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The sequencing of the Brahman genome by the Beef CRC is an important step forward for the Brahman as well as the Australian beef industries.

It revealed that there are more than four million variations between the Brahman DNA compared to the DNA of temperate cattle breeds. This will ensure that genes associated with important production traits including meat quality, yield, fertility and feed efficiency are included in new commercially available DNA marker panels.

To date, most of the DNA marker research has focused on breeds suitable to temperate environments. The sequencing of the Brahman genome will essentially mean the Beef CRC researchers are now digging in much higher grade orr.

It is now understood that most of the traits of commercial interest are controlled by hundreds of not thousands of genes. The technology to analyze these gene sequences is, like computers, becoming increasingly more powerful and cheaper at the same time.

To make best use of these new tools we need to have phenotype measurements so the prediction equations used to interpret these new larger DNA marker chips of 50,000 or more SNP’s can properly assess the magnitude of effect with reliable accuracy.

The Brahman sequencing project has highlighted the need for the Beef Information Nucleus/Progeny test project we are embarking on this year and also significantly increased the potential benefit.

This applies particularly to the difficult to measure traits like meat quality. We know that Brahman cattle can be some of the tenderest cattle in the industry. Variability is our problem and we are judged by the worst not the best.

The DNA technology should in the foreseeable future give us the tools to address this issue as well as ensure we can continue to improve the critically important production and efficiency traits that have got us to where we are today and sees Brahman genetics influencing over 50% of Australians beef cattle herd.
President’s paragraph

Council is now in the process of calling for nominations for Sires to be used in the Associations Progeny Test/BIN Project for a 2010 joining.

I urge members with sires they consider to be elite to nominate them in this project and reap the rewards that will follow, along with the future development of our breed. We will be hoping to select 25 sires this year, with 21 used exclusively by AI and 4 by AI and natural service in the CSIRO Belmont herd.

Councils aim is to evaluate the top sires which will influence the future of the Brahman for a large range of economically imported traits including carcase and meat quality - female reproduction - growth traits.

Another important part of the project is to develop a data file of phenotype measurements to validate gene marker panels for Brahman cattle.

Member briefings to outline the DNA technology and the Progeny Test/BIN Project will be held in all branch areas in the next few months. Details of these meetings can be obtained from the office.

The 3rd Brahman Commercial Breeding Female Show and Sale at Gracemere on the 13th April was another huge success for the Brahman breed. The record lineup of 815 females peaked at $1600 and averaged $699 and Judge Peter Hacon, Granada, Cloncurry described the yarding as outstanding. Congratulations must go to all the exhibitors and the organising committee on a job well done.

Early June will see the “Sold on Brahmans” feature being produced by Rural Press to run in the Queensland Country Life and the NQ Register. A number of studs will showcase their breeding herds along with editorials on commercial clients.

The 2010 show season is underway throughout the country and I wish all competitors the very best in the show ring.

John Atkinson
In general, the Queensland cattle industry is rejoicing at the best start to the season for many, many years.

Restockers have been active snapping up quality cattle – and there have been plenty of them flowing into sales across the state. With the best break in the season for years, after such a prolonged drought, the numbers of prime cattle now hitting the market are substantial.

Slaughter numbers in early April were expected to break the 70,000-head mark.

The drought-breaking rain earlier this year has already proven how Australian producers can turn out quality prime cattle if given a season.

Store cattle are at a premium and all sales have been reporting gains of up to 30c live for quality young cattle and a very strong demand for breeders.

The live-export industry expects another busy year – by the end of March one ship of 16,000 head was loaded meanwhile another large shipment loaded at Broome.

Elders Charters Towers Manager David Roberts reported two more big boatloads headed for Indonesia in May – each of around 6000-7000 head.

A round-up of saleryard prices follows:

**NORTH QUEENSLAND**

**CHARTERS TOWERS**

New Elders Charters Towers Manager David Roberts brings his 30 years of grazing experience to the job, reporting that the yardings have started to increase with between 1500 and 2000 prime and store cattle for their mid-May sales.

At the April 16 combined agents sale a total of 3959 grown cattle and 496 calves yarded at the special store sale.

A good pen of 28 Brahman heifers from Eden Cattle Co, Townsville, made 147.2c, weighed 216kg and returned $318 avg.

**MIRIAMVALE**

A yarding of 3470 head was offered at the March 19 sale. Frank Bowman and family, Marlborough, sold Brahman steers to top at 199.2c, weighing in at 240kg to return $478.

A larger yarding of 2522 was offered at the March 12 sale. Feedlot steers improved up to 8c, cows and calves were very strong and weaner heifers were well sought after.

Enjoying the elevated prices were Colin and Joy Comiskey, Central Creek, Capella, who sold 56 Brahman cows and calves to top at $880 and average $845 per unit.

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The March 5 Gracemere sale met with keen competition from a very good gallery of buyers.

Among the successful vendors were Mark and Katrina Brown, Dululu, who sold a pen of prime Brahman cows to a top of 147c weighing 517kg and returning $762.

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A yarding of 3470 head was offered at the April 22 sale. Jennifer McCamley, Kaluroo, Dingo, sold 63 No.8 Brahman steers for 161.8c/kg, weighing 418kg to return $676 per head. The Hoffmann family, Desmond Station, Collisville, sold 241 Brahman steers, mostly No. 8s, to average 165.3c/kg, weighing 356kg to return $589.

Gracemere’s Central Queensland Livestock Exchange saw its biggest yarding for the year to date on April 30 with 3550 head offered.

Among the vendors was Noel Cooper, The Styx Pastoral Company, Ogmore, who sold 68 grey Brahman steers for an average of 167c/kg, with 391kg No. 8 steers returning $653.45/head. His 61 grey Brahman heifers sold for an average of 142.8c, with the 361kg heifers returning $515.

**MONTO**

Buyers from Central and Southern Queensland arrived at Monto Cattle and Country’s prime and store sale in the first week of March eager to secure cattle to restore empty paddocks after excellent rain over most districts.

Whinestone Pastoral penned Brahman weaner steers, 250kg, which were knocked down for 178c. Leigh Benecke sold Brahman weaner steers for $430 to Tex Burnham.

The mid-month Monto Cattle and Country’s prime and store sale saw store cattle in strong demand. Reaping the benefits of this was Joe Streeter who penned Brahman 290kg No. 9 heifers to realise $470 or 163c/kg.

At the March 7 sale Rod and Tina McLaughlan, Ritonda, Yarrol, yarded quality grey Brahman trade steers weighing 445kg to realise 163c or $725.

**SOUTH QUEENSLAND**

**BUNDABERG**

Neil Callaghan of Callaghan & Co, Bundaberg, said the market had been steady with good quality cattle “still holding up”.

Neil reported that Brahman cattle had been selling strongly through Bundaberg with some of his own steers realising 180c/kg.

At the April 4 sale red Brahman speyed cows from CT Dawson Holdings, Rosedale, sold at 133c/kg, to $663, and were purchased by Tays Bros, Beenleigh.

Red Brahman weaner steers from EmDee Enterprises, Branch Vale, Mt Perry, sold from 187-212c/kg to realise $480, and were...
Commercial Brahman females peak at $1600 in Rocky

Five classes of quality Brahman females were judged before going under the hammer at the third annual Brahman Commercial Breeding Female Show and Sale, held on April 13 at the Central Queensland Livestock Exchange, Gracemere.

The offering of 815 head peaked at $1600 and averaged $699 at the annual sale organised by the Australian Brahman Breeders’ Association.

The record line-up of females, drawn from some of the state’s most respected Brahman breeders, impressed judge Peter Hacon, Granada, Cloncurry, who described the yarding as an outstanding endorsement of the breed.

The combination of long-awaited rain and a demand for quality breeding females delivered strong buyer support and solid prices.

Yearling numbers were up with most stock drawn from Central Queensland and North Queensland cattle operations.

Rodger and Lorena Jefferis, Elrose Enterprises, Cloncurry trucked in two decks from Artesian Downs at Richmond, and two decks were entered by Brian and Glenda Kirkwood, Somerview, Charters Towers.

Breed identities Matthew and Janelle McCamley, Eulogie, Dululu, were rewarded for their effort of transporting stock despite more than 50mm of rain on their property earlier in that week. The rain eased just enough for the McCamleys to deliver their pen of 12 grey PTIC Brahman heifers, under three years, to Gracemere where they were judged winners of that class and champion pen.

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Clermont, for the top price of $1600/head. Laglan Pastoral Co outlaid $82,350 for 109 head at the sale.

The reserve champion pen was awarded to first placed Class 2 pen of Brahman yearling heifers entered by Eric and Val Nobbs, Lyndhurst, Biloela and bought by Peter and Rosie Freegard, Nardoo, Injune, for $1050. This class was the biggest contested with 473 yearling heifers offered, averaging $612/head.

The Nobbs also took first place in Class 5 with their pen of 18 grey heifers which realised $1400; again purchased by the Freegards.

In total 108 Brahman weaner heifers were offered to realise an average of $621/head.

Also enjoying success in Class 4 was Stephen Lamb, Abbotsford, Biloela, who placed second with a pen of 14 red heifers selling for $950 each. He topped off the victory by
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taking third placing in that class with a pen of grey heifers which sold for $1050/hd to S. and R. Hooper.

Other show and sale highlights included the 2009 champion pen winners, Russell and Anita Smith, Strathmuir, Marlborough, whose pen of PTIC heifers snared second place in Class 1 PTIC Brahman heifers, under three years, and then sold for $1000 each to M. Joynson. The Smith’s pen of eight grey cows and calves which placed third in Class 3 Brahman cows and calves also sold for $1000/unit.

Class 2 for PTIC Brahman cows under 10 years drew 70 nominations and was won by a pen of 10 greys from Stewart and Kerry Wallace, Brigalow, Marlborough, which were bought for $850 by Mark Wilson, Banana Station, Banana. The Wallace family also placed third in the same class with 10 grey PTIC cows which sold for $850 to the Geddes family, Wattlebank.

A pen of 10 grey EU-accredited cows from Rodger and Lorena Jefferis’ Richmond property, Artesian Downs, made top price

Stewart and Kerry Wallace, Brigalow, Marlborough, and children Tom and Emily are pictured with their winning pen of PTIC Cows, which sold to Mark Wilson, Banana Station, Banana for $850/head

Stephen Lamb, Dingley Dell, Biloela is pictured with his pen of Yearling Heifers, which placed second in the class and sold to KM Parker, Mount Stanley, Bororen for $950/head

Jarrod Deguara, Hamdenvale Brahmans, Mackay is pictured with his pen of PTIC Heifers, which placed third in the class and sold for $850/head to RR & NJ Crawford, Bororen

Commercial Breeding Female Show & Sale Committee member Darren Kent presented successful exhibitors with the awards for the Yearling Heifer class, Stephen Lamb, Dingley Dell, Biloela (second and third) and Eric Nobbs, Lyndhurst, Biloela (first)

ABBA President John Atkinson (right) presented the awards to successful exhibitors in the PTIC cow class, Stewart Wallace, Brigalow, Marlborough (first and third) and Rodger Jefferis, Elrose, Cloncurry (second)
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in their class, selling for $950/hd to Ben Olive, Ben Lee, Bluff. Mr Olive invested in four pens of Elrose females, paying up to $1000 for cows and calves.

Class 3 for cows and calves saw a total of 64 nominations and recorded an average of $1062.50. The equal top priced cow and calves at the sale, at $1500, were the first and second placed pens in that class, both from Paul and Linda Oates, Borilla Creek, Emerald, and purchased by Laglan Pastoral Company.

Alistair and Pam Davison, Lumeah, Middlemount, placed third in Class 5 with their pen of 18 grey weaner heifers which sold for $775 to Bill Tennent, Etna Creek.

A pen of 12 grey PTIC heifers from David Deguara, Simla Station, Mackay, placed third in Class 1 and sold for $700/hd to Ray Crawford, Bororen.

Rounding out the Class placings, John Randell and family, Crinum, Tieri, placed second in Class 5 with their pen of 18 red weaner heifers which sold for $550/head to Geoff Lucas, Rosevale.

George and Lorraine Bartolo, Carrinyah Pastoral Co, Nebo, were major vendors, offering 146 head.

Volume buyers were the Wilson family, Banana Station, who outlaid a total of $95,425 for 152 females.
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Cutting edge research seeks Brahman bulls

The Australian Brahman Breeders Association (ABBA) is at the forefront of supporting research into gene marker technology, through its involvement in the Beef Information Nucleus (BIN) project, being conducted as part of the CRC/MLA Strategic Plan for DNA Marker Commercialisation.

ABBA general manager John Croaker said gene discovery technology was moving at a fast pace and offered great opportunities for the Brahman industry.

“The sequencing of the Brahman genome by the CRC is the major work of this kind being undertaken in the world, as far as Brahmans are concerned,” Mr Croaker said.

“Previous gene marker technologies, such as GeneStar and the SmartGene for Beef project, have highlighted the need to have more independent validation and a database of phenotypes, as validation of results within the discovery population has proved not to be indicative.”

A database of phenotypes not only enables gene marker discovery, but assesses and validate gene markers by breed within Australian populations and enables the combination of gene markers (MBVs) with pedigree and phenotypes to produce marker assisted EBVs (EBVMs) with potentially a lot more accurate than gene markers alone.

The BIN Project aims to facilitate the independent validation of DNA markers relative to Australian breeds and production systems.

Other aims include providing the resources to conduct other separately funded research into areas which would assist the future development of the Australian Brahman breed; and attracting and evaluating sires that will influence the future of the Brahman breed for a range of economically important traits including carcase and meat quality, female reproduction and growth traits.

“It will help identify young, proven Australian sires with a high accuracy for traits of interest to the Australian environment,” Mr Croaker said.

“We would hope that a by-product of this project would be separately funded research projects that might lead to a recalibration of the MSA model.”

The project will involve evaluating 20-25 sires each year for three years, and their progeny of about 750 calves in three co-operator herds:

- Mark and Belinda Wilson, Banana Station, Banana - producing 250 calves by AI from high grade commercial Brahman heifers
- Rob and Annie Donaghue, Baradoo, Bauhinia - producing 250 calves by AI from high grade commercial Brahman heifers
- CSIRO Belmont - producing 250 calves by AI and natural service from the Belmont registered Brahman herd.

All steer progeny will be slaughtered for carcase and meat quality data and heifer progeny will be retained within the project to pregnancy test after the second joining.

Mr Croaker said the ABBA would purchase steer progeny at weaning and finish on grass, only using grain feeding as a drought contingency, if required.

Blood and hair samples from sires and all progeny will be collected for DNA extraction and storage and all data collected will be entered into the ABBA database and analysed in Breedplan.

Traits to be measured in the trial are:

- Growth traits - 200, 400 and 600 day weight; mature cow weight and condition score
- Carcase and meat quality - Ultrasound scan at 600 days and pre-slaughter for: eye muscle area, rib fat, rump fat and intra-muscular fat
- Direct carcase data – Eye muscle area, MSA grading and carcase digital data analysis
- Meat quality - Shear force, compression, extracted fat
- Female reproduction - Days to calving, and teat scores on heifers
- Parentage verification of calves
- Structural soundness scores.

The project will focus on joinings in 2010, 2011 and 2012, looking at calves born in 2011-2013, steer turnoff from 2014-16 and female heifer data from 2015-17.

Studmasters are invited to nominate bulls for the project, for a fee of $1000. The ABBA will pay the costs of health testing and collection of 200 straws of semen, and retains the right to sell 10 straws of semen.

To qualify, bulls need to be Australian born registered Brahman bulls, aged less than five years, however preference may be given to younger bulls. They must have good temperament, good conformation and adherence to the Brahman phenotypic standard. Both reds and greys will be used in the trial, and any performance data including Breedplan will be considered in the selection process. Other considerations include the calving history of dam and grand dam, and performance of siblings and half siblings.

Mr Croaker said the project was being managed by the Association and was funded under the MLA Donor Company scheme which sourced funds from a pool of money set aside by the Federal Government as a percentage of exports.

Selections will be finalised by the ABBA Council in July 2010. Contact the ABBA for more details.
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Strong, gracious and humble - Lady McCamley will be sadly missed

by Lindel GREGGERY

The Brahman industry is still coming to terms with the tragic loss of the matriarch of one of Queensland’s best-known and most successful cattle dynasties.

Lady Shirley McCamley, 74, died on Easter Sunday (April 4) in a lightwing accident on the airstrip of the family’s Central Queensland property, Tartrus, Marlborough. Her 19-year-old grandson Max Velge, who piloted the aircraft, was taken to Rockhampton Hospital for treatment of minor injuries.

Queensland Premier Anna Bligh said she was saddened to hear of the death and extended her condolences to Lady Shirley’s husband Sir Graham and the entire McCamley family. “I know Lady Shirley’s death has come as a great shock, not just to her family, but to many people in the cattle industry and throughout Central Queensland where she was a prominent figure,” the Premier said.

“As the matriarch of fourth generation cattle producers, Lady Shirley was greatly respected and admired. Unassuming, dignified and hard working – she was a true country woman and lady of the land. ‘Lady Shirley was very well respected in her own right in the cattle industry and provided strong support to Sir Graham. She played a significant role in the family’s successful contribution to the industry in Queensland – in particular to the Brahman breed.’

Shirley was born in Clermont on December 4, 1935, the daughter of Kath and Reg Tindale, Montagle Station, and was named after the child actor Shirley Temple.

In 1943 the family - including siblings Aileen and Warner - moved to Rockhampton where Shirley conducted her schooling at Allenstown State School and Rockhampton Girls Grammar.

On graduation she worked in the office of the stock and station agency, Primaries, and it was here she forged a lifelong friendship with Anne Chevaux. That bond was cemented when Anne married Jeff McCamley and Shirley married his brother Graham.

Shirley and Graham raised three children, Jennifer, Russell and Jacqueline. Shirley was also the proud grandmother of seven grandchildren – Max, Ben, Ari, Felicity, Remy, Tom and Sam – and recently became the great-grandmother of baby Tally.

Although spending much of her life at Tartrus, in later years Shirley also enjoyed commuting between homes at Bellevue Terrace, Rockhampton, and beachfront Yeppoon.

When, in 1986 Graham McCamley was knighted for services to the Queensland beef industry, Shirley remained humble despite the title of “Lady”.

Speaking at the funeral, her sister-in-law Leona McCamley said: “Lady Shirley would describe herself as just an ordinary person. Just Shirley. Ordinary, in that she saw herself as no better than the next person.

“But Shirley was not ordinary, she was extraordinary. That ‘extra’ was the spirit that lived in her heart and radiated to the people she touched in her life every day,” Leona said.

“Forever willing to share encouragement to the young and to give love and support to all people, especially those who were disadvantaged and struggling in life.”

Sister-in-law Anne McCamley said Shirley had always been a great source of strength.

“Shirley has been a tower of strength for my family and me, always calling to check on us all, especially since the passing of my husband Jeff and at times when I have been in need.”

Joy McCartney said she had had the honour of being Shirley’s friend for 64 years, since their Grade 3 days together at Allenstown State School.

“We count our blessings each day, to have had such a kind, caring and loving friend and sister-in-law. She possessed so many virtues and fine qualities … Shirley was an example to all of her friends.”

Long-term friends Ken and Jan Coombe said Shirley earned the admiration of many.
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“Shirley was a true lady; compassionate, loyal, humble and ever ready to help others, with a very understanding manner. A person who never spoke ill of anyone, who always treated everyone with respect and in doing so earned the admiration of one and all,” they said.

Shirley was involved in the organisation of the first two Rockhampton Beef Expos, where she was “a tremendous help.”

“Her composure, her ability and her organising skill, delivered quietly and without fanfare, earned her the admiration and respect of the entire committee,” Ken said.

Grandson Ari McCamley, speaking at the funeral on behalf of all seven grandchildren, said their grandmother was “loving and devoted”.

“Nan took a true interest in our lives and wellbeing, from ensuring we were well fed to providing valuable advice and emotional support through the most difficult problems we faced. We will remember her love for us and her pride in us,” Ari said.

“We go forward from today guided by the principles she so clearly and consistently demonstrated and express for all how immensely proud we are of her.”

Mogul reds win in Sydney

Mogul stud once again scooped the broad ribbon pool at Sydney Royal Show, impressing judge and Northern Territory cattleman Col Brett, Katherine with their outstanding line-up of quality Brahman.

Owned by Dr George Jacobs and managed by Glen Pfeffer, Mogul stud advanced through the showing to end with the prestigious titles of senior and grand champion bull, awarded to Mogul Witchita (by HK Visa Brasil), and senior and grand champion female, awarded to Mogul Miss Fontenot, by Mr Fontenot 125.

The Maclean-based stud also exhibited the junior champion female Mogul Miss DA Sasha, by El Ja Data Axcess Manso, and the junior champion bull, Mogul Yamba, and reserve junior champion bull Mogul Yugar, both red sons of polled sire Mogul Tesco.

In addition the northern NSW prefix snared the broad ribbon for reserve senior bull with Mogul Ward who is by DB Valentino 48/3 (imp).

Although the Brahman section was dominated by Mogul, Queensland exhibitors the Labrie family, Jinghi Gully stud, Jandowae, still managed to get into the picture with reserve senior champion female Jinghi Gully B2, a Kenrol Lord Emperor daughter.

Also in the broad ribbon listing was the Weller family, Blanco Ganado Stud, Nabiac, NSW. They proudly paraded the reserve junior champion female and baby class winner, the 13-month-old grey Lancefield Gaucho Manso 310 daughter, Blanco Ganado Miss Gumnut.
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Palmvale achieves peak price at Fassifern Valley

Palmvale genetics dominated an overall strong Fassifern Valley Elite Brahman Female Sale on March 27.

Topping the sale was 13-month-old Brahman heifer Palmvale Miss Absolute Pablo from vendors Kearin and Beth Streeter, Palmvale, Marlborough.

One of the two heifers to be offered for sale by the 2007 RNA champion Palmvale Absolute Sting, she sold for $7250 to Ron and Beryl Landsberg, Pine Crest stud, Marlborough.

Les and Helen Donald, El Ja, Theodore claimed second top price, and top priced grey, when their daughter of JDH Sir Dixon Manso (imp) was knocked down for $7000. El Ja Baby Girl Manso 6109, who is out of Beef 2006 junior champion female El Ja Baby Doll Manso, sold to the Curtis family, Wellcamp stud, Murgon.

The annual sale cleared 60 quality females for $3195 average and six semen packages for $2441 avg.

The Streeters, who also topped February’s Rocky All Breeds Sale, averaged $4475 for 10 lots, nearly $1260 more than the sale average.

Included in their line-up was 18-month-old heifer Palmvale Bonita Ray, by US import BB Mr Sting Ray 10/0 and out of Beef 2006 reserve junior champion female Palmvale Bonita 1888. The cherry red female sold for $6500 to Graham Ward Holdings.

Another impressive maiden from the Palmvale prefix was Joanne 2610. Joanne was the second heifer offered for sale by the 2007 RNA Champion Absolute Sting. The well-grown red heifer comes from a long line of donor females and sold for $5000 to Norm Tranberg, Loma stud, Allora.

Palmvale Stud also topped the six semen lots offered, with their two packages of five straws with registrations from Palmvale Absolute Sting fetching $10,500 and averaging $5250.

El Ja offered semen packages from imports JDH Mr Manso 752/2 and JDH Mr Manso 887/2, selling for $2400 to Peter and Brenda Milne, Warmbrahs, Warwick.

The Milnes also outlaid a total of $9500 for three El Ja heifers. Their purchases included $4500 El Ja Shakeriea Dee Manso, a daughter of JDH Sir Dixon Manso (imp). They invested a further $8500 in three females from Jason and Regina Donald’s El Ja J prefix.
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Volume vendors included Reldarah stud, Gin Gin, owned by Daryl and Lorelle Schubel, who grossed $18,000 for seven lots to average $2571. Attracting their highest bid at $3500 was the well-grown two-year-old red heifer Reldarah Roseanne, by Roseborough L Red Monte. Roseanne will join Justin and Hayley Titmarsh’s JNH stud, Chinchilla.

First-time vendor Chris McCarthy, Stockman Brahmans, Boonah, grossed $7500 for his two red heifers including a $4000 price tag for Stockman Lady Sting, a cherry red heifer by the BB Mr Stingray (imp).

Mark and Natarsha Allen, Kariboe Valley, Thangool averaged $2875 for six lots, their draft including $4250 Kariboe Valley Heidi 586/9, by Lancefield D Royalty 132/D.

Palmvale achieves peak price at Fassifern Valley

Hayley Titmarsh, JNH Brahmans, Chinchilla with children Robbie and Skye. Mrs Titmarsh and her husband Justin picked up three heifers at the sale, Kariboe Valley Buela 524/8 for $3000 and Reldarah Rosanne and Reldarah Connie for $3500 and $2000 respectively.

Carinya Mario stamps his authority at Gympie

The imposing Hudgins-bred grey Brahman bull, Carinya Mario, exhibited by John Kirk and Company, Carinya stud, Gayndah stamped his authority in the Brahman ring at Gympie show.

Judge Tania Hartwig, Glandore, Monto praised Carinya Mario for his great weight-for-age and overall smoothness especially through the shoulders when nominating him as her senior bull and eventual grand champion.

It was the first major outing of the current show season for the 27-month-old which weighed 960kgs and according to his owner John Kirk was a promising kick start to his show career before retiring to stud duties. His earlier victories included calf champion at Beef 2009 and junior champion at last year’s Brisbane Ekka.

The Kirk family also exhibited the reserve junior champion female, both junior champion bulls and exhibitors group.

Condowie Suntori, a six-month-old heifer described by Tania Hartwig as ‘a great cow of the future’ took out the major female prize for her owner Chris Hamilton, Condowie Brahmans, Kandanga via Gympie. Earlier in the day she was awarded the junior championship.

She was paraded by Ashley Backhouse, Elite Fitting Service, Kandanga.

The Stark family of Gayndah paraded Bundaleer Mr Memphis Manso for the reserve senior champion bull ribbon and reserve senior champion female was taken out by another of their entries, Bundaleer Miss Jessica.

Condowie Celebrity claimed the senior female championship for Warren Backhouse, B T S Brahmans, Kandanga.

The imposing Hudgins-bred grey Brahman bull, Carinya Mario, paraded by Keith Hair, K-Allan Fitting Services, Bauple on behalf of John Kirk and Company, Carinya Brahman stud, Gayndah.

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Michele Jones, one of our longest serving staff members was farewelled in March following 27 years of service.

Michele has had 2 terms of employment with the Association, the first from 1980 - 1991 when she left to start her family, returning in 1993 on a part time basis until her recent retirement to pursue other interests after her twin boys graduated from high school.

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Rodlyn stud claimed the honours at the Toowoomba Premier Brahman Female Sale, with one of their red heifers fetching the top price of $4250.

Held at the Toowoomba Showgrounds on March 6, the fourth annual sale cleared 33 heifers to realise an average of $1864.

Rod and Lyn Sperling, Rodlyn, Bell offered the sale topping 13-month-old daughter of Fairy Springs Dawson 2092, who sold to the Squires Partnership, Wharton Creek, Springsure, who conducted their bidding over the phone via Mark Scholes, Landmark, Toowoomba. The Sperlings sold four young red heifers for a $2188 average.

Topping the grey section was Milldale Ernesto 36/8. By Yenda Wentworth and out the JDH Karu Manso 800 (imp) cow, Milldale Karuette 1145, the 15-month-old heifer carried a heavy influence of JDH bloodlines on both sides of her pedigree. She was offered by George and Margaret Miller, Milldale stud, Mt Whitestone and sold for $4000 to the Shelley family, Mirkwood stud, Nanango.

Milldale stud averaged $2450 for their five females, their draft including Milldale Matilda, an 18-month-old three-quarter Hudgins female, knocked down for $3250 to commercial Brahman breeders Bill and Vicki Braun, Coomoo Coomoo Station, Quirindi, NSW.

Malcolm Davison, Hatari stud, Greenmount claimed second top price in the red section for Hatari Rachel, a classy daughter of Lancefield D Robinson, who sold for $3750 to D. and S. Bourke.

Bill and Lynne Dahlheimer, Tangalooma stud, Campbells Camp, Brigalow averaged $2250 for five grey heifers. Their top lot was $3250 Tangalooma Melba, a well-grown daughter of resident sire Spring Valley Kryptonite. She was bought by the Werth family, Willroy stud, Oakey.

Another standout was Tangalooma Moonbeam, by Starbra Crocker, who realised $3000 and sold to Mirkwood stud.

Elders stud stock manager Blake Munro, Toowoomba sold the $4250 top selling red Brahman heifer, Rodlyn Miss 6/09 at the Toowoomba Premier Brahman Female Sale. Mr Munro is pictured with Mark Scholes, Landmark, Toowoomba who represented the buyer, Squires Partnership, Wharton Creek, Springsure and delighted vendor Rod Sperling, Rodlyn stud, Bell.

Bill Till, GDL, Dalby is pictured with vendors Bill Dahlheimer, Tangalooma stud, Brigalow and Malcolm Davison, Hatari stud, Greenmount and buyers Betty and Roly Robertson, Coweki stud, Bell.

Vendors Stephen Lamb, Abbotsford stud, Biloela and Glen Oppermann, Tango stud, Gayndah are pictured discussing sale prospects.
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It is the dawning of a new era for the Fenech Brahman Cattle Co as the stud announces individual prefixes – new branches of the FBC family tree.

With their passion for the Brahman breed only equalled by their dedication to each other, the families have recognised the need to expand as they have grown larger.

“We are all going to be under individual brands and individual stud names but we will continue to breed and operate breeding programs as usual,” Tony Fenech said.

This new phase will allow family members to spread their wings and apply their own individual management styles to each stud while maintaining the basic philosophy of the Fenech Brahman Cattle Company.

“We every family has had good results and all have very good cow herds. We have the same strong background and we all work under the same principles,” Tony said.

“It is a natural progression. Our succession plan.”

Tony, Joanne and family will be known as Fenech Brahmans. They remain based at Wowan, between Biloela and Rockhampton, where they have been for the past eight years.

Sons Chris and Will with wife Tracy and family continue under the new FB badge.

Tony’s sisters and their families will further the strong tradition of the Fenech heritage as they embrace this exciting journey under their new stud names.

Michael and Christine Walz (nee Fenech) with daughters Courtney and Billee-Jo are based at Grasstree and will be known as Christoda’s Way.

David and Jean Ryan (nee Fenech), and Renae Benson will branch out under Range Heights Brahman stud, located at Sarina.

Emanuel and Tracey Mifsud and family will be known as “Maru” stud also based at Sarina.

Joseph and Josephine Mifsud (nee Fenech), Sarina, take the name Bianca Brahmans and, finally, Robert and Margot Mifsud and family will represent the breed as Radella stud, also based at Sarina.

It is a positive step forward in an age when many families as they grow choose to pursue their individual interests, the Fenech extended family is backing the bush for their future and investing in the Brahman breed.

Each stud will continue with a strong focus on genetics and quality - after all, it is a family tradition and their history.

In 1992 when the Fenech family founded Fenech Brahman Cattle Company and imported JDH Elefante R Manso 272/9 and three cows JDH 108, 954 and 969 to Australia it significantly shaped the Australian Brahman Breeding Industry over the next 10 years.

“It is all about putting your neck out and hoping that when you spend money overseas that the animals work. That comes through careful selections and doing a lot of homework on heritage,” Tony said.
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“We didn’t create the name, the name created us”
The Sydney Royal Easter Show honours keep coming for Maclean cattle breeder Glen Pfeffer.

Mr Pfeffer, who has racked up 26 years involvement with the Royal, was named a ‘Show Champion’ ahead of the 2010 Sydney Royal Easter Show in recognition of his ongoing dedication.

As manager of the Mogul Brahman Stud on the Brooms Head Road near Maclean, Mr Pfeffer has enjoyed tremendous success as an exhibitor at the Royal Easter Show.

In 2009, Mogul won the Premier Breeder Award for being the most successful beef cattle exhibitor at the show, backing up its success in 2006 when the stud won the award in its inaugural year.

Mogul was also awarded Supreme Brahman Exhibit in 2007.

Mr Pfeffer had 10 adult cattle and a couple of calves to the show this year and took home Senior and Grand Champion bull and female awards, Junior Champion bull and female, and Reserve Senior Champion bull awards.

Since 1984, he has served as a breed captain, steward and judge at the Royal Easter Show.

A special award recognising 26 years involvement as breed captain was made during the show.

This year he was invited to be the herdsman for the lowline cattle exhibition.

“The Australian Lowline Cattle Association held the breed’s World Conference this year at the Royal,” he said.

Each year, the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW (RAS) selects a group of exhibitors, entertainers and participants from across regional NSW who represent the myriad of Sydney Royal competitions to be ‘Show Champions’.

Mr Pfeffer described the recognition as an accolade for his years of service to the Royal Easter Show plus his work for the Maclean Show Society.

“The Sydney Show is still a relevant agricultural event for both NSW and Australia,” he said.

“It’s the largest agricultural event in the southern hemisphere and is used as a pathway for people from the city to connect with rural people.”

As a show champion, Mr Pfeffer’s role is to promote the Royal Easter Show to the general public.

He says local shows still have a lot to offer their communities. “It’s the one event where people can be involved showing anything from their pet budgie, their fruit and veg through to their sheep and cattle,” he said.
Robert & Margot Mifsud previously operating under Fenech Brahman Cattle Company Mifsud-R division are excited and looking forward to trading under their new stud Radella.

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The Brahman breed was well represented at the New South Wales Beef Spectacular and Trade Expo, held from March 4 to 6 at Dubbo.

It was the fourth annual Beef Spectacular and there were more than 600 led animals representing 27 breeds of cattle shown over a weekend of unpredictable conditions. Exhibitors braved not only the heat, but rain and mud as well.

Despite the unfavourable weather, it was the best showing of the Brahman breed at the Spectacular to date - a total of 23 quality Brahman bulls and females were drawn from seven studs including BT Brahmans, Dubbo (1); Chadwick Downs, Coonabarabran (1); Cayuse Brahmans, Manilla (2); Destys Red Brahmans, Barraba (4); Langley Dale Brahmans, Dubbo (3); Mogul Brahmans, Maclean (7); and Why Brahmans, Tamworth (5).

Dr George Jacob’s Mogul stud, Maclean, scooped the pool, taking several top titles including senior and grand champion bull with Mogul Witchita. Sired by US import blood bull HK Visa Brasil and out of Boss Sue Ellen D Robinson, this red horned two-and-a-half year old certainly impressed.

The Mogul prefix also walked away with the reserve champion bull title for Mogul Ward – a 30-month-old old grey sired by Lancefield D Kayle Manso 1149 and out of Tartrus Sunline 4347. The reserve junior champion bull was the red Mogul Yalumba, who is by Mr 3H X-Ray 825 and out of Mogul Miss Fontenot 4th.

Langley Dale stud, Dubbo, finally broke Mogul’s winning streak by taking the prized title of junior champion bull with their rising two-year-old red, Langley Dale Fortune, a son of Palmvale Ace and Langley Dale Fire Fox.

Mogul also dominated the female classes, snaring the senior and grand championship with Mogul Miss Fontenot 12th, by Mr Fontenot 125 and out of Mogul Miss LJ Myalla. The Maclean-based operation also took out the junior female championship with Mogul Miss DA Sasha.

Rebecca Hourigan, Why stud, Tamworth snared the reserve senior champion female title with Black Hat Highlight, a grey daughter of PJCR Mr Black. Cayuse Brahmans, Manilla, walked away with the reserve junior female sash for their 18-month-old grey, Cayuse Press Miss Manso, who is by Delta Grove Pressman 4465 and out of Delta Grove Missy Erc Manso.

The Western NSW Branch of the ABBA hosted a trade site during the Spectacular with promotional items proving very popular.

“I was very happy with the number of enquiries and visitors during the Spectacular,” said ABBA Western NSW Branch promotion officer John D’Este.

“I would like to thank those members who assisted with setting up and manning the stand over the three days.

“We hope to see even more Brahman exhibitors next year.”
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Two Brahman bulls claimed equal top price at the 2010 WA BIG Bull sale at Narngulu, held at the end of April.

The multi-breed sale offered 47 Brahmans, with 20 selling to average $2745 and peak at $4400 twice.

Leading the Brahman breed into the ring and achieving the equal top price of $4400 was the Ryvoan stud, New Norcia, when it sold polled bull Ryvoan Tartrus 8603.

The 22-month-old, by Canterbury Lord Chief Poll and out of the rising seven-year-old Canterbury Narissa, was purchased by first-time buyer Wellard Agri.

Wellard Agri bought three Brahman bulls in total for its new commercial cattle breeding program at The Grange, Dongara.

Wellard Agri animal production manager Harold Sealy said the Ryvoan bull was a good young bull with plenty of flesh.

“He will put a power of weight in the calves,” Mr Sealy said.

“We were looking for bulls with good muscling, early maturity and good temperaments.”

Wellard also paid $3600 for the polled bull Catoby Thingamabob 8577, sired by Canterbury Cavalcade, and $2200 for Charlesville 1547, sired by Bizzy Revenge 2187.

The other equal-top priced bull, Oakvale 2341, from Reg and Carole Teakle’s Oakvale stud, Northampton, was bought by John Butler, Bindoon, to work in his Glengully stud of 30 females.

“I thought the Oakvale bull was one of the better bulls to be offered at the sale in the last three years,” Mr Butler said.

The easy doing, well muscled, 27-month-old’s sire was El Ja Sir Eric Manso 3425, who was purchased for $10,000 and is one of 15 bulls purchased by the Oakvale stud from Queensland. Mr Teakle said the El Ja sire and was the best Qld bull he had purchased, achieving a 90 percent calving rate annually.

Taking two bulls from the Oakvale team was J. and B. Pitman, Cue who purchased the grey Oakvale 2349 and the red Oakvale 2295, each at $2200.

The other two buyers of Oakvale bulls were T. and W. Pens, Moonyoonooka, and Kimely Pty Ltd, Eneabba.

Sue Paterson’s Williams-based Birrahlee stud recorded the best sale average of $3066 for three bulls. Their top lot, $3600 Birrahlee Eric the Viking, sold to a Queensland live export producer and was a polled red son of Birrahlee Wundurra. The Pens family were volumes buyers and paid $3400 for the Carinya M56 son, Birrahlee Carlos, and $2200 for Birrahlee Harry Who, by a home bred sire.

Canterbury stud, New Norcia, sold three bulls at $2267 avg.

Topping the Canterbury team at $2400 was the red Canterbury Tassel 8537 bought by Kimbolton Grazing, Gin Gin. The 22-month-old was sired by Canterbury Lord and out of a rising 11-year-old dam.
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The other two Canterbury bulls sold under the hammer to the Avery family, Badgingarra, and K. Paul, Newman, at $2200 each.

The Wesley family’s Charlesville stud, based at Southern Cross, sold seven bulls to top $3000 twice and average $2514.

T. and W. Pens were the successful bidders on Charlesville 1555, securing the 17-month-old red (by Wallton Downs 6/03) for $3000. The Pens family also paid $2400 for another 17-month-old red Charlesville bull, sired by Bizzy Revenge 2187.

The second bull to make $3000 in the Charlesville team was Charlesville 1556, knocked down to C. Harvey and Co, Mullewa.

Brahmans top at $4400 at Narngulu

Whitaker wows at Toowoomba

Outstanding entries from Clint and Robyn Whitaker’s Whitaker stud, Burnett Park, Mundubbera took five championship ribbons in the Brahman ring at the 2010 Heritage Toowoomba Show.

Their junior and grand champion bull Whitaker Julius was sired by US import Mr Winchester Magnum 999, and is out of 2009 Dam of the Year Whitaker Maggie.

The 19-month-old bull was praised by NSW judge Chris Knox, DSK Angus and Charolais studs, Coonabarabran, for his depth through the lower thigh, strong top line and ability to move around the ring.

The Whitaker’s junior and grand champion cow, Whitaker Miss Brindabella, is also from Whitaker Maggie, but was sired BB Mr Sting Ray 10/0 (imp).

The judge commented that Brindabella was a sweet, feminine, long-bodied heifer and a beautifully-made female.

Both animals added to their impressive list of championships already collected this year on the southern Queensland show circuit. Julius was the junior champion male at the Esk Feature Show, where Brindabella was the reserve junior champion female.

Robyn Whitaker said their other winners at Toowoomba included the calf champion female, Whitaker Miss Tinkerbelle (by Yenda Dexter) and the calf champion male, Whitaker Mr Avo, who is part of the first crop of calves by Eureka Creek Marksman, purchased from Brahman Week for $24,000 in 2008.

The prefix also exhibited the senior champion female in Toowoomba, Whitaker Miss Ruby Plum (out of Whitaker Maggie and by SRS Mr Profiler); and the reserve junior champion female Whitaker Miss Lilybelle, another Yenda Dexter daughter.

Robyn said their day was capped off when their red team won the Breeder’s Group and their grey team placed second in that class. Whitaker Julius was also one of four bulls selected to contest the interbreed judging.

In other results, the reserve junior champion bull was paraded by Linda Orr, Two Sevens stud, Jandowae while the reserve senior champion Brahman bull was shown by the Vresk family, Erderei stud, Yuleba.

The senior champion Brahman bull title went to Denise and Robert Newcombe, Newcombes stud, Goomburra.

Vera Fitzgerald’s Blenheim Ridge stud, Blenheim, claimed the senior champion Brahman bull ribbon.
On Farm Challenge

The Southern Australian Branch conducted its second On Farm Challenge this year which was finalised with awards presented at a dinner in Bendigo on May 21.

The On Farm Challenge is basically a cattle show where the entries stay at home and the judge travels from property to property over several days allocating points to entries on a pre-determined format.

Over 120 entries were received for the competition this year which was judged by Alan Martin, Riverslea Santa Gertrudis stud, Rochester, VIC, who travelled over 2,200 km over four days to judge the cattle.

More details next issue.

Losing their locks

Brahman breeders attending The Fassifern Valley Female Sale in March decided on the spur of the moment to do their bit to help a good cause.

Natarsha Allen, Kariboe Valley stud, Thangool said the pub they were staying with hosted a Leukaemia Foundation World’s Greatest Shave 2010 event and, after a few drinks, the menfolk volunteered to have their heads shaved, raising more than $1250 towards finding a cure for leukaemia.

The women and children also participated but, sensibly, went for the much kinder and less permanent colouring for a cure.
Victoria’s major beef cattle show “National Beef 2010” held from May 19-23 at Bendigo attracted 564 stud cattle entries from 33 breeds.

While only a shadow of Rockhampton’s National Beef Expos, the Bendigo event is the largest showing of stud cattle in Victoria, eclipsing the numbers at Melbourne Royal Show.

The Brahman cattle judging, although small in number attracted as much interest of any breed.

Amanda Basse & Family, Wynmallee stud, Mangalore took out the Grand Champion double with Wynmallee Derry named Junior & Grand Champion bull and Wynmallee Sirena taking the Junior & Grand Champion female awards.

Henry Humphreys, Dundalee stud, Tallygaroopna, exhibited the Senior Champion bull, Dundalee Utah.

Senior Champion Female went to Eureka Park Enna, exhibited by Rebecca Humphreys, Eureka Park stud, Tallygaroopna.

Eureka Park stud also took the Reserve Junior Female award with Eureka Park Dakelh, and Henry Humphrey’s Dundalee stud took out the Reserve Junior Champion bull with Dundalee Norbit.

The cattle were judged by Peter Croker, Bolong Hereford stud, Wagga Wagga, NSW.
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Demand for quality females was strong at the 2nd annual Nettle Creek Invitational Commercial Female Sale held in Grafton on Thursday, 25th February.

The sale, instigated last year by Michael & Elizabeth Fahey, Nettle Creek, Copmanhurst, saw 515 head of selected breeding females from the North Coast of NSW go under the hammer to achieve a total sale average of $746/hd. There were 20 vendors from the Copmanhurst, Grafton, Mallanganee and Tyringham areas.

The Fahey family of the Bizzy Brahman and Nettle Creek Brangus and Charbray Studs offered 190 F1 Angus & Charolais x Bizzy Brahman females for an average of $853. Topping their sale at $1080/hd, was a pen of 20-24 month old F1 Angus x Brahman females, PTIC to an Angus bull, selling to Peter Hannigan, Casino. Mr Hannigan bought 54 F1 Angus x Brahman females offered by the Fahey’s and another 40 head of Brangus x females from various vendors.

Sixty-six rising two year old (No 8’s), PTIC F1 Nettle Creek F1 Angus x Brahman females averaged $965. Local buyers of these PTIC Brangus females included H & B Loy, Kangaroo Creek, T Conroy, Pulganbar, Rowanne Investments, Southgate and C & F Todd of Kangaroo Creek.

There was a large contingent of repeat buyers present with Geoff & Lyn Slack, Berrico Pty Ltd, Gloucester buying 55 unjoined 12-18 month old F1 Angus x Brahman females from the Fahey family for an $830 average. T & M Day, Mylneford, paid $990 for a pen of 10 Nettle Creek F1 Charolais x Brahman rising two year old females PTIC to an Angus bull while BP Crawford from Kangaroo Creek bought the next pen of Nettle Creek Charbray females for $980. Another Kangaroo Creek buyer, S Goodwin, bought a pen of 8 unjoined F1 Charbray heifers for $775.

Finishing the Fahey’s draft of cattle were 16 red Brahman x heifers that sold to P & J Hatgis of Fine Flower for a $730 average. Young heifers aged from 9-15 months were in strong demand with the Fahey family selling F1 Angus x Brahman heifers to $860. Agents conducting the sale were Ray Donovan, Grafton and George & Fuhrmann, Casino. The sale will be held again in 2010 at the end of February.
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Brahman the Barman has transformed the Margaret River Hotel into an international talking point.

The already iconic watering hole, located in Western Australia’s culturally rich wine region, has finally found just the right accessory.

Created by local artist Jenny Sanderson, Brahman the Barman was born courtesy of the CowParade Exhibition which is underway.

CowParade is an international exhibition that has been around for just over 10 years with the cleverly painted and artistically adorned cows appearing in 70 cities around the world to date.

This year Margaret River has made history by becoming the first regional place to host the event.

For those unfamiliar with the exhibition, businesses and organisations can sponsor a cow which will be displayed on their premises once completed by the artist.

The opening of CowParade in Margaret River saw 76 of the 80 full-sized cows, plus five ‘Mini-Moo’ cows all in one paddock altogether.

The cows are now set up in 77 venues around Margaret River – Brahman the Barman included.

However, to make that possible the fibreglass model had to change posture completely - from standing on all fours to standing upright with legs positioned as if ready to pour a beer.

There was also the question of features. The model had no hump and its ears were nothing like those of a Brahman.

Mrs Sanderson had to individually shape them from the thick polystyrene that surfboards are crafted from.

“Fortunately I had a friend who makes fibreglass surfboards and he cut strips of fibreglass and helped me to bandage the ears on in the right way.”

The hump was similarly carved and shaped from polystyrene and attached with fibreglass bandages.

Add a painted on cut-off black T-shirt and suddenly her creation was almost human – certainly enough to make most passers-by take a second glance.

“There were quite a few times I thought to myself I don’t know how I’m going to do this, but things snowball if you are determined.”

Through her contacts working on Brahman the Barman Jenny has been able to explore another side to her creativity.

As a result of doing the “cow” for the Margaret River Hotel, Mrs Sanderson was commissioned to do a piece for above the bistro entrance.

In keeping with its outdoor location and the presence of other metal used in the renovation of the bistro, Mrs Sanderson created a 3D work featuring vines on canvas and vines cut from thin steel.

CowParade will be on display around Margaret River until the end of June 2010 and the cows will be auctioned for charity on July 10.

* Mrs Sanderson added that having Brahman the Barman win most popular cow of the exhibition would be a true highlight and she encourages as many people as possible to vote for her striking representation of the breed.

To vote simply SMS ‘cow5’ to 0412 055 255. Standard SMS costs apply. Voting is open until June 27.
purchased by Grant Pastoral, Fernfield, Rosedale.

At the May 11 sale red Brahman weaner steers from EmDee Enterprises sold for 196c/kg, or $360, and were purchased by Ross Edwards, Bonna, Bundaberg.

The Siller family, Sunlight Hill, Rosedale, sold Brahman bullocks for 157c/kg, or $957, to Teys Brothers, Beenleigh.

Rand L Tuttle, Bundaberg, sold red Brahman weaner heifers for $364 (179c) and red Brahman weaner steers for $316 (171c), with both lots purchased by L and M Wendt, Bundaberg.

ROMA

With rain easing around the Maranoa region numbers of cattle yarded increased to 1397 head at the March 4 Roma prime sale.

The Hartley family, Cooperrumra, Mitchell, sold 555kg Brahman steers to a top of 184.2c, with their draft averaging 178c/kg and $1044/hd. They also sold 530kg Brahman cows to a peak of 153.2c, averaging $655.

Prices continued an upward trend as the numbers of cattle increased to 1705 head at the Roma prime sale on March 18. The Hartley family offered Brahmans from Southlands, Mitchell, their 708kg steers topping at 184.6c. The line averaged 180.2c and 656kg, to return $1183.

The April 8 sale saw a boost in market prices for bullocks and heavyweight heifers. A full panel of buyers was in attendance and bidding was enthusiastic.

The Dyer family, Rosclare, Tambo, sold 532kg Brahman steers to 175.6c ($934/hd). Steers from the Benecke family, Boral, Jackson were knocked down for 173.8c, weighing in at 555kg to return $966. The Warrian family, Bonus, Injune, sold Brahman cows to 138.2c for 570kg to return $787.

Numbers jumped to 9300 head at the April 27 store sale with a big gallery of restockers boosting market competition yet again.

Fleetwood Grazing Co, Fleetwood, Aramac sold 428kg Brahman steers for $734 (179c). Mills Cattle Co, Coolbinga Station, Quilpie, sold 468kg Brahman steers to 178c and an average of 172c, making $807.

Fewer cattle but a full buying gallery resulted in sold competition at the May 4 sale.

Taking advantage of the bidding was Gingie Pastoral Co, Oak Park, Charleville, who sold 604kg Brahman steers for $1042 (172.6c).

BIGGENDEN

Burnett Livestock and Realty’s female sale at the end of February featured a quality yarding of 1091 heifers and cows and 267 cows and calves.

The winner of the cows and calves class was B. and C. Whitaker, Maryborough, who entered large-framed Brahman cows with excellent quality calves, which sold for $840. At the same sale, p.t.i.c. Brahman heifers from Barambah Grazing Co, Gayndah sold for 184.2c or $793.

Scott Laidler, Monogorilby sold No. 8 grey p.t.i.c Brahman heifers for 175c or $626. Brahman cows and calves on account of Capricorn Estates, Brooweena sold for $910.
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Photo correction

The correction caption for the above photo should have read:
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