

## PRESIDENTS POST



**F**or many of you I would imagine a lot has changed since our last newsletter. Crops and pasture would have been sown and calving either finished or about to happen.

Within the Red Poll association as well, with a new contract signed for another two years with ABRI and ongoing discussion regarding whether to change to the new computer system and the cost of this service.

At this stage, your committee has resisted the move to the new system called ILR2 due predominantly to the funding demands of a World Tour we need to budget for and we would like to see value for our money.

A youth committee has been proposed with Wayne Owston, our Youth Director, given the job of getting it off the ground. It will aim to advise the National Executive and act as a forum for generating ideas.

The first job will be to discuss the youth membership category. It has been suggested that up to two young members from each region plus the Youth Director make up this committee. Details are being reviewed by Wayne in consultation with me.

Our Secretary, is currently dealing with end of year matters including our financials, membership and FIS accounts for the new financial year and preparation for the AGM to be held in room 1 RAS, Melbourne showground on Sunday, 29th September at 1.30 pm.

Nominations will be called for two National positions on the Federal Executive and it would be nice to fill both these positions this time. Because this is a busy time for Keryn I would like you all to remember that we will be trying to get our Annual out by the end of the year as we did last year which means you need to start considering your advertising now and book space.

In addition, any articles for the Annual would be best considered now before we all get too involved with the show season. Articles about our cattle and breed are always welcome by Keryn. Copy will need to be ready as soon as the Royal shows are over i.e early October if we are to achieve our deadline.

The 14th International Red Poll Congress committee will meet face to face in Adelaide on Saturday 17th August. Although tele-conferences and interaction by email occurs on a regular basis a day meeting has been organized to finalize a myriad of



WAYNE JENKINS

## REMINDER! 2013 ARPCBI AGM

The Victorian region will host the 2013 Annual General Meeting to be held on Sunday 29th September at 1.30 pm in Meeting room 1, Royal Melbourne Showgrounds, followed by afternoon tea. The National Executive Meeting will take place thereafter.

Red Poll judging will commence at 10.00 am and an informal Red Poll Dinner will be held at Pacinos Family Italian Restaurant, 300 Epsom Rd at 6.30pm on Sunday evening. It is within walking distance of the Showgrounds.

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details. It is proposed that next year's Annual will be printed by October 21st 2014 and will incorporate the tour booklet. This will mean that members can advertise as usual in the Annual but also be exposed to the tour and we will need your cooperation to pull this one off.

Host studs will have their stud profiles in the booklet section and we will have to recognize our sponsors and provide advertising for them.

I would also like to bring to your attention the Scholarship Program and nomination form displayed on our webpage. For the successful applicant a place will be provided on the tour with all but airfares paid for. After correspondence with some of our overseas Red Poll breeders it was decided to write to the Senepol breeders of the World and invite them to participate in the tour. Some useful response has been received.

Finally, there is a link on our website to our tour provider, Sunlover Tours. If you are interested in going on the tour or part of the tour it would be helpful if you could fill out an expression of interest and begin dialogue with Kim McNeill of Sunlover.

The Queensland region is now officially the Queensland and Northern NSW region. This should simplify the region's



## NEWSLETTER PRODUCTION DATES

**Deadline for material Oct 16th**  
**Newsletter posted by Oct 31st**

Advertising accepted. Please contact the Executive Officer for rates

geographic location. NSW will be hosting the Red Poll Feature Show at Sydney in the Autumn of 2015. It would be a good time to start considering your participation in this event now.

Finally, I would like to inform you that I will attend the ARCBA AGM on behalf of Red Polls and will attend the showing of Red Poll's at Brisbane. I will then be at Melbourne for the Red Poll showing and the AGM and then fly on to Perth for the showing.

So if you can, please come and meet with me at those venues to discuss any issues that you think I may be able to help you with or just to say hello.

RICHARD DALEY

# QUEENSLAND & NORTHERN NEW SOUTH WALES

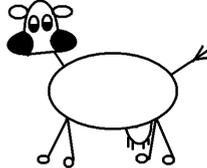
Members of the Qld Northern NSW Region have been very busy recently. Thanks go to Jill Bockman, John Rhea, Albert Hancock and Steve Williams for their involvement in promoting the Red Poll breed at Farmfest held at Kingsthorpe near Toowoomba for 3 days in May.

Farmfest was followed by Beef Week open days. Three studs Kookabookra, Glenleigh and Omega 3 had successful days exhibiting and promoting Red Poll cattle. What great ambassadors we have for the breed.

Our members have been putting the finishing touches to cattle for Brisbane RNA Show at the beginning of August. Some steers will be travelling along with the stud cattle to be exhibited this year. We wish our members all the best at Brisbane.

The organisation for the National Red Poll Youth Camp to be held at Glen Innes from Saturday 21st to Monday 23rd of September, 2013 is progressing well. Our youth organisers have been busy sourcing sponsors and sending out entry forms as well as making sure that attendees get the best instruction with cattle

**Australian Red Poll Cattle Breeders Inc**  
**Youth Camp**



**Held at the Glen Innes Show Grounds**  
**September 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> 2013**

**Contact: Rachael Hancock 0432 581493 or**  
**Tim Light 0458 744552**

related activities. Anyone wishing to assist can contact the youth organisers, their details along with the entry form and program are on the Red Poll website.

VICKI LIGHT

**A FEW THOUGHTS ABOUT OUR OPEN DAY**

We were very lucky to have the Tanamerah Principals here to help, they arrived with the Red Poll banners and information.

We had tried to market the day as Red Polls being, not only a good straight breed, but also excellent in cross-breeding. To date we have not been successful in getting our cattle into the local commercial herds and this is our target market.

We have a couple of major issues to overcome with Beef Week, one is that it is in the middle of winter crop sowing, most of the people around us are croppers first and cattle producers, second. Also, we are not close to any studs that open that day so anyone coming to see us tends to have an interest in Red Polls, they are not 'stud hopping'.

I sent flyers to about fifty people before our day, but due to sowing not many of those people came. One friend, who runs a commercial black angus herd commented though, that our cattle were a similar type to hers, but look as she would like hers to look! I would agree with that, but obviously the angus breed sells far more cattle than Red Polls.

Our challenge is to change perceptions and a bull such as Moyle Park Zeppelin, who was visiting at the time is just the type to do that. Without exception he received favourable comments, a very commercial type with excellent temperament.

I'm very happy with our cattle by Barrier Reef, that Eurimbla cow line is breeding exceptionally well with additional muscle and growth, his yearling calves were on display and again received positive comments. They will be for sale next year.



Standing at the yards are from the right, Jamie Vessey, Jill Bockman, Melissa Mooney, Prue Lee and Albert Hancock on the extreme left.

We also had some of our Red Angus and Red Angus/hereford cross cattle on display. These calves are outstanding and I'm really looking forward to our Red Angus/Red Poll cattle in a few months time.

To sum up, it was a genuinely positive day, our cattle are constantly improving and a number of people commented on how much our herd had improved. We are aiming to improve significantly with each generation, we have some scientific data to do this and I would like to have greater access to the best genetics available throughout the world.

Our breed cannot afford to stand still, the current market is extremely difficult and I have no doubt that we need to be breeding cattle that are at the top of all breeds.

Thank you very much to the Hancock's for supporting our day.

PRUE LEE - OMEGA 3 RED POLL STUD

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

The weather and the Australian dollar have had a remarkable turnaround in the last three months. There has been 8 inches of rain which fell, on prescription, through seeding and the clovers have leaped out of the ground. As the cattle price has been abysmal most of us have hung on to stock and the risk has paid off. If the price can come up a little then we are set for a good year.

A few weeks ago, I met Warren and Jenny McCallum, of Windy Plains Red Poll stud, at John Malone's sisters funeral. Warren and Jenny have supported the region for many years without showing and it is easy lose touch so it was great to see them in good heart. As our membership is very static, and aging, we value them all. Sue Harris of Springvale Red Poll stud tells me that their first year of breeding has been successful and they are getting local inquiries for their stock.

Moyle Park represented S.A. at the Bendigo show with 2 bulls. It was an interesting experience although we were "out gunned" by the well turned out Victorian cattle.

The next event of significance here is the S.A. Heifer Expo. Letisha Salzke has nominated as the Red Poll youth award recipient and has elected to bring her own heifer. We wish her good luck and we will be able to watch her heifer judged as we will have our AGM on that day at the showgrounds in Adelaide.

Judging at Adelaide will be on Saturday, 7th September around 1pm. Again, we have a good line up of steers to be judged on Thursday 12th September, being prepared by schools and breeders. There should be 13 altogether and let us hope we can bring in the big one again.

RICHARD DALEY

# WESTERN AUSTRALIA



It has been a funny old season here in Western Australia. The season broke reasonably early; however, a very dry June put everyone under the pump again. To date, July has been much better, with good rainfall received all over and the season back on track.

A regional AGM and Committee meeting was held on Saturday the 6th of July at the property of Wayne and Belinda Owston, with most members in attendance. Many good discussion points were sorted out and future plans put in place.

It has been very quiet in the W.A. region for a few months, but I know many members are gearing up for the Perth Royal Show starting in late September. Red Poll judging will be at 09:00am on the 1st of October with good numbers of Red Polls expected to be present again.

Red Poll badges and bags are still available through the regional secretary at [hope1@inet.net.au](mailto:hope1@inet.net.au), wishing everyone a good season.

WAYNE OWSTON

## YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### RED POLL Youth

#### To My Fellow Red Poll Members,

I am writing this letter after discussion with the National Executive board regarding the development of a Youth Advisory Committee.

I have recently completed a "Developing Dairy Leaders Program" run through Dairy Australia to acquire the skills involved in all facets of advocacy, advising and chairing meetings. Skills I wish I had learnt earlier in my life and now am hoping to pass on to future National Executive board members.

The average age of the Red Poll member in Australia is undoubtedly getting older. When I stepped up and onto the National Executive board, I was very inexperienced and had to learn fast.

The "Youth Advisory Committee" would consist of members under the age of 35 from every state in Australia. This would enable Red Poll youth members to voice opinions, show leadership from within their region and learn the structure and role of the National Executive.

The committee would consist of the National Secretary, two members of the National Executive and hopefully, two young members from every region in Australia.

The "Youth Advisory Committee" would aim to have a phone conference every three to four months, which would be set up to follow the procedures of a National Executive meeting, with agenda, minutes, discussion, resolution etc. I believe the Youth Committee would also create a great networking system through the phone and social media connections.

If you are willing to step up and learn some new skills, please acknowledge your interest and register by the 30th August 2013 with either Wayne Owston or the federal secretary Keryn Hutton, contact details as follows:

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Yours sincerely,

**Wayne Owston**

# VICTORIA

RED POLLS WERE WELL REPRESENTED AT THE NATIONAL BEEF BENDIGO SHOW HELD BETWEEN 15 AND 19 MAY, 2013.

## STEER/CARCASE COMPETITION

There were 11 Red Poll Steers entered and successes went to Redward Stud where Gay Ward's steer won the Class 3 Medium - Heavy Domestic (230.1-265Kg) with 85.34 points, edging out the Champion Steer on the Hoof. The steer also won the prize for the highest scoring Purebred in Class 3. Also successful was a steer exhibited by Shane Storm & Sons (Stormley) with a third placing in the Led 1 Light Domestic Class (150-190Kg) obtaining 82.47 points.

Turanga Stud (Greg Abbott) had a steer that was placed 4th in the Unled 2 Medium Domestic Class (190.1-230 Kg) with 79.2 points.

Douglas Payne's Poll Hereford Steer was also placed second in the Heavy Export Class.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. The Stud Beef Junior Handlers Camp was held at the Royal Melbourne Showgrounds on 4-7 July. The Victorian Region sponsored the event financially as well as Turanga, Red Cactus & Redward supplied a total of 6 Red Poll Heifers to specific entrants at the Camp. Greg Abbott's daughter Brittany attended the Camp.

In the Judging, one Red Poll heifer won her class and another placed 3rd. Of the Handlers, Georgia Roderick won her class & Ethan Stuart placed 3rd. There were 100 entrants or participants at the camp.

2. Mark Harris (Ketlang Stud) has entered the Lardner Park Grassfed Steer Competition in June.

3. Royal Melbourne Show - September 20 to October 1, including Steer/Carcase Competition, and Stud Competition - Red Poll Judging commencing 10 am on Sunday 29th September followed by the Red Poll Annual General Meeting at 1.30 pm followed by the National Executive Meeting.

4. Informal Red Poll Dinner in the evening near the Showground.

5. Elmore Field Days - October 1-3.

## VICTORIAN REGION OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2013-14

**President** - Gay Ward

**Vice President** - Don Castle

**Secretary/Treasurer** - Ian Staff

**Merchandise** - Judith Munro

**Publicity** - Ross Draper

**Promotions** - Nell Staff & Mark Harris

**Stud Beef Rep** - Ross Draper



Grand champion Red Poll female at Bendigo Beef Spectacular 2013, with exhibitors Gay Ward, and Ross Draper, Arthur's Creek, Vic, Phil McLaughlan, Woorndoo, Vic and judge Tim Bayliss, Armidale, NSW.



Red Cactus - Jethro

## STUD COMPETITION

### 2013 BENDIGO SHOW COMPETITION WINNERS

Junior Champion Female:	S.Storm & Sons	Stormley Lara
Reserve Junior Champion Female:	Mrs G Ward	Redward Stella
Senior Champion Female:	Mr Ross Draper	Red Cactus Jolly
Reserve Senior Champion Female:	Mrs G Ward	Redward Gala
Grand Champion Female:	Mr Ross Draper	Red Cactus Jolly
Junior Champion Bull:	Mr Ross Draper	Red Cactus Merboy
Reserve Junior Champion Bull:	S Storm & Sons	Stormley Landfill
Senior Champion Bull:	Mr Ross Draper	Red Cactus Jethro
Reserve Senior Champion Bull:	Mr Ross Draper	Red Cactus Eagle
Grand Champion Bull:	Mr Ross Draper	Red Cactus Jethro
Supreme Exhibit:	Mr Ross Draper	Red Cactus Jethro

Group of Three: Red Cactus - Mr Ross Draper, Stormley - S.Storm & Sons and Redward - Ms Gay Ward

# NEW SOUTH WALES



## NSW RED POLL WINE FUNDRAISER

Here we are half way through the year already; I hope everyone is keeping warm and dry. At this time of year we are all battling the cold, although we have been fortunate enough to have fewer frosts this winter.

Even so, the ground remains cold after the recent rains. Three weeks after the heavy rain at the end of June I still have water running out of the hill next to my driveway making it a sludgy 1 ½ km drive to the front gate.

We've had 3 vehicles bogged in recent weeks, something we may have to get used to given the amount of rain predicted according to the long range forecast.

There is not a lot to report for this newsletter so I thought I'd take the opportunity to fill everyone in on a fundraising event NSW has planned.

The NSW committee feel that the 2015 Feature Breed at the Royal Sydney Show will give the breed an excellent opportunity to show off just what wonderful qualities our breed has to offer on both sides of the commercial and the breeding scale.

In order to hold this event in a memorable and quality fashion we need money, and as sponsors are hard to come by, we have decided to try other avenues of raising money.

We have connected with a reputable fundraising company and plan to offer:

2 Red wines, 2 White Wines, either 1 Merlot and 1 Sparkling or 2 Merlots.

Total of 6 different wines for all Red Poll members to purchase. A percentage of the sales will then come back to NSW Red Poll as our fundraising profit.

Members will be sent a list of wines including the cost and a weblink so you may order, pay and have your wine delivered direct to you. The weblink will stay active for several months so that if you enjoy your first order of wine you can re-order at a later date. Anyone can order even your friends, family and work colleagues all you have to do is pass on the weblink.

All the wine is high quality and from well-known vineyards in specially labelled bottles, perfect to give as a gift for that special dinner party, or just to crack open over a BBQ.

The great thing about this form of fundraising is that it does not matter where in Australia you live you can support us by purchasing some of these beautiful wines.

Thanks for any support you give us. Stay warm and dry.

JUDY ROBBINS

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# Agricultural Business Research Institute Appoints New Managing Director



The Agricultural Business Research Institute (ABRI) is pleased to announce that Dr Deon Goosen has been appointed as Managing Director, commencing in early July 2013.

Mr Anthony Coates, Chairman of the ABRI Board of Directors welcomed the appointment. Mr Coates said "Dr Goosen

brings a wide range of skills and experience to the role and ABRI is fortunate to have been able to appoint a person of Dr Goosen's calibre".

Dr Goosen has most recently been Deputy Director of the Julius Kruttschnitt Mineral Research Centre at the University of Queensland. Prior to this he has worked at the Roslin Institute in the UK and the Sugar CRC in Brisbane, focusing on commercialisation and technology transfer of various research outcomes.

Dr Goosen's undergraduate science training was at the University of New England (UNE) in the early 1990's. He studied quantitative genetics under UNE's Professor Brian Kinghorn and was awarded a PhD in 1997. Dr Goosen also has a MBA from the Queensland University of Technology focusing on New Venture Management and Marketing.

Mr Coates said that the appointment of Dr Goosen brought a new outlook to ABRI and positioned the company well to expand on the agribusiness information services that the company currently delivers to the livestock industry around the world.

The appointment of Dr Goosen follows the decision by Mr Murray Scholz to step down as Managing Director in July 2013 due to personal circumstances requiring him to relocate to Albury. Mr Scholz will remain with the company within the Software Development Division.

Mr Coates paid tribute to the contribution Mr Scholz made to ABRI during his two year tenure as Managing Director, with the Board of Directors extremely pleased to be able to retain his skills and experience within the company.

The Agricultural Business Research Institute ABRI is a controlled entity of the University of New England, Armidale, Australia which specialises in servicing the domestic and international livestock industries through the provision of a wide range of agribusiness information services. One of the most well known of these is the BREEDPLAN genetic evaluation service for beef cattle.

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# FROM KERYN



Welcome Red Poll members to our newsletter for July.

There are exciting changes ahead for ABRI with the appointment of the new Managing Director, Dr. Deon Goosen. Deon has been meeting with staff over the last few weeks and settling his family into the Armidale scene.

To date members should have received their membership renewals, inventory previews and detail verification forms. Please let me know if these have not arrived. With the AGM now confirmed, the AGM notices and nomination forms for two Federal Councillor positions on the Executive will be sent. The Executive welcomes fresh ideas and skills to ensure membership is well represented and the breed continues to forge ahead.

As you may already be aware Ruralco Insurance (previously CGU) has an agreement with the Society to provide commission on all policies taken up by members. However, to qualify for commission, policies need to be established through a Ruralco agent, as distinct from an independent agent.

Please contact this office if you intend taking out a policy with Ruralco or associates (CGU, NAS) and are unsure whether it qualifies for commission. The insurance representative for the breed at Ruralco is Sharon Mallia – (03) 5782 1943 or 0428 302928.

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

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## Calendar of Events 2013

August 8 – 17	Brisbane Royal Show, EKKA
September 6 – 14	Royal Adelaide Show
September 21 – Oct 2	Royal Melbourne Show
September 21 – 23	National Red Poll School, Glen Innes
September 28 – Oct 5	Royal Perth Show
October 1 – 3	Elmore Fields Days, Elmore
October 17 – 20	Geelong Show

## The ARPCBI Welcomes the following new members

**J McClenaghan - "Greenvale", Thalgarrah, NSW, 2350**

**C Jones - "Raino", Bundarra, NSW, 2359**

**D Avard-Percival - Gillieston Hts, NSW, 2321**

**C Mackelman - Congupna, VIC, 3633**

**M Fairall - Gundaroo, NSW, 2620**

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**R & J Aitken - Denison, VIC, 3858**