response. It seems to me that we could sell in these areas quite well as the problem of horns and fertility are a real concern to the Bos Indicus breeds. My main concern is can we supply the numbers and the type of bulls they would want. Northern cattle producers all require their cattle to be able to walk and so the type of cattle to supply would need to have some 'leg' about them.

Prior to Beef 2012, I attended the International Beef Cattle Genetics Conference. This was a two-day event with keynote addresses by Beef CRC and various speakers from Australia and North and South America. I felt Red Polls should have had a representative at such an important conference. It is the end of the current funding period for the Beef CRC during which time they have tried to use gene sequences to identify desirable traits in cattle and provide a simple means of testing for these genes. Well after 7 years and co-operation between the USA and various commercial organizations we have a greater understanding of the complication of the interaction of genes within and across breeds but no great break-through as yet. The Genestar simplicity of identifying traits is still some way off.

The World Congress Committee met very successfully in Adelaide for two days from Saturday 14th April at the show grounds where a nice venue was made available to us at no charge. Keryn, Murray, Jill, Ian, Mark and I spent all day Saturday until noon Sunday putting together all the facets of the tour we desire. At the start the task seemed daunting. We had had several tele-conferences prior to this meeting and found that it was too difficult to get any direction. However by Sunday we were all quite surprised at our efforts and the ground we had covered. To date we have various areas assigned to each of us to specialize in and a tour itinerary that has been costed and quoted on by two firms and once the committee has accepted the tour provider we should be able to make some preliminary announcements. I must commend the work put in so far by the committee and their professional approach to this difficult task.

Before I finish I would like to remind you of the Youth Cattle Camp being organized by Tim Light and his helpers for the Glen Innes Showgrounds Friday 5th Oct – Sunday 7th Oct. Entry forms and information are available on our website. The show season is fast approaching so I hope to see some of you in the near future.

RICHARD DALEY



QUEENSLAND REPORT



CASINO BEEF WEEK 2012

Casino Beef Week which was held later in May 2012 is an interesting concept for those who haven't attended before. Steers and Stud cattle are displayed in the main Street of Casino which is closed off for the event. Cattle are tied to a steel rope running through the centre of the street and all judging takes place at the main roundabout which is turned into a judging ring. The public pass in front and behind the cattle on the footpaths giving them a great view.

In attendance were Jill Bockman, John Rhea and some of the Staff from Richmond Dairies whose subsidiary Fast Freeze International owns Red Poll Cattle. It was an all breeds show and the Red Poll cattle acquitted themselves well in the show ring and again we had excellent exposure.

A mini conference, sponsored by Richmond Dairies, included a session by Albert Hancock on fertility and "good doing" cattle on a grass only regime. This was held in the Richmond Dairies grassed car park, which had been set up with a marquee etc by their staff. It looked great especially when we added all our Red Poll signs etc.

Although not many people attended, (mainly because the Beef Week Promoters forgot to put it in their catalogue) questions were many and discussion was lively.

We had good feedback and will probably do it again next year.

Thanks once again to Chris, James and Rhianna and staff from Richmond Dairies for the concept and all their help.

FARMFEST 2012

Farmfest, held near Toowoomba in early June 2012 for three days, is another venue used to promote the Red Poll Breed in Qld.

In attendance were Jill Bockman, John Rhea and Albert Hancock.

A lot of interest was generated by the Red Poll and Brahman x Red Poll cattle which we had on display, and we were happy with the result with many breeders passing through our site availing themselves of our literature and knowledge.

Stud cattle & steers are also shown at Farmfest and this year a Red Poll Bull won the prestigious "Battle of the Bulls" a first since the inception of this event established many years ago.

Moyle Park Zeppelin a four and a half year old Red Poll Bull won the British Breed section and went on to win the show.

He also won the best male marketable beef animal, a competition held by the Natural Ecosystems Group. He came in with an EMA of 152.9 and fat scores of 8 & 10.

Interestingly, this bull came straight from the paddock, was working and not grain assisted. He weighed in at 1062 kgs.

Just goes to show what the Red Polls can do when you get a judge who recognises their attributes.

This win gave us good press in The Land, The Country life and a South Australia Rural paper.

The weather was freezing BRRRRR!!!! but it didn't deter the hardy Red Poll owners and helpers who manned the site.

Thanks to Steve Williams & his Dad who came and helped us out

JILL BOCKMAN



Photo courtesy of The Land newspaper. Pictured are judge Craig Gapes sashing the Supreme Interbreed Champion of the Farmfest battle of the Bulls - Moyle Park Zeppelin, held by Albert Hancock, Glen Innes, Sarah Wilson of Ambre Fuels Ltd (major sponsor) and Jill Bockman of Tanamerah Red Polls.

VICTORIAN REPORT

The Victorian region of the ARPCB Inc has had a fairly quiet period since our last newsletter with most of our field days promotion, and our sale conducted in the summer and autumn months.

With the National Beef at Bendigo not being held this year, the big beef cattle event since our last newsletter would undoubtedly be Beef 2012 at Rockhampton. The McCarthy brothers from Derrileen Red Poll Stud made the long trip from Toolleen to Rockhampton with a team of cattle to participate in this outstanding event. The feedback that I have been given, is that it was well worth their time and effort in attending.

Another newsworthy item that missed the last newsletter, was the win at the Lardner Park Steer trial earlier this year, where commercial breeder John Fowler had the highest scoring carcase pair of steers in the competition; well done John. This continues a strong tradition of Red Poll steers scoring highly at this competition.

Upcoming events include the Victorian Region annual meeting this Saturday the 21st of July, the Red Poll breeder selection information day on September the 1st and The Royal Melbourne Show from September 22nd to October the 2nd

MARK HARRIS

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN REPORT

It is currently cold and dry in SA. Some of our coastal regions have had rain but the further north you go the less there is. However this is not that unusual for this time of the year but try telling that to the cows. For most of us seeding and pasture preparation are our main concern now although the schools have all picked up their steers from the participating studs. This year we have supplied to a extra school. There was no application for the Red Poll Youth Award this year so for the first time in many years there will be no Red Poll heifers at the Heifer Expo so until the Adelaide show there is very little to report from SA.

RICHARD DALEY



VICTORIAN RED POLL BREEDER SELECTION INFORMATION DAY

GRAME HOPF

LEADING CATTLE APPRAISER AND JUDGE IN AUSTRALIA AND INTERNATIONALLY WILL GUIDE US ON BREEDER SELECTION, ASSESSMENT, CONFORMATION AND MUCH MORE.

SATURDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2012

AT

HIPWELL AND HALLIDAY'S
ALMORA RED POLL STUD
4950 BARMAN-SHEPPARTON ROAD,
BUNBARTHA

COMMENCING AT 11 AM

SAUSAGE SIZZLE FOR LUNCH
OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS
AND OTHER INTERESTED BREEDERS

(FOR CATERING PURPOSES, CALL DON CASTLE
ON 5235 2235 IF YOU ARE COMING)

VALE BERES SUBERAN

WE ARE SADDENED TO REPORT THE DEATH OF BERES SUBERAN, A PAST CHAIRMAN AND LIFE MEMBER OF OUR BREED SOCIETY. BERES DOMINATED NATIONAL SHOWS WITH HIS BULLS FROM NEW HOPE FARM AND CHAIRED THE SOCIETY FOR 15 YEARS. WE APPRECIATE AND ARE GRATEFUL FOR HIS CONTRIBUTION. MAY HIS SOUL FIND ETERNAL REST.

COURTESY
KARL WELLINGTON

WORLD CONGRESS & TOUR 2014

The committee for the world tour of Australia in 2014 has made considerable progress with the tour. Much of what we want to achieve and how we intend to do so has been discussed and a comprehensive plan devised. At this stage, the detail and in-depth costing analysis are ongoing with the aim to be in a position by November 2013, one year out, to have the final product ready for promotion to the World.

The tour will begin in Perth on 21st October 2014 with a welcome dinner, then a tour of Western Australia including the Brunswick show on 25th before flying to South Australia on 26th October. After two days in South Australia the tour will fly to Melbourne on the afternoon of 29th October with some free time scheduled in Adelaide.

In Victoria the tour will travel east to Lardner Park, west to Ballarat and then back to Melbourne via Bendigo before attending the Whittlesea show on 2nd November. On the 3rd November the tour will move onto Albury for the World Congress to be held in the Carlton room of the Rydges Hotel.

From Albury on 5th November the tour travels to Canberra via the Alpine way and includes visits to the War Memorial and dinner at Parliament House. From Canberra on 7th November it continues to Dubbo and the Western Plains Zoo then onto Tamworth on 8th and via Glenn Innes to Tenterfield for a stay overnight on 9th November before progressing to Brisbane through Casino on 10th November. The tour will end with a farewell lunch in Brisbane on 11th November 2014.

Each region has submitted the names of studs willing to host the tour, central locations where members will collectively display animals and places of interest to visit. The committee has developed guidelines for host studs and we will release these once we have investigated sponsorship opportunities. We have some plans for the Congress itself, a theme and a logo, also we are developing educational opportunities along with other ideas.

We will continue to update members as the arrangements evolve. The above is only a skeleton of our working model and as we work out through the tour with our tour operator we should be able to provide you with the definitive tour over time.

RICHARD DALEY

OMEGA 3 RED POLLS OPEN DAY



On Wednesday 20th June Omega 3 Red Polls opened as part of the Northern Beef Week. We see ourselves as firstly commercial breeders, but with a growing stud, also targeting the commercial market.

I emailed a number of local producers and invited them to our day. I explained that I wanted their feedback regarding our cattle. I needed to know what would encourage them to buy a Red Poll. Their comments were not surprising, they wanted good temperament, we ticked the boxes there, everyone wandered through the bulls and females and the cattle stood chewing their cuds.

They wanted early maturity that is high EBV's for 200 days. They wanted cattle with good width, depth and muscling. These are the areas that we are working on. I've always worried about females becoming too masculine, but we can certainly increase muscling without becoming extreme.

A number of agents attended and we had very positive comments from them, particularly regarding our weaner heifers. They are by far the best we've bred and those by Martinvale Lion stand out. They have more width than we've bred before.

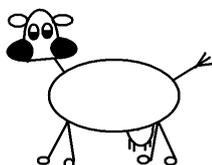
We had little for sale, but next year we intend to promote a number of two year old bulls that should suit local breeders. I feel confident that as we get more thickness, depth and growth into our cattle they will sell into our area. It was mentioned a number of times that people were looking for "good cattle", the breed was not a primary consideration.

There is a lot of competition from the bigger breeds, but our agent is keen to support us and our local beef cattle officer is also working with us.

To sum up, the day was a success; it enabled good discussion in a relaxed environment and an opportunity to show Red Polls to many local producers. Now it's up to us!

Thank you very much Albert Hancock, Kookabookra Stud and Priscilla Hancock, Glenleigh Stud who came down from Glen Innes for the day.

PRUE LEE



Australian Red Poll Cattle Breeders Inc Youth Camp

Held at the Glen Innes Show Grounds
October 5th, 6th & 7th 2012

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FROM KERYN



It is half way through the year already and a busy time for all with the end of the financial year once again. It is good to see the success for the Red Poll breed at Beef 2012, Rockhampton. There was considerable interest by the Northern breeders keen to improve on the polledness and fertility in their herds.

In due course, as the AGM approaches, you will receive in the mail a nomination form for a Regional member to act as representative on the Federal Executive. After nominations close, and if there is more than one nomination from a region, voting forms will follow. If you intend to attend the Annual General Meeting this year, I would strongly advise organising accommodation early, due to the 'Small farms Expo' held on the 9th and 10th November.

The forms for advertising in the next Annual will be mailed out at an earlier time this year. Please have all applications for advertising in by the deadline.

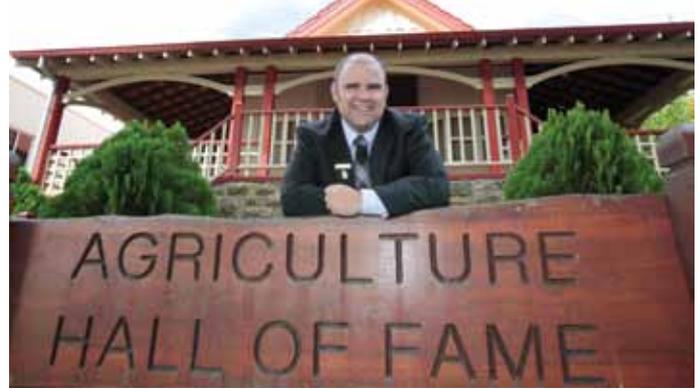
Aimee Klabe has taken on another position at ABRI and until the appointment of a dedicated registrar to the ARPCBI please forward all registrations, transfers and other forms to the Executive Officer's mailing address and email to: red.poll@abri.une.edu.au.

Rodwell's Ruralco is now acting broker for a number of insurance agents including CGU, Alliance and Argis with the three listed as handling rural insurances.

With numerous events, including the Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth Shows, Red Poll Youth camp and the activities planned for the NSW AGM weekend still to come I wish members every success for the remainder of the year.

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PROFILE: QUENTIN HOOPER

Cattle breeder, photographer, accountant, husband and father ... Quentin Hooper gets a lot done. Quentin Hooper has been going to the Royal Show in Claremont for 23 years. The 36-year-old accountant exhibited cattle when he was a teenager, and entered photographs at last year's event.

The father of three-year-old Paul and husband to Shezanne has also just been named by CPA Australia as one of its top 40 business leaders under the age of 40. "Someone once said, 'If you've got a job to do then give it to a busy person,'" Quentin said. "I think I got all the jobs – I'm on the Show dog committee as well."

Quentin is also the Royal Agricultural Society's youngest-serving councillor. He works in Perth as the manager of project accounting for Fortescue Metals Group. His older brother Travis teases Quentin as being a St Georges Terrace farmer. "My job on the RAS council is a big commitment while working full-time, so Fortescue have been very supportive," Quentin said.

Quentin grew up in York and exhibited his first bulls at the Show with his uncle when he was 19. Eleven years later he won the interbreed title in 2003 with Eddie, a 1185kg Red Poll. In recent years has picked up Grand Champion and Supreme Champion ribbons. "I vividly remember the day Eddie won," Quentin said. "I kissed him straight away. "I was really proud and had the ribbon framed with a picture of him." "He was three metres from nose to rump. "I met Shezanne a year later, and Eddie was displeased the first time she came to the farm."

Quentin runs 25 stud females on his uncle's farm, halfway between Corrigin and Quairading. He buys semen from New Zealand in the quest to get the best genetics in cattle. He said the bond between farmers and animals was strong. "They sense you and know you're not there to hurt them," Quentin said. "You get a connection with them that makes you feel alive. "There's no way you'd put in the time, money, and exertion if you didn't. "I also love the camaraderie in the cattle section at Show time."

Taking photos is just as exciting for Quentin. Last year he had two images on show. One showed a little boy peeking over a farm fence while his father held his hand and a dog ran up a path. "It was trying to show what a farm looks like through a child's eyes," Quentin said. "Nothing beats taking a good photo when you've put some thought into it." This year's Show will be a mix of fun and frustration for Quentin. "I'll be mucking up cattle from 6am and seeing the fireworks at 9pm," he said. "I'll be busy, but there's so much to see at the Show."

ROCKHAMPTON BEEF WEEK 2012

It was decided this year that the Qld Branch would have a Trade sight at Rockhampton Beef Week which was held in May 2012.

The trade site was in an excellent position and was easily accessible and had great exposure to all who wanted to see the Red Poll and the Red Poll X Brahman cattle we took for display.

Beef 2012 catered for commercial cattle and stud cattle each within their own area. Many interested cattle breeders who came to the trade site went on to visit the stud cattle as well and vice versa.

A large number of breeders in Mid to North Queensland run Brahman cattle & there was also a lot of interest in the Red Poll x Brahman cattle. They were looking to the Red Poll Cattle for fertility, docility, milk, temperament and the ability of the Red Poll to poll a high percentage of their offspring.

We were extremely happy with the number of genuine enquiries we had over that week and so far as a result 8 brahman cross bulls have been sold and delivered to a North

Qld breeder and 9 Red Poll heifers and a Red Poll Bull have been ordered for delivery in Nov 2012 to a breeder in the Callide Valley.

There are 3 more Bulls (2 Red Polls & 1 Brahman x Red Poll) that were sold prior to Beef 2012 and they are being delivered to Springsure in August.

Hopefully, this trend will continue as Northern breeders recognise the attributes of the Red Poll.

A big thankyou to the Stud cattle exhibitors who travelled long distances to show their cattle, especially Bernard and Owen McCarthy who came from Victoria with 8 head and really boosted the numbers. Congratulations to the winners.

To our President Richard Daley and his wife Kay thanks so much for giving of your time and flying up from SA to attend Beef 2012. Richard attended a one-day seminar while he was there and both he and Kay helped out on the site.

Thanks also go to Nick & Prue Lee for coming up from Quirindi to help on the site and our hard working Secretary Keryn Hutton was on site as well for a few days often to be seen running around with a camera in her hand.

Our thanks also to the National Executive for all their support.

Finally, a big thank you to all the helpers for manning the site and for erecting and taking down our display, without people like yourselves these events would not be possible.

We have to be out there with the rest of the other breeds of cattle to make our mark. These types of events seem to be one of the ways to get some recognition for our breed.

JILL BOCKMAN



BEEF AUSTRALIA 2012 ROCKHAMPTON RESULTS OF RED POLL STUD CATTLE JUDGING

The judge officiating on the day was Steve Reid principal of the Talbalba Hereford Stud at Millmerran. Steve also conducts the Southern Cross Bull sale at Jackson.

Representing the Australian Red Poll Cattle Breeders Inc. were:

Glenleigh Red Poll Stud - Priscilla Hancock, Wellrock, Glen Innes

Kookabookra Red Poll Stud - AJ, RM, AJ & DJ Hancock, Yarraldool, Glen Innes

Lagoona Red Poll Stud - RA, VA, TD & EL Light, Lagoona, Armidale

Derrileen Red Poll Stud - E.B. McCarthy and Sons, Toolleen VIC

Calf Champion Female

DERRILEEN NOONAMAH ROSE

Reserve Calf Champion Female

DERRILEEN MYSTERY ROSE

Calf Champion Male

DERRILEEN CUNNAMULLA

Junior Champion Female

GLENLEIGH HEIDI JANE

Junior Champion Male

DERRILEEN CHARLEVILLE

Senior Champion Female

KOOKABOOKRA SALLY

Grand Champion Female

KOOKABOOKRA SALLY

Senior Champion Bull

GLENLEIGH NUGGET

Reserve Senior Bull

LAGOONA WESTERNS NACHO

Grand Champion Bull

GLENLEIGH NUGGET

Exhibitors Group

E.B McCarthy and Sons

Sires Progeny Stakes

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Dams Progeny Stakes

E.B McCarthy and Sons, Derrileen Tabloid

Congratulations to the four studs making the effort to attend Beef 2012, showcasing Red Poll Cattle.

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