

14th WORLD GALLOWAY CONGRESS
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NEW ZEALAND COUNTRY REPORT



The Galloway Cattle Society of New Zealand (GCSNZ) is proud to be hosting the 2025 World Galloway Congress and welcome the overseas delegates to our beautiful Country.

Our membership remains strong with 102 financial members, 20+ new studs were registered in the 2023-24 years, most of these herds being White or Belted, with 1 new Riggite and 1 Standard, evenly spread across the country.

In 2022 the Society adopted a cloud based database called Breedmate as an electronic format for the Herd Book. Animal and member information that had previously been stored in databases maintained by an external provider was imported into Breedmate and this went live in October 2022. Breedmate is maintained by the Society and operated by the Society's Registrar. Members can now complete Calf Returns and Annual Herd Audits online instead of completing paper forms that have to be posted to the Registrar, saving time and money. Still in the process of development is getting registration certificates generated from Breedmate once a calf is registered.

Sadly our society lost a longstanding and highly respected member when Graeme Clinton passed away on 13/12/23 aged 93. Graeme bought his first Belted Galloways in 1966 and started his well-respected and successful stud OKIWA, which achieved many results in breeding over the years locally and internationally. Graeme was presented with Life Membership in 2009 and a 50-year membership certificate in 2017.

In November 2024 Suzanne Kernohan was presented with her Honorary Life Membership Award. This was in recognition of over 50 years of breeding pedigree Belted Galloways at Tatua Ma Stud, Herd #24B founded in 1968 at Ngaruawahia in the Waikato and her dedication to the promotion of the breed. The Stud name in Maori means White Belt.

New Zealand breeders had 5 cattle selected for the 2024 "Galloway - Champion of the World" Competition!
With 3 winning
2024 "Galloway - Champion of Asia/Africa/Oceania" GOLD: New Zealand – White - Mountain View Sydney,
2024 "Galloway - Miss Asia/Africa/Oceania" GOLD: New Zealand – Belted - Flemington Paree 59 and BRONZE:
New Zealand – Riggite Cherrybank Dark Rive

The 2024 AGM Weekend was hosted by our Southern Breeders in Dunedin; those attending enjoyed the spectacular countryside as we busied between Galloway herds and local attractions. The formal Dinner was followed by the Virtual Show which is always a highlight of the weekend and a chance for everyone to celebrate the beautiful cattle breed by our members. Each class was well represented and Mountain View Sydney was named Champion of Champions.

In our autumn newsletter Members were introduced to a new Certificate – Any owner or breeder of a registered Galloway Cow that has had 8 or more calves can apply for a Grand Dam Certificate". Several have now been issued stating the Cow's name, DOB, Herd Book number and a photo of said cow.

I look forward to meeting Galloway Breeds from overseas, and hope everyone enjoys their New Zealand experience.

Sarah Pinfold
NZ Delegate