

PRESIDENTS POST



Winter is upon us and in the south and west at least there has been very good rainfall. Unfortunately, the Northern NSW and Queensland region is suffering badly with cold conditions and poor rainfall resulting in very little feed.

This country of ours is one of great contrasts. The ARPCBI Executive has met once since the last newsletter and for a change we had a straight forward meeting. The sale of semen donated by Gordon McCarthy was organized by the committee via our website and has been very successful. Straws are still available of Wynfield Noble Justinian, Nyoka Rustic and Mundi Mundi Kingmaker but they may not be around for long. The list

of judges for the new herdbook has been revised to include those people deemed proficient and available to judge. It was also decided that any region may apply to the Federal Executive for financial support to advertise the achievement of a significant award at an interbreed or carcass competition at a Royal or National Feature Show. The finances of the region would be taken into consideration on application. This came about after the series of carcass wins by the SA region depleted the funds of that region. Consequently, the region has had to rely on considerable personal input to fund the promotion of the success around Australia.

Consideration was given to the feature show at Sydney next Easter and the purchase of a site at the 2015 Beef Expo at Rockhampton. The later event would need the support of the Northern NSW and Queensland region and until they can



Count Down!

14TH RED POLL WORLD CONGRESS
21 OCT - 11 NOV 2014

FINAL STAGES YOUR COMMITTEE IS IN THE FINAL STAGES OF ORGANIZING THE CONGRESS. There have been some minor changes to the itinerary [refer website] due to member difficulties with drought. We have over thirty confirmed bookings and many people who have expressed their intention are yet to formalize their involvement. We have well over our minimum numbers to make the tour viable. I would like to remind you however that registration

for the tour or parts of it closes on 21st August. Registration for the various dinners, conference and AGM, will be taken up to a week before these events although it would be helpful from a planning point of view if you could finalize your arrangements sooner rather than later. Late registration for the tour will be accepted if accommodation and seats are available but it may incur a cost.

commit to this event no further action will be taken. As for the feature show, regions and individuals should start to plan their involvement soon. The World Congress is our current big item but as that is now only three months away it will be over before we know it.

The World Congress will be our main promotional activity around Australia this year and so we need as many of you as possible to get involved, either on the tour itself, within your region or at the conference. The youth group are planning to help with registration, ushering at official dinners and recording the Conference.

Fairfax Agricultural Media has provided a contra arrangement that is very good and we will be using this offer to promote our Breed in each region during and post tour. They have offered to provide jackets for the Scholarship awardees from each country. ALLFLEX are providing the name tags for the tour participants and our members involved with hosting or the conference.

Regions will be asked to supply names of members and family or friends who they would like to have a name tag to identify them as a part of the Red Poll body providing the service to our visitors. Our carry bags to be given to the tour participants on registration have also been donated by The Hancock family, Jill Bockman and John Rhea, Pricilla Hancock, and Prue and Nick Lee.

I would like to remind you all that the Annual will be published in time for the tour in the second week of October. If you have not done so now is the time to book your space. Content will need to be supplied as soon as your show results are available so it would be best to prepare now.

This edition is being prepared by Shezanne Hooper and will contain all the World Congress material. There will be the Conference details with speaker profiles and agenda plus host stud profiles and other tour details. It will be taken back overseas and probably find its way further into the community than usual so it is a good one to be in.

Kieran Sullivan of Rosedale Red Polls, Uralla, NSW, has won the youth award to attend the Heifer Expo at Adelaide this year. He and his mother travelled to Adelaide where Kay and I provided Kieran with a heifer. We also made another available to Cassandra Poulton of Booleroo.

I will not be attending Brisbane or Melbourne Shows this year due to my commitment to the World Congress Tour where I will see most of the membership anyway and I hope many of you can come to the Conference at Albury and to our AGM on the Gold Coast at the end of the tour.

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RICHARD DALEY
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Count Down! 14TH RED POLL WORLD CONGRESS

Our Conference will consist of a scientific program chaired by Murray Williams and put together by Ian Coghlan, who will also be contributing. The theme is 'Making a Difference' and we have John Buxton, Gerald Spry, Don Lawson and Gemma Wilkinson to develop this theme.

The Hon. Mr. Tim Fischer will open the conference and with local and national media present we expect this to make an impact for the Red Polls. Following a question and answer panel the Conference will move into the Delegates Meeting, open to all members and overseas guests, chaired by Richard Daley. The day's activities should end by 5.30pm in time for the Conference dinner at 7pm.

A number of Australian members have recently informed me they will be doing part of the tour. Some are people who are no longer active in the breed but have had association with these tour events in the past. Others are going to tour those regions they are not familiar with or have always wanted to go to but have never got their or they are going to split the tour with other family members. This is a good time to visit other breeders around Australia with like minded people from around the World to exchange ideas and grow your understanding of your breed.

In the interest of a great breed get on board and be part of something that will not happen here for another 20 years!

Soon you should see in the Fairfax press in your state some reference to the Congress. Murray Williams is coordinating the release of data through the media. We will have two pages of editorial in each region and if local editors support us we may get some extra coverage.

It has been our aim to use the Congress to promote Red Polls nationally. The Scholarship program has already attracted the interest of Fairfax and they will make a presentation to the Awardees at the conference. As you would expect they will be contacting members to advertise during these press releases. It is up to the individual to decide if there is value in being involved.

In concluding we would like those members who are not hosting or involved with a tour visit to contribute by providing their own stud's promotional material for inclusion in the carry bags for the tour participants. These need to be small for example business card or bios etc. and they can be sent to Jill Bockman who is responsible for the on board packs. We estimate you would need to provide 40 - 50 items.

NORTHERN NSW/QLD

The Northern NSW/Qld Region studs and members attended a Red Poll Feature at Maclean Show on Wednesday 7th May 2014. Thirty head of cattle were represented from five studs. Exhibitors were Kookabookra, GlenLeigh, Lagoona, Bellingen High and Rockview exhibiting Almore females under the watchful eyes of Phillip Kirkby from Narrabri.

The Northern NSW/Qld Region along with Maclean Show Society donated prizemoney and trophies for the exhibitors.

2014 MACLEAN FEATURE SHOW COMPETITION WINNERS

Junior Champion Female

E. Cunningham - Almora Fuji

Reserve Junior Champion Female

Lagoona Red Poll Stud - Lagoona Sophie

Senior Champion Female

GlenLeigh Red Poll Stud - GlenLeigh Tessa

Reserve Senior Champion Female

Kookabookra Red Poll Stud - Kookabookra Brittany

Junior Champion Bull

Kookabookra Red Poll Stud - Kookabookra Ruben

Reserve Junior Champion Bull

E. Cunningham - Bell-Hy John Ivan

Breeders Group

1st Kookabookra Red Poll Stud 2nd Glenleigh Red Poll Stud
3rd Lagoona Red poll Stud

Sire Progeny Group

Bellingen High School

Best Junior Exhibited by a Member

1st Eliza Cunningham 2nd Tim Light
3rd Ellen Light 4th Briony Looker

The Northern NSW/ Qld Region finished off the show circuit promoting Red Poll Cattle with a display at Farmfest Toowoomba. It was a wet 3 days however interest was shown by the public as they viewed the cattle at the Red Poll site. Thank you to the members and studs that attended Farmfest.

VICKY LIGHT

REMINDER! 2014 ARPCBI AGM

Tuesday 11th November

at the Sofitel Hotel on the Gold Coast.
The last day of the World Conference.



Junior Champion Bull Kookabookra Ruben



Junior Champion Female Almora Fuji, Reserve Junior Champion Female Lagoona Sophie



Senior Champion Red Poll Female, GlenLeigh Tessa



Eliza Cunningham

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The season in SA has been excellent so far and all that is needed is a sustained improvement in cattle prices. Seeding has been the major focus since the last report with all members reporting favourable conditions for both planting and crop growth.

At the AGM Richard Daley was re elected as President and Alan Wilson as Deputy with all members forming the committee.

The region has supplied steers to Booleroo, Burra, Meningie, Maitland, Minlaton, Faith, Trinity, Coomandook, Naracoorte, and Glossip schools and there will be breeders steers from Moyle Park, Oakwood and Maleer for the carcass competition at Adelaide Show. Moyle Park and Oakwood will also exhibit in the general classes.

The SA region has again supported the ARPCBI youth ambassador attending the Heifer Expo in Adelaide on 14th July. Kieran Sullivan travelled to Adelaide with his mother, Lyn, and impressed the judges with his enthusiasm. Both Kieran and Cassandra Poulton who was supported by her mother Leah, exhibited Moyle Park heifers. The show highlights the skills of handling and preparing cattle for exhibiting. The heifers are judged on the Wednesday, probably more to give the young handlers a feel for the ring rather than to promote the best heifer, and the participants on Thursday. A number of studs get very carried away when their heifer wins the show.

RICHARD DALEY

KIERAN SULLIVAN placed second in the Sub Intermediate Handler class at the S.A.Heifer Expo. The only novice to be placed in the show and he won the LG Matten Achievement Award. Kieran is from Rosedale Red Poll Stud at Uralla, NSW, and his performance fully justifies his selection as our Youth Award winner. His group leader was also very impressed with his ability to speak in the Junior Judging. Cassandra Poulton, who exhibited a Red Poll heifer, won the National Herd Development Award of \$750 towards the purchase of a stud heifer. We congratulate their efforts. A full coverage of the Heifer Expo will be in the Annual.



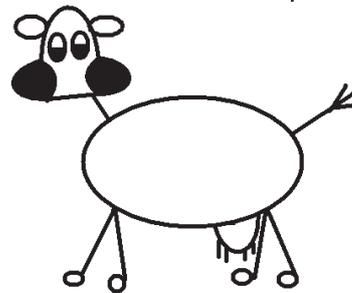
Kieran Sullivan - Winner of the ARPCBI Youth Award

VALE BILL COGHLAN

Red Poll breeders will be saddened to hear that Bill Coghlan who is one of our life members died on Saturday the 26th of July.

Bill founded the Ingleden Red Poll stud in 1949, he is a past national and NSW president and he was instrumental in the first Red Poll World Congress. His legacy lives on through the cattle he bred and his significant contribution to agriculture.

Australian Red Poll Cattle Breeders Inc
Youth Camp



Held at the Glen Innes Show Grounds
September 26th to 28th 2014

Contact: Rachael Hancock 0432 581493,
Tim Light 0458 744552 or Briony Looker 0488 527949
Website: <http://redpoll.org.au>

NSW

Not a lot of news from NSW this time around as most of our time and effort is being directed towards Sydney next year. The committee has been working hard towards the 2015 Feature show with categories for judging now settled and awaiting RAS approval, members have been advised on steer weights and categories, promotional material is being organized, category sponsorship letters are ready to be sent out to members and fundraising is ongoing.

Anne Smith is kindly organising an accommodation listing for members who may want to stay near the Olympic Stadium in 2015 and this will be sent to members in the near future.

The last round of the wine fundraiser has been finalized and a new range has been selected and will be ready for sale in the coming weeks. As this selection will take us up until the New Year I've included a nice Bubbly and a very nice Port to see us all through the festive season.

We are currently looking for breeders both private and commercial to help with the promotion of steers for the Sydney 2015 school events. The donation of steers to a school is an excellent way of promoting your breeding efforts; particularly for anyone who is unable to attend the show but would still like to support and participate.

All breeders making a donation will be acknowledged by the schools at the time of showing. An email or letter with further information will be sent out to breeders in the near future. Anyone wishing to participate can call either Garrick Mulcahy on 0418 417 899 or Judy Robbins on 02 48422312.

The NSW regional AGM was held on the 6th July and the new committee stands as:

PRESIDENT	JUDY ROBBINS
VICE PRESIDENT	RICHARD WILKINSON
SECRETARY/TREASURER	GARRICK MULCAHY
PROMOTION/MERCHANDISE OFFICER	TEASH SALZKE

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JUDY ROBBINS

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Activities of the Victorian Red Poll Breeders have been rather quiet in the last few months. Breeders have been slowly preparing their stock for future events such as the Lardner Park Grassfed Field Trials in Gippsland, Royal Melbourne Show in September; Elmore Field Days in October and the Whittlesea Red Poll World Congress Show Sunday, November 2.

If you would like to enter cattle in Whittlesea, please request an entry form from Tracie Goss at info@whittleseashow.org.au We have obtained considerable cash and product for prizes for the Red Polls entered from supportive members and local businesses.

We were saddened by the passing of one of our most enthusiastic and staunch members – Margaret Gaye Wuchatsch, of Pirron Yallock, who left us on April 23, 2014. Although she only had a small herd, she participated in as many events as possible,

including the On Farm Challenge, and the Victorian Red Poll Sale. Our sympathy and best wishes go to her husband Rob and family.

The Victorian Region sponsored the 2014 Cattle Handlers Camp held at the Royal Agricultural Show on July 2-6. Along with a cash donation, two heifers were supplied by Ross Draper to Cassie and Ben Willsmore. Cassie's heifer Red Cactus Janla was placed second in her Class. Ben performed very well with Red Cactus Merlan. Greg Abbott provided 2 heifers for his daughter Brittany and cousin Jamila Abbott. Brittany came second in her Handlers Class with Turanga AJA Florence who was also adjudged 2nd in her Heifer Class. Jamila came 4th in her Handlers Class and 4th in the Heifer Class with Almora Belle. The Winner of the Educational Award for the Camp was Krystal Bell, a Murray Grey Breeder. She will be sponsored for a two week Scholarship to Mt Lincoln Station in New Zealand.

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