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NEWSLETTER
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RED POLL

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Focus on WA 10 - 11 OCTOBER 2015

The Western Australian region will host the 2015 Annual General Meeting to be held on Saturday 10th October at 4.30pm... AND

It is not all about meetings - enjoy a tour of WA herds and the historic town of York.

Commencing 9.00 am, 10th October, at Wayne & Belinda Owstons, "Yarrabah", Pruden Road (off South West Highway), Jarradale to view three herds of cattle.

After further herd visits arrive York around 4pm for the AGM to start at 4.30pm, York Palace Hotel, with dinner at the hotel.

October 11th, National Executive breakfast meeting to commence at 7.30am. Visitors not attending with the NE can enjoy a stroll around York, the first inland settlement in Western Australia.

Depart 10.30am for a visit to Yongerellen to inspect the three studs there.

ACCOMODATION:

- Friday 9th October - units available at Yarrabah Farm Stay, contact Belinda on 0408 001156.
- Saturday 10th October - York Palace Hotel, contact Nola Bliss on 0426 181948 and advise Nola that you are attending a Red Poll function. She has some rooms reserved for us.

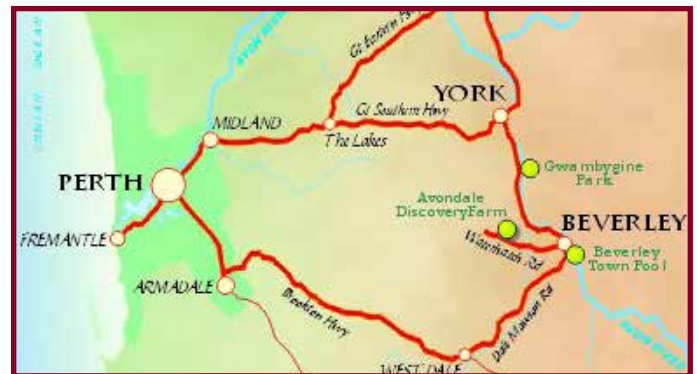
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**PLEASE REGISTER YOUR INTEREST
IN ATTENDING BY
15TH SEPTEMBER**



FROM THE *President*



Hello Everyone. As we head in to Spring we leave behind what is meant to be a quieter catch up time over winter ??? and in to our busier times, both on farm and generally for events taking place where Red Polls are represented.

The Ekka in Brisbane has just concluded and I had the pleasure of being there for a few days, it was a great opportunity to be able to engage and socialise with Members, discuss ideas and general Red Poll business.

It was also good to see so many younger Members, most of whom have come through the Youth Camp at Glen Innes, now showing very capably on their own, well done to everyone involved and thank you for your hospitality.

Coming up we have our Royal Shows:

Adelaide - Saturday Sept 5th, Perth - Saturday Sept 26th.

Melbourne - Sunday Sept 27th.

Youth Camp at Glen Innes, Sept 25th - 27th.

If you can't directly participate in any of these events, I encourage everyone to still attend and show your support for the Breed and those exhibiting.

Closely following is our *AGM Tour Weekend 10th & 11th October in WA*. I know the WA Region are very much looking forward to hosting our new style AGM and have worked hard in a short period of time to make arrangements.

Please show your support by attending this weekend and make the most of the opportunity to view the cattle on farm and network with fellow Breeders. If you haven't been to the west I'm sure you would find it a very worthwhile and enjoyable trip. Further details are provided in the bulletin and if you have any questions please contact those detailed who will be pleased to help.

Unfortunately Richard Daley has decided to retire from the Executive, while this is great for Richard & Kaye it is a big loss for us. I would like to sincerely thank Richard for the enormous effort and time spent in support of the Red Poll breed and its Members. I know Richard will still be an active Member and available to help support ARPCBI wherever he can.

GAY WARD



Showing at the EKKA

JUST A REMINDER!

SHOW ETIQUETTE & UNIFORM

Breed uniform should always be worn when parading in the show ring.

If you don't have extra shirts or vests, please ask a fellow exhibitor, breed captain or region representative, they will be able to help source for you.

Parade your animal professionally at all times even when you may be in the second line. Remember there are many people outside the ring watching and assessing your animals, including potential buyers who may be looking for different attributes to those of the one judge in the ring.

When exhibiting, members are not only exhibiting for their own studs but also and importantly, representing the Red Poll breed.

WA

An excellent start to the season in many parts of the state with early April rain turned sour with a dry May was rescued by a mid June rain and then soured again in July.

End of July and early August rains have pretty much put things back on track in most area, albeit with reduced crop and pasture potential. A reasonable spring and finish will probably see an average return, with a wide range of crop yields the best of which could still be very good.

Regional activity has been quiet with individual busy schedules and the carryover from a busy 2014 but is commencing again with preparations for Perth Royal Show. With approximately 20 head entered members are looking forward to getting together again.

Members are hoping there will be plenty of visitors to view their herds during the AGM Tour.

MURRAY WILLIAMS



& RED SANDS

Major Reduction Sale

Auctions plus – Week of 19th October 15

More than 50% of the young & middle aged cow group. Most with calves at foot, others PTIC and at the point of calving

Get your tax deductible trip to WA

Join in the AGM and tour and inspect the sale cattle at the Yongerellen property from 12 noon on 11th October



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SA

We held our AGM on Wednesday, July 16th, attended by Alan Wilson, John Malone, Richard Daley and our newest member, John Stockham. Richard was re-elected regional President with Alan Wilson Vice President.

As usual all members will form the committee. Afterwards our members were able to meet Briony Looker as the Heifer Expo was held last week also.

The S.A. Region has once again been able to sponsor the ARPCBI Youth Ambassador by providing a heifer and support. Briony arrived on Saturday and was met at Adelaide Airport and taken to Moyle Park. She spent the next day familiarizing herself with her heifer and the three other heifers Moyle Park had prepared for 3 other young people to take to Adelaide. Briony had charge of the animals while at Adelaide and provided the guidance and responsibility for the other members of the team.

Cassandra [Cassie] and Tiana Poulton, from Booleroo Centre and Damon Sims, from Sheffield, Tasmania, along with Briony,

exhibited the 4 Moyle Park heifers on Wednesday and then on Thursday they used the heifers in the handler classes. Although they did not get placed in their classes, Tiana won the novice section for her class and the others conducted themselves very well. In the heifer class, Briony's heifer was placed 5th. However the judge, Peter Falls, a Shorthorn breeder from Finley, NSW, who had put up the bigger framed animals, particularly Shorthorns, all day, singled out this Red Poll heifer and said that she was from a breed that was noted for its maternal and carcass traits and this heifer was an excellent example of the breed. This comment was directed at a large audience of cattlemen from many breeds so we were very pleased with what we heard.

The quality of our young Red Poll cattle breeders and their performance at Adelaide over the years has always been exceptional and this year Briony was no exception. If the young people I have seen over the years continue to take leadership roles in our breed we are in good hands.

Unlike many other regions S.A. breeders are all doing very well weather wise. Feed is starting to move now and the crops are showing lots of potential. With the much improved prices it is not a bad time to be a breeder for a change.

RICHARD DALEY

South Australian *Heifer Expo* Report

In 2015, I was fortunate enough to be selected to attend and represent the Red Poll Breed at the prestigious South Australian Heifer Show.

Four heifers had been prepared and supplied by Richard and Kay Daley of Moyle Park for the heifer show.

I headed to Adelaide on Saturday 11th July and was met at the Adelaide Airport by Richard and Kay. On leaving the airport Richard and Kay gave me a quick tour of some of the main sites in the beautiful city of Adelaide and on our trip back to the lovely Claire Valley, home of Moyle Park Red Poll Stud, I was treated to some lovely scenery, beautiful views and lush green paddocks of crops. Richard told me that that time of year is the toughest and driest for South Australia, which was very surprising for me. It was just such lovely green country.

Richard and Kay welcomed me into their house for a few days prior to heading into the Heifer Show. Richard showed me around his herd, his up and coming breeding stock, bulls and potential show team for next year. There are some outstanding cattle within the Moyle Park herd, if only my suitcase was bigger...

Through sleety rain and "scuddy" showers our team of 4 heifers and handlers completed final preparations for the coming week. The heifers were outstanding specimens of the Red Poll Breed and it was fantastic to have 4 head at the Heifer show this year.

On Monday morning we loaded up the truck and headed back to the big smoke. Being a senior competitor my week consisted of a Herdsman interview, lectures on various topics and the main events of Heifer Judging, Junior Judging and Paraders classes. My Heifer Moyle Park Marmadoc placed 5th out of a huge class of heifers, which was just fantastic.

My Paraders class was the strongest and hardest class to judge out of the whole event so this reinforced the quality and experience that my fellow senior contestants and I possessed. Being a Senior I was paired with a buddy, my buddy this year was Zac Llewellyn a first time competitor at the heifer show, like myself, but this was the very first show ever for Zac so it was great to help him through this and allow him to learn some tips and tricks from me.



Cassandra & Tiana Poulton, Booleroo Centre, Damon Sims, Sheffield, Tasmania, and ARPCBI awardee Briony Looker, exhibited 4 Moyle Park heifers.

I really enjoyed my time in South Australia showing Red Poll Cattle and showing off how good our breed really is. I would particularly like to thank Richard and Kay Daley and the ARPCBI for allowing me to attend and experience such a fantastic event.

I would definitely encourage anyone who is thinking of applying for this fantastic opportunity to just go for it, apply and put your best foot forward. The contacts and friends I made whilst at the Heifer show will remain with me forever. The experience is just amazing.

Thanks again to Richard and Kay for welcoming me into their house and looking after me so well and allowing this opportunity to be able to happen because without your continued support of this event this scholarship would not be possible. Richard and Kay have been supporting and supplying cattle and being involved in the South Australian Heifer Show for nearly 10 years and for this the up and coming and previous scholarship winners are very grateful. So thank you Richard and Kay.

BRIONY LOOKER

Thank you!

The ARPCBI Youth Committee resolved to allocate a proportion of the funds raised at the Sydney Feature auction to the preparation of the heifer for the SA Junior Heifer Expo. The 2015 SA Junior Heifer Expo sponsors were Richard & Kay Daley who will receive \$200.00 as a contribution towards their expenses.

2014 Red Poll World Congress

Youth Ambassador



Being selected at the Red Poll youth ambassador for the 2014 Congress was an achievement in itself.

I am very passionate about this breed and to think that a board of Red Poll breeders believe that I would be a great candidate for the trip is something that I feel very proud about.

The most important aspect of this trip for me was the opportunity to see cattle herds across Australia. The fact that the trip was around Australia was even better as I was able to look at genetic that are very accessible to me. I saw entire herds, especially in South Australia, that I have hear so much about and have been wanting to visit since I joined the society.

When asked what was a benefit of going on this trip, I can't go past the contacts I have made with Red Poll members around the world. I have been on one other Red Poll tour and it was great to catch up with the people I met before three years ago. Through social media I still stay in contact with most people on the congress which also helps promote my stud.

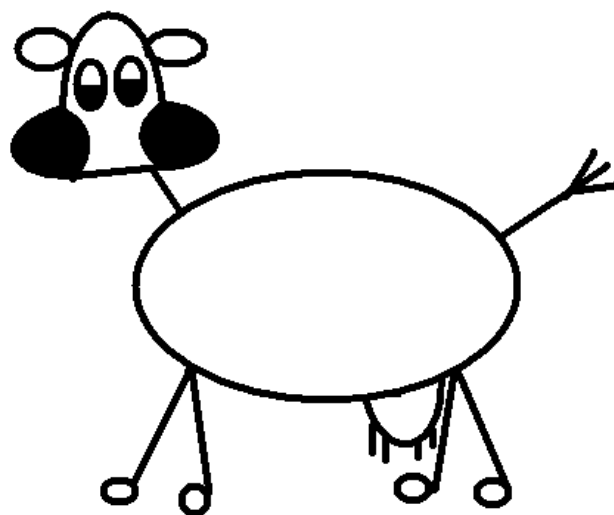
Though out the tour I did hear from a number of people that we need to get more young people on these tours. I think that is a great idea but not really for the country hosting the congress. I felt the visitors got more out of having youth involved throughout the tour rather than travelling the way I did.

I will admit that before I went on the tour I was not very excited as the itinerary didn't really interest me and I thought that I should of waited and hope that a scholarship came up for another country. However during the tour my thoughts changed and I am so pleased that I applied for such a great holiday.

RACHAEL HANCOCK

Left: Rachael Hancock Right: Conference dinner; Erick Owino, Heather Wellington & Rachael Hancock, Fairfax Red Poll Scholars accepting their gifts.

Australian Red Poll Cattle Breeders Inc Youth Camp



Held at the Glen Innes Show Grounds
September 25th to 27th 2015

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QLD

Once again the members of the Queensland Northern NSW Region have had a busy time.

Events such as Farmfest in Toowoomba, The Land Northern Beef Week and Ekka were supported well. In particular, the Ekka was a great success this year. Due to small numbers over the last couple of years we didn't receive junior champions however, we can boast this year as we had a total of 15 head stud cattle and 4 purebred steers on display.

Big congratulations to the junior members who showed this year at the Royal and in particular Cameron Jones who won both the Champion Male and Champion Female. This is Cameron's second time of winning this title with the same animals back to

back, an achievement very few stud breeds can say they have accomplished. Our judge this year was a Mr Berry Reynolds a Red Angus breeders from Toowoomba, who was impressed by both our females and males. This year seemed to be the busiest for us in terms of enquires about our cattle, with many people coming up and looking for cattle to purchase. I have no doubt that this is due to the hard work and positive attitude of the members in our region.

Preparations are well underway in our region for the Red Poll National Youth Camp. This will be once again being held at the Glen Innes showgrounds on 25th - 27th of September. This event is run mainly by the junior members in our region and as you can image can only be the success it is by the support of other Red Poll members and businesses. If you have any ideas for this year's camp or have any support you would like to give please call Rachael Hancock or Tim Light.

ALBERT HANCOCK



Senior Champion female with Lawrence Sehmish, Goondiwindi, Qld and placing the sash Albert Hancock, Glen Innes, NSW and exhibitor Cameron Jones, Bundarra, NSW.



Rachael Hancock and Tim Light with Ken McDonald prize steers at the EKKA.

BRISBANE ROYAL SHOW RESULTS 2015

JUDGING of the Red Poll breed commenced at 2.30pm on Thursday in ring five.

Judge: Berry Reynolds, Toowoomba No. of exhibits: 15

RESULTS:

Champion Bull: Jalabee Jessie James, Cameron Jones, Bundarra, NSW

Reserve Champion Bull: Tanamerah Go Gettum, Jillian Bockman and John Rhea, Mingoola, NSW

Champion Cow or Heifer: Jalabee Ella, Cameron Jones, Bundarra, NSW

Reserve Champion Cow or Heifer: Glenleigh Trixie, PM Hancock, Glen Innes, NSW

Grand Champion Exhibit: Jalabee Jessie James, Cameron Jones, Bundarra, NSW

VIC

An Activities of the Victorian Red Poll Breeders have been rather quiet in the last few months.

Breeders have been 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. Judy Rand and Mark Harris have entered steers in the Lardner

Park Grassfed Field Trials in Gippsland, so we look forward to the results of this competition.

New options are being explored for a Red Poll Sale in Victoria by the Sale Committee: D.Johnson, T.Storm and I. Staff. Developments will be announced when available.

The Victorian Region was a sponsor of the 2015 Stud Beef Victoria Cattle Handlers Camp held at the Bendigo Showgrounds on July 6-19. The camp attracted 110 participants with the Winner of the Educational Award being Krystal Bell, a Murray Grey Breeder. Krystal will be sponsored for a two week Scholarship to Mt Lincoln Station in New Zealand.

GAY WARD



Ethan Stuart after competition at the Stud Beef Victoria Cattle Handlers Camp.



Jamilla Abbott, Brittany Abbott and Annalise Abbott at the Stud Beef Victoria Cattle Handlers Camp.

Stud Beef Victoria *Cattle Handlers Camp*

I wasn't sure if I was able to go to the cattle camp because I am waiting for a knee reconstruction, since I have ruptured my ACL in my knee.

I was able to go to the camp on strict conditions and it was by far the best camp I have been too, except for the cold weather!

The camp was held on the Prince Of Wales Showgrounds, Bendigo and started on Monday the 6th to Friday the 10th of July.

The Victoria region of the Australian Red Poll cattle breeders was a bronze sponsor at the camp, which was fantastic.

Together there were seven Red Poll heifers, which were all outstanding. Ross Draper supplied Red Cactus Robtho, who was groomed by Cassy Willsmore.

Cassy did an outstanding effort and was placed 1st in her handling class. Gay Ward supplied Redward Marony, who was groomed by Jaymee Pearson. Jaymee did a really good job throughout the camp.

Gay Ward also supplied Redward Style, who was groomed by Ethan Stuart. Ethan did an amazing job throughout the camp and was placed 4th in his handling class.

Ross Draper also supplied Red Cactus Jessie, who was groomed by Ben Willsmore. Ben did a great job parading his heifer around and she was placed 4th in her cattle class.

Greg Abbott and I supplied Turanga Bloom, who was groomed by Annalise Abbott. Annalise did a great job looking after her heifer as it was her first time attending the camp.

Greg Abbott and I also supplied Almora Belle, who was groomed by my cousin Jamilla Abbott. Jamilla did a great job preparing and parading her animal. Jamilla lives in Melbourne and visits in the school holidays so gets limited time handling the cattle. Greg Abbott and I supplied Turanga Ada, who I led.

I was placed 3rd in my handling and 4th in the Open Judging Competition.

BRITTANY ABBOTT

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Note: A library of photos with a link on the website is to be established for future reference

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