



Australian Galloway Association Inc

Report for 2025 World Galloway Conference

Good morning/afternoon. I'm Pauline Dunk, representing the Australian Galloway Association. I'd like to thank the Galloway Cattle Society of New Zealand for hosting the congress and organising tours prior to and after the official business of the conference.

Over the past twelve months many members of the Australian Galloway Association have been active with their cattle, exhibiting at field days, attending handler camps and getting out to shows, both their local shows and the large city Royal Shows. Attendance at these events is steadily increasing since the Covid induced lockdowns we endured a few short years ago. Just recently we had a great representation of the whole range of Galloways at the Royal Canberra Show, with some of our members attending for their first time. In early May the Royal Bathurst Show is hosting Belted Galloways as its feature breed and there is much excitement around this show and many expressions of interest from our members to attend, so it should be a fabulous event.

Royal Canberra Show 2024 was held in February, with exhibits of Galloways. Miniature Belted Galloways and Galloways. The cattle all looked great, and it was pleasing to see Murrumburrah High School exhibiting a pair of Galloway heifers which had been donated to them by Greenethorpe Galloways. The heifers teamed up to win the pair of heifers under 20 months, with Greenethorpe Tina going on to be awarded Reserve Junior Champion Galloway. Chelsea Filmer, Pageoway Belted Galloway Stud, received a special award for the most successful junior exhibitor across the whole beef cattle section of the Royal Canberra Show. This award was very well deserved with Chelsea's team of two Belted Galloway heifers and a junior Belted Galloway bull winning the Belted Galloway breeders group, as well as the bull, Pageoway Ugo receiving the sash for Junior and Grand Champion Belted Galloway bull. Pageoway Sushi was awarded Reserve Junior Champion female.

The popular Seymour Alternative Farming Expo held every year in Victoria always has members from the Australian Galloway Association displaying cattle and providing information about the Galloway family. The Expo is always well attended, usually around 20,000 people over the three days it runs. Our members always have much interest from visitors, with many sales made and people returning every year to talk Galloways and catch up.

The Association's Annual General Meeting and Field day for 2024 was held at the end of April. The field day on the Saturday attracted around 40 people, and Bree Francis, of "Bree's Bovine Behaviour – Natural Cowmanship" spent the morning demonstrating her methods for quietening cattle and teaching them to accept a halter and to be lead. Bree's approach was gentle and non- confronting to the cattle in the yards and she very quickly gained their confidence. It was quite amazing to watch the change in the cattle over the course of the morning. During the afternoon several of the more experienced members present demonstrated tattooing and height measuring of Miniature Galloways, and the day was finished off evaluating the structure of the cattle still in the yards. Night time saw members enjoy a delicious meal, followed by an informative and entertaining presentation from Allen and Lizette Snaith, Warialda Belted Galloway Beef. Their presentation covered their journey from the commencement of their now very successful paddock to plate operation, which has picked up many awards over the years and teamed with renowned chefs to promote their Belted Galloway Beef. A success story based on very hard work, dedication and



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unwavering belief in their product. The Annual General meeting on the Sunday saw Joanne Tesoriero, Fireglow Galloways, being elected as President, farewelling Malcolm Cock, Amberley Park, who did not stand for re-election.

During the winter months there have been several handlers' camps run by various organisations and in different states. Many of these camps are now open to adults, recognising the opportunity to help educate people who enter the beef industry a little later in life. They have been well attended by Association members who have all agreed they have learnt a great deal and picked up valuable skills along the way.

The spring shows commenced in September, with Royal Melbourne Show attracting several new exhibitors. There was a Galloway exhibitor, two Miniature Galloway exhibitors, both at their first Royal, and the first Miniature Galloway exhibitors for around 15 years. Alongside regular Belted Galloway exhibitors there were also two first time Belted Galloway exhibitors, including a dad with three pre-teenage children. By all reports the children stepped up, rolled up their sleeves and helped out tirelessly all week, making lots of new friends, earning the respect of other Association members and making their dad very proud. A good outlook for the beef industry with juniors like this becoming involved.

A couple of carcase competitions saw entries from Peter Koppman, Greenethorpe Galloways. Peter is passionate about carcase competitions and showcasing Galloway beef, and over the years would have to be the Association's most prolific entrant of Galloways and Galloway crosses in these competitions. At the Southern Schools Beef Spectacular, Murrumburrah High School exhibited Galloway steers bred by Peter. In the lightweight classes, the steers placed first and second. The first place winner then went on to be awarded Champion commercial steer on the hoof. Recently at the Albury Show Peter entered seven steers across the three different weight classes. In the trade vealer class Peter's Galloway X Charolais was awarded first place, and in the supermarket trade class Peters two Galloway entries were awarded first and third place. A sound result reflecting Peter's great breeding programme and Galloway genetics.

With the realisation that hypotrichosis is present in the Galloway and Belted Galloway herds within Australia, the committee of the Association has spent many hours researching this genetic condition, discussing it and compiling a management plan aiming to eventually eradicate the condition from its herd book. A consideration of the planning was how the management plan could be used to cope with any future genetic conditions which may arise. The Association is encouraging its members to test their cattle, a simple test using DNA from tail hairs, in an effort to identify carrier cattle and manage their breeding programmes accordingly.

You may have noticed the Association's new logo at the start of the slide show of the photos. The committee has overhauled the logo and slogan to give it a fresh new look, and has also launched a new website, which we are all very excited about, and which will be able to provide much more information than our previous website.

If any congress visitors are visiting Australia and would like to visit Galloway breeders please contact the Association's office which will be able to provide contact information and suggestions.