

**The Victorian region will host the 2017
AGM and Stud Tour
28 - 29 October 2017**

This will involve on Saturday visits to Studs in Western Victoria, accommodation and meeting in Ballarat, followed by on Sunday, selected studs in Central Victoria.

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⇒ **We suggest Members arrive on Friday night the 27th, for an early start on Saturday.**

⇒ **Timetable page 2**



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Executive Officer's Report

Welcome to the 2017 August edition of the Red Poll Newsletter.

I hope you've been enjoying the winter months despite the cold experienced in many areas. It is a typical frosty New England morning here in Armidale.

Hopefully a good season ahead and especially for those north of us experiencing the dry once again.

The big event of the year, the US World Congress has come and gone and from all accounts members attending thoroughly enjoyed their time. Photos and report in this newsletter.

By now you will have received membership renewals and female inventory listing. Please ensure these are dealt with in a timely fashion.

In July the ARPCBI selected Jess McClenaghan to attend the ARCBA Young Breed Leaders Workshop held on 4/5 July in Brisbane.

The topic of the workshop was the Role of Genetics in a Modern Beef Industry.

As a stakeholder in ARCBA (Australian Registered Cattle Breeders Association), Red Poll members are entitled to attend events, meetings and receive industry updates.

Jess was a credit to our breed. She participated well and spoke on various topics. See Jess' report in this newsletter.

Well done Jess!

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Timetable AGM and Herd Tour

Date	Time	Venue	Mobile
Sat 28 th Oct	9.30am–11.00am	Don Castle-Koallah Park Stud. Carpenteit, inc morning tea.	0417 169 914
	11.30am–1.30pm	Greg Abbott-Turanga Stud. 625 Grinters Ln, Kolora, inc lunch	0438 922 313
	3.15pm – 4.00pm	Sam Henson-Red Hot Stud. 105 Mt Buninyong Rd, Buninyong, inc afternoon tea.	0419 547 181
	5.30pm	AGM 'Seymours on Lydiard', 302 Lydiard St, North Ballarat	(03) 5332 9966 www.seymours.com.au
	7.00pm	Dinner at Seymours on Lydiard	
Sun 29 th Oct	7.00am-9am	Executive meeting (venue to be arranged)	
	10.00am-12.00	Douglass Payne, Woodburn Stud, 125 McDougalls Rd. Kilmore, inc morn tea	(03) 5782 1002
	12.45pm on	Combined herds: Ross Draper - Red Cactus Gay Ward - Redward Lynette and Barry Johnson - Lynbarry. 75 Running Creek Rd, Arthurs Creek, inc lunch.	0428 510 252

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Instructions for start of Farm Tour 9.30am - Don Castle's Koallah Park Stud at Carpendeit.

Go to Stoneyford Tractor Wreckers situated on the Princes Highway at Stoneyford, midway between Colac and Camperdown in Western Victoria.

Turn into Hwy C149 (Cobden/Stoneyford Rd) and proceed 8Km. Turn Left on Ansons Rd and go 1.86 Km. Enter Gate on the Right.



Map of Ballarat

NNSW/Queensland Report

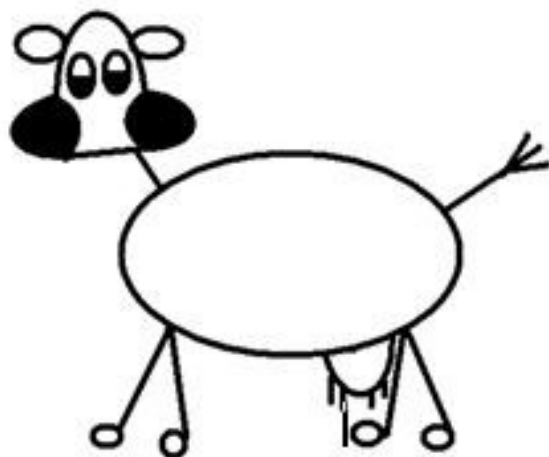
This year at the Farmfest field day was one of our best yet, with plenty of interest which lead to sales on the cross bred animals on the stand. People appeared impressed with the results of crossbreeding with the Red Poll. The Brahman cross heifers and Angus cross heifers were sold during the three days. We also did well in the show section with a Tanamerah 17mth old heifer coming third in the British breeds. A big thankyou goes to Jill Bockman and Steve Williams on manning the site and organising the cattle.

This year at the Brisbane Royal we had 17 head to parade in front of the judge Erin Waters from Antraven Herefords in Victoria. Without a doubt this was Tim Lights year taking away both male and female champions. Erin was impressed by all the cattle and at times found the job quite tough to split the classes. Erin also commented on the fact our cattle would suit the commercial world very well. Congratulations to all ribbon winners.

The National Youth Camp is coming up on the 6th, 7th and 8th of October and is once again hosted by our region at the Glen Innes Showgrounds. Entry forms are now out so please look for them on the website or contact myself. If you would like to sponsor or help in any way then please contact me, we would love to have you on board.

Report by Rachel Hancock

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**



**THE NNSW/QLD REGION WELCOMES
YOUR PARTICIPATION
in the
2017 RED POLL NATIONAL YOUTH
CAMP**

To be held at the Glen Innes Show
Grounds
6th, 7th and 8th October
(Entry forms available in August)

**Contact: Rachael Hancock 0432 581493
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NNSW/Queensland Show Roundup

2017 Brisbane Royal Competition Winners

Judge: Erin Waters, Lancefield, VIC

Junior Champion Female:

Reserve Junior Champion Female:

Senior Champion Female:

Reserve Senior Champion Female:

Grand Champion Female:

Junior Champion Bull:

Reserve Junior Champion Bull:

Senior Champion Bull:

Reserve Senior Champion Bull:

Grand Champion Bull:

T Light

J Bockman & J Rhea

T Light

N & P Lee

T Light

T Light

C Jones

J Bockman & J Rhea

N & P Lee

T Light

Lagoona Quinta

Tanamerah Lisbeth Taylor

Lagoona Miss Pandora

Omega 3 Gabriel

Lagoona Quinta

Lagoona Oreo

Rosalee Triple A

Tanamerah Leonardo da Vinci

Omega 3 Sage

Lagoona Oreo



Grand Champion Red Poll bull, Lagoona Oreo led by Tim Light

Photo courtesy of Nick & Prue Lee

Victorian Report

Three of our Members, Gay Ward, Ross Draper and Trent Storm attended the International Red Poll Congress in the USA and reported that they appreciated the hospitality, the great organization, the huge support of their American counterparts, the attention to detail and the cattle and farms they saw along with other sights in their very long journey.

Our Annual General Meeting was held on July 22, when Mark Harris was elected as the next President, Trent Storm - Vice President, Ian Staff - Secretary/Treasurer, Judy Munro – Merchandising Officer, Publicity – Greg Abbott and Anne Moya, and Promotions – Trent Storm and Nell Staff. Gay Ward was thanked for her great contribution to the Region while President.

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Noorat Feature Show

On 18th November, we are holding a Red Poll Feature Show at Noorat (Western Victoria) hosted by the Noorat & District Ag & Pastoral Society Inc - Greg Abbott (Mob: 0438 922 313) is coordinating this event and over \$1000 of Sponsorships have been provided and Members are invited to participate.

There will be two carcass competitions associated with Noorat – one being a Carcass Competition with a Main Prize of \$1000 for the Grand Champion Carcass will be held at the Camperdown Saleyards (entry fee is \$40 per head) on Monday 20th November at 9am. Live judging will occur at 11am and animals will go to Heard's Abattoir in Geelong. The other will be for a Meat Eating Quality Prize which will be held two weeks before the Show. Entrants have to provide two steaks per animal, but get reduced killing and carcass preparation fees. G. Abbott will send out entry forms to members in due course

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2017 Royal Melbourne Show

The 2017 Royal Melbourne Show will be held on 23rd September - 3rd October and Judging Day for Red Polls will be pm Sunday, 1st October. Dinner follows at Pacino's Restaurant just outside the front gate at 6.30pm.

Elmore Field Days will be attended by Nell & Ian Staff and Frank & Anne Moya on 3-5 October, 2017.

Vic Website : <http://www.redpollvic.com/>

Report by Ian Staff

2018 Royal Melbourne Show – Red Poll Feature

Please get ready to come to the Red Poll Feature at the 2018 Royal Melbourne Show. Please help us make this a super Show for Red Poll promotion and friendly competition. Dates are Saturday 22 September to Tuesday 2 October, 2018. Our Committee for this event is Trent Storm (Chair), Ross Draper, Mark Harris, Anne Moya, and Gay Ward.

We're looking forward to another great challenge in 2018!

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2017 World Congress USA (photos courtesy of G Ward & J Coghlan)



Jackson Farms, Indiana



Spegal's Red Polls, Indiana



Shuter Sunset Farms, Indiana



Carl's Red Polls



Parks Family Farm, Indiana. [Mike Parks has based his herd on Marshall Mohler's cattle]



Wiese Family Farm, Kansas

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Wilkshire Red Poll Stud, North Carolina

[Jeff Wilkins & family sell their meat to a very well-known Chef in nearby Chapel Hill & Durham]



Womelsdorf Red Polls, Kansas



The tour group at Shuter Sunset Farms Store



Amish man mowing hay in one of the lushest pastures we've ever seen, Indiana



South Australian Region

THE RED POLL BREED CONGRATULATES OAKWOOD STUD FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING STEER SUCCESS in the 2016/2017 Southern Grassfed Carcase



Oakwood carcase competition results from the 2016/17 Southern Grassfed Carcase Comp. run in conjunction with Teys Pty Ltd at Naracoorte.

This years competition was expanded greatly with any Grassfed only, MSA graded cattle eligible to enter within the October - February deliver period.

The longer delivery period meant producers could sell lines of MSA cattle and also enter them in the competition. A record 722 entries were received.

Class 1: Steer or Heifer 180-240kg
(58 entries)

Oakwood 1st - 87.65pts

Class 2: Steer or Heifer 241 - 320kg
(303 entries!!)

Oakwood 3rd, 8th and 11th

Class 6: Team of 3 steers.
(35 team entries)

Oakwood 2nd - 262.88 pts

Class 7: Ten steers
(26 entries)

Oakwood 6th

An interesting note is that in class 2 with the 303 entries only 6 animals scored a full 20/20 for EMA. Two of these were from Oakwood.

New South Wales Report

On Saturday 29 July, the NSW region held its AGM and Branch meeting at Margaret and Nagy Sorial's Wongajong Red Poll Stud, Goulburn. Once again, it was a highly productive meeting where we achieved some good outcomes. A new Committee was elected with Garrick Mulcahy continuing as Secretary/Treasurer, Keith Smith and Aidan Leicester were elected as Vice Presidents, Margaret Sorial as Publicity Officer and I will continue as President. The NSW Region will upgrade Aidan's membership to a Full member so he can actively take on this role. I look forward to the year ahead working with such an outstanding Committee.

The NSW Branch looks forward to the Marketing Plan progressing. Judging from the informal discussion amongst members about their surveys, there have been some valuable and thoughtful contributions. Of concern for our Branch, is that in the last quarter, 13 Junior members have resigned. We attribute this to the big increase in membership of about \$200 between a Junior member and a Full member. The NSW Branch hopes the Marketing Plan will help to address this concern. We finished our meetings with some hearty soups before roaming the paddocks for an obligatory inspection of the Wongajong herd. Thank Margaret and Nagy for your kind hospitality.

Over the past year, I'm proud to report that our NSW region has initiated several actions for the Red Poll breed including the Marketing Plan that Margaret is managing, our Facebook page that Margaret is also managing and free semen to our 8 High schools in NSW that have Red Poll herds.

Another major achievement for our region was Garrick Mulcahy, Richard Wilkinson and Aidan Leicester's combined success at Sydney Royal where they achieved 84 points or more in the Stan Hill Trophy to outscore all other British breeds except the Murray Greys – a great achievement. To further improve our selection of steers for the Stan Hill in 2018,

the NSW region will scan steers to get accurate measurements for EMA, IMF and fat cover.

While our region will continue having a focus on the junior members of our region, this year we'll also focus on developing a commercial market for our members as well as providing assistance to our commercial producers. We consider this as a priority for our Red Poll breed to develop and grow. Our Facebook page is a great tool for utilising this and Margaret has already identified this time of the year as "Bull Buying" season and invites anyone who has bulls for sale to use the facility. We extend this offer to all Red Poll breeders and friends.

I recently received reports from a couple of our High School Ag teachers that I'd like to share a little of. I'm very aware of how active our Red Poll High Schools are but I'm blown away when I hear what they achieve and the number of students experiencing such interesting things. The extended versions of these reports will be in our Annual that will also include reports from other Red Poll High schools.

Stephen Boyd is the Ag Teacher at Bellingen High School. When I spoke to Steve one Saturday morning, it was the start of a Music Festival in Bellingen. The town was packed with campers for this event and I'm not sure if Steve was exuding the vibe of the Festival or whether he was very happy about what his students and he were up to with their Red Poll herd.

This year, Steve and his students have already shown cattle at the Inverell Red Poll Feature Show, Macksville, Bellingen and Coffs Harbour Shows. They plan to take their cattle to Kempsey, Taree and Dorrigo to compete during the spring show circuit.

Steve and his students show up to 14 head at these shows. This year the herd comprises 4 cows and their 3 young calves, 2 heifers, 3

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bulls and 2 steers. Student representation at the shows vary somewhere between 20 and 35, with many more helping at school preparing the cattle for each show.

Adrian Palmer is the Agriculture and Primary Industries Teacher at Wauchope High School and writes: at Wauchope High School we have taken 10 animals to our local show in April and done particularly well in the Red Poll section. We are the only exhibitor for this breed at our show though. We have run a cattle team through Term 1 attracting about 15-20 students from Years 7-11. The younger students have started to develop skills and confidence with handling and gentling stock while the older students have continued to build on their knowledge of preparing cattle for shows and parading.

We took advantage of the offer for free semen and made contact with Judy Rand. She was very kind in donating 10 straws of semen from Balla Balla Bellamy to us. We have been in the process of organising transport of the semen from Victoria to Wauchope and we plan to implement an oestrus synchronisation and AI program early next Term.

Can you please give Judy her due recognition as this has been a massive help to us and will allow us to introduce new genetics to our small herd. She was most generous with her donation and we are very grateful.

Our current herd sits at 5 cows, one heifer that will go into calf this year, five calves (2 steers and 3 heifers) and two bulls which are held off site. **Please let others on the mid north coast know that we are looking to sell or swap our bulls as they are now too closely related to all our females.** I can give registration details to anyone who might be interested. The bulls are Wauchope High School Zeus and Wauchope High School Ned.

The promotion of Red Poll cattle in the New South Wales Region has primarily been through the very informative and inclusive Facebook site that was established by and is managed by Margaret Sorial. This site is an excellent medium for promoting all things Red Poll – thank you Margaret. Please check it out at: **Red Poll Australia – Information and Classifieds.**

Last but not least, I'm pleased to inform you that two past members have reinstated their Full Membership to our NSW Region. They are Gerardine and Trevor Hill, Ingleden Park Stud and Moira and Keith Smith, Yarra Stud. Both these studs have a long history with the Red Poll Breed and their knowledge of breeding Red Poll cattle will be a wonderful advantage to our breed. It's great to have you in our Region.

Report by Jill Coghlan.

President, NSW ARPCBI.

Upcoming Events

September 1 - 10 Royal Adelaide Show

September 23 – October 3 Royal Melbourne Show

September 23 - 30 Perth Royal Show

September/October Red Poll National Youth Camp

October 3 – 5 Elmore & District Field Day

October 28—29..... AGM and Stud tour, VIC

Stud Beef Victoria Cattle Handlers Camp

The Stud Beef Victoria Cattle Handlers Camp was held at the Royal Melbourne Showgrounds in Flemington from Monday the 10th of July to Thursday the 13th of July, 2017. There was a record amount of participants at 165 and over 160 head of cattle of which 100 were ballot animals.

Over the couple of days we learnt new grooming techniques, animal husbandry, ring craft, judging, artificial insemination and we were also able to listen to a couple of successful show people and how they have achieved what they have.

The Red Poll Society sponsored the Champion Senior Parader which was fantastic to see, this was won by Peter Ferrari. A big thank you needs to go to the Red Cactus Red Poll Stud and the Redward Red Poll Stud for supplying ballot animals.

Red Cactus Seah was led by Cassy Wilsmore. Redward Tess was led by Ethan Stuart. Ethan was also the winner of a swag in the raffle.

Turanga Maree Ann was led by Annalise Abbott. Annalise did a great job and had a fantastic time as she placed 1st in her handling class.

**Annalise Abbott
leading Turanga
Maree Ann.**

Turanga Rose Petal was led by myself. I was placed 2nd in the open age junior judging competition. Turanga Erica was also supplied.

The line up of Red Poll animals that were represented were exceptional and it was great to see the breed been shown by high quality animals.

D. Johnson and R. Draper spent long hours cleaning up after the Camp on the following Friday and Saturday. The RASV was very helpful, providing Sponsorship of \$5000. Jess Parker won the Scholarship of a 2 week training trip to the USA sponsored by Sullivan's Stock Products, RASV and Daryl Holder (The Cattle Shop).

This is my fifth year attending the camp and I continue to learn and enjoy it. There are always new activities to do and new people to meet. We are all looking forward to the 2018 camp!

Report by Brittany Abbott



New Zealand Trip 2017

Elke and Mark Harris of Ketlang Red Poll Stud and I travelled to NZ to attend the 96th AGM and Herd tour in the Northland Area of the North Island.

On the first day Tuesday the 18th our first destination was visiting the Davie - Martin herds (Martinvale and Puketi) at Waitira where we first met up with fellow NZ red poll breeders to view the Davie - Martin herd and enjoy their great hospitality.

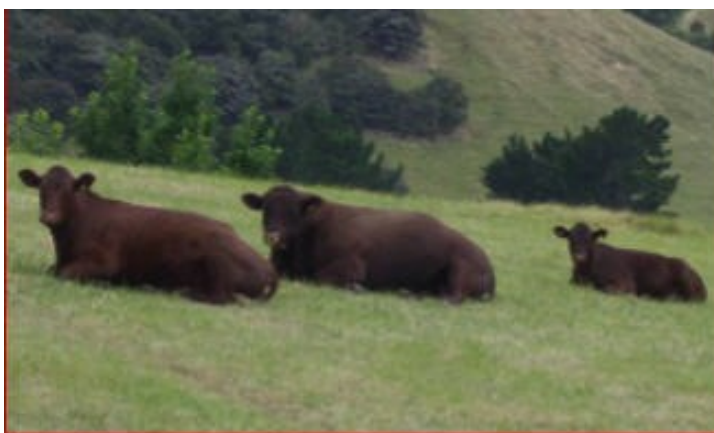
The next day, Wednesday, after staying overnight at Whangarei, we drove to Dargaville to visit our first herd for the day at Richard & Helen Alpach's Darnaway farm. We then drove to Tangiteroria to visit Nina Walker's Houto herd. After inspecting her red poll cattle, we were provided lunch and engaged in conversation about the beautiful red polls we had the privilege to see at Darnaway and Houto that morning. In the afternoon we made our way to Omapere with breeders having the opportunity to sightsee various attractions along the way such as a shipwreck Museum and/or Kauri Forest. That evening after dinner the NZ Executive committee held a meeting with fellow breeders having a quiet night.

The next morning Thursday we travelled to Rawene to catch a car ferry across the lake to Kaitiā to drive to Ged Thomson's herd at Victoria Valley to inspect his red poll cattle. We then drove to Robin (Patron of the NZ red polls) & Gena Shepherd's Rangitihi herd also at Victoria Valley to inspect their red polls and enjoy their hospitality with an excellent lunch. That evening the Annual dinner was held at Reia Taipa Beach. The next morning the last day of the tour the Annual General meeting of the NZ Red poll Cattle Breeders was held. Being also an associate member of the NZ Breeders I attended their AGM which I found to be very informative on the issues and challenges they face for the breed in NZ.

In summary all the herds we visited, I saw excellent types of Red polls and the NZ breeders I met on the tour to be very friendly and warm people.

By the way NZ is a beautiful place to travel to and sightsee.

Report by Doug D'Oliver



Rosemarkie Red Polls at rest



Rangitihi Stud (Robin & Gena Shepherd) rising 3 year in-calf heifers.

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