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Editorial

Thank you to the members who supported our delegation to the South African World Congress. We were able to promote our cattle and our Congress in 2016 with considerable success, receiving wide interest from people in attending our Congress from many countries.

The South African Brahman Association, particularly Wessel Hattingh the Congress convenor and his committee are to be congratulated on producing an excellent Congress. They certainly set a standard we will need to emulate.

Our Congress Committee has commenced planning and developing the programme and budget. This Congress is a promotional opportunity that we must take full advantage of both domestically and internationally.

The previous Congresses we have conducted in 2002 and the first in 1983 were acclaimed for many years as “best ever” events and we must strive to ensure our 2016 event can achieve similar recognition.

A key to success at any Congress is member support, be it as an exhibitor, sponsor or just attending.

As we have said in our preliminary brochure we plan to;
• Celebrate the worldwide achievements of Brahman cattle
• Develop an understanding of the leading edge innovations, research and technology and its relevance to Brahman cattle
• Explore opportunities to make our breed a greater force in domestic and international beef markets
• Showcase the Australian Brahman cattle genetics and their commercial attributes
• Share experiences, make new friends and share our warm friendly Australian hospitality

We have much to be proud of and we have many more opportunities and challenges ahead.

In embarking on this challenging World Congress project the Council and the Congress Organising Committee is appealing for strong member support to ensure it reaches its full potential.

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President’s paragraph

Since my last President’s paragraph, there has been some relieving rain for a lot of people, but unfortunately the cattle market hasn’t reached any great heights. Our northern producers are reaping the benefits of a strong export market, which is good for them and gives some hope for the spring bulls sales that are fast approaching.

The Sydney feature show was a roaring success. Everyone that attended, both exhibitors and spectators said it was a great spectacle. Seems like the Queenslanders dominated the placing’s, as they will in the upcoming state of origin series that will see our New South Wales counterparts yet again crying in their beer. Congratulations to Glen Pfeffer on his life membership award, presented at the Sydney Feature Show. It was well deserved and from all accounts, well celebrated. I would like to once again thank Dr. George Jacobs for his continued support and generosity to the Brahman Breed and in particular the Sydney Feature Show.

It was my privilege to lead a delegation to the South African World Congress, which was exceptionally well organised by John and his staff, and Quadrant Agricultural Tours, Australia. It was a trip of a lifetime. We enjoyed property tours, game park visits and of course the World Congress Show in Parys. The North Queensland Register readers will be enjoying photos and articles from Jim ‘Attenborough’ Pola.

The hospitality from the South African Brahman Breeders was amazing and the cattle that they breed are a credit to them. The cattle judging, both unled and led, were very well supported by the South African Breeders, and the conferences were also well attended and extremely informative. They have lifted the bar for our upcoming World Congress, but I am sure that we will rise to the occasion and make it the best World Congress ever.

The night life at the World Congress was fun and well organised and I’d like to pay special tribute to Liz Radel’s South African line dancing skills. It is certainly a very different world they live in, facing adversities every day, that we cannot begin to imagine. We certainly live in a lucky country. I believe that there is an opportunity for the South African Brahman Breeders to be investing in Australian Brahman genetics.

At the Gala Dinner on the final night, our Australian presentation for the 2016 Congress was a great success and there was a lot of interest from around the world, from people wishing to attend our Congress. It will be a great opportunity for our members to promote the Australian Brahman Breed and our culture to the rest of the world. Now is the time for all of us to start preparing, keeping an eye out for that special calf amongst your weaners, for the 2016 Congress. The Congress will take a large amount of money and effort to make it a success, so we are actively seeking sponsorship. I urge members to keep a keen eye out for corporate firms and businesses that may be interested in sponsoring this great event. They will have exposure to visitors from many countries around the world, as well as nationally within Australia. Please do not hesitate to contact John or myself with any ideas you believe could enhance our Congress.

The Madikwe Game Park was a highlight for all the Brahman breeders, including our fellow breeders from Germany and Canada. The highlight for me was our fearless photographer, Susan Kirk, wanting to keep shooting whilst encountering a very protective lioness. It was a surreal experience to relax at the lodge, and to be able to sit on the veranda and watch the African animals venture into the waterhole at lunch time.

Good luck to all members participating in the upcoming bull and female sales.

Shane Bishop
Thirty Australian Brahman breeders attended the 17th World Brahman Congress in South Africa in April, returning home with some memorable experiences and an expanded knowledge of the international Brahman industry.

The Congress was held in Parys in the Free State from 5-11 April and attracted 500 delegates including 70 foreign visitors plus 80 from neighbouring African countries.

As well as a two day technical conference with international guest speakers, the Congress featured a stud cattle show and sale, a World Brahman Breed Improvement Forum and a meeting of the World Brahman Federation.

Aussie breeders connect with the world at South African Brahman Congress

by Lindel Greggery

The Afridome in the country town of Parys on the Vaal River, about 120 kilometres from Johannesburg, provided an excellent venue for the Congress Show programme. Pictured is the judging of female classes simultaneously in a split ring.
Delegates also had the chance to visit 13 Brahman studs including Bos Blanco, operated by Burnie Staal who judged the grey classes at Beef Australia 2006 in Rockhampton.

ABBA general manager John Croaker said Congress delegates showed keen interest in Australian genetics, especially polled genetics.

Interest was also strong in the 2016 World Brahman Congress in Rockhampton, with ABBA president Shane Bishop providing an event presentation, including a well-received promotional video, and distributing 300 conference brochures.

Delegates attending the World Brahman Federation meeting held during the World Brahman Congress in South Africa were: Front: Ryno van der Merwe, President, Namibian Brahman Breeders Society, Pedro Valerino, President, Panama Brahman Breeders Association, Chris Shivers, Executive Vice President, American Brahman Breeders Association, Llewellyn Labuschagne, President, Brahman Breeders Society of South Africa, John Croaker, General Manager, Australian Brahman Breeders Association, Shane Bishop, President, Australian Brahman Breeders Association. Back: Ricky Hughes, President, American Brahman Breeders Association, Dr Michael Bradfield, Manager, Breedplan in South Africa, Marty Chiepi, Botswana, Armelinda Ibarra, Recording Secretary/Office Manager, American Brahman Breeders Association, Mecki Schneider, Past President, Namibian Brahman Breeders Society and Chairman of the International Brahman Technical Committee, OKB Basiami, Botswana.

The cultural praise singer ready to perform in the opening ceremony.

Cattle handlers dressed in their World Congress sponsored uniform and exhibitors, judges and stewards paraded into the judging ring as part of the opening ceremony.

World Brahman Federation display.

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The Congress also hosted a World Brahman Breed Improvement Forum on 6 April, attended by delegates from member countries Australia, the United States (US), South Africa and Namibia. Mr Croaker updated the forum on the Australian Beef Information Nucleus program and the meeting agreed to form an International Technical Committee to progress international Brahman genetic evaluation.

Mr Croaker said there was sufficient linkage between the countries, through the universal use of some US bulls, to proceed with this project, although the traits recorded varied from country to country.

“The US has more shear force data than other countries, while we are the only country with Days to Calving data. We also have much more Scrotal Circumference and carcase scan data than other countries,” he said.

Llewellyn Labuschagne, President, Brahman Breeders Society of South Africa (centre) is pictured with Australian delegation members from left, Brett Kirk, Andrew Olive, Vic Deguara and David Deguara.

World Congress Convenor, Wessel Hattingh welcomed delegates to the Congress on the first evening at the Khaya Ibhubesi Conference Centre.

The ABBA display stand had a prominent position near the judging ring and attracted considerable interest among delegates and visitors.

ABBA General Manager John Croaker centre is pictured with Ryno van der Merwe, President, Namibian Brahman Breeders Society and Mecki Schneider, Past President of the Namibian Brahman Breeders Society and Chairman of the International Technical Committee formed during the South African Congress.

Australian delegation member Les Donald congratulated Bernie Staal, Bos Blanco stud, Kroonstad on his appointment to judge the stud show grey classes.

Bevan Radel, Kandoona Brahmans, Injune is pictured with Chris Shivers, Executive Vice President, American Brahman Breeders Association.

Dennis Staal, Bos Blanco Brahmans, South Africa is pictured with Tony Fenech, FBC Brahmans, Wowan.
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“We also agreed to look into sharing genomic data, to avoid the cost of a bull needing to be genotyped again in another country.”

He said African countries were interested in developing structural soundness EBVs, and information sharing about the Australian Phenotypic Standard for Brahman Cattle was well received.

Just over 50% of South African members of the Brahman Breeders of South Africa record performance in Breedplan, with more than 75% of Namibian breeders using Breedplan.

Of the stud cattle paraded at the show, 83% had Breedplan figures in the catalogue, mainly citing 200-day weights, with limited post-weaning data recorded.

“Rather than flight time, they use a yard based scoring system for assessing temperament and there is no ultrasound carcase scoring or Days to Calving and Scrotal Circumference recorded,” Mr Croaker said.

The South African cattle industry has 14 million head, of which 80 percent are beef cattle. Slaughter numbers have increased by 14.7 percent in the past decade, with the country exporting 3800 tonnes of beef and importing 10,000t, with 54 percent coming from Australia.

The domestic production is 820,000t and up to 75% of the turnoff lot fed. Most cattle enter the feedlot as weaners at 160-220kg, with producers paid 160-180c/kg. Finished cattle sell for 220c/kg.
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The Congress celebrated the 60th anniversary of Brahmans in Southern Africa and Namibian Brahman Breeders Society vice president Mecki Schneider shared the history of the breed in Africa. The first bulls were imported from the US in 1954 by Jurgen and Vera Cرانz, taking six months by boat to arrive in Namibia.

“It needs to be mentioned that ordinary cattlemen under the harshest conditions in the various countries in Southern Africa used Brahmans in their herds because they experienced what is profitable for their enterprise without government subsidies or state-funded research projects,” Mr Schneider said.
“These cattlemen had to make a living with low input costs. Brahmans were not a popular breed in past decades with most government institutions. We, as Brahman breeders, can therefore be proud of the fact that the biggest promoters of our breed were meat producers out there on the vast plains of Africa who had to face the realities of harsh farming environments.”

Speakers at the Technical Conference included Dr Michael MacNeil, a geneticist from Delta G, Montana and Consultant to the South African Agricultural Research Council who spoke on the ABC’s of Genomically Enhanced Breeding Values as well as a presentation on Measuring Feed Intake and Improving Efficiency.

The first World Brahman Breed Genetic Improvement Forum was held during the congress. Delegates were:

Front Row (from left): Sytze Smit, Breed Director, Brahman Society of South Africa; Dr Norman Maiwashe, Programme Manager, Animal Breeding & Genetics, Agricultural Research Council, South Africa; Wessel Hattingh, Welcare Brahman Stud, Convenor of the 17th World Brahman Congress; Mecki Schneider, Past President, Namibian Brahman Society and Chairman of the World Brahman Genetic Evaluation and Genomics Forum; Theresa Steenekamp, Technical Assistant Breed Improvement, Brahman Society of South Africa.

Middle Row (from left): Shane Bishop, President, Australian Brahman Breeders’ Association; Dr Michael MacNeil, USA, Consultant to South African Agricultural Research Council; John Crooker, General Manager, Australian Brahman Breeders’ Association; Thys Meyer, Animal Science Engineer, Land Systems, South Africa; Prof. Joe Paschal, Livestock Specialist, Texas A & M University Campus, Christie, USA; Ryno Van der Merwe, President Namibia Brahman Breeders Society; Chris Shivers, Executive Vice President, American Brahman Breeders’ Association; Ebbie Fischer, Namibia Brahman Breeders’ Society Board Member.

Back Row (from left): Derick Ferreira, Deovalente Brahman Stud, South Africa; Prof. Frikkie Nester, Animal, Wildlife & Grassland Science, Free State University; Jurgen Hendriks, South African Research Council; Dr Michael Bradfield, Manager, Breedplan in South Africa and International Consultant on animal breeding; Bill van Lelyveld, Board Member, Society of South Africa, Clanwill Brahman Stud; Dr Ben Greyling, Beef Improvement Scheme Programme manager and Jan van Zyl, Kroon Vee Brahman Stud, South Africa.
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Mr Ernst Janovsky, Agricultural Economist, ABSA Bank spoke on the potential of Agriculture in Africa in a global scenario and the effect of it on beef production.

Dr Michael Scholtz, Agricultural Research Council of South Africa, gave a presentation on the opportunities for beef production in developing countries.

Dr Michael Bradfield, Breedplan Southern African Manager spoke on genetic improvement benefits for commercial producers.

Dr Joe Paschal, Livestock Specialist, Texas A & M University, USA spoke on the benefits of crossbreeding with Brahmans.

Pictured at the Opening Function were from left Nola Croaker, Joy Deguara, Dianne and Vic Deguara, David Deguara, Tony Fenech, Milton Charanza (USA), Ashley Kirk and Kate O’Grady.

Tanya and Karl Harbutt and Ross Werth.

Shane and Sandra Bishop.

Vic and Dianne Deguara.

Bevan and Liz Radel.

Les and Helen Donald.

Susan and Brett Kirk.

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Professor Frikkie Neser, Animal Wildlife and Grassland Science – Free State University gave a presentation on using science to improve fertility in Bos Indicus cattle.

Professor Norman Mainwashi, Head of Genetic Improvement at the Agricultural Research Council spoke on the Genetic Improvement of the Brahman breed in South Africa.

Professor Concepta McManus, University of Brasilia, Brazil spoke on the Heat Tolerance in Bos Indicus cattle and Mr Jose Otavio Lemos from Brazil spoke on the Origin and History of Bos Indicus cattle.

Mr Croaker said the Brahman Show held at the Congress exhibited 850 head, with cattle judged in led and unled categories. The supreme champion bull and World Congress South African World Brahman Congress Convenor Wessel Hattingh and President of the Brahman Breeders Society of South Africa Llewellyn Labuschagne are pictured congratulating Shane Bishop accompanied by wife Sandra on taking over the Presidency of the World Brahman Federation on the closing of the 17th World Brahman Congress on April 10.

John and Nola Croaker.

Stuart and Logan Kirk.

Stewart Nobbs and Jim Pola.

John and Leanne Creedon.

Joy and David Deguara.
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champion was exhibited by Heinrick and Hugo Maree from Piet Retief and the supreme champion female was shown by Willie Becker, Dendron.

Jan Van Zyl, Kroon Vee stud, Vryburg exhibited the supreme champion female in the unled section, and this was one of the studs visited by the Australian contingent. The Van Zyls run one of the largest red and grey Brahman herds in South Africa and all of their animals are part of a national research program managed by the University of Pretoria’s Veterinary Science Faculty.

The champion unled bull was shown by Eugene Osterloch from Komga.

Mr Croaker said the World Congress Sale achieved a 92% clearance, with bulls and females averaging 82,000 Rand, or close to $8200. A sale of 20 superior heifers was also held, with the females averaging 25,000 Rand or just over $2500.

The ABBA is proud to be hosting the 18th World Brahman Congress in Rockhampton from May 16-21, 2016. The theme of the congress is “The Brahman Advantage: challenged by nature, backed by science, proven by performance.”

The congress will mark the 70th anniversary of the formation of the breed association in 1946, and its growth as the largest beef cattle association in Australia, with more than 1100 members.
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ARJAC
Russell, Arina, Jackson and family, Arjac Brahmans between Johannesberg and Rustenburg overlooking the Magaliesburg mountain range in the North West province. The stud herd was established over 30 years ago after an earlier venture with commercial cattle. The stud has its own on farm auction sale facilities.

A group of red breeders at Russell and Arina Jacksons ARJAC Brahmans, Rustenberg.

One of the leading sires at ARJAC Brahmans.

The group enjoyed an excellent morning tea in the ARJAC sale barn.

ABBA President Shane Bishop, (right) is pictured making a presentation to Russell, Arina and Chris Jackson to thank them for the visit.

The Australian group of 30 along with our German and Canadian travelling companions are pictured at the Arjac stud of Russell, Arina and Chris Jackson, from left standing: Brett Kirk, Les Donald, Jim Pola, Helen Donald, Peter Staal (back), Susan Kirk, Jason Purcell (back), Vic Deguara, Logan Kirk, Dianne Deguara, Liz Radel, Stuart Kirk, David Deguara, Murray Webster, Joy Deguara, Andrew Olive, Shane Bishop, Gillian Webster, John Creedon, Leanne Creedon, Russell Jackson, John Croaker, Chris Jackson, Nola Croaker, Nando Hauck (Germany), Kate O’Grady, Arina Jackson, Ashley Kirk, Anieta Kempler (tour guide), Karl Harbut (Germany) and Tanya Harbut (Germany) Sylvia Opitz (Germany). Front: Stewart Nobbs, Bevan Radel, Sandra Bishop, Clare and David Andrews (Canada), Roxanne Olive and Annaleise Zahl. Ross Werth (Absent)
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**COETZRAND**

Stephan and Harlie Coetzee, Coetzrand Stud near Carletonville which is a gold mining town in Western Gauteng. The breeding herd consists of 150 grey and 50 red females. Other studs with cattle on display during our visit included John and Mona Turnbull, Jomo Stud, Gerhard and Engela Visser, Awiesia Stud, and Wimpy and Chantel Grobler.

**HCB**

Henry and Annaline Brits, HCB Brahmans near Swartruggens, a small farming town in North West Province. The HCB stud runs breeding herds of both grey and red cattle.
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**LORIZA**

Louis and Christina Meyer and family, Loriza Brahmans, near Nietverdiend close to the border between South Africa and Botswana. They are based in the centre of Africa’s Southern meat zone consisting of South Africa, Botswana and Namibia.

The Loriza stud was established in 1960, has a strong commercial focus and uses performance recording to aid selection with growth, fertility, temperament and mild being the most important traits. The Loriza stud conducts an annual auction sale on the property.

Red and grey breeders at Henry Brits HCB Brahmans near Swartruggers. The stud consists of 95 red and grey females and was established in 2003.

Brett Kirk, Stewart Nobbs and Shane Bishop along with Henry Brits and his grandson look over the heifer Henry had entered in the World Congress Sale.

Andrew Olive (right) made a presentation to Henry Brit to thank him for the visit.

Louis Meyer, Loriza Brahman stud (centre) is pictured discussing his bull marketing with, from left, Liz Radel, Annaleise Zahl, Andrew Olive, Brett and Stuart Kirk and Peter Staal.

Ross Werth, Vic and Dianne Deguara, David and Joy Deguara and Liz and Bevan Radel enjoy lunch at a roadside café in the village of Grout Marico Moon.

The local busking troupe in Grout Marico Moon turned up during lunch and made good money with a song and dance routine.

A group of Loriza stud breeders.

Stud heifers at Loriza being prepared for the Loriza Annual Sale in May.
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KROON VEE
Jan and Irma van Zyl and family, Kroon Vee Stud, near Vryburg.

Kroon Vee runs one of the largest red and grey brahman herds in South Africa, as well as Simbra, Africander and Afrisem herds together with a commercial herd. The breeding herds are run under extensive conditions in semi-arid and arid areas. All animals are part of a national research programme managed by the University of Pretoria faculty of Veterinary Science.

The stud uses performance recording to assist selection with growth, milk, fertility and temperament.

HUNT
Hunt Brahmans, at Warrenton in the Northern Cape is one on the oldest Brahman studs in South Africa, having been established in 1959 by Reg Hunt. The stud is run today by Sydney Hunt (Sr) and his son Sydney (Jnr).

South Africa is certainly the home of the dung beetles, where some species like this one roll dung balls as big as golf balls.

The rugby theme is strong throughout the Brahman breeders in south Africa as this photo at Kroon Vee stud shows.

Gideon and Jan van Zyl, Kroon Vee Stud gave the group an outline of their families breeding operation. They are the largest Brahman stud in South Africa, running both red and grey herds which are performance recorded in Breedplan.

Jay Deguara and ABBA President Shane Bishop (right) made a presentation to Louis, Christina and Louis (Junior) Meyer to thank them for the visit.

A group of 18 month old Loriza sale bulls grazing on native pasture country.

Joey van Zyl with a group of grey heifers in an AI programme.

Murray and Gillian Webster pictured with Jan van Zyl during the Kroon Vee visit.

Red Kroon Vee heifers being AI'd to the Australian polled bull Lancefield Rushmore.
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The stud is run on “Sydney-Hope Estate” which was established by Sydney A Hunt in 1896 who was later awarded “The Order of the British Empire” for his services to South African Agriculture.

The property is 45 kms north of the historic city of Kimberley, famous for diamond mining and on the edge of the vast Kalahari Desert. Average annual rainfall is 350 mm per year and the carrying capacity is 1 large stock unit to 14 hectares of natural grazing.

The studs breeding policy is one of line breeding using mainly Sugarland and selected JDH bloodlines and is an enthusiastic supporter of performance recording.

The Hunt family also operate a bone meal factory on the property which is managed by Sydneys’ brother Mark. Established in 1904 by Sydneys’ grandfather, it is the oldest bone meal factory in the world and still today uses the original production process.
Hennie and Marelize Jacobs and family, HJW Brahmans, Wolmaransstad.

The stud was established in 2003 and runs herds of grey and red breeders as a commercial herd. Hennie keeps himself abreast of technology and is a keen supporter of Performance Recording.

His is a keen sporting shooter and has an amazing collection of hunting trophies. He also has a diamond mine on the property.

STEYN’S BRAHMANE

The Steyn family have been breeding red and grey Brahmans since 1979. The stud was then known as Halfewin Brahman and owned by Hennie Styn and his sons Johan and Willie.

In 2002 the stud was redistributed and established as Steyn’s Brahmane in the ownership of Willie Steyn and his sons Eric and Ternie and the brand WET. The stud has participated in Breedplan for the last two years.
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SERFBRED
Jan and Juanita Serfontein and family, Serfbred Brahmans, Potchefstroom. The stud was established in 1980 and consists of 600 grey cows based on Hudgins and V8 bloodlines.

MASBRA
Tok Serfontein and family, Masbra Brahmans, Potchefstroom. The stud was founded in 1982 based on cattle imported from Cy Yokums Cherokee herd in the USA. Breeding pure red cattle according to Cy Yokums’ philosophy has been one of the main objectives in the Masbra herd. The main focus is producing functional cattle combined with beef production and cattle that will breed predictable progeny through the careful use of pedigrees as a valuable part of the selection criteria.

BOS BLANCO
Burnie and Dennis Staal, Bos Blanco Brahmans, Kroonpark. The Bos Blanco herd was established in 1991 and includes both red and grey breeders and on average record over 470 calves per year. In 2001 Bos Blanco was named Breeder of the Year and in 2009 were awarded the Commercial Molatek National Cattle Farmer of the Year. Bos Blanco holds the longest private bull sale in South Africa offering 170 bulls annually. Burnie judged the grey classes at Beef 2006 in Rockhampton and was one of the 2 judges officiating in the grey ring at the World Congress.

Stuart Kirk (right) made a presentation to Tok Serfontein to thank him for the visit.

The group inspected a very well grown group of heifers at Masbra.

Les Donald (right) made a presentation to Dennis, Kosike and Bernie Staal to thank them for the visit.

The group loaded into a feed trailer for the cattle inspection tour at Masbra.
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Biggest ever Brahman turnout impresses at Sydney Feature Show

The atmosphere was “electric” at the Sydney Royal Easter Show on April 12 when 130 Brahams took to the ring in the breed’s biggest ever showing in New South Wales.

The 2014 Sydney Brahman Feature Show attracted 33 exhibitors, drawn from the tip of Queensland to western NSW, to commemorate 50 years of NSW Brahams being paraded at the Royal Easter Show.

ABBA NSW branch president Glen Pfeffer said the event, which included stud and led steer judging, a dinner and an art and photographic competition, “exceeded all expectations”.

“It was a really tremendous promotion for the breed, the members and the association really supported us, and the feeling was electric,” Mr Pfeffer said.

 Reserve Senior Champion Bull Timbrel Mr L Derado Manso 470 was exhibited by Terry Connor, Timbrel Brahman stud, Rockhampton and sashed by Les Walsh, Yarrawarra Brahmons, Wingham NSW.

Senior and Grand Champion Bull NCC Santoro exhibited by Brett Nobbs, NCC, Duaringa and sashed by Ken Cole, Kenrol Brahmons, Gracemere and Rob Sinnamon, Yulgilbar, Grafton NSW. NCC Santoro also went on to win the Best Exhibit at the 2014 Sydney Royal Easter Brahman Feature Show.
Another highlight for Mr Pfeffer was the surprise receipt of ABBA Life Membership, presented to him during the Brahman Feature Show Dinner on April 13.

The impressive Sydney Brahman Feature Show lineup was judged by Matt McCamley, Lancefield M stud, Eulogie, Dululu, who praised the quality of cattle assembled, saying they were “some of the strongest Brahmans I’ve ever seen in a show ring”.

While the exhibition included close to 60 head from 12 NSW studs, it was the Queenslanders who snared every broad ribbon on the day, with Brett Nobbs’ NCC stud, Duaringa, Qld achieving what is likely the best ever result for a first time exhibitor of stud cattle. NCC walked away with two reserve championships and all three bull championships, in addition to the grand championship and best exhibit award.

All but one of his show team was by the stud’s leading sire JDH Mr Elmo Manso (Imp) who Mr Nobbs selected in the US for his outstanding traits.

“We liked his extraordinary fleshing and muscling, his incredible softness – with lots of loose skin - his volume and incredible bone. He is quite unique,” Mr Nobbs said.
Biggest ever Brahman turnout impresses at Sydney Feature Show

"He is so consistent and has been passing on this muscling, conformation and fleshing, as well as his great temperament, to his progeny."

NCC stud has already sold three crops of calves by Elmo, which Mr Nobbs said had grossed close to $1 million, at an estimated $10,000/head average.

It was the red bull NCC Santoro 2026 who stole the heart and the mind of the judge, winning the bull over-30 months class before taking out the senior and grand bull championship, best Brahman exhibit and second place in the interbreed bull judging. Santoro is a May 2011-drop IVF product of JDH Mr Elmo Manso (imp) and NCC Sonja 202 who is by South African sire Masbra Mas 98 36 and was imported ET.

What is most remarkable is that the rising three-year-old bull was in the paddock serving cows until six weeks before Sydney show. Breaking in the massive sire and the rest of the show team in such a short time frame required some specialist expertise, and Mr Nobbs flew in internationally-renowned cattle handler Nilson Domallas de Oliveira from Brazil to complete the task.

Mr Nobbs said he knew of Mr Domallas de Oliveira through Hudgins Ranch in Texas where the Brazilian had conducted cattle handling workshops.

Crumum Miss Edwina 1465 paraded by Terry Connor, Timbrel Fitting Services, Rockhampton was awarded Junior Champion Female by Michelle Jacobs, Mogul Brahmans, Rob Sinnammon, Yulgilbar, Grafton and NSW Primary Industries Minister, Katrina Hodgkinson.

NCC Miss Manso 2564 led by Tania Hartwig, on behalf of Brett Nobbs, NCC, Duaringa is pictured being presented the sash and trophy for Reserve Junior Champion Female by Stephen Sivewright, Diddine Brahman stud, Cumbalum and NSW Primary Industries Minister, Katrina Hodgkinson.
“Because we didn’t have a lot of time and Santoro had to go straight into Sydney show, which is pretty tough on him, I had to make sure that he didn’t go down there half broken,” Mr Nobbs said.

After nine days of training with the man known as the “cattle whisperer”, Mr Nobbs took over Santoro’s training, using handling methods which are based on a gentle, no pressure approach.

In an outstanding result in Sydney, NCC made a clean sweep of the bull classes, showing the junior champion bull NCC Buchanan and the calf champion bull NCC Jericho, as well as the senior and grand champion bull and best exhibit.

NCC Buchanan is another Elmo Manso son, and is out of the Brahrock Avenue 3019 daughter NCC Bernadette 1579. The grey won the bull 16-18 months class.

The Nobbs’ calf champion bull was another grey, NCC Jericho, who took the blue ribbon in the huge 23-head 9-12 months class. He is an IVF son of JDH Martin Manso (imp) and FBC D MS Jewel Manso.

The bull reserve championships were shared by Token, Olive and Timbrel studs.

The reserve senior champion bull, Timbrel Mr L Derado Manso 470 won the largest class on the day, for bulls 24-30 months. Shown by Terry and Susan Connor, Timbrel, Rockhampton, Derado Manso is a son of Roxborough W Denominator and is out of the Lancefield D Didor Manso cow Wilangi Jessaru.

Token Federer led by Tania Hartwig, on behalf of Tony & Kathryn Mortimer, Token Brahmans, Eidsvold is pictured being presented the sash and trophy for Reserve Calf Champion Bull by Colin Johnson, Jomanda Brahman stud, Clarenza.

Lanes Creek Krystall 1455 lead by Tania Hartwig, on behalf of Brian & Cindy Hughes, Lanes Creek stud, Georgetown was awarded Calf Champion Female by Dr Janice Hirshorn, Mogul Brahmans and Rob Sinnamon, Yulgilbar, Grafton.

NCC Jewel Manso 2670 led by owner, Brett Nobbs, NCC Brahmans, Duaringa won the Reserve Calf Champion Female and was sashed by Colin Johnson, Jomanda stud, Clarenza.
The reserve junior bull championship was awarded to Olive Orlando 509, from Ross and Natalie Olive’s Olive stud, Gogango, Qld. Orlando, who took out the 18-20 months class, is an IVF son of JDH Denton De Manso 592/7 (imp) and the FBC D Jacko De Manso female Olive Lady Monique.

Mr Olive said JDH Denton De Manso was doing a “terrific job” for the stud and had been purchased in partnership with Carinya, Apis Creek and Viva studs.

Although not a grand slam, Tony and Kathryn Mortimer, Token, Eidsvold, Qld were thrilled when Token Federer made the trip worthwhile by being sashed reserve champion bull calf. The 14-16 months bull class winner is by the JDH Mr Deeds Manso (imp) son, Gracemere Longfellow and helped make up the winning duo in the Pair of Bulls class.
Biggest ever Brahman turnout impresses at Sydney Feature Show

In the female classes, the senior and grand championship went to Olive Lady Adelaide 407, shown with her second calf, a heifer by Warraka Jamie aptly named Olive Miss Sydney. Adelaide, who is by PBF Innocent Man Manso 2 and out of the FBC Jacko De Manso cow Olive Miss Tutilina, followed up her success as senior and grand champion female in Brisbane in 2013, where she was shown with a heifer calf at foot by Denton Manso. The Olives announced after the show that the impressive female had been sold for $80,000 to a Thai buyer.

The reserve senior female championship went to the 2013 Brisbane Royal Show reserve senior champion and Beef 2012 calf champion female, Elrose Miss Didor 9314. She is the daughter of JDH Modelo Manso 268/5 (imp) and the Elrose Significance cow Elrose Miss Didor 5036, and was shown by Rodger and Lorena Jefferis, Elrose stud, Cloncurry, Qld.
Mr McCamley awarded the junior female championship to Crinum Miss Edwina 1465, paraded by the Randell family, Crinum stud, Tieri, Qld. Edwina is a grey daughter of Lancefield Malibu Manso, and is out of the Mr V8 700/3 cow Crinum Edwina 573.

It was another broad ribbon for NCC when NCC Miss Manso 2564 was sashed reserve junior champion female. The Elmo Manso daughter is out of the Mr V8 700/3 cow NCC Miss Manso 1694.

Brian and Cindy Hughes, who travelled almost 2400km from Georgetown in Far North Queensland, exhibited the calf champion female Lanes Creek Krystall 1455. The polled daughter of Fairy Springs Duracell was the only red female to take a broad ribbon on the day, also winning the hotly contested 12-14 months female class.
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NCC paraded the reserve calf champion female NCC Jewel Manso 2670, another outstanding Elmo Manso product, out of the same cow as the calf champion bull NCC Jericho. Elmo progeny also took the blue ribbon in the Sire's Progeny class, the prefix also winning the Breeder's Group.

Despite his extraordinary show debut being "a real thrill", NCC principal Brett Nobbs said he only planned to do a handful of shows over the next few years, with Rockhampton’s Beef Australia 2015 and the 2016 World Brahman Congress in the stud’s sights.

The best local performer at the Sydney Brahman Feature Show was the Fahey family’s Bizzy stud, Copmanhurst, NSW which collected two class wins and three third placings.

DINNER PHOTOS
Biggest ever Brahman turnout impresses at Sydney Feature Show

In other great results for Brahmans in Sydney, Dr George Jacobs’ Mogul stud, Maclean, NSW won the interbreed Herdsman’s Competition for having the best presented team on the grounds. Mogul groom Jesse Joseph also won the NSW final of Junior Judging Contest against 30 competitors.

Damon McCoy from Rainscourt Station, Richmond, Qld was awarded the Open Beef Parader title, leading the red Brahman bull Crinum Foreman.

Brahmans also tasted success in the led steer judging with a steer entered by Col and Lin Tink, BT stud, Dubbo, being highly commended for the lightweight steer on the hoof.

Mr Pfeffer said social events at the Brahman Feature Show were very well attended with 100 guests at the Brahman Dinner and 80 at the casual drinks on April 11.

Another popular attraction was the hospitality area which displayed the 2014 Brahman Feature Show Acquisitive Art Competition, and photo competition.

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Winner of the Art Competition Open Section was Mark Coombe, Rockhampton with his painting titled “Mother & Son”.

The Art Competition Public Choice Winner was won by Mark Coombe and was accepted by his behalf by his brother, Brett.
The Art Competition and People’s Choice Award were both won by Rockhampton artist and photographer Mark Coombe with paintings titled “Mother and Son” and “Turn Him Back”, respectively. The runner up was Felicity Rockemer, Gigoomgan stud, Brooweena, Qld with her painting “Patience”.

Roger Croser, Rockhampton won a Highly Commended in the Art Competition.

Highly Commended Artwork by Sophie Pulvers, Pymble, NSW.

Wendy Cole, Kenrol Brahmans, Gracemere (centre) congratulated the Mogul Brahman team of (left to right) Dr Janice Hirshorn, Dr George Jacobs, Michelle Jacobs and Glen Pfeffer on the organisation of the Art and Photographic Competitions. Wendy also presented George a trophy on behalf the ABBA in appreciation of his generous support of the 2014 Sydney Royal Easter Brahman Feature Show.

Margaretta Fahey (right) congratulates First Place Winner in the Open Photography Competition, Shayne Gardiner.

In the absence of winner, Allison McCabe, Margaretta Fahey, displayed ‘Best Friends’, the highly commended entry in the Open Photography Section.

Winner of the Junior Photography Section was Amber Doggett, Karoo Brahmans, New Zealand.

The junior photography section was won by New Zealander Amber Doggett with an image titled “Friends are Family”. Second place went to Klara Gardiner for “I Can See You.”

Shayne Gardiner, Nabiac, NSW won the open photography competition for her image “Morning Glory” and Glen Pfeffer placed second with “Any Which Way”. Highly commended awards went to Colin Johnson and Alison McCabe.

Klara Gardiner, Banarra Brahman stud, Tipperary, NSW pictured with her Junior Photography entry which was awarded Runner Up.
Red heifers from Kearin and Beth Streeter’s Palmvale stud attracted strong interest at the 2014 Fassifern Elite Brahman Female Sale, topping the fixture at $12,000.

Held at Silverdale Saleyards on March 15, the annual South Queensland sale cleared 26 of the 50 head on offer for an average of $3490, with the Streeters recording the best sale average of $4625 for a dozen heifers.

Their sale topper, $12,000 Palmvale Rosalee 3073, is a polled red daughter of $32,000 Mt Callan Jed and Palmvale Berkeley Rosalie and was AI’d to $40,000 sire Samari Plains Lance. The two-year-old will join Lynn Walther and Wendy Green’s Roseborough L stud, Lowood. The stud also invested $5000 in the polled red heifer Palmvale Patti 3172, who is by Mt Callan Jed and out of a Billabong Robbo cow.

Second top price of $7750 was paid for Palmvale Teena 3190, the first progeny of homebred sire Palmvale Firecracker (by Kandoona Big John) to be offered by the Marlborough-based stud. The 15-month-old polled red was one of three Palmvale heifers purchased by Brian Harriman, Reedybrook B stud, Mt Garnet.

Gavin Scott, Rosetta Grazing, Collinsville, also invested in three Palmvale heifers including $6250 Palmvale Miss Susan, Susan is a polled daughter of Mt Callan Jed and is out of the Tartrus Redmount daughter Palmvale Miss Suzie Q. Mr Scott’s other purchases were the $4000 Winchester Magnum 999 (imp) daughter, Palmvale Ipana 3107, and a Jomanda Walker daughter for $2000.

Palmvale Joanne 3138, an August 2012-drop heifer by Jomanda Walker and out of a Yoman 987/2 cow, was knocked down for $5250. She was one of four head bought by Robert and Kerry Gowland, SCC stud, Theebine, who also took home a second Jomanda Walker daughter, Palmvale Tina 3163, for $3750. SCC stud also purchased the $3500 polled red, Reldarah Sunday Rose, a Reldarah Jackson heifer offered by Daryl and Lorelle Schubel, Condamine, who have since sold their Reldarah stud to Justin and Hayley Titmarsh.

The top priced grey was $3750 El Ja Katie Manso, offered by Les and Helen Donald, El Ja, Theodore. The 13-month-old is by the stud’s newest import JDH Sir Herman Manso and out of the polled donor female El Ja Lucia Manso 8267, who features Mr Boswick Manso and Elefante breeding. She will join Nathan and Julie Deguara’s Pindi NJ stud, Calen.

Gary Hiette, Barambah stud, Darts Creek, invested in two polled grey heifers from Jason and Regina Donald’s El Ja J stud. He paid $3500 for El Ja J Juliuette Manso and $3000 for El Ja J Jemma Manso, and both heifers had been joined. The Donalds also sold a joined heifer by JDH Sir Luigi Manso (imp) for $3000 to the Crown Partnership.
Outcomes of a Beef Information Nucleus (BIN) Project will give Brahman breeders a competitive advantage by providing access to more accurate gene marker technology for identification and selection of economically important production traits.

The Brahman BIN Project is part of the CRC/MLA Strategic Plan for DNA Marker Commercialisation and is contributing to the improvement of gene marker accuracy for growth, reproduction and meat and carcase traits.

As well as informing Brahman BREEDPLAN Estimated Breeding Values (EBVs), all data from the project will be fed into a new five-year MLA research study titled “Accelerated genetic improvement of reproduction in tropical beef breeds”.

Australian Brahman Breeders Association general manager John Croaker said the BIN Project was in its third year and was strengthening the quality of breed data by comparing contemporary groups of cattle head-to-head.

“Gene marker technology is continually evolving and only the breeds with good quality phenotypic data will be able to take full advantage of this these advances,” Mr Croaker said.

“We are identifying the sires that have the greatest potential to influence the Brahman breed and this will ultimately lead to faster genetic gain in the traits that are economically important in northern Australia.”

A BIN Project Field Day was held at the Wilson family’s Banana Station, Banana last month, and displayed 1000 head of Brahmans by 71 bulls. The impressive yarding featured close to 800 steers from the three rounds of joinings, drafted into their sire groups, as well as weaner heifers.

The cattle were sourced from three co-operator herds: Mark and Belinda Wilson, Banana Station, Banana; Rob and Annie Donoghue, Barranga Grazing, Bauhinia; and the CSIRO’s Belmont Research Station.

David Johnston, principal research scientist, Animal Genetics and Breeding Unit, University of New England, Armidale, NSW said the BIN Project Field Day was a “an amazing feat of management” that put the genetic differences that exist within the breed on show.

“It’s not often that you can get to look at close to 1000 steers from one breed, all raised identically, and by so many different bulls,” Mr Johnston said.
“No other tropical breeds have a BIN Project and Brahmans are ahead of other breeds in terms of structured progeny tests that generate a large amount of data on current sires.”

One of the key findings from the BIN Project to date has been the confirmation that EBVs do not change significantly as the sire matures.

“This will give buyers the confidence to select young two-year-old bulls from the saleyards, knowing that reproductive EBVs are accurate and will not, on average, change much over time,” Mr Johnston said.

Paul Williams, technical officer, Tropical Beef Technical Services, Rockhampton, agreed that the BIN Project was dispelling any misconceptions around the accuracy of EBVs.

“An overall message from the project is that we know EBVs are working and we can have faith in what the EBVs are saying,” Mr Williams said.
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BIN Project gives Brahman the competitive edge

For example, EBVs estimated a weight difference of 20kg between progeny of the top five and bottom five sires in the project, when measured at 600-days. The actual weight difference demonstrated from progeny testing was 18kg. Similar accuracies were achieved when predicting and measuring rib and rump fat and eye muscle area in the BIN Project progeny.

Mr Williams said previous CRC trials had shown that there was a significant genetic variation between sires in terms of the age of puberty and the anoestrus period of their daughters, and the BIN Project was validating these results.

The CRC data showed a 5.5 month difference in the age of puberty of heifers from the top and bottom five sires, and a 4.4 month difference in the time first-calf heifers took to resume cycling.

However the findings suggested that the age of puberty does not necessarily correlate to fertility, and other factors may be involved.

“We are finding that the progeny of leaner bulls seem to have trouble cycling if they don’t have the necessary fat cover, and we will learn more about this effect as the project progresses,” Mr Williams said.

The first calves from BIN Project heifers are due in August/September 2014, and scans showed that 94% of heifers were pregnant after the 12 week mating period and 75% were pregnant within the first six weeks of mating.

The first steers from the BIN Project will be killed in June this year, and the project has so far generated carcase EBVs for 48 of the 71 sires involved. More and more high quality data will be created until the project concludes in 2017.

Mr Johnston said that as gene marker technology continued to change, the challenge for the industry was to find a cost effective model for continuing to collect and update good quality sire and progeny data to validate these tools.

To download the BIN Project data presented at the Field Day please visit our website www.brahman.com.au
Wilangi Sale broadens appeal for Bull Buyers

Two new leading studs, Glengarry and Lanes Creek, have been added to the vendors list for the 2014 Wilangi Invitation Brahman Sale to be held at Charters Towers on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th November.

Announcing the additions Ron White of Wilangi Brahman Stud said the inclusion of Glengarry and Lanes Creek bulls in the sale offering would provide buyers with a greater genetic selection of breed leading grey Brahman bloodlines. “The cattle from both of these studs have an excellent reputation in the Brahman industry, are proven in the herds across the north, and are aligned with high beef performance qualities which cattle producers are searching for,” he said.

The Wilangi Invitation Brahman Sale is the premier grey Brahman sale in Australia and has been in operation since 1988. Its unique, large scale offering of quality stud sires and pens of purebred herd bulls enables bull buyers across the spectrum of stud and commercial enterprise to utilise the sale as a one-stop shop for their grey Brahman seedstock requirements.

Geoff, Gladys and Scott Angel of Glengarry Brahman Stud, Kunwarara in Central Queensland and Brian and Cindy Hughes, Lanes Creek Brahmans, Georgetown are all looking forward to joining the prestigious Wilangi Sale this year. “The Wilangi event is a feature sale for northern cattle producers because of its high standards, strong reputation of its product and value buying, year after year,” Scott Angel said, “and we’re pleased to be invited to join the sale.”

Similarly Brian and Cindy Hughes of Lanes Creek consider their invitation to participate in the Wilangi Sale as an honour and fits perfectly with their growing bull breeding operation. “We have selected a great draft of grey bulls for this initial year backed by tremendous bloodlines, to ensure the Lanes Creek offering will enhance the appeal of the Sale to all buyers,” Brian Hughes said.

It is expected around 250 bulls will be catalogued for this year’s sale, held as usual in the last week of November. Ron and Bev White of Wilangi and their team of vendors continue to make improvements to the conduct of their sale for the benefit of bull buyers. Over recent years buyers at the Wilangi Sale have seen greater numbers of registered bulls being offered, sale inspection and selection criteria being upgraded, and additional beef performance, carcass data and fertility information made available for all lots.

In 2014 the two new invited vendors will join the regular long term vendor studs of Ron and Bev White and Robert and Mandy White, Wilangi Stud, Stewart and Kerry Wallace, Wallace Brahmans, Andrew and Roxanne Olive, Raglan Stud, AJ and Pam Davison, Viva Stud.
NSW breed stalwart honoured with Life Membership

Mogul Brahman stud manager Glen Pfeffer was “overwhelmed” to be presented with ABBA Life Membership during the Sydney Royal Easter Show in April.

Mr Pfeffer said the honour, which he accepted in front of his peers at the Brahman Feature Show Dinner at the Novotel Ibis Olympic Park, came totally out of the blue and was “a complete shock”.

“The fact that it happened at Sydney Show, which was a fantastic three or four days with an amazing atmosphere, great cattle and wonderful breed involvement, made it all a bit overwhelming,” he said.

“I’ve also been touched by the number of phone calls and emails that I’ve received from not only New South Wales members but many Queenslanders as well.”

The Life Membership acknowledges Mr Pfeffer’s outstanding efforts to promote the breed at shows, field days and NSW Branch activities, since 1985. His achievements include a 30 year contribution to the NSW Branch of the ABBA, as Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary, as well as 18 years on the ABBA Council. Glen has also served as the Brahman Breed Captain at Sydney Royal Show for 29 years and at the North Coast National Show at Lismore for more than two decades.

Mr Pfeffer grew up on a mixed enterprise at Jandowae on Queensland’s Darling Downs, next door to the noted Rosevale Santa Gertrudis stud. His interest in Bos indicus cattle was piqued by seeing paddocks of grey Brahmans at Queensland Agricultural College at Gatton in the 1960s and hearing about the breed’s commercial success.

After graduating from Toowoomba Grammar School, Mr Pfeffer worked for Australian Estates as a jackaroo at Kambilro Station and camp manager at Granada Station, Cloncurry, before moving to the Northern Territory to manage Mountain Valley Brahman stud, then Brunette Downs Santa Gertrudis stud. In 1984 he landed the position of manager of Dr George Jacobs’ Mogul stud, Clarence Peak, Maclean, a role he has relished for the past 30 years.

He said Dr Jacobs had been extremely supportive over the years, making him feel like a partner in the enterprise rather than just the manager. The stud’s many successes have included the private sale of Mogul Witchita for $55,000 and Mogul Miss Fontenot 7th for $60,500, after the pair took out both grand championships at the 2010 Sydney Royal Show.

Another highlight was when Mogul Miss Fontenot 8th was awarded the senior and grand female championships at the 2005 Royal Brisbane and 2006 Royal Sydney Shows, as well as Best Brahman Exhibit in Sydney.

“However this year’s Sydney Feature Show has been the biggest highlight for me, as well as holding a number of successful feature shows in NSW, with two in Lismore and two in Grafton.”

At the 2014 Royal Easter Show Mogul won the Interbreed Herdsman’s Competition for having the best presented team on the grounds, and Mr Pfeffer has received the Best Individual Herdsman Award at that event more than 27 times.

Oh behalf of the Australian Brahman Breeders’ Association, Andrew Olive (right), Raglan Brahman, Raglan, is pictured presenting the ABBA Life Membership plaque and badge to Glen Pfeffer at the 2014 Sydney Royal Easter Brahman Feature Show.
He is also an accomplished stud cattle judge, having judged in Thailand in 2006 and also at Royal Shows at Sydney, Brisbane and Darwin.

In the past three decades Mr Pfeffer has been a driving force within the NSW Branch of the ABBA, instigating a range of events to promote the breed, which attracts a different buyer than northern markets.

“Our market is supplying bulls to produce F1 females, and we have a lot more competition from other breeds than in northern Australia. This means we have to really get out there and promote the breed at field days, shows and through word of mouth to show the public how good Brahms are,” Mr Pfeffer said.

“Our selection criteria down here is temperament as number one, followed by heavy muscling and tidy sheaths.”

Despite the fact that most cattle sold through northern NSW store and prime sales now have a percentage of Brahman blood, Mr Pfeffer said the breed could not afford to rest on it laurels.

“We have to keep pushing the benefits of using Brahms. Because of the longevity of the bulls, they keep working out in the paddock for many years, so sales can take a while and tend to go in cycles down here.”

Over the years Mr Pfeffer has helped the NSW Branch establish permanent display sites at Gunnedah Ag Quip and Primex Casino field days, which have greatly enhanced breed promotion.

He is also very proud of the success of the Casino Bos Indicus School, now in its 23rd year. The fun event attracts up to 50 young students each September and teaches cattle selection and handling and general beef industry knowledge.

Apart from the strong support from Dr Jacobs, Mr Pfeffer said he was grateful for the mentoring he had received from fellow NSW Brahman breeders Spencer Spinaze and the late Earl Bulmer, Mountana stud.

“Spencer had Chambra stud at Casino and was the branch president when I first came to New South Wales. Earl was always someone I could talk to discuss any problems in the branch,” he said.

The next big event planned for the Brahman breed in NSW is an F1 Brahman Field Day, to be held in the Casino district in the spring of 2015.

Mr Pfeffer said Brahms were a huge part of his life and he was very grateful for the opportunities the breed had provided.

“My involvement in Brahms has allowed me to travel to Brazil, Mexico, Panama, the United States, Thailand and the Philippines. I’ve lived and breathed Brahms all my life and I’m extremely honoured to have received this recognition from the society and its members,” he said.
Health - Coccidiosis in Beef Cattle

by Alex ASHWOOD

Scours in beef calves are caused by digestive disorders, viral and bacterial infections, worm infestations and parasites.

"Coccidiosis is a parasitic scour that reduces animal performance"

Coccidiosis is a serious type of parasitic scour which is most common in dairy calves but can occur in young beef stock when the animals are under stress and are contained in crowded contaminated yards or overgrazed pastures around creeks and dams.

This disease is caused by microscopic, one celled protozoa that live inside the intestine of infected stock. Clinically affected young stock are a ready source of infection, however, older stock which are usually resistant to the clinical disease can be sources of infection to young susceptible animals.

Following infection, the stock gain tolerance or immunity which provides protection even though they continue to be infected.

"The most common species of coccidia in Australia is the Eimeria spp"

Coccidiosis is a self-limiting stress induced parasitic disease associated with smelly bloody diarrhoea, poor growth and dehydration and in some cases seizures and death. Clinical signs of coccidiosis occur most frequently in young calves but in favourable conditions may occur in weaners and yearlings. Clinical stages of coccidiosis often account for 5% of infections but the non-detected subclinical cases (95%) are responsible for the greatest proportion of wastage and production loss.

"Susceptible stock are most at risk when they come in contact with infected stock"

CAUSES OF COCCIDIOSIS

Coccidia eggs (oocysts) are commonly found in the intestinal cells and the parasite passes into the faeces. Under favourable conditions (warm-damp environments) the oocyst develops into an infective form which leads to infection when ingested from contaminated feed, soil and water by susceptible animals.

Until digested by stock, the infected form is protected from adverse conditions (low temperatures and dry conditions) by a cyst wall for up to 2 years. Under favourable conditions the oocysts can quickly turn into the infective form (5-10 days).

The oocysts release sporozoites (larvae) that multiply asexually in the cells lining the wall of the small intestine and release thousands of microzoites (2nd generation larvae). The merozoites then enter the large intestine and go through a sexual reproduction cycle to produce thousands of oocysts which are passed out in the manure contaminating soil, feed and water.

"The highest production losses occur in the undetected subclinical stage"

It is estimated from the ingestion of 125 oocysts, producing 100,000 merozoites, can cause damage to more than 6 billion intestinal cells.

About 70% of the life cycle occurs in the small intestine where there are rarely clinical signs although calves are often depressed and losing weight. It is only when the protozoa enter the large intestine in the later part of the cycle that infestations cause diarrhoea and blood in the faeces due to damage of the lining of the gut.

Destruction of the intestinal cells and damage to the cecum and colon interferes with digestion and the absorption of nutrients resulting in ill thrift and poor growth of calves.

"Oocysts can be detected in the manure around 21 days after infection"

CLINICAL SYMPTOMS

Signs of coccidiosis are quite deceptive since clinical symptoms of the disease are not detectable in the subclinical stage when most of the damage to the intestinal lining is occurring. A mild fever may occur but in most cases the temperature is normal or subnormal.

The rupture of the cell lining of the intestine during the coccidia’s multiplication results in diarrhoea and blood loss. The dark faeces is foul smelling, watery containing blood or mucus. The clinical stage usually lasts 3-7 days towards the end of the 21-28 day parasite cycle and the calves hind legs and tail are soiled with the loose smelly faeces.

"Blood manure contains oocysts which can readily infect other calves"

The calves generally lose their appetite and are depressed and dehydrated and subsequently lose weight. Calves become weak and uncoordinated and may show muscular tremors and convulsions. Irritation of the large intestine and rectum commonly causes excessive straining and in extreme cases the rectum may prolapse.

Should the calves lose large amounts of blood they become anaemic and the gums look white or blue instead of pink.

"Clinical symptoms may last for 3-7 days depending on the severity of the infection"

In acute cases the calves may not be able to stand and die in 1-3 days. Secondary bacterial infections (eg pneumonia) can accentuate the incidence of both morbidity and mortality. During the acute period, secondary complications require supportive therapy (electrolyte fluids and antibiotics) to control secondary infections.

"Destruction of the epithelium lining of the intestine results in diarrhoea, loss of appetite and general emaciation"

TREATMENT AND CONTROL

There is a general misunderstanding regarding the treatment of coccidiosis due to the subclinical and clinical stages of the disease.

When there are clinical symptoms, the protozoa have gone through their life cycle and the opportunity to control the disease is extremely limited. Alternatively, treatment
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prior to the clinical stage and preferably before the subclinical stage prevents production loss and the complications of secondary infections.

“The most effective control of coccidiosis is its prevention”

Treatment after an outbreak is not efficient or cost effective. Through experience outbreaks can be anticipated allowing early intervention with approved and effective coccidostats.

Continuous treatment during the acute stage is necessary to minimise further outbreaks and limit possible infections.

“Anticoccidial products should be administered at the correct dosage rate for the necessary duration”

In the event of secondary diseases, supportive therapy (electrolyte fluids and antibiotics) under veterinarian supervision may be necessary to minimise calf wastage and further production loss.

“Treatment after an outbreak can be unrewarding and costly”

The most successful method of control and prevention of coccidiosis is the continuous medication with effective coccidostats in the drinking water or feed (eg ionophore antibiotics such as monensin, lasolacid, narasin or salinomycin).

There are several anticoccidial medications available to prevent and control the disease.

“Prevent and control don’t mean the same thing”

If a product has a control label, it will only reduce the severity of a coccidiosis outbreak, whereas products with a prevention label will stop clinical signs from occurring. Some products have the capacity to provide prevention and control. Various products have different dosage rates, duration of use and modes of administration (eg drench, feed or water additive), ie it is important to read the directions.

BOTTOM LINE

• Coccidiosis is a stress induced parasitic disease which occurs in calves (1-6 months of age) but susceptible weaners and yearlings can be affected if challenged in stressful contaminated environments.

• Calves usually become infected by ingesting contaminated soil, feed and water.

• The disease most often occurs in crowded, warm, moist environments.

• Coccidiosis has two stages, the undetectable stage which is followed by the shorter clinical stage which is detectable due to the obvious wastage symptoms.

• In the subclinical phase coccidia destroy the lining of the intestinal wall which is followed by the clinical symptoms of bloody, smelly faeces.

• Coccidiosis causes depressed appetite, dehydration and ill thrift in affected stock.

• Secondary bacterial infections and death can occur in the acute stage.

• The incidence of clinical coccidiosis should send ‘alarm bells’ that there may be a serious subclinical problem causing ill thrift and poor performance.

• Coccidiosis is a self-limiting disease in well fed calves. Poorly nourished calves (eg drought affected stock) have low resistance to coccidiosis and possible secondary bacterial infections.

• Calves and weaners that are housed in crowded, wet and dirty yards are the most susceptible. Contaminated feed and water and concentrated areas of manure are key hot spots for infection.

• Weaning stock into contaminated wet surroundings should be avoided but if necessary stock require maximum protection with anticoccidial products.

• Prevention of coccidiosis is the most acceptable method of control. Should outbreaks be suspected stock should be held in clean surroundings supported by the administration and continuous use of effective coccidostats.

• Infected stock showing clinical signs of coccidiosis should be isolated and properly treated with anticoccidial products and where necessary support therapy as directed by your veterinarian.

• Treatment of the clinical stage whilst not very effective since parasites are at the final stage of their life cycle is advised to reduce complications and further infestations.

• Consultation with your veterinarian is advisable to verify the nature of the disease, determine the extent of the problem and design an appropriate coccidiosis control program involving selection and correct dosage rates of approved and effective coccidostats.

• In the acute stage stock showing clinical symptoms may also require support therapy (eg electrolytes and antibiotics) as advised by a veterinarian.

• Severely affected animals may require a long period of convalescence.
Sydney Success for Georgetown ‘Girl’

A 2,920 km road trip from Brian & Cindy Hughes’ Lanes Creek Stud at Georgetown in far North Queensland to the Sydney Royal Easter Brahman Feature Show proved successful for the stylish, soft, poll red heifer Lanes Creek Krystall in April. The pretty young female took the eye of many studmasters around the Sydney Royal judging ring, not the least of whom was feature show judge Matthew McCamley, who awarded her the Calf Female Championship, the first broadribbon presented at the spectacular showing.

Judge Matthew McCamley of Lancefield Brahman, Eulogie, Dululu was extremely impressed with Krystall, further selecting the youngster to represent the Brahman breed in the RAS Supreme Interbreed Heifer Trophy judging in which she was placed in the Top 5 females.

Lanes Creek Krystall is bred from a highly successful and fertile cowline that has proven to be a superior producer for the Lanes Creek Stud. She is a daughter of Fairy Springs Duracell and her dam is a beautiful cow from the acclaimed Kirstie line of Lanes Creek. “All of Krystall’s family line has been producing at the top level for us for many years and that’s the quality consistency we want in our breeding programme,” Brian said.

The Hughes’ were delighted that Brett Nobbs of NCC Stud, Duaringa was prepared to ‘put the polish’ on Krystall, travel her to Sydney with the NCC show team and parade her for showing. “We could not have carried out the plan without the expert assistance of the NCC team,” Brian Hughes said.

“The long range exercise enabled us to benchmark our cattle from the far north against the breed’s best, and to take out a feature Championship with our sole exhibit is very pleasing,” Brian added.

Lanes Creek Krystall led by Tania Hartwig after being sashed Calf Champion Brahman Female by Dr Janice Hirshorn at the 2014 Sydney Royal Easter Brahman Feature Show.
Lancefield Sale back on the Calendar

After deferring an auction sale fixture in 2013, Brahman breeders will be pleased to see that Lancefield Brahman breeders have scheduled a 2014 sale date of Monday 27th October at Gracemere Saleyards.

Under a new format (previously having sold with Tartrus Stud), the sale will be known as the Lancefield Invitation Brahman Sale. Lancefield Brahman Stud entities Scott & Lizette McCamley, Lancefield, Dululu and Matthew & Janelle McCamley, Eulogie, Dululu are the sale principals, however David & Julie McCamley, Palmalmal, Dingo and Andrew & Anna McCamley, Jaydena, Capella will also be offering bulls in the Sale as invited vendors, under their individual studs, Palmal and 2AM respectively.

A recent meeting of the four groups of vendors made a decision to each commit their very best bulls to this Sale each year. It is expected around 130 grey and red Brahman sires will be catalogued for this year’s sale, and the studs will soon finalise what number of heifers will be offered.

“It is good to have the Lancefield Sale back on the calendar at Gracemere and good for the industry to know that the cream of all the Lancefield sale bulls will be catalogued here,” Matthew McCamley said, “it will be our 40th year of offering bulls at public auction and we are confident this sale selection carries the qualities beef producers require for their herds.”

Brahman breeders will again welcome the opportunity to invest in the highly successful Lancefield grey and red genetics, proven by industry performance over many years. Sale lots will all be backed by strong and high accuracy EBV’s, and full dam fertility data.

“Brahmans are on the cusp of a renewed wave of popularity with premium market factors and seasonal factors pointing to the benefits of the Brahman breed for production in the Central and Northern regions,” Scott McCamley said, “and we are looking forward to being back in the auction ring with our Brahmans and welcoming all cattle producers to our sale.

Christmas drinks presentations

ABBA President Shane Bishop is pictured thanking Bruce Scott, who recently retired from Landmark Stud Stock, for his support of the Brahman breed.

Paul Lancaster representing Angel Flight was presented with a cheque for $5,133 by ABBA President Shane Bishop, being a share of the proceeds from the Rockhampton Brahman Week Semen Auction. The other beneficiary, BeyondBlue did not have a representative at the function.
A major research project within the Cooperative Research Centre for Beef Genetic Technologies (Beef CRC) has provided very useful information on the success of lifetime production in Brahms and Tropical Composites in Northern Australia. One of the primary objectives of the Beef CRC project was to investigate what effect genetics had on the Post-Partum Anoestrus (period between calving and a return cycling) in first calf cows and consequently what opportunities may exist to improve fertility rates in Northern Australia through genetic improvement.

**PROJECT DESIGN**

A total of 2137 cows were involved in the project (1020 Brahms and 1117 Tropical Composites (TC)). The cows (also used in the age of puberty studies) were breed on 7 co-operator properties (4 Brahman and 3 TC) and at “Belmont Research Station” which breed both Brahman and TC. Genetic linkage, across properties of origin and year within genotypes was generated by the use of AI. The cows were generated over 4 and 3 years for Brahms and TC respectively. The cows were allocated according to genotype, property of origin and sire to one of the following four properties “Toorak” Julia Creek, “Belmont” Rockhampton, “Swans Lagoon” Ayr and “Brian Pastures” Gayndah at weaning. Belmont and Toorak ran both Brahman and Tropical Composites while Brian Pastures only had Tropical Composites and Swans Lagoon with the harsher environment only had Brahmans.

The project continued until all the cows were around 8.5 years of age and given the opportunity to have 6 calves and mated for the 7th time. The cows stayed in the project unless they failed to wean a calf in 2 connective years or were culled on management decisions (eg. temperament, udder etc.) Cows were naturally mated for 12 weeks and during this period the cows were ovarian/pregnancy scanned at 4 week intervals from joining by the use of real time ultrasound by an experienced scanner. The cows were also scanned a further 4 times after mating and prior to calving. These were half way between mating and weaning, weaning, half way between weaning and pre calving and around 3 weeks prior to calving. Other data collected at each scan was live weight, condition score and a P8 fat measurement.

**RESULTS**

**LIFETIME ANNUAL WEANING RATES**

The research showed that lifetime annual weaning rate for Brahmas was 60% for those animals involved in the project (1020 cows) and 72% for those cows present at the end of the project (717 cows) at mating 6. The TC had a 73% lifetime annual weaning rate for animals involved in the project (1117) and 83% for those animals present in the project (898) at mating 6. There was an annual calf loss rate of 10% for both the Brahman and TC between calving and weaning for all animals involved in the project (2137). The calf loss rate for those animals that were retained in the project till the end had an annual calf loss of 5% for both Brahmans and TC. It must be mentioned that about 40% of the Brahmans were run on the harsher conditions at Swans Lagoon.

**GENETIC EFFECTS**

Although results from the Beef CRC research show the heritability estimates for lifetime annual weaning rate were low Brahmas 0.11 and 0.7 for TC. Further analysis revealed that there was a 13% difference due to genetics in lifetime annual weaning rate between the top and bottom Brahman sire daughters included in the research trial as shown in Table 1. The difference in lifetime annual weaning rate in TC was not as large as the Brahmans with a 4% difference between the top and bottom sires daughters. Total calves weaned from mating 1 and 2 were moderately to highly correlated with both lifetime calving and lifetime weaning rate in both Brahman and TC.

**CONCLUSIONS**

The results emphasise the substantial opportunity that exists to improve lifetime annual weaning rates in tropical beef cattle breeds by focusing recording and selection on early in life female reproduction traits. Several Traits recorded at the first two matings with moderate to high genetic correlation with lifetime reproduction. The measurements that are correlated with lifetime reproduction range from ultrasound scanning for conception, to manual palpation for pregnancy to observation of a calf born and the number of days after mating the calf is born. The results also showed the days to calving is highly correlated with these measurements and producers using days to calving in their selection will also improve early and lifetime reproduction program. Opportunities exist to improve lifetime weaning rates by collecting accurate birth and female reproductive performance information with BREEDPLAN for the calculation of Days to Calving.
JDH Sir Alamo Manso 126/7 is a proven complete package - he has it all, consistency in his calves, outstanding eye appeal, great topline, tidy sheath and excellent carcass qualities. This bull is now available to everyone in Australia in very affordable packages of 5, 10 or 20 straws.

Contact David Deguara at Hamdenvale Brahmans for a package that suits you.
Calving EBVs (particularly reproductive information for maiden heifers and first calf cows), and careful consideration of Days to Calving EBVs when selecting both sires and dams for use within a breeding program.

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Table 1: Difference in lifetime weaning rate EBV between top and bottom Brahman sires in % more calves per year

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Variation in Life Time Annual Weaning Rate in Tropical Cattle

Financial, animal welfare and labour-saving benefits are already flowing for cattle producers involved in a water point telemetry producer demonstration site (PDS) in WA’s Kimberley and Pilbara regions.

The MLA-funded PDS is designed to demonstrate the financial benefits of installing radio or mobile telemetry to monitor watering points on extensive cattle enterprises, while also identifying any issues preventing its adoption.

PDS leader Anne Marie Huey, from WA’s Department of Agriculture and Food, said PDS participants were saving time and money.

“Bores are a big part of life in this region and conducting bore runs is a very expensive exercise, both in terms of time and money,” Anne Marie said.

“Telemetry has proven successful elsewhere but hasn’t had a huge adoption rate in this part of the world.”

“At this stage we’re seeing a number of benefits, but we’re also interested in the costs, or unexpected impacts,” Anne Marie said.

“One of the benefits is improved animal welfare, because we’re quickly alerted if water tank levels suddenly drop.

“There’s also the peace of mind that comes from being able to check your water levels on your phone, from anywhere in the world.

“We’ve found there’s also an occupational health and safety benefit, as it’s good for tracking staff around the station. If you have inexperienced staff doing bore runs and they don’t come back for a few hours, you can work out where they are on the station, based on which bores have been pumped.

“On the cost side, the system won’t pick up on any problems that aren’t directly related to water.

“Pre-telemetry data from Dampier Downs showed the cost of checking the three bores from September to mid-December 2012 was approximately $4,500 in wages and more than $8,000 in vehicle running costs,” Anne Marie said.

“Post-telemetry data showed a saving over three months of $1,200 and 16 hours from just one bore.”

The dollar cost of physically checking water points is calculated by adding labour costs ($25/hour for a bore runner) to vehicle running costs (conservatively estimated at $40/hour and $0.30/km) over a three-month period during the dry season.

“That’s the financial cost, but we’re also interested in the opportunity cost,” Anne Marie said.

“For example, the 16 hours spent checking one bore could have been spent fencing or working cattle, or doing something else to build value in the business.” On the phone Dampier Downs is one of three properties in the PDS; the others are ‘Anna Plains’ in the Kimberley and ‘Yarrie’ in the Pilbara. Anna Plains and Yarrie are both using the 3G (mobile) network but different telemetry systems: Observant and BonTech, respectively.

At the start of the PDS each property submitted three months of pre-telemetry, dry season bore run data, to compare with their post-telemetry data.

“The cost side, the system won’t pick up on any problems that aren’t directly related to water.

“For example, if there’s a broken fence 2km from the bore or some issue you would normally notice on your bore run, such as dog activity, it won’t pick up on that.

“So, we’re not advising to replace bore runs altogether, because we recognise they still need to be done, but telemetry can reduce their frequency.”

The PDS will conclude in mid-2015.
Doonside Taser impresses at Marlborough Show

BRAHMAN RESULTS:
Judge: Will Fenech, FBC Brahmans, Wowan

Calf Champion Female:
Glengarry Whitney 2340 (exhibited by SJ & GJ Angel, “Glengarry”, Kunwarara)

Reserve Calf Champion Female:
Glengarry Pixie 2359 (exhibited by SJ & GJ Angel, “Glengarry”, Kunwarara)

Calf Champion Male:
Doonside Taser (exhibited by W & K Geddes, “Doonside”, Milman)

Reserve Calf Champion Male:
Glengarry I’m a Gangster (exhibited by SJ & GJ Angel, “Glengarry”, Kunwarara)

Junior Champion Female:
Akama Jilly Jill (exhibited by D & L Sturdy, “Simla”, Eton)

Reserve Junior Champion Female:
Glengarry L Polled Style (exhibited by SJ & GJ Angel, “Glengarry”, Kunwarara)

Junior Champion Male:
Glengarry Sir Locke (exhibited by SJ & GJ Angel, “Glengarry”, Kunwarara)

Reserve Junior Champion Male:
Hamdenville Symbol (exhibited by D & J Deguara, “Simla”, Eton)

Senior Champion Female:
Palmvale R Miss Teena (exhibited by Remy Streeter, “Mt Slopeaway”, Marlborough)

Reserve Senior Champion Female:
NIL

Grand Champion Female:
Glengarry Whitney 2340 (exhibited by SJ & GJ Angel, “Glengarry”, Kunwarara)

Grand Champion Male:
Doonside Taser (exhibited by W & K Geddes, “Doonside”, Milman)


Conditions were much improved across most of Queensland during the past quarter thanks to long overdue rain spurred by tropical cyclone activity in the north.

The change in fortunes saw large numbers of cattle hit the market in some areas, with 13,260 head of stores yarded at Roma on 29 April. Cattle were cattle drawn from far away as Julia Creek, Winton, Quilpie and northern NSW. The southern Qld saleyards has already marketed more than 390,000 head this financial year at its twice weekly store and prime sales.

Improved feed conditions during April saw cattle indicators jump dramatically compared to the previous year, with trade steers averaging 375c/kg cwt (up 14%) and heavy steers rising by 15% to 357c/kg cwt. Demand for females in April also rose by 24% year-on-year, to 290c/kg cwt.

Meat and Livestock Australia (MLA) predicts that cattle supplies will tighten as June approaches, largely due to the overall improvement in seasonal conditions and the massive liquidation of numbers already witnessed in 2014. Offsetting this expectation for tighter supplies is the lure of high returns and cash flow, which could continue to see additional cattle entering the market, especially from regions under feed pressure.

On the red meat export front, the export value of Australian beef and veal reached the highest monthly figure on record during March 2014, at $637 million. This jump was underpinned by the corresponding record value of Australian beef and veal reaching $133 million in March, up 5% compared to the same period in 2013.

Some good prices for stores and primes have been recorded through the saleyards this quarter. For example, No.2 heifers reached 164.2c/kg at Gracemere and 552kg steers sold for 172c/kg at Roma. An overview of saleyard prices follows:

### NORTH QLD

#### CHARTERS TOWERS

Tony Bowen, Landmark, said the district had received some variable rain and although cattle were still looking good, feed was relatively thin on the ground and dam levels were low, especially around Clermont and Alpha.

With northern abattoirs booked up until September and limited restocker interest at the saleyards, the live export boom from the Port of Townsville had been a real Godsend for the north-west.

The Port of Townsville has exported 175,000 head so far this financial year and expects to ship a total of 200,000 head for that period, with cattle going to Indonesia, Vietnam, Malaysia and the Philippines.

“Boats have been going pretty consistently since last August,” Mr Bowen said.

Producers were currently being paid 170c/kg for steers and 145c/kg for heifers, which were predominantly going to the booming Indonesian feeder market. Values for cattle for the Vietnamese slaughter market on par with the feeder cattle rates, he said.

Through the saleyards, the Combined Agents Prime and Store Sale on 28 March yarded some “fantastic quality” cattle which attracted increased market confidence and strong buying support. B. and M. Landsberg, Charters Towers, offered 477kg Brahman heifers which made $550/hd or 115.2c/kg.

A special store sale on 2 May presented great choice for buyers, with 4753 head up for grabs. The market held firm for steers and heavier heifers, with prices easing for plainer, lighter cattle.

Amanda Collins, Cape River, offered 18 good quality 301kg grey Brahman steers, which sold for 160c/kg or $482/hd. A pen of 42 steers, 164.5kg, from Koolyn Pty Ltd, Charters Towers made 167.2c/kg and realised $275 per head.

A pen of 20 quality grey Brahman heifers were presented by Greg and Wendy Collins, Cottonvale, Prairie. They made 135c/kg, weighing 343kg to return $464/hd.

A line of 112 Brahman p.t.i.c. cows from the Accornero family, Kilcooney, topped at 112c/kg and $559.

The buying gallery was reduced at the prime and store sale on 7 May, with bullocks 10c/kg easier and heifers and cows 15c/kg down on the previous sale.

Brahman bullocks from L. and C. Curley, Sutherland, topped their section at 140c/kg. They weighed in at 615kg to return $861.

Atkinson Developments, Wade Station, presented the top priced trade heifers, 445kg, which sold for $530/hd or 119c/kg.

### CENTRAL QLD

#### GRACEMERE

The April 1 11 sale yarded 2900 head, with the good quality offering dearer across the board, with the exception of lighter heifers. A run of 438kg No.2 heifers from Stowe Park, Calliope were knocked down for 164.2c/kg to return $685/hd. D. and S. Waterson sold No.2 Brahman heifers for $706 or 158.2c/kg.

The 1600 head yarding on Friday, 24 April was described by agents as being “good to useful”. Cattle were drawn from as far away as Sarina in the north and Mundubbera in the south, with stores selling on a much improved market.

Keith Parry trucked in 198 Brahman and Brahman cross No.3 steers from Karingal, Sarina. They weighed 304kg on average and sold for 113.5c/kg or $497/hd.

Ken Schultz, Mt Larcom received 153c/kg or $1026/head for prime 670kg Brahman cows. Brahman cows offered by John, Trevor and Wendy Mylrea made 146c/kg, weighing in at 556kg to return $814. Red Brahman calves and calves from Crystal Plains Partnership made $630 per unit.
Prices eased for slaughter cattle but were fully firm for stores at the 2 May sale which presented 3855 head.

Charlie Randell, Mt Stuart, Capella sold 583kg Brahman steers for 166c/kg or $970/hd. Grey weaner steers, 270kg, from Granite Vale Partners, Granite Vale, St Lawrence, went for 174c/kg to return $468/hd.

On Friday May 8, Gracemere yarded 3180 head with cattle drawn from as far as Richmond, Collinsville and Ayr. With a good number of meatworks cattle penned, prices were considerable cheaper than the previous week, while feeder steers held firm and prices eased for lighter and weaner steers.

The Danastas family, Hillcrest, Middlemount sold a line of 621kg Brahman steers which peaked at 157c/kg to return $976.

A line of 192 No.2 grey Brahman steers were offered by the Hoffman family, Desmond Station, Collinsville. They averaged 158c/kg, weighing 391kg to return $619.

**EMERALD**

Emerald yarded 4200 head in the first week of May, following a sale gap of three weeks. Store cattle attracted strong demand although prime cattle lost ground. The Randell family, Crinum, Capella received $794/hd or 135c/kg for their 588kg Brahman cows.

**BLACKALL**

The 1 May weaner and store sale drew quality lines of cattle, with 5597 head up for auction. A run of 326kg Brahman steers from the Deem family, Cambeela, Winton sold well, averaging 152c/kg.

**MIRIAM VALE**

The Miriam Vale Silver Anniversary Show Sale yarded 700 head on 6 May for judging and sale.

The champion pen of weaners and the grand champion pen were No.4 grey Brahman steers presented by Charlie and Desley Prizeman, Yarwun. They sold for $470.

The Roffey family, Gaetaview Grazing, Gin Gin, showed the champion pen of females. They were No.3 grey Brahman heifers, which topped their section, selling for $470.

A pen of No.2 Brahman steers topped the market at $600.

**SOUTH QLD**

**GIN GIN**

There was strong demand at the 29 April Elders Gin Gin sale which presented 530 head. Bucca Station offered 12-month-old Brahman weaner steers, which made $365. No.3 red Brahman steers from Graham and Mitchell Clark and family were knocked down for $435. Red weaner steers from Phil and Kay Spencer, Sonoma, Miriam Vale, sold from $370 to $420.

**TOOGOOLAWAH**

The 24 April yarding included high grade two-year-old Brahman steers from Snow Pratten and family, Kilcoy. They sold for $730.

Gavial Cattle Co offered Brahman cows and calves which sold from $840 to $880 per unit.

**BIGGENDEN**

Burnett Livestock and Realty held their first weaner show and sale for the year on 1 May, offering 1363 head.

Chess Park, Eidsvold won their class with EU-accredited Brahman steers. They sold for 170c/kg and 171c/kg to peak at $443.

**ROMA**

The prime sale on 1 May offered 3001 head, with strong competition throughout. The Hartley family, Comara, Aramac received 172c/kg or $950/hd for their 552kg Brahman steers.

**AUCTIONS PLUS**

Dan and Louise Hoch, Yenlora, Cunnamulla marketed mixed age cows on AuctionsPlus in mid-April. They received $670 for joined Brahman cows, three to eight years of age, with calves at foot.

At the 11 April online sale, a St George vendor received $715 for joined Brahman cows, two to 12 years, with calves at foot.
In what could be described as arguably one of the largest funerals to be held in this country, and certainly one of the biggest one-day events held in the beef capital of Rockhampton, more than 3000 family, dignitaries, business associates, and friends gathered at Paradise Lagoons, near Rockhampton, to farewell Graeme Acton.

The late Mr Acton, aged 63, died after sustaining head injuries from a horse fall early May. His standing in the lives of many people was clear with mourners travelling from all parts of Australia to say their final goodbyes.

Words of public condolence were led by Prime Minister Tony Abbott and Queensland Premier Campbell Newman, followed by personal tributes from family friends, Peter Hughes, Tierawoomba, Nebo, Richard Wilson, formerly of Banana Station, Banana, and Baillieu Myer AC, Melbourne, followed by a family eulogy led by Graeme’s son Tom and daughter Victoria.

Held at the Paradise Lagoons purpose-built campdrafting complex, Mr Acton’s coffin was placed on the centre stage in front of six of his favourite grey Australian Stock Horses, and a mob of quality Santa Gertrudis cattle in the centre of the drafting ring.

Mr Abbott told the gathered crowd that “to meet Graeme Acton was to know him for life.”

“With his his hat, voice, and walk, he was an iconic Australian, while who was physically absent was spiritually present today,” he said.

Mr Acton built on an inheritance, and had given it so much, Mr Abbott said, noting Graeme was an excellent judge of horses, cattle - and members of Parliament.

“We are certainly much poorer for his passing, but richer for his living.”

Mr Newman described Mr Acton as a true visionary who helped shape the beef industry in Queensland.

“Graeme advocated strongly for producers to move from ‘price-takers’ to ‘price-makers’ and he understood that to survive, producers needed to take control of their product from the paddock right through to the plate,” Mr Newman said.

“Graeme was among the first to brand his beef, calling it ‘Acton Super Beef’.

“He saw the emerging markets in Asia and the Middle East and was very active in establishing links with importers across South East Asia.

“Graeme also had a passion for the next generation to be skilled and equipped to take on tomorrow’s challenges. He was a great advocate for the Emerald Agricultural College and also the Longreach Pastoral College.

“Graeme knew that we needed to invest in farm skills education and these campuses provided the ideal environment for hands-on training.

“If Graeme did not like something, he was the first to pick up the phone to let you know, not just that things were wrong, but also to offer a solution in his distinctive drawl.

“The words ‘impossible’ and ‘surrender’ were not in Graeme’s vocabulary. He was a man of conviction, a man of intellect and a man of great generosity.

“The Acton family are perfectionists in everything they do, and we can see that around us with this magnificent horse sports complex - the greatest campdrafting facility in the world.

“This centre is the epitome of everything that Graeme and his family stood and stand for – the vision to develop something of scale and quality and open it up for the enjoyment of others.

“In my last meeting with Graeme at Parliament House, we talked about a bold plan to take campdrafting to Brisbane, and attract overseas visitors to an international campdraft and rodeo, and I hope that vision can be pursued.

“Graeme was proud of the centre here, and the sport of campdrafting, but more than anything else, he was proud of being able to give back to the community.”

Campdrafts at the Paradise Lagoons centre have helped raise over $400,000 for charity with the main beneficiaries being the Royal Flying Doctor Service, Central Queensland Helicopter Rescue and pony clubs throughout the region.

“The campdrafts will go on, Acton Super Beef will continue to be enjoyed around the world and the legacy of Graeme Acton will never be forgotten.

“He was a great Queenslander who rode tall and stood tall, and he will be terribly missed,” Mr Newman said.

Peter Hughes said that Graeme Acton’s friendship was unconditional and he was non-judgemental, which was a great gift to have.

“He was a positive and fun person to be around, and he took great interest and paid respect to the previous generation,” Mr Hughes said.

Richard Wilson spoke of Mr Acton as first and foremost a wonderful family man, who with wife of nearly 40 years, Jennie, raised their four children, instilling a great work ethic, a love of cattle and horses and a sense of family pride which has resulted in 14 grandchildren, all of whom occupied a very special place in Graeme’s life.

“He was a unique colourful character, larger than life with his distinctive clothes, hats and boots, his unique crocodile and ostrich saddles, his commanding colloquial voice, infectious chuckle and visionary thoughts and actions,” Mr Wilson said.

“Graeme was a proud Australian cattleman and horseman, an astute businessman, generously sharing his wisdom, vision, time and his facilities with young people, charitable organisations, fellow horse lovers right through to our nation’s leaders.

“He has made enormous contributions to the Australian community especially the beef cattle industry which will be recognised and respected for years to come.”

Son Tom said it was undeniable that their father was the most influential person in their lives and was certainly “one of a kind”.

Mr Acton is survived by his wife Jennie, children Victoria, Tom, Hayley and Laura, and siblings Robert, Evan, Elizabeth and Allan.
Glengarry Sir Locke takes Grand Champion Male at The Caves Show

BRAHMAN RESULTS:
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Calf Champion Female:
Glengarry Whitney 2340 (exhibited by SJ & GJ Angel, “Glengarry”, Kunwarara)

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Glengarry Pixie 2359 (exhibited by SJ & GJ Angel, “Glengarry”, Kunwarara)

Calf Champion Male:
Doonside Taser (exhibited by W & K Geddes, “Doonside”, Milman)

Reserve Calf Champion Male:
Cambil Olympus 4351 (exhibited by RF & TR Camm, Cambil Brahmans, Proserpine)

Junior Champion Female:
Glengarry L Polled Style 2244 (exhibited by SJ & GJ Angel, “Glengarry”, Kunwarara)

Reserve Junior Champion Female:
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Senior Champion Female:
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Reserve Senior Champion Female:
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Grand Champion Female:
Glengarry Whitney 2340 (exhibited by SJ & GJ Angel, “Glengarry”, Kunwarara)

Senior Champion Male:
Timbrel Mr L Derado Manso 470 (exhibited by T & S Connor, Timbrel Brahmans, Rockhampton)

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Grand Champion Male:
Glengarry Sir Locke 2288 (exhibited by SJ & GJ Angel, “Glengarry”, Kunwarara)

EXHIBITORS GROUP:
Doonside Brahmans (exhibited by W & K Geddes, “Doonside”, Milman)

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- 2.81 kg Average Daily Weight Gain

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**PRIME CATTLE PERFORMANCES - F1 STEERS**

Innes and Jessica Fahey entered 6 head of Angus x F1 Steers out of Bizzy Brahman Cows in the Export section of the 2014 Sydney Royal Easter Show Beef Challenge, achieving excellent results:

- Sydney Royal Bronze Medal for the Taste Test component
- 3rd Place OVERALL out of 26 INTERBREED PENS - only .4 of a point behind Reserve Champion Pen
- 3rd Place in PROFITABILITY section from 26 pens
- 3rd Place Individual Steer FEEDLOT PERFORMANCE from 156 head
- 2nd Place Individual Steer DAILY WEIGHT GAIN from 156 head (2.662kg/day - winner was 2.767kg)
- 3rd Place Individual Steer DRESSING % (57.72% - winner was 58.28%)

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**F1 FEMALES**

F1 Females out of Bizzy Brahman cows sold to a top of $1060/hd at Nettle Creek Female Sale

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Select young PTIC 18-24 month old F1 Angus x Bizzy Brahman heifers sold to a top of $1060 and $960 for cow and calf units at the annual Nettle Creek Invitational Commercial Female Sale that was held in Grafton, NSW on Thursday 27th February.

The sale was held at the peak of the drought with widespread lack of feed throughout NSW and QLD and cattle producers were uncertain about the future season. Despite the top prices being about $300 back on last years’ sale, the results were still pleasing considering the lack of summer rain and current market situation. New buyers took the opportunity to set up quality breeding herds while repeat buyers were able to replace or add to some of their breeding operations based on proven performance results and success of previous Nettle Creek sale purchases. Many females stayed in the upper and lower Clarence regions with some going to Bonalbo and Casino in the north and Gloucester, Taylor’s Arm and Wauchope in the south and Inverell in the west.

In its sixth year, the commercial female sale featured 120 PTIC F1 Brangus, Charbray and Brahman cross 18-24 month old heifers bred by Michael and Elizabeth Fahey and Family, Bizzy Brahman Stud, “Nettle Creek”, Copmanhurst. The Fahey’s sold 45 F1 PTIC Brangus heifers for an $850/hd average, 30 F1 Charbrays for $700 and 46 Brahman and Brahman cross heifers to a top of $960 to average $745. 36 young F1 Brangus and Charbray cows with Limousin calves sold to a top of $960 and averaged $835.

Invited vendors sold another 260 head of young PTIC, unjoined and weaner heifers representing the Brahman, Brangus, Charbray, Santa Gertrudis, Simbrah, Droughtmaster, Hereford and Angus breeds.

Jackson Green purchased the top priced pen of the sale, eight rising two year old Nettle Creek F1 Angus x Brahman heifers PTIC to Angus bulls for $1060/hd. He also paid $860/hd for a pen of seven young, first calf F1 Brangus females with Limousin calves at foot which would go towards setting up a quality breeding herd for his new beef operation in Lawrence.

New sale supporters, Ron and Sue Kirwan, Byabarra, Wauchope bought a pen of seven F1 Brangus PTIC females for $860/hd and nine red Bizzy Brahman heifers PTIC to Angus and Charolais bulls for $730/hd. They also bought a pen of eight unjoined F1 Angus x Brahman heifers for $600/hd.
from Brian and Terry-Anne Winter at Coaldale. The couple who have recently bought property, purchased these females to set up a high quality breeding base to produce weaners for their local market. The Winter’s sold 33 unjoined 15 month old F1 Brangus females for a $530 average. Coffs Harbour Hardwoods, Glenreagh, added to their purchases from last year with a pen of 13 Nettle Creek PTIC F1 Brangus heifers for $880.

Cow and calf units represented excellent buying value with the top pen of 9 F1 Brangus first calf heifers with Limousin calves at foot selling to $960. Taking advantage of this market was repeat buyer, John Gornie from Koolkan. He also bought five Nettle Creek F1 Charbray first calf heifers with Limousin calves for $880 and seven Santa cows with Angus calves at foot from M & A Edwards for $830/hd.

Gordonbrook Station, Copmanhurst, sold 26 unjoined F1 Simbrah and Hereford x Brahman heifers to average $575/hd.

Regular sale vendors, the Pigg Family from Ulmarra, sold 18 F1 16 month old heifers by Bizzy Brahman Bulls out of Angus cows to a top of $610 and averaged $535. Two pens of these heifers were purchased by repeat sale supporters, Berrico Pty Ltd for a $600 average.

The sale was conducted by Ray Donovan Stock and Station Agents, Grafton and George & Fuhrmann, Casino.
Brahman F1 steers with impressive weight gains and solid feedlot performances combined with successful taste test awards excelled in the Export section of the Sydney Royal Easter Show Beef Challenge.

Twenty-six pens of six steers representing many different British, European and Bos Indicus breeds were fed for 100 days at Wilga Feedlot situated near Bellata, NSW. NSW beef producers, Lincoln & Lisa Job, Marellan Shorthorns, Cumnock & Innes & Jessica Fahey, Bizzy Brahman, Copmanhurst were awarded Reserve Champion Export Pen and 3rd overall respectively.

The Beef Challenge Competition assessed all sectors of the supply chain and a score was assigned to the following sections:

- Live Assessment 7.5%
- Feedlot Performance 30% - Average Daily Gain & Consistency - Dressing Percentage & Consistency - Carcase Grid 15% - Carcase Judging 20% - Exhibitor Carcase Selection 2.5% - Profitability 20% - Taste Test 5%

The pen of six entered by Lincoln & Lisa Job were F1 steers sired by Brahman bulls out of Marellan Shorthorn cows. The 17-19 month old, all milk tooth steers were sired by NCC Vermont and Kandoona Ryan and Marellan Shorthorns - Reserve Champion Export Pen of Steers - Brahman X Shorthorn.

were awarded Reserve Champion Export Pen. With an average Carcase weight of 357kg, they recorded an Average Daily Gain of 2.2kg per day which was the 2nd highest scoring pen in the export competition. In the individual steer results, Marellan gained 3rd place in the Profitability section out of 156 head.

Lincoln Job of Marellan Shorthorns said “we were extremely happy with the result. It just shows what a great combination the modern Brahman is with the right type of Shorthorn”.

Innes Fahey stated, ‘these results demonstrate the advantages of the extra performance, growth & weight gained from the hybrid vigour that is achieved when using Brahmans to cross with British and European cattle. What is equally, or even more satisfying, is the fact that the sisters to these steers are very productive and profitable as breeders and F1 supermums at home in the paddock – displaying exceptional fertility, milking ability and the ability to thrive, produce and rear a good calf in whatever country and climatic conditions that they are running in’.

In addition to the successful feedlot performances, both teams, as well as another team of Brahman x Marellan steers, performed well in the Taste Test component of the Challenge. The taste testing took place at the RAS Grounds and was judged by two panels of three professional fine food judges. These judges included Ed Halmagyi (‘Fast Ed’), Andrew Ballard, Lachlan Bowtell, Hugh Greenough, Damian Heads and Bob Retallick. Two pens of Brahman x Marellan Shorthorn steers received a Silver and Bronze Medal award and the Angus x Bizzy Brahman’s were awarded a Bronze Medal.

“To be awarded a Silver Medal in the Taste Test with a Brahman X Shorthorn was magnificent. To have meat quality and feedlot performance is a profitable combination”, Lincoln Job said.

It was great to see Brahman cross cattle performing well across a variety of sections within the competition.
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