

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



**What a delightful three months I have had as Federal President. Firstly, the S.A. carcass results from Adelaide show were exceptional.**

A steer, bred by Kev Graham of Virangra Red Poll Stud and exhibited by Trinity College was Champion Heavy Domestic Carcass and Grand Champion Carcass with 89.2 points followed by a steer bred by Richard and Kay Daley and exhibited by Meningie High School was Reserve Heavy Domestic Carcass with 88.6 points. These two steers were at least 2 points better than any other of the 188 carcass representing all breeds of cattle.

In addition, Alan and Peter Wilson had a third in the Breeders Heavy Domestic Carcass and another Moyle Park steer was third in the Light Domestic Carcass. These classes are where our prime beef comes from and did I ever enjoy telling the World that Red Poll are S.A.'s most successful breed. We were severely disadvantaged by the hoof points in the O'Connor Cup as the judge gave the limousin maximum points and us the minimum and although we were 6 points better than them in the carcass they won the trophy. However, the mood at the presentation by all breeders across the spectrum was that the Red Polls had done exceptionally well and many expressed amazement at our lack of appreciation on the hoof. We are the standard setters, the ones to beat, and they know that. Albert Hancock said to me that Tim

Baytliss, the steer judge at Adelaide 3 years ago, had repeated at the Sydney show when he saw the Red Poll steer, "beware the Red Poll". The message is getting out so maintain the enthusiasm.

Secondly, I made a quick trip to Melbourne show to view the judging. The Victorian regions newest member, Sally Davidson, exhibited for the first time and presented her cattle very well. Understandably, she was unable to match the professionalism of Ross Draper, whose team was spot on as usual, although he was pushed by the regions new chairperson, Gay Ward. It is the second time in 2 years that I have seen Ross present an exceptional 2 year old bull. The weight was well over 800 kgs and the scanned EMA around 130 sq cms and frame size and structure were very good. After the judging I was able to catch up with some of the regions members whom I hadn't seen for some time. I was particularly pleased to speak with Judy Rand who will continue the Balla Balla stud in her own name. Kay and I dashed home from Melbourne to prepare 9 head for Jamestown show 2 days later and 2 days after that we took off by car for Glen Innes; and that brings me to my third great experience.

The Red Poll Youth Camp at Glen Innes, our national youth event, run by Tim Light, Briony Looker, the Qld region and a host of family and friends was something special. I cannot say enough about how well Tim and Briony organised this event and the maturity they show beyond their years. If all Red Poll breeders showed as much enthusiasm for the Breed as this pair do and their willingness to make things happen the Red Poll would displace



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# VICTORIAN REPORT

The Stud Beef Junior Handlers' Camp at Melbourne Showground held on 10-13th July, was supported once again by the supply of 7 Red Poll Heifers where there were 109 participants.

The Annual General Meeting of the Victorian Region was held on the 21st July at the Whittlesea Agricultural Society Committee Rooms. Office Bearers for 2012-2013 are President: Gay Ward; Vice President: Mark Harris; Secretary/Treasurer: Ian Staff; Merchandise Officer: Judy Munro; Publicity Officer: Ross Draper; Promotions Officers: Nell Staff and Lesley Johns. Don Castle was thanked for



his excellent work in promoting the breed as President for the last three years.

The Victorian Region recommended to the Executive that for National Show judging purposes, white shirts be replaced with green chambray shirts with Red Poll logos. This would enable the logo to be seen when the red vest is removed and green is a more serviceable colour than white,

The Victorian Red Poll Breeder Selection Information Day was presented by International Judge and cattle expert Grame Hopf of Murwillumbah on September 1. Fifty interested enthusiasts rolled up to Hipwell and Halliday's Almora Red Poll Stud at Bunbartha. The crowd was treated to a great exposé on cattle structure, using the demonstration cattle on show and including a display of bones. Breeding techniques and much more were discussed at length. Several visitors attended and some sales of cattle resulted from the day. Merle, Olive, Greg, Christie, Gail and Alicia were thanked for their hard work in preparation for the day which was an outstanding success. They sent us a letter which they requested be included here.

"The Almora Red Poll Stud would like to thank everyone for making our field day such a success. We feel very privileged to have our stud chosen by Mr Grame Hopf for the venue. A special thanks should also be given to Don Castle for working so hard to help organize everything.

*Yours sincerely, Olive, Merle and Greg*

## PRESIDENTS POST (continued)

Angus over night. They had over 32 sponsors on board with a range of quality products including motel accommodation for Kay and I, to a show box for the herdsman and novelty prizes and gift for volunteers. The programme was full on from the time the students arrive until they left with quality demonstrations and instructors. There were transport advisors, fat stock assessors and judges, auctioneers and marketers, professional fitters and handlers, vets and nutritionists, public speaking guru's and junior judging instructors and ring judges. Not to mention Rachael Hancock and Kelso Looker, the dorm masters and games adjudicators. Albert Hancock supplied most of the 22 cattle required for the 22 students and most of these needed to be broken in and halter trained. If we can make this a truly national competition next year with say 10 more students from other regions then Albert is going to need much more help with less numbers from him and more from other members.

I had a role in the event as Tim had asked me to judge the herdsman and to find the winner of a new award, the Red Poll Member award. It took me two and a half days of interviews and

observation to find the champion herdsman for the three classes. Madison Morgan, Bradley Doak and Jasmine Ramage were the junior, intermediate and senior champions respectively with Jasmine going on to win the Red Poll Member award. This young lady will do all that is expected of her to promote the breed and we can consider ourselves to be very lucky to have young people of her quality in the breed. Many of the parents of the student are from other breeds but on Sunday when they came to watch their children perform I'm sure they could not have been more than impressed with the Red Poll breed and members.

This weekend, 12th and 13th of October I will be helping park aircraft at the Jamestown Air Show and by Saturday 10th November I hope to see many of you at the AGM at Richmond. The World Tour Committee will make public the tour itinerary to the members then. We have an agreement with our tour operator and once a few items have been cleared up we will be able to publicise the tour. In the meantime please finalise your adverts and submit items for the Annual and continue tell everyone how good your Red Poll cattle are.

**RICHARD DALEY**



Royal Melbourne Show – September 27 was judging day for the Red Polls with Andrew Green as Judge. Junior Champion Heifer was awarded to Gay Ward’s Redward Gala, while Senior and Grand Champion Female went to Ross Draper’s Red Cactus Regal. Junior Champion Bull was Gay Ward’s Redward Bonsoir while Senior and Grand Champion Bull went to Ross Draper’s Red Cactus Jethro. After much deliberation, the Judge awarded Supreme Champion Red Poll to the Champion Female. New member Sally Davidson showed Red Polls for the first time and gained two ribbons. Richard and Kay Daley made the trip across and presented some of the Champion Ribbons and Trophies. Douglas Payne presented the TH Payne Trophy for Pair of Bulls to Ross Draper, watched by his Mother in the audience.

Elmore Field Days (October 2-4) was attended by Ian and Nell Staff and ably supported by Lesley and Alan Johns. The John’s bull was sold just prior but displayed at the Field Days and created a large amount of interest along with the Sophronites females. An 8 year old girl, Hannah Keele of Dookie won the guessing competition for the 7 month old bull calf. Promotion of the breed was very successful.

IAN STAFF

## UPCOMING *Events*

**WHITTLESEA AGRICULTURAL SHOW**  
NOVEMBER 3-4  
([www.whittleseashow.org.au](http://www.whittleseashow.org.au))

**KYNETON RED POLL FEATURE SHOW**  
NOVEMBER 17  
([www.kynetonshow.org.au](http://www.kynetonshow.org.au))

**RED POLL & MAINE-ANJOU SALE**  
MARCH 2, 2013

*All Welcome!*



Grand champion bull at Melbourne show 2012, with Richard Daley, Jamestown, SA, Judge Andrew Green, Wagga, NSW and Melissa Ball, Yarra Valley, Vic.

### Results

## 2012 MELBOURNE ROYAL COMPETITION WINNERS

**Judge: Andrew Green, Wagga, NSW**

Junior Champion Female:

G Ward Redward Gala

Reserve Junior Champion Female:

R Draper Red Cactus Treasure

Senior Champion Female:

R Draper Red Cactus regal

Reserve Senior Champion Female:

G Ward Redward Finesse

Grand Champion Female

R Draper Red Cactus Regal

Junior Champion Bull

G Ward Redward Bonsoir

Senior Champion Bull

R Draper Red Cactus Jethro

Reserve Senior Champion Bull

R Draper Red Cactus Fiscal

Grand Champion Bull

R Draper Red Cactus Jethro

Supreme Exhibit

R Draper Red Cactus Regal

The "Princess Royal" Cup: R Draper

Most successful Red Poll Exhibitor: R Draper

# SOUTH AUSTRALIAN REPORT

Another great result was achieved, for our breeders and the Red Poll breed in general, at the Adelaide Show. Not only did we obtain a place in the Schools Light Domestic Carcase and the Breeders Heavy Domestic Carcase we were awarded first and second in the premier class - The Heavy Domestic Carcase. These two Red Polls were Champion and Reserve Champion Carcase with the Champion also winning the Grand Champion Carcase of the competition. In other words, we "blitz them".

A steer bred by Kev Graham and exhibited by Trinity College was the Grand Champion with 89.22 points at 17 months, weighing 270 HSCW followed by a steer bred by Richard and Kay Daley and exhibited by Meningie Area School with 88.67 points at 13 months, weighing 255 HSCW. Oakwood bred and exhibited the 3rd in the Breeders Heavy domestic class with 81.51 points while Booleroo High School exhibited a steer bred by Richard and Kay Daley in the Light Domestic class for a 3rd with 80.99 points.

In addition we had the highest carcase points score for the 3 steers nominated in the O'Connor Trophy only to be beaten by the Limousins by 4 points due to the over generous score given to them by the judge. They received the maximum points on the hoof and we scored the minimum, which reflected the judge's bias toward that breed. He had judged the steers last year as well and as has been the Cattle Committees policy he was given another go to see if he could better his previous effort. He could not and as a result our 6 point better carcase team was beaten by the hoof points. The Adelaide Show Cattle Committee was well aware of the regions attitude on hoof points being awarded in a carcase competition and were rather apologetic over the result. Red Polls were the winners anyway because all the other breeder were well aware of how good our steers were and they too cannot understand the live judging bias. Our claim to being S.A.s most successful carcase breed will not be disputed and in the last four years we can claim 3 Heavy Domestic Carcase Champions and 2 Grand Champions let alone looking at the numerous champions over the last 35 years.

The stud classes were probably our smallest ever with Oakwood and Moyle Park the only exhibitors. However it was a good showing with competition in all but the Heifer classes. Our usual supporters were there except one of our most loyal, Phyllis Olsen, who sent her apology. Dinner was again at the Rex Hotel. An informal venue but it suit us and allows us to have friends along at short notice. One bright spot was Josh Wilson being very keen to carry the Red Poll banner for the Grand Parade. Josh is one of Peter's sons and this may be the start of the 4th generation of Wilson's to show. While on

Oakwood, they have entered the grass fed steer competition again at Naracoorte next month so let us hope we get further confirmation of how good this breed is.

The regions next event will be our lunch meeting at Balaklava in January/February.

MARK HARRIS



Exhibitor Allan Wilson, Minlaton with Kevin Graham, Ardrossan with Grand Champion female at Adelaide 2012 and Peter Wilson, Minlaton and Judge Sam King, Ararat, Vic



## 2012 ADELAIDE ROYAL COMPETITION WINNERS

JUDGE: SAM KING, ARARAT, VIC

Junior Champion Female:

RM & KL Daley Moyle Park Laure Linda

Reserve Junior Champion Female:

RM & KL Daley Moyle Park Luck 3

Senior Champion Female:

RM Wilson & Son Oakwood Cherry L5

Grand Champion Female:

RM Wilson & Son Oakwood Cherry L5

Junior Champion Bull:

RM Wilson & Son Oakwood Bright Sparke

Reserve Junior Champion Bull:

RM & KL Daley Moyle Park Piper

Senior Champion Bull:

RM Wilson & Son Oakwood Zorba Top Gun

Reserve Senior Champion Bull:

RM & KL Daley Moyle Park President

Grand Champion Bull:

RM Wilson & Son Oakwood Bright Sparke

Most successful Red Poll Exhibitor: RM Wilson & Son

# WEST AUSTRALIAN REPORT



W. Owston presenting M. Williams with the Tony Boulton trophy at the Perth Show.

## The ARPCBI welcomes to the following new members:

K & M Smith - *Gurrundah Rd,  
Goulburn, VIC, 2580*

J & L Hirniak - *Koroit Rd,  
Mailors Flat, VIC, 3275*

K Looker - *Glen Innes NSW 2370*

NK Dunn - *Coolabah NSW 2381*

## 2012 PERTH SHOW COMPETITION *Winners*

Junior Champion Female:	JH Williams and Co	Yongerellen Mayflower Kate
Reserve Junior Champion Female:	Q & S Hooper	Red Sands Quairading
Senior Champion Female:	W & B Owston	Ranfurley Julietta
Reserve Senior Champion Female:	N Burgess	Oakwood Marjory L7
Grand Champion Female:	JH Williams and Co	Yongerellen Mayflower Kate
Junior Champion Bull:	Q & S Hooper	Red Sands Q
Reserve Junior Champion Bull:	W & B Owston	Ranfurley Cutting Edge
Senior Champion Bull:	JH Williams and Co	Yongerellen Endeavour Imitator
Reserve Senior Champion Bull:	JH Williams and Co	Yongerellen Fimiston Ironbark
Grand Champion Bull:	JH Williams and Co	Yongerellen Endeavour Imitator
Supreme Champion:	JH Williams and Co	Yongerellen Endeavour Imitator

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### VALE

Mrs. Evelyn Beer, wife of Ernie Beer who was a Life Member and principal of Plymouth Red Poll Stud and remained staunch supporter's of Red Polls in Victoria.

Mr Len Lewis - Life Member of the ARPCB Inc and Breeder of Excellent Cattle in the Wyena Red Poll Stud at Warracknabeal for many years.

Mr Bill Corbett - Coeeyana Red Poll stud. Sadly missed by his wife Joan and family.

# QUEENSLAND REPORT

The year 2012 has been an excellent one for the Red Poll breed in the Queensland region. The breed was promoted at Rockhampton Beef 2012, Farmfest Toowoomba, Casino Beef Week, the Ekka and local shows on the northern tablelands.

Beef 2012 in Rockhampton was a major event for cattle breeders in Queensland and one that Red Polls could not afford to miss. A trade stand was set up and maintained thanks to the assistance provided by the Federal Executive and hard working members. This stand was of great interest to Bos Indicus breeders due in part to the display of first cross Red Poll Brahmans. I hope that Red Poll breeders are able to capitalize on the work done by the Queensland members in attracting interest in our breed.

This year our members attended Farmfest and Casino Beef Week. These events are great opportunities to talk and create links in the beef industry. Congratulations to the Tanamerah

stud for winning the battle of the bulls at Farmfest this year. The breed received great publicity from this event.

The youth movement has been very strong this year due to the success, and dedication by the Queensland members in running our annual youth handler camp. I welcome all new youth members to our group and I encourage you to promote the potential of the Red Polls in the beef industry.

In the past 12 months I have been impressed by the support, the executive council has given our region. Without this support, Beef 2012 and our youth handler's camp would not have been so successful.

I would also like to thank the members and committee bearers for their support over the last 12 months.

ALBERT HANCOCK



Champion bull, Derrileen Charleville, judge Erica Halliday, Walcha, NSW, Glen Anderson, Virbac and exhibitor, Tim Light, Armidale, NSW.

## Lagoona Red Poll Stud success at EKKA 2012

Lagoona brought home a Junior Champion Heifer and a Senior and Grand Champion Bull. Lagoona Princess received Junior Champion Heifer she was sired by Lagoona Ivico who was sired by the studs foundation bull Glenrossal Gerald.

Princess's dam was Broadacre Valley Peggy. Derrileen Charleville received the Senior Champion Bull and Grand Champion Bull. His sire was Virangra All Wide and dam was Derrileen Yin Girl.

Charleville was purchased by Lagoona Red Poll Stud at Beef 2012 Rockhampton after being sashed Junior Champion Bull. His previous owners E.B.McCarthy & Sons were delighted with his EKKA results.

TIM LIGHT

## 2012 BRISBANE SHOW COMPETITION WINNERS

JUDGE: Erica Halliday,  
Walcha, NSW

### Junior Champion Female:

Lagoona Red Poll Stud Lagoona Princess

### Reserve Junior Champion Female

Jillian Bockman & John Rhea Tanamerah Diors Woman (A1)

### Senior Champion Female:

PM Hancock Glenleigh Eve

### Reserve Senior Champion Female:

A J & R M Hancock Kookabookra Ebony

### Grand Champion Female:

PM Hancock Glenleigh Eve

### Junior Champion Bull:

C & K Cagney Jalabee James Bond

### Reserve Junior Champion Bull:

C & K Cagney Jalabee John

### Senior Champion Bull:

RA, VA, TD & EL Light Derrileen Charleville

### Reserve Senior Champion Bull:

PM Hancock Glenleigh Nugget

### Grand Champion Bull:

RA, VA, TD & EL Light Derrileen Charleville



# NEW SOUTH WALES REPORT

## Eurimbla Wins National Steer Competition

In the recently concluded ANCARE/CRT National Steer Competition Eurimbla steer carcasses achieved the top results from a field of 120 entries.

The competition included steers from many breeds and crosses including Angus, Charolais, Murray Grey, Poll Hereford, Red Angus, Red Poll, Santa Gertrudis, Angus/Charolais, Angus/Santa Gertrudis, Charolais/Angus, Charolais/Santa Gertrudis, Charolais/Shorthorn, Red Angus/Charolais, Shorthorn/Angus, and Shorthorn/Red Poll.

The steers were run in the same paddock at Orange for 100 days and then trucked to Gundmain Feedlot for 109 days before they were processed at Teys, Wagga.

The steer carcasses were measured, MSA graded and judged by Jeff House from the Department of Primary Industries at Forbes.



Eurimbla Red Poll steers having the two highest scoring overall carcasses, the second largest eye muscle area and the second highest score for carcass quality.

### Results

- ♥ Highest scoring overall carcass - a Eurimbla Red Poll
- ♥ Second highest scoring overall carcass - a Eurimbla Red Poll
- ♥ Highest scoring carcass quality result - a Eurimbla Shorthorn/Red Poll
- ♥ Second highest scoring carcass quality result - a Eurimbla Red Poll
- ♥ Largest eye muscle area - Eurimbla Shorthorn/Red Poll - EMA 110cm<sup>2</sup>
- ♥ Second largest eye muscle area - a Eurimbla Red Poll
- ♥ Highest calculated yield of saleable meat - a Eurimbla Shorthorn/Red Poll

**SIRE** The sires of the outstanding Eurimbla Red Poll steers were Eurimbla Yip and Lepidus.

**DAMS** The dams of the steers were Eurimbla Anzabeth and Eurimbla Jennifer

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# FROM KERYN



Welcome to the final newsletter of the year and I ask that you spend time to reflect on what was achieved by the Society and members over this time. Significant promotional opportunity resulted from the field days and competitions, including Beef 2012, Farmfest and carcass awards in NSW and South Australian competitions. We need to be positive in our promotion and belief in the breed and always vigilant in keeping the standards of the breed high. This also includes good customer

relations with follow up service to ensure buyers are satisfied. I have had a number of phone calls asking for information regarding the breed. Interest is gaining as other breeds seek to find ways to improve fertility, polledness and carcass traits.

I found these words of wisdom in an old magazine:

"If you want to be successful in life, find something you like to do that makes money, then, get really good at it. If what you like to do is raise cattle, get really good at something else, too".

All the best for the rest of the year.

*Keryn*

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A good year for Queensland success at the Casino Beef Week display.

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