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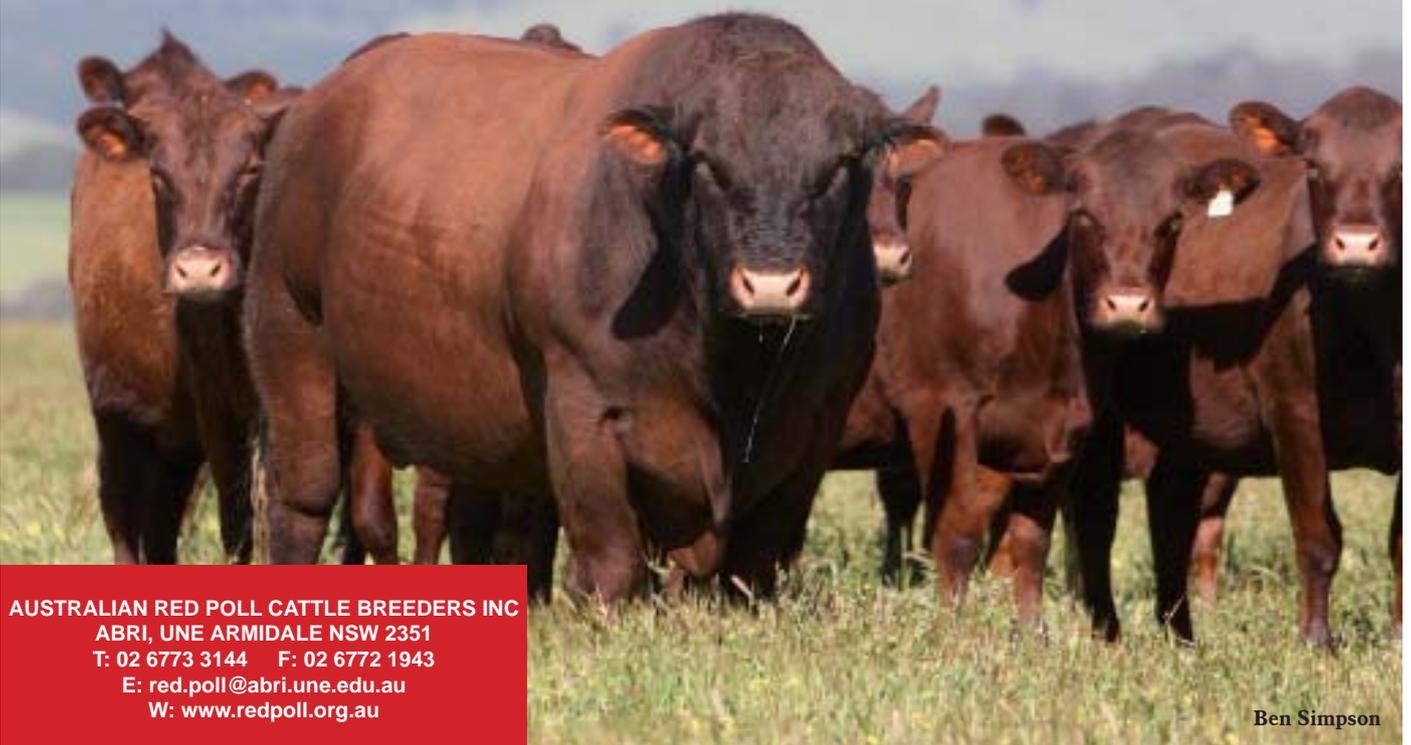
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RED POLL WEBSITE

The new design of the Red Poll website by OGA Marketing & Design is well on the path to completion. Ben Simpson has recently travelled to South Australia to collect images and marketing information from the Moyle Park, Maleer and Oakwood studs.

To quote Ben Simpson "my opinion of Red Polls has only got better" and "the cattle I inspected were only bettered by the hospitality I received". Another photo session has been organized for the Victorian region which will ensure enough positive images are available to build a really effective website for Red Poll.

There is no doubt that the Red Poll breed has a lot to offer a beef industry which has become extremely competitive over a number of years. I would encourage all members to contribute and be a part of the promotional efforts run by their Society. The website will go a long way in promoting the breed to target markets.



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Ben Simpson

South Australia Report

At the time of writing this report, we had received 40mm of rain overnight. As we were already experiencing an extraordinary season, things are looking very good in S.A.

In September, the region had the pleasure of welcoming three Victorian studs – Balla Balla, Stormley and Raedean, as exhibitors at the Royal Adelaide Show. The Federal Council and many interstate members attended the ARPCBI Annual General Meeting held at the show-ground. Sue Francis of 'Onward Murray Greys', Dorrigo, NSW was the judge on the day and she seemed very satisfied with the number and quality of the cattle paraded so professionally before her. Grand champion bull was Moyle Park Zepplin, MPS 747, exhibited by Richard and Kay Daley, and Grand Champion female was Balla Balla MA Cheerie, BAL 305, exhibited by Stephen and Judy Coles.

After the showing drinks were had at the Members Bar before an informal dinner at the Rex Hotel. This turned out to be a well attended event thanks to the Storm Family and friends, long time exhibitors Ann and John Petch, and regular show inspector, Norm Joppich.

The carcass competition began on Wednesday after the Stud Stock judging where Red Polls again were very competitive in what turned out to be an exceptional quality of exhibits. An Oakwood steer, prepared by Faith Lutheran College, was Reserve Heavy Domestic steer on the hoof and finished fifth in the carcass assessment in a field of 64.

The O'Connor trophy team, selected by Alan Wilson and Richard Daley, finished fourth. We obtained the highest carcass score, and could not have done any better with the best three Red Poll steers being selected. The convenor of the steers competition said to Richard after the event; "You Red Poll Breeders always select the best animals". In hindsight, the reply should have been "yes, because we know what muscle is". Of course this was not said, but it is rewarding to know that the other breeds look to us as keen judges of cattle.

Our Federal President, Kate Goulding, stayed on to view the Stud Cattle judging and the Hoof judging of steers along with a visit to Moyle Park and Maleer before flying home.

The show season is now drawing to a close with only two local shows to go. Moyle Park will be exhibiting at both the Melrose and Jamestown shows.

The SA region held a meeting at the Adelaide Royal to discuss plans for the next six months, including a lunch to be organized at Balaklava towards the end of January and the SA field days to be held on the first Friday in February.

In the meantime we should be making lots of hay and reaping some high yielding crops.



Gordon Wood Landmark, Adelaide, SA with the Richard Daley, Jamestown, SA, and Gavin Kallady, Berwick, Vic, and the grand champion Red Poll bull, at Adelaide 2009



Kate Goulding, Lismore, NSW with Stephen Coles, Pearcedale, Vic and handler Hayden Rodgers, Pearcedale, Vic and the grand champion female at Adelaide 2009.

Victorian Report

Red Poll Breeders have once again had a very busy time in the past three months following the AGM on July 25th. Elected to positions were - President: Donald Castle, Vice President: Mark Harris, Sec/Treasurer: Ian Staff, Promotions: Nell Staff & Lesley Johns, Merchandise: Judy Munro & Alison Rae, Publicity: Ross Draper. It was pleasing to see a number of Vic Region Exhibitors at The Adelaide Royal Show, Raedean, Balla Balla & Stormley all had excellent results which will be in the SA Report. Congratulations to Ian Staff on again being elected to the National Executive for the next 2 years as a national member.

Following on from the outstanding results achieved by Brooklea (Champion Carcase 86.43 points and Highest Saleable Meat Yield) in the 2008 Lardner Steer Trial, four Red Poll teams are entered this year. The steers are grass fed for 160 days and carcasses assessed at Radfords Abs. Warragul. Steers are weighed every 5 weeks to assess progress. A team entered by M. & E Harris, Ketlang have had the highest daily weight gain after both 5 weeks and 10 weeks with 1.83 & 1.77 kg per day. The next weighing is Monday 19th October 2009.

The Royal Melbourne Show was held from 17 to 27 September. Only 2 Red Poll steers were entered this year so unfortunately we did not have a team for The Borthwick Trophy. While not being placed, the steers entered by North Melb Institute of TAFE and R. Draper scored 78.934 & 74.476 points. The Stud section was this year judged by Mr Barry Godbolt from Charnock Herefords who had previously judged at Melb. in 2001. He could see substantial improvement of the breed in that time. Exhibitors were S&J Coles, Balla Balla, IA & NF Staff, M&J Bassula, Red Phoenix and R. Draper, Red Cactus.

Junior Champion Heifer	Red Cactus Jolly
Reserve Junior Champion Heifer	Red Phoenix Monash
Senior Champion Cow	Dancer
Reserve Senior Champion Cow	Red Cactus Wilma
Grand Champion Female	Red Cactus Patrice
Junior Champion Bull	Red Cactus Jolly
Reserve Junior Champion	Red Cactus Land Boy
Senior Champion Bull	Bulla Balla Brigadier
Reserve Senior Champion Bull	Balla Balla Kalahari
Grand Champion Bull	Red Cactus Eldorado
Supreme Exhibit	Balla Balla Kalahari
Most Successful Exhibitor	Ross Draper

Following judging a large group of Red Poll enthusiasts enjoyed "a munch" (morning tea/lunch) in the cattle lines kindly prepared by the Staff family and helpers. Thanks to all concerned for a special social get together. During Interbreed Judging RASV President Mr John Fox presented Ross Draper with The Presidents Medal. This medal was awarded to Ross for his continued exhibition at Royal and Country Shows, support and focus on youth, Service to the show industry and

providing premium genetics to the Red Poll sector of the industry.

The Stud Beef Victoria Beef Industry Award was presented to RASV cattle committee Chairwoman Mrs Noelene King. Chairman of Stud Beef Victoria, Ross Draper in making the presentation said the award was presented when the committee found a person who had contributed to a wider beef industry throughout Victoria and across breeds. Mrs King is well known to Red Poll breeders through her assistance with Feature Shows and Junior events. The Guidelines for this award are the same as the ARCBA 'RW Vincent Award.'

Elmore Field Days was held on October 7, 8 & 9 this year. An excellent display set up by the Johns and Staff families attracted more Red Poll interest than other years. Thanks to all who helped.

The Red Poll Sale will once again be held in conjunction with Maine Anjou Beef Australia on Saturday March 13, 2010. Entry forms will be sent out for registered and commercial cattle in early November. The entry closing date must be adhered to to enable Sale Catalogue and DVD to be produced and printed for distribution at events in January Interstate cattle will again not be required to be at the sale but can be sold from home via the DVD. The committee looks forward to a successful result.

Upcoming events in 2010 for Vic Region include:

- Spring & Autumn Country Shows
- 2010 On Farm Challenge January 19 to 23
- Beef Week Field Days Jan 31 to February
- Sungold Field Days February 17, 18 & 19
- Red Poll Sale at the Whittlesea Showgrounds Saturday March 13
- Lardner Park Field Days March 25, 26, 27 & 28
- National Beef 2010-Bendigo - May 19-24



Grand champion Red Poll female with judge Barry Godbolt, Rochford, Vic and Ken Baxter, Mooroopna, Vic and Ross Draper, Arthur's Creek Vic, at Melbourne show 2009.

New South Wales Report

For the year 2008/2009 the NSW region held only two Committee Meetings for various reasons including perhaps both a lack of interest and a reluctance to travel. Show attendances have also been disappointingly low.

However, we did hold our AGM for 2009 on the 30th August, followed by a Committee Meeting which has set the direction for a good year to come. We have planned our next Committee Meeting for the Farming Small Areas Expo to be held on the 13th November at Hawkesbury. We will also be attending the Windellama Small Farms Field Day on the 7th November.

Steer Success

Eurimbla Steers were recently rewarded with success in the 2009 Ancare/CRT National Steer Competition at Orange, NSW.

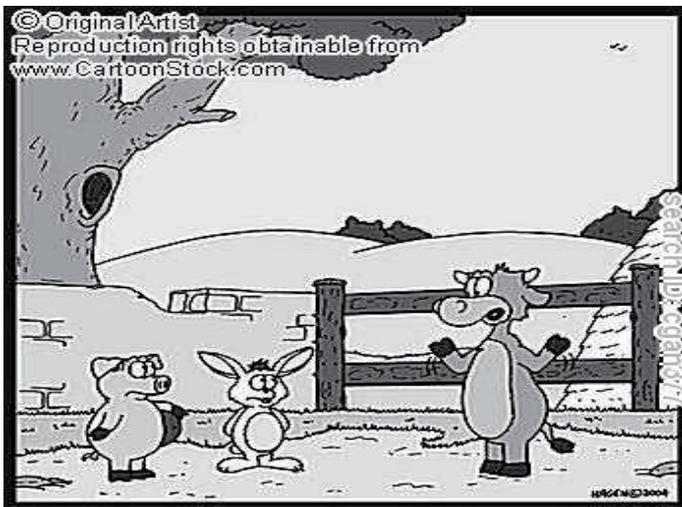
In the competition which comprised 104 steers from 7 breeds and 9 cross-bred and composite combinations, the one entry of Eurimbla steers won:

- Top pen and single steer for weight gain on grass, and
- Top pen and single steer for retail meat yield.

The Red Polls were the only pure bred team to win awards and out scored all comers in the most economically important aspects of the competition. The steers were sired by Eurimbla Fabian and Eurimbla Lepidus.

Full details of the results, including the comparative performance of all breeds, will be printed in the upcoming Red Poll Annual.

By Ian Coghlan



No, I don't have a Dad: Mum says that the Vet came to see her one day and that I was born a few months later...

Windellama is situated 40km south east of Goulburn.

Because there were only two steers exhibited at the Sydney Royal our Committee has suggested that we support either the Steer show at Dubbo and/or the Sydney Royal.

A flier to be designed by the NSW region will be available to hand out at Shows and Field Days. Please come along to our next meeting and support your Region.

FOR SALE

40 Eurimbla Heifers

at Wodonga Saleyards
January 2010

20 1st calf heifers with 5-6 month old calves at foot by Eurimbla Storm Boy and rejoined to Lawsons Angus bulls

20 2007 drop heifers joined to Lawsons Angus bulls to calve from late February

All heifers and heifer calves are registered and sired by top bulls including Eurimbla Fabian, Discovery and Lepidus

Enquiries are welcome to:
Ian and Jill Coghlan,
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Queensland Report

Since the last newsletter we have had Brisbane Royal, with entries up this year. We also had 2 new exhibitors – Cassandra & Krystal Cagney and Owen & Anna Reinhardt, it was good to see some more faces. Jill Bockman & John Rhea came back after a few years off from exhibiting. The results were as follows:

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| Junior & Grand Champion Bull – | Kookabookra Spectacular |
| Reserve Junior Champion Bull – | Tranquility Melman |
| Senior Champion Bull – | Marel Commander |
| Reserve Senior Champion Bull – | Tranquility High-Ace |
| Junior Champion Female – | Lagoona Heidi |
| Reserve Junior Champion Female – | Broadacre Valley Rikki |
| Senior & Grand Champion Female – | Tanamerah Anya |
| Reserve Senior Champion Female – | Marel Kashin |

Our Region Committee from the Qld AGM is:

- Albert Hancock – President
 Jill Bockman – Vice President
 Vicki Light – Secretary

Publicity Officers – Steve Williams, Rachael Hancock and Tim Light

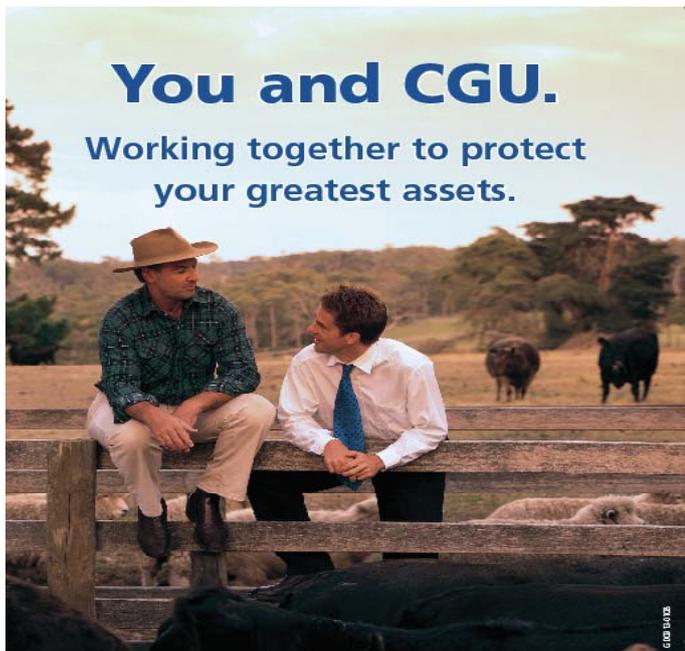


Margi Adnam, RNA, Brisbane and Rachael Hancock, Geln Innes, NSW with the grand champion Red Poll bull at Brisbane 2009

We have recently hosted another Red Poll Youth Camp. While there were fewer kids attending this year, enthusiasm was high. Cathy Whitely travelled all the way from W.A. to attend! It was another hands-on, packed weekend, with talks on feeding and nutrition; cattle selection; cuts of meat; halter making; parading – the list goes on! Of course it wouldn't be a usual camp without the traditional camp games involving marshmallows and snakes! We got through the Junior Judging and nearly all through the Parader's when the clouds came rolling and rumbling in, the Senior group soldiered on though – and even manage to smile! Thanks to everyone who worked hard to run the camp.

A few Qld members – Jill Bockman & John Rhea and Albert, Dorothy & Rachael Hancock attended the Red Poll World Congress in Jamaica. Once again having a great time.

Our next activity will be the Region Christmas party – this year at Boyd & Leonie Beckham's place on 5th December – all welcome!



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From Keryn



Welcome to the final newsletter for 2009. No doubt it has been a very busy year for all and it only seems like last week that I was introduced as the new Federal Secretary to replace Colin – a very hard act to follow.

Since then I have had the pleasure of attending a number of Red Poll events including the Royal Adelaide Show and the Queensland Region Youth Camp.

It was a pleasure to meet members at the dinner held at the Rex Hotel and many thanks to Richard and Kay for providing transport during my stay. I can only imagine the extra work, time and expense for exhibitors each time they attend an event like the Royal Adelaide.

The Red Poll youth camp held at the Glen Innes showground was an education for not only the young people attending. On the day I attended the participants were practicing the cattle judging techniques they had learnt at the camp. Well done to Tim Light, Rachel Hancock and all those who helped to make the camp such a great success.

Ben Simpson has travelled to South Australia and collected strong images for the developing website. The new website will allow all members to place information about their studs along with details about the breed and activities and events taking place.

Please be reminded that we are always looking for good stories, articles and photographs that can be used for promotional purposes. Red Polls consistently perform well in carcass competitions and this message needs to be pushed.

Important Dates to Consider:



The next Red Poll World Congress will be held in the UK in 2011. The Congress Tour is currently being organized and details will be available in early 2010.

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2010 Annual magazine:

Photos and articles wanted: If you have any good quality photos and interesting articles please send to red.poll@abri.une.edu.au or The Federal Secretary, ARPCBI.

Announcements:



Congratulations and warm wishes to Wayne Owston and Belinda Lutey.

On behalf of the ARPCBI I wish you all the best for December 12th. May you have a great life and many adventures together.

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