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Editorial

Congratulations to all members who participated in Beef 2015, it was certainly a positive promotion for the breed, especially to Andrew and Roxanne Olive winning the Supreme Interbreed Champion bull award and John, Cheryl and Terry Randell running second in the Interbreed cow Championship.

There was good interest in member’s trade displays and the Brahman Compound and Rumps “n” Humps Café did brisk business throughout the week.

Our BIN project is proceeding to plan with the Round 2 No 3 steers slaughtered in April and May averaging 318kg 12mm P8 fat and the price substantially better than last year.

The BIN field day in March at Banana Station was well attended and highlights of the data presented is included in this issue.

We have entered into a second BIN project to collect carcase and meat science data on the steer progeny produced in the Northern Fertility Project being managed by Dr David Johnston from AGBU. This project is in conjunction with the Droughtmaster Society.

The No 3 steers are presently being fed at Smithfield Feedlot and will be slaughtered in August and the No 4 steers are being backgrounded at Banana Station.

We are now focussed on finalising arrangements for our World Congress from May 16-21, next year, less than 12 months away.

We have been encouraged by the level of international and member support at this early stage.

Both World Congresses we have conducted previously were excellent promotions for the breed both internationally and domestically.

We need to ensure we all take full advantage of the opportunity next year’s World Congress presents.

Editor
The cattle market has continued to get stronger but unfortunately, the state of Queensland is still affected heavily by drought. Since my last paragraph, myself and 29 other Brahman enthusiasts visited the Houston livestock show as well as a lot of other ranches around Texas.

It was our mission to promote the 16th world congress as well as have a good look at the Texas Brahman industry. The industry over there is in very good shape with prices for all descriptions of cattle very good. We had Ian Brown with us who does a bit of buying around sale yards in the south eastern corner of QLD. He is also a Limousin breeder and yes we took him with us which was a lot of fun. He could not believe the prices of cattle over there, he worked one pen of weaners out to be eight dollars per kilogram in Australian currency. The Brahman cattle shown at Houston were really good, I thought their cattle displayed a lot more natural muscling than the first time I visited. The classes were very even in growth and type. The bone and length they have in their cattle is impressive.

The BIN project continues to roll on with the second round of bullocks having been killed. Once again for young cattle they achieved very good results. Once again we collected strip loin samples for meat science analysis. The usual volunteers hit the chillers at 3.30 am for collection and packaging of samples for John and Warren Sim to deliver to Armidale. I personally would like to thank Chris Fenech for relieving me in the chillers for the first lot of steers. His job was to open the bags for the samples, which is immense pressure. Also, once again, thank you to Matthew Noakes and the Teys Biloela plant for their cooperation. It is a huge disruption for the plant but they are more than happy to assist us with this important project.

The first of the BIN steers for this year, to be killed were used for the Rumps "n" Humps Café at Beef Australia, which was a huge success. I must give credit where it is due to Matthew Noakes who was the instigator of this plan, but must say that the rest of the councillors, once having the seed planted, ran with the idea, to end up with a menu that was enjoyed by all. Having the Rumps "n" Humps Café outside the Brahman Compound resulted in a great meeting area for people to have a meal, then wander through to the compound. Special thanks to the ladies from the ABBA office for going above and beyond the call of duty, and also to Cynthia Stark for supplying baked goods for everyone’s enjoyment.

The highlight of Beef ’15 would have to be firstly, the Brahman judging. I thought the quality of the cattle was the best I had ever seen. There was no tail what so ever, and some of the cattle that stood at the end of the line could have justifiably been further up the line on any given day. I have never seen classes that were so evenly matched. The commercial bull pens at the Hudgins ranch were pretty well empty as a lot of bulls had been sold into Mexico.

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It was a great exhibition and promotion for the breed. I congratulate all broad ribbon winners and placegetters. A ribbon at that show was thoroughly deserved. I am also very proud of the young people within our breed. We are one of the leading breeds for youth involvement, from serving food at the Brahman Compound to stewarding at the judging ring, and competing as well. The great highlight however, had to be the Brahman Bull, Raglan Victory winning the interbreed bull for Beef 2015. This is the third time the Brahmans have won the interbreed competition out of 10 Beef shows. This is something that no other breed or family has achieved. Congratulations to the Olive Family on this remarkable achievement and the after party was a cracker as well.

Congratulations to John, Cheryl and Terry Randell on running second in the Interbreed Cow Judging.

I would like to wish everyone good luck for the upcoming sale season and pray that all those affected by drought soon receive good rain. Until next time, all the best.

Shane Bishop
The beef industry – in Queensland in particular – has been under the spotlight in recent months with some significant events happening in the state.

Beef Australia 2015, the expo that comes around only once every three years, focussed national attention on Rockhampton, cementing its reputation as Australia’s Beef Capital.

While the event attracted high profile national and international visitors, it was lovely to see that 97-year-old Brahman breed pioneer, Eric Nobbs, Lyndhurst, Biloela could attend the event. Not only did he attend, but with sons Stewart, Chas and Roger, claimed the champion pasture fed steer title with Charbrays from Yandaburra Pastoral Co. Sadly, Eric passed away just weeks later, on 21 May, but he will be long remembered as a very gracious man who was a true gentleman as well as an astute cattleman in both the commercial and stud Brahman arenas.

Beef Australia speakers such as Alexei Rudolph, a San Francisco-based food-service consultant, highlighted some potential opportunities for Australian grassfed beef. He told delegates that 22 to 37-year-olds in the US were looking for “more naturally produced” beef, instead of that country’s predominantly grainfed product. His company, Foodservice Connections, is working with MLA to help grow the grassfed beef market in North America. Exports of chilled grassfed Australian beef have grown to 60,000 tonnes over the past decade and are expected to climb.

Another newsworthy event this quarter was the visit of the Prime Minister Tony Abbott who popped in on Beef Australia on his way to Longreach. His announcement of an $83 million economic stimulus package for drought affected QLD communities reflects the sad fact that much of the state remains in drought.

On a more positive note, cattle prices through the saleyards have been the strongest for some time. A roundup of some of the sale highlights for prime and store cattle follows.

**NORTH QLD**

**CHARTERS TOWERS**

Most descriptions were slightly dearer at the 20 May prime and store sale. Local vendors Greg and Lyndal Elliott received 218c/kg or $1465/头 for their 671kg Brahman bullocks.

Prime bullock prices eased by 3c/kg at the first sale in May. The top priced bullocks were Brahmans from CNK Farming, Charters Towers. The 636kg bullocks realised $1255 at 197c/kg.

On 15 April prime bullocks peaked at just over 202c/kg. The top pen were 590kg Brahmans from B. and D. Willoughby, Kings Gully, Charters Towers, which returned $1192/头.

In the store section of the sale a line of 17 red Brahman steers from the Schneider family, Maidavale, Mingenew, made 218.2c/kg and weighed 240kg to realise $523.

**CENTRAL QLD**

**GRACEMERE**

Prices were firm for slaughter cattle and strong for feeder types at the 29 May sale. Colin Olive, Marlborough sold 674kg prime bullocks for 220.2c/kg or $1484/头. In the store section of the sale red Brahman weaner steers from Creed Grazing Co, Raligan sold $807. They weighed an average of 344kg and were knocked down for just over 234c/kg.

Females sold well at the 22 May sale with 547kg cows from the Danastas family, Middles, making $1058 at 193c/kg. Roy and Alana Sparrow offered a run of Brahman cows from Horseshoe Station, Yaamba. They weighed in at 534kg and returned $988/头 at 186c/kg.

On 15 May the line-up included 120 No. 4 Brahman heifers from Lake Elphinstone, Nebo. They went for $527, averaging 272kg and 194c/kg.

Gracemere combined agents penned 2935 head on 8 May to a market that was firm to slightly dearer. One highlight was 475kg grey Brahman steers from Charlie and Jason Randell, Mt Stuart, Capella. They peaked at 248c/kg to realise $1130. Prime cows, 584kg, offered by J. and K. Brosnan, Mt Morgan, went for a neat $2/kg to make $1165.

Rain reduced the yarding on 1 May, yet the 2045 head on offer were of good quality, with a strong gallery of meatworks buyers and restockers in place to push up prices by up to 30c/kg.

Bob Beak, Calliope sold a run of red Brahman bullocks which peaked at 235c/kg and averaged 232c. They weighed 590kg to return $1370/头.

Joe and Rachael Olive, Nullegai, Marlborough, marketed No. 4 grey Brahman steers weighing 384kg. They topped at 245c/kg to make $934/头.

At the 24 April sale the Fenec family, Craigleigh, Wowan sold 685kg EU-accredited cows for $1378, or just over 201c/kg.

Brahman cows made more than $1000 at the 17 April sale. The line from Trevor Mylrea and family, Calliope, sold for 192c/kg, weighing 566kg to return $1091/头. At the same sale, Creed Grazing Co, Raligan, sold a good quality line of Brahman feeder heifers for 198c/kg, weighing 372kg to return $738/头.

Brahmans sold well at the 10 April sale, with cows and calves from Claire Brekenridge and family going for $1200 per unit. Mark and Tarsh Allen, Kariboe Valley, Thangool offered 35 No. 4 red Brahman steers, averaging 348kg. They made $798 at 229c/kg.

A pen of 615kg steers from Gary Dawson and family were knocked down for 224c/头, returning $1380/头.

**BLACKALL**

The 14 May sale presented 2456 head of primes and stores. The Bagmbling family, Aramac, received 211c/kg or $1222/头 for their heavy Brahman steers and $1030 (180c) for their prime cows. A line of 470kg steers from WEC Industries, Mellew, Barcaldine went for 200c/kg or $941.

Blackall Combined Agents held a Special Weaner and Store Sale on 30 April, yardsing 4200 head to a market that rose by 20-30c/kg for most descriptions.

The Hay family, Kismet, Jericho sold 261kg Brahman steers for 255c/kg or $666. Prince Holdings offered 423kg steers from Brighton Downs, Winton, which sold for 213c/kg or $902/头.

At the sale on 7 May, 440kg Brahman feeder steers topped at 222c/kg to return $977/头.
The Smith family, Depot Glen, Stonehenge trucked in 680kg steers which made 208c/kg or $1415/hd. Cows from A. and C. Adams, Allo Omber, Blackall went for $1095 or 195c/kg.

**SOUTH QLD**

**ROMA**

Hartley Grazing, Coopermurra, Mitchell, offered 630kg steers at the 21 May prime sale. They sold for $1502/hd at a very healthy 238c/kg.

The prime sale on 30 April presented 1302 head and included a line of 650kg Brahman steers from Barry Duff, Cremorne, Roma. They were knocked down for 233c/kg to make $1515.

Brahman cows sold well, with 560kg females from Ninderra Grazing Co, Ninderra, Injune making $1143 (204c). The same rate was paid for 532kg cows from the Polbar family, which realised $1086.

**MONTO**

North Burnett agents yarded 500 head in mid-May to a firm market. The Younger family sold 468kg Brahman cows for $880 or 188c/kg.

Prime rates held firm at the first prime and store sale in May, which presented 1015 head for auction. A top quality line of 560kg Brahman steers from Dillon Downs, Monto returned $1265 at 226c/kg.

Brahman trade heifers from Moretti and Son went for 207c/kg and 463-488kg steers from Peter and Desiree Hindmarsh, Milton Station, averaged $1158 at 237c/kg.

The weaner market was strong with Brahman steers around 220kg going for 226c/kg. They were offered by Roy and Bev Marbach.

**MORETON**

The 26 May sale yarded 830 head including 600kg Brahman cows from L. and P. Haynes, Linville. They sold exceptionally well, going for $1345 at 224c/kg.

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**Beef 2015 attracts an enthusiastic New Caledonian delegation**

ABBA General Manager John Croaker (centre) is pictured at the Brahman Compound with New Caledonian delegation members, from left Raymond Guepy, Ghysalin Santacrose, Gerard Pasco, Patrick Ollivier, Patrick Hautcoeur and his wife.
Mission accomplished for Raglan Victory at Beef Australia 2015

Raglan Victory well and truly lived up to his name at the year’s most prestigious beef event, Beef Australia 2015, held at Rockhampton Showgrounds in May.

The 1002kg 29-month-old grey was sashed the senior and grand champion Brahman bull and two days later claimed the interbreed bull championship against 30 breeds.

Joining him in the tri-colour ribbon count was red female Crinum Miss Red Ruby who snared the highly coveted senior and grand Brahman female championship and was runner-up in the interbreed female judging.

The 219 head Brahman lineup featured the crème de la crème of Australia’s stud industry and was judged by respected Charolais breeder David Bondfield, Palgrove, Dalveen.

He selected Raglan Victory as the grand champion bull, making the May 5 event a mission accomplished for Raglan Victory at Beef Australia 2015.
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memorable milestone for breeders Andrew and Roxanne Olive, Raglan stud, Raglan Station, Raglan. This was not the first beef expo success for the prefix, which showed the reserve calf champion, Raglan Laxargo, at Beef Australia 2012.

However the wider Olive family go into the annals of history as the only Brahman breeders to be awarded three interbreed bull championships at Beef Australia, with previous champions being the bulls Apis Creek Godfrey at Beef ’91 and Kabala Laureate (by Apis Creek Sir Alberto) in 2000.

Victory faced strong competition in the 17-head 24 to under-30 months bull class before graduating on to the senior and grand bull championship. The tri-colour ribbon was a step-up from his previous successes which included the reserve senior bull championship in Brisbane last year and the reserve junior bull championship at the 2014 Rockhampton Show.

Roxanne Olive said while she knew that Victory was “one of the best bulls we’ve ever bred”, she was not overly confident about his chances in Rockhampton.

“Victory has a long line of genetics from both sides of the family, and a lot of history in him,” Mrs Olive said.

His sire Yenda Dynamic was the grand champion bull at the Brahman World Mission accomplished for Raglan Victory at Beef Australia 2015
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Congress in 2002 and was bred by Roxanne’s parents Ron and Daphne Kirk, Yenda, Gayndah. Victory’s dam, Raglan Miss Kaycee, is by WHS Andy Imperator 0377 (imp) who was imported to Apis Creek by Andrew’s parents.

Mrs Olive said Kaycee’s dam Spring Valley 564 Ms Tegan was one of their best performing cows and had produced a number of champions including the 2010 Brisbane senior and grand champion bull Raglan Mr Gallagher and the Brisbane 2011 junior champion bull Raglan Leonardo.

They plan to use Raglan Victory over elite stud females at Raglan and to sell his semen both here and overseas.

The reserve champion senior bull was NCC Jarrah, shown by Brett Nobbs and family, Nobbs Cattle Co, Inverrio, Duaringa. Jarrah took the blue ribbon in the four-head 21 to under-24 months bull class and is a son of JDH Mr Elmo Manso (imp) and out of FBC D Ms Jewel Manso.

NCC cattle impressed the judge throughout the day, the prefix earning two championships and three reserve championships. The reserve junior bull championship went to NCC Lord Denton who won the very strong 17 to under-19 months class against 13 head. He is an IVF product of JDH Mr Elmo Manso (imp) and the Datapack Manso female El Ja Lady Dianna Manso. A third Elmo son, NCC Cadillac, also displayed the sire’s prepotency by claiming the reserve bull calf championship. Cadillac is out of the IVF dam NCC Chaperone, who is by JDH Sir Marri Manso (imp).
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The junior bull championship went to Alastair and Pam Davison’s Viva Mario, from their Viva stud at Lumeah, Middlemount. The grey, who won the seven-head 19 to under-21 months bull class, is sired by Mooramin Delta and is from a homebred cow by Wilangi Riddle.

The calf bull championship was secured by Raglan Couper 2036 who triumphed in the largest class on the day, the 21-head 12 to under-15 months bull class. He is one of the first calves in Australia by JDH Carson De Manso 834/7 (imp), with the Olives buying the semen rights from the bull’s owner Bob Hudgins. Couper’s dam, Raglan Miss 1115, is by Brahrock Details.

JDH Carson De Manso’s depth of breeding also showed through in the heifer classes with his daughter Raglan Miss Ciana 2028 taking out the reserve female calf championship. She is out of the Apis Creek Carter daughter Raglan Miss 1278.

Terry Randell, Crinum, Tieri, said watching Crinum Miss Red Ruby being sashed the senior and grand champion Brahman female was “probably the proudest moment of my life.”

The smooth red, who is jointly owned by Terry and his parents John and Cheryl, went on to be named runner-up in the hotly-contested interbreed female championship. The August 2011-drop cow by now deceased sire Crinum Deakin Red Manso won the four-head 36 to under-48 months class before claiming the broad ribbons.

Mr Randell said Crinum Miss Red Ruby’s “real power” came from her dam, Crinum Red Ruby, who is an ET daughter of Tartrus Redmount.

“We’ve got two brothers and a sister (to Crinum Miss Red Ruby) and every calf has been a grand champion show animal,” he said.

In what is her debut year of showing, Crinum Miss Red Ruby claimed the supreme Brahman exhibit title at Tenterfield Brahman Feature Show in February and was supreme
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interbreed champion at Baralaba Show. She was paraded in Rockhampton with a well-grown bull calf at foot by Crinum Wattle, a move that impressed the judge. After finishing the Central Highlands show circuit the Randells plan to use the cow in their IVF program.

The reserve senior female championship was awarded to Glengarry Miss Whitney 2340, who won the 11-head 24 to under-30 months class. She sold for $10,000 to Peter and Rosie Freegard, Injune, at the Brahman All Stars Female Sale in March, however the breeders retained the right to parade her at Beef Australia 2015 prior to handing over ownership. Miss Whitney is by PBF Ashton Manso and has impressive Breedplan figures including a +61 EBV for 600-day weight.

The junior female championship was presented to NCC Dienka 2801, an IVF daughter of Adamac 2125 and the JDH Mr Elmo Manso (imp) cow NCC Dienka 238. The Nobbs family also collected the calf female championship for NCC Lady Ella 2936, an IVF daughter of JDH Martin Manso (imp) and the Elmo Manso cow NCC Lady Ella.

Mr Bondfield selected the red heifer Kenrol Lady Rae Lee 2718 as the reserve junior champion female. She was runner-up to NCC Dienka in the 10-head 17 to under-19 months female class. The well-bred female, by Kenrol Mr HJ Ray 0366 and out of Kenrol Condaleesa 0195, was paraded by Ken and Wendy Cole, Kenrol, Gracemere.

In the group classes, Andrew and Roxanne Olive were proud as punch to show the blue ribbon Exhibitor’s Group comprising Raglan Victory, Raglan Couper and a cow with calf at foot Raglan Miss Valencia, who placed third in the 30 to under-36 months class. The Raglan prefix also placed second in the Sire’s Progeny Group with offspring of JDH Carson De Manso.

NCC capped off a very successful day in the ring by winning the Sire’s Progeny class with progeny of JDH Mr Elmo Manso (imp) and placing first and second in the Dam’s Progeny class with offspring of FBC D Ms Jewel Manso and El Ja Lady Dianna Manso respectively.

Margaretta Morgan, Walubial Brahman stud, Condamine presented the sash and trophy for Calf Champion male won by Raglan Couper 2036 to Aimee Olive, Raglan Brahman stud, Raglan.

Margaret Maloney, Kenilworth Brahman stud, Mt Coolan presented the sash and trophy for Reserve Calf Champion male won by NCC Cadillac to Brett Nobbs, NCC Brahman stud, Duaringa.
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INTERBREED CHAMPION MALE

Raglan Victory 1735 A & R Olive and Family
Raglan Victory at Beef 2015

Calf Champion Male: Raglan Couper 2036
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A tremendous effort was put in by all trade site exhibitors and was a very successful promotion for the Brahman breed.
...however we were all feeling pretty tired by Friday!
Rumps “n” Humps a hit with expo visitors

The queues were long and longing at the ABBA’s enticing Rumps “n” Humps Cafe at Beef Australia 2015.

Located at the entrance to the Brahman Compound, the on-trend food van served up more than 400 meals a day to hungry delegates at the Rockhampton beef expo in May.

ABBA General Manager John Croaker said the initiative used a food service caravan hired from the North Burnett Shire Council, and was coordinated by Lesley Guy who also helped with catering at the World Brahman Congress in 2002.

On the menu were delicious $10 meals, including Slow Cooked Pulled Brahman Humps that had been combed and simmered in ginger beer, star anise and other herbs and spices, and Shaved Slow Roasted Rump Caps with a mild spice and herb rub.

Salads, wraps and sourdough bread, topped with tasty dressings and sauces, completed the gourmet feast.

Mr Croaker said all meat was sourced from Brahman steers from the BIN Project, and the animals had been killed at Teys Brothers in May.

“We were open from 10 till 3 each day and the trade was consistently brisk and the feedback excellent. Every day our queues were longer than at the other food outlets, so there was certainly a very positive buyer uptake for Brahman beef,” he said.
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Clukan Lily shines bright at $12,000

Polled grey breeding ignited buyers’ interest at the inaugural Rocky All Stars Elite Brahman Female Sale on 21 March, with top honours going to Clukan stud.

Clukan was joined by Palmvale, Elmo, Glengarry, Kariboe Valley, Somerton, Stockman, Ooline and Newburra studs at the Saturday morning Gracemere saleyard event. The vendors achieved a healthy $4009 average for 51 well-bred heifers.

Steve and Theresa Taylor’s Jambin-based Clukan stud hit the mark with its four head draft, achieving top price of $12,000 and the best sale average of $9250.

Their highest seller, Clukan Lily 1244, is a polled daughter of NC Mr Elmer 17 (imp) and out of the JME Mr Esto 28 (imp) cow, Clukan Sugar Lily 213/1. The 19-month-old heifer was offered in calf to the polled sire LMC Ambassador 700, and recorded a +43 EBV for 600-day weight.

Lily was purchased by Zane and Maree Male, Somerset Park stud, Calen and their son Tom Male, Energy stud, Gargett. The family members are establishing polled grey Brahman studs and will use Lily in IVF programs, utilizing semen from Australian and US sires.

The Taylors also offered three daughters of PBF Mortlock Manso, which sold for the excellent average of $8333. Best of the trio was Clukan Elwood 270/4, who is out of the very fertile Clukan Cassie 219/2 and was in calf to Clukan T Trademark. Elwood had an impressive +63 EBV for 600-day weight and was snapped up for $11,000 by Brangus breeders Neville and Megan Hansen, Oaklands Brangus stud, Kalapa. The Hansens said they were very impressed by the heifer’s bone, length, softness and pedigree.

A 19-month-old Clukan heifer topped the Rocky All Stars Elite Brahman female sale for $12,000. Clukan stud principal, Theresa Taylor is pictured with Elders auctioneer and sale co-ordinator, Michael Smith, Elders Studstock, Toowoomba and buyers, Zane Male, Somerset Park Brahmans, Calen and Tom Male, Energy Brahmans, Gargett.
Emanuel and Josephine Pace, Blue Water Hills stud, Mackay paid $9000 for a full sister to Elwood, Clukan Jilly 271/4.

The Taylor’s third PBF Mortlock heifer, Clukan Montana 269/4, was knocked down for $5000 to Les and Kellie Brummel, Big River stud, Rannes Station, Banana.

Scott and Geoff Angel, Glengarry, Kunwarara, collected the sale’s third best price of $10,000 for their multiple show champion Glengarry Miss Whitney. The Angels reserved the right to show the cow at Beef Australia 2015, a move that paid off with Miss Whitney named the reserve champion senior female at the beef expo in May. The impressive daughter of PBF Ashton Manso was six months in calf to Glengarry G Superlocke 140 and sold to Peter and Rosie Freegard.

The Angels averaged $4167 for 12 heifers, their draft including the $6500 Maru Javas Manso daughter Glengarry Miss Orient, who was purchased by Carl Morawitz, Stewart Park, Comet. Their first daughter of Glengarry G Superlocke to be offered at auction, Glengarry Glenice, was knocked down for $5000 to the Bishop family, Garglen, Gympie.

Mark and Tarsh Allen, Kariboe Valley, Thangool, sold the highest priced red, $7500 Kariboe Valley Gypsy 892/4. The polled daughter of Somerview Navarone was unjoined and will take up residence in Peter and Susan Gray’s The Rivers stud, Marlborough.

Palmvale Domonic 3255, a polled daughter of Kandoona Ukraine and in-calf to Mt Callan

Megan Hansen and her son, Grady, Oaklands Brangus stud, Kalapa, were on hand to inspect the $11,000 Clukan heifer the stud purchased from Theresa Taylor (right), Jambin.

Glengarry Brahman stud, Marlborough, sold a show champion heifer for $10,000 to former Injune cattle producers, Peter and Rosie Freegard. Representing the couple, Hannah Kennedy, Elders Rockhampton, is pictured with the heifer and Glengarry stud principal, Scott Angel.
Clukan Lily shines bright at $12,000

Jed, sold for $6500 to Brian Harriman, Reedybrook B stud, Mt Garnet. She was one of 11 reds from Kearin and Beth Streeter’s Palmvale stud, Marlborough, which averaged $4045.

Mark and Belinda Wilson, Banana Station, Banana were the sale’s major buyers. They secured six red heifers including five Palmvale females to form the nucleus of a new stud to be headed by their 13-year-old son Walter. The Wilson’s purchases included two $6000 heifers, the polled Palmvale Miss Pablo Winchester 3232, by Mr Winchester Magnum 999 (imp), and Palmvale Miss Regal 3220, by Palmvale Absolute Sting. Both had been running with Mt Callan Jed.

Buyers of four head were L. Brown, who paid $3125 avg; R. Crawford, Bororen, $2875 avg; and Wilgavale Pastoral, $2000 avg.
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Latest BIN Project data furthers understanding of performance traits

Attendees at an ABBA BIN Project Field Day at Banana Station, Banana on 24 March were brought up to speed on Round 3 of the groundbreaking research project.

The project is evaluating the performance of 70 Brahman sires, including six Beef CRC sires, and their expected progeny of 833 steers and 949 heifers over three years of breeding.

The aim is to improve the accuracy of Breedplan EBVs through advances in genomics and more comprehensive collection and analysis of phenotypic data.

On display in March were Round 1 (No. 2) cows and calves and Round 2 and Round 3 (No. 3 and No. 4) steers penned in their sire groups. The 322 Round 2 No.3 steer progeny were killed in May this year and the second heifer calving is due in August/September 2015.

Paul Williams, Technical Officer, Tropical Beef Technology Services, Rockhampton, said the project was analyzing Brahman Breedplan traits for growth and fertility, and carcase characteristics such as shear force and flight time.

The overarching message from the data to date is that there is a lot of variation between sires within the breed, meaning that conformation alone is not a good tool for selecting performance traits. In addition, variable trait correlation in the fertility and carcase areas increases the importance of detailed recording to bolster the accuracy of genomic predictions.

Dr David Johnston, Principal Scientist, Animal Genetics and Breeding Unit, University of New England, NSW, said the age of puberty was a heritable trait, as was the days to cycling.

“They are genetically related but are not exactly the same trait, so we can’t really rely on one to get the other. The accuracy of genomic work has been low, so in fact rather than doing less recording, people will have to record more because only with phenotypes can we make the DNA information useful.

“We are now looking at genetics lining up with genomics by doing whole genome scans that show the whole suite of markers to explain the variations in different traits,” Dr Johnston said.
He said while early puberty was an important trait, it only happened once in a cow’s lifetime.

“Lactating anoestrus is more important because it happens over and over. It is a critical trait because a cow has to be cycling every year. If she can’t cycle until she weans a calf then she skips calving every second year.”

Dr Johnston is also heading a five-year MLA study on “Enabling Genetic Improvement in Female Reproduction in Tropical Beef Cattle”. The research includes Brahman, Santa Gertrudis and Droughtmaster cattle and will build on the work of the Beef CRC and the BIN Project.

Paul Williams said the BIN data released at the March field day also showed economically important differences between sires based on the calving dates of their heifer progeny.

For example, the BIN Project bull that had the most heifers reaching early puberty in Round 1 fell to third last for maiden heifer pregnancies and last for wet first calf re-conception.

“With the maiden pregnancies there was a one-and-a-half month difference in when they were due to calve, based on a three month mating period. This has significant economic repercussions as calves that are born earlier will be bigger weaners and there’s more chance of their mothers getting in calf again sooner,” Mr Williams said.

ABBA general manager John Croaker said he believed Brahmans were the first tropical breed in the world to incorporate genomics for reproductive traits into Breedplan, via the Days to Calving EBV.

The Days to Calving EBV has an accuracy of about 30 per cent, which is equivalent to eight or nine progeny measured. The free test is as simple as sending a hair sample to the ABBA who forward it to the University of Queensland for genotyping and input into Breedplan. Breeders also need to supply accurate mating and calving records.

“The indicators are that for every one day reduction in a sire’s Days to Calving EBV, you can expect an extra one percent re-breed rate in his daughters,” Mr Williams said.

“So if you were using a sire with a -5 Days to Calving EBV you could expect a five percent higher re-breed rate in his daughters than a bulls with 0 Days to Calving EBV.”

He said cattlemen selecting a sire to increase fertility in their herd should look for bulls with Days to Calving records, as well as good scrotal size.
Latest BIN Project data furthers understanding of performance traits

One predicted future benefit of the BIN Project is to lift the accuracy of EBVs for young bulls, such as two-year-old sale bulls that have no progeny.

The BIN Project is also showing significant sire differences across the range of carcase traits, and kill data from the No. 2 steers indicated that correlation between different carcase traits varied.

Nick Corbet, senior research officer at the Queensland Alliance for Agriculture and Food Innovation, said there was no correlation between rump fat and carcase weight.

“If you want to improve weight and rump fat, you need to record both, as one won’t give you the other,” he told the field day audience.

There was also no correlation between hump height and tenderness (measured by shear force), a statistic that has implications for MSA grading criteria.
CHOICE CARCASS - OUTCROSS - DOCILITY

Choice Carcass
72% of the last 3 Robert Lee calf crop has graded 4.0 plus Choice using ultrasound. One of his grandson (LD92/1) from a daughter of LD4 graded IMF 5.1 Choice, REA 14.63, REA/100 1.30. Robert Lee has 3 stars for Tenderness.

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Robert Lee is an Imperator bull and total outcross to the Manso and other major bloodlines.

Docility
Robert Lee’s calves are known for their docility and gentle calm behavior world wide.

LD DIDOR MAYRO 4
“Robert Lee”

LIMITED SUPPLY

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Robert Lee (LD Didor Mayro 4) has produced outstanding bulls and heifers in the USA and in many different countries in the world. Miss TS 177/2 was Grand Champion Cow in Thailand in 2014 is one of many. He is a dark pigmented, extremely masculine and heavy muscle bull that is deep sided, square hipped, big footed, and structurally sound on feet and legs, large bone, has arch and shape to his rib, and a outstanding hump. His breed character, width of base, balance, and scrotal development and circumference of 47 cm is outstanding.

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Diseases of the newborn calf can cause unacceptable wastage and calf losses reducing weaning rates and farm profit.

Basic information on calf immunity and keeping in touch with new information and developments can assist in minimising disease and improve the survival of calves from birth to weaning.

Survival of calves from birth to 4-6 months and the avoidance of death and wastage due to scours and respiratory infections depends on newborn calves obtaining passive immunity then developing natural immunity.

Calves are born with a total lack of immunity to infectious diseases. Disease fighting immunoglobulins (Ig) are not transferred across the placenta from the cow to the developing calf foetus. Whilst active immunity can be obtained from vaccination programs and antibodies produced to fight infection, the initial protection in newborn calves is dependent on the transfer of immunoglobulins (antibodies) from the cow to the calf.

“Passing antibodies from the cow (via colostrum) provides passive immunity”

The colostrum (first milk) produced by the cow plays a fundamental and critical role in enabling the calf to establish a defence mechanism against disease.

**IMPORTANCE OF COLOSTRUM**

The calf’s immune system does not function effectively until the calf is 4-6 months old. If the calf fails to suckle or for some reason does not receive an adequate amount of colostrum, it must rely on an immature immune system which provides inadequate protection from disease.

Colostrum deprived calves synthesise immunoglobulin from birth but it takes considerably longer (3-4 months) to reach similar immunoglobulin serum levels found in calves fed adequate levels of colostrum.

If the disease challenge is overwhelming and the calf hasn’t ingested sufficient amounts of antibodies via the colostrum the calf will succumb to the disease.

Calves that do not ingest sufficient amounts of high quality colostrum soon after birth are three times more likely to get sick and five times more likely to die compared to calves that receive sufficient levels of immunoglobulins (Ig).

Colostrum provides a preformed source of immunoglobulins which is actively absorbed across the small intestine to provide protection from infection. Part of the antibodies remain in the gut where they can neutralise pathogenic bacteria and help prevent diarrhoea (scours) in the first 3-4 days after birth. For protection from infection the colostrum must be absorbed shortly after birth (Table 1).

**TABLE 1: EFFECT OF TIME FEEDING ON TOTAL IMMUNOGLOBULIN (LG) ABSORPTION OF NEWBORN CALF.**

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<tr>
<th>TIME OF FEEDING (HRS AFTER BIRTH)</th>
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Note:
(1) Adequate levels of colostrum intake and immunoglobulins absorption helps to protect whilst it is developing its own immune system. Calves with inadequate levels of serum globulins have a higher incidence of scours, respiratory disorders and bacterial infections (eg joint ill, navel ill).
(2) The calf’s ability to absorb antibodies through to gut lining is highest in the first 6 hours following birth dropping significantly at 18-24 hours as the gut lining matures.
(3) The intake of immunoglobulins lessens after each feeding and its absorption is reduced quickly after birth.

**QUANTITY & QUALITY OF COLOSTRUM**

Cows colostrum contains about 22 percent total solids compared to 12 percent in normal milk. Different breeds have different levels of total solids. Beef cows tend to produce less milk but with a more concentrated colostrum. Colostrum is also a rich source of protein (casein), fat, sugars and vitamins (particularly A & E) which are essential to the nutrition of the newborn calf.
"A number of factors influence the total amount of antibodies in colostrum"

It cannot be assumed that the immunoglobulin concentration in colostrum is the same in all cows and heifers. Mature cows produce more colostrum of higher quality than heifers and aged cows and there can be considerable differences between individual animals.

The antibody status of calves increases with the amount fed with suitable immunoglobulin serum levels attained when calves are fed 2 litres in the first 6 hours and a further 3-4 litres in the next 6-8 hours. Approximately 100 gms of immunoglobulins are in 2 litres of colostrum.

"Blood serum levels of immunoglobulins increase linearly with the amount of immunoglobulin"

Better quality colostrum (ie colostral with high concentrations of immunoglobulins) improves the antibody and passive immunity status of the calf. Colostrum low in antibodies requires higher levels of intake. However calves fed higher levels of low quality colostrum have less antibodies than calves fed lesser amounts of high quality colostrum.

NUTRITION

Studies (Ohio State University) showed that cows on a high plane of nutrition provided more colostrum with more antibodies than underfed cows.

Researchers in Wyoming found a 10 percent increased incidence of calf deaths and a further 19 percent deaths from scours in calves from dams on low levels of feed in the last trimester of gestation.

Further studies (Colorado State University) examined the level of disease protection provided to calves from heifers at various body condition scores (Table 2). The researchers found that the heifers in better condition produced more colostrum with a higher immunoglobulin content.

COW-CALF RELATIONSHIPS

Mothering has a major impact on the intake of colostrum. If the calf does not suck within the first 24 hours post calving it will be hypoimmunoglobimemic.

Cows with well-structured udders and teats have been shown to produce better grown calves than cows with poor udder and teat conformation.

Figures 1 and 2 provide examples of good udders with good teat shape and placement. The udder is well balanced with good attachments supporting well placed properly sized and shaped teats with good texture. Bottle teats, long teats and poorly portioned teats cause major problems to the newborn calf (Figure 3 and 4). Udder edema (Figure 5) which is generally more prevalent in heifers, can seriously limit antibody intake due to reduced suckling by the calf.

The poorer mothering ability of heifers compared to aged cows is often compensated by the better udder and teat conformation of heifers.

"Some newborn calves lack the instinctive ability to suck"

Calves that have poor sucking behaviour is a condition called "dummy calf syndrome" or "poor sucking reflex" (PSR). This condition is different to neurological disorders at calving (eg Akabane disease or Pestivirus).

Poor sucking reflex accounts for a high proportion of sucking problems and if not attended to can cause high mortality rates of calves. PSR calves are

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(*concentration mg/dl in serum 24 hours after birth)

Note: The higher immunoglobulin concentrations in the calves was attributed to a combination of higher levels of antibodies, the dams better condition score and increased activity of the calf.
hypoimmunoglobulinemic and like all calves with insufficient intake of colostrum are prone to infection and disease.

“Failed passive immunity is due to the lack of antibody intake and absorption”

PSR has a genetic predisposition, suggesting the influence of the dam, sire or both. Where there is a higher than normal occurrence of PSR it is probable that the sire of the calf or dam are the common factors involved.

“Stress reduces the efficiency of antibody absorption”

Stress due to unfavourable environments (climate and/or surroundings) can impair bonding between the cow and calf and reduce colostrum intake. Extremes in temperature also lessen the efficiency of immunoglobulin absorption.

Heifers are prone to stress particularly if placed in strange surroundings, have disrupted calvings and prolonged, difficult calving which leads to weak calves and poorer “mothering” ability.

CALVING EASE

Lengthy, difficult calvings have a significant effect on the cow-calf relationship, particularly the vigour of the calf and the level of immunoglobulin intake (Table 3).

TABLE 3: EFFECT OF CALVING DIFFICULTY ON SERUM CONCENTRATION LEVEL, CALF ACTIVITY AND MOTHERING.

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<tr>
<th>CALVING DIFFICULTY SCORE</th>
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<td>1</td>
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Note: 1 = unassisted, 2 = assisted after one hour of labour and easy pull, 3 = assisted after 1 hour of labour and difficult pull.

Assisted calves often result in less vigorous calves, the cow is frequently exhausted and with heifers the calf may be abandoned after stressful calvings. Generally if the heifer fails to lick the calf shortly after birth, “mothering” is dramatically reduced.

“Reducing calving difficulties increases colostrum intake and passive immunity”

Calves experiencing prolonged and/or difficult calvings often do not receive sufficient antibodies due to low colostrum intake, lower quality colostrum and reduced immunoglobulin absorption efficiency. Very often the calves suffer from respiratory and metabolic acidosis which reduces the activity of the calf.

Where necessary, early (not premature) calving intervention (obstetrical assistance) results in more vigorous calves, eager to stand and suck and mothers with a higher “mothering” drive than lengthy difficult calvings.

“Calving difficulties decrease the transfer and absorption of antibodies”

With the increased emphasis on frame score and larger cattle, greater attention needs to be given to sires that do not cause prolonged and difficult calvings.

COLOSTRUM SUPPLENTATION

Calves may require an alternative source of colostrum due to a number of reasons:

- The calf is too weak to suckle soon after birth
- The dam has died, the calf is abandoned or the dam does not allow the calf to suckle
- The stress of prolonged and/or difficult calvings reduces the vigour of the calf
- Extreme weather conditions (eg excessive rain) disrupts or delays sucking and bonding
- The cow has poor udder and/or teat conformation, edema, mastitis, blindquarters
- The quantity and quality of colostrum is low due to poor nutrition, low body condition, ill-health and udder diseases (eg mastitis)

Alternative sources of colostrum include fresh and frozen colostrum and commercially available products. When sourcing colostrum from a dairy farm it is essential that no new diseases (eg Johne’s disease) are not introduced to the herd.

The quality of colostrum can be estimated with the use of a hydrometer. A specific gravity of less than 1.05 is associated with low immunoglobulin content.

Colostrum can be delivered by bottle suckling or force feeding using a oesophageal feeder (ie stomach tubing). Care must be taken with stomach tubing to ensure that colostrum enters the rumen or fore stomach and not the windpipe and lungs.

STOMACH TUBING CHECKLIST

- Use a firm but pliable tube which is rounded on the end and has no rough edges (note: oesophageal feeders are available commercially).
- Tilt the calf’s head backwards and gently direct the tube over the calf’s tongue to the back of the throat.
- Check that the tube has entered the oesophagus not the windpipe by gently feeling the tube in the windpipe.
- Once the tube is well placed in the oesophagus at the bottom of the throat release the fluid into the fore stomach.

“Care needs to be taken when thawing out frozen colostrum”

Rapid defrosting and stirring denatures the protein antibodies. The two methods recommended for thawing colostrum are:

- Thaw the container of colostrum (1-3 Litres) in warm water 110°F (approx. 44°C) and gently stir every 5 minutes.
- Use a microwave set at no more than 60 percent power,agitating gently frequently to ensure even warming and thawing.

Note: Both procedures take about 40 minutes and at the completion of thawing the colostrum should be approximately 104°F (40°C).
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### Checklist When Feeding Colostrum

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<td>• Use fresh colostrum if available</td>
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<td>• If colostrum is good quality, feed 2 litres at the first feeding</td>
<td>• Do not use faulty or dirty equipment</td>
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<td>• Feed 3 litres at the first feeding if the calf is large, has not consumed colostrum in 6 hours and if in a difficult climate/environment</td>
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### Colostrum Quality

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- Thaw out colostrum carefully to preserve antibodies
- Place frozen colostrum in hot water or heat in a microwave under high power
- Use poor quality colostrum at first two feedings
- Use colostrum that contains antibodies
- House calves in wet/drafty surroundings
- Feed using poor techniques at erratic times
- Overfeed the calf
- Use antibiotics without vet consultation

### Other Management Tasks

- Dip navel with tincture of iodine as soon as possible
- Isolate the calf in warm dry surroundings
- Continue to feed sufficient intakes of consistent quality
- Check for bacterial infection and dehydration
- Avoid using bulls and dams that have a genetic predisposition to poor sucking and mothering.
- Select sires and dams that limit the incidence of calving difficulties and ensure heifers are mated to bulls that produce small but growthy calves.
- Ensure heifers are mated at the correct weight for age.

### BOTTOM LINE

Passive immunity to prevent infection and disease is gained by the post natal calf through colostral antibodies. The colostrum contains immunoglobulins that are absorbed from the intestine into the bloodstream by the newborn calf providing partial immunity.

If the newborn calf is seriously challenged by infection and/or does not receive sufficient high quality colostrum in the first 18-24 hours after birth the calf is at risk of serious infections and disease (e.g. scours, septic arthritis, pneumonia).

Passive immunity provides early protection (4-6 weeks) whilst the calf is developing natural immunity. Immunity is not gained until 4-6 months after birth and subject to potential of disease challenges the calf may need vaccination for a specific disease (e.g. blackleg). The necessity for an ongoing strategic vaccine program will depend on the threat/risk of a specific disease to the herd.

Factors that enhance the intake and absorption of sufficient levels of immunoglobulins are:

- Adequate levels of nutrition of the dam ensuring that cows have a BCS of 5-6 at calving. Heifers need to be in better body condition than cows.
- Avoid using bulls and dams that have a genetic predisposition to poor sucking and mothering.
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- Avoid stressful calvings and environments that disrupt and prolong calvings.
- Provide early (not premature) calving intervention with difficult calvings to prevent weak calves which are reluctant to suckle.
- Where low intakes of colostrum are suspected (poor mothering ability, dystocia, poor udder and teat structure) be prepared to provide 2 litres of colostrum in the first 6 hours and a further 3-4 litres in the next 6-8 hours.
- Carefully source, store and thaw out good quality colostrum.
- Provide clean calving areas to minimise the environmental load of ever present pathogens.
- Isolate infected stock which shed vast quantities of infectious organisms.

Financial and genetic losses due to disease and death of newborn calves is a concern to beef producers. This article outlines some of the factors that impact on passive immunity, colostrum quality and the transfer of sufficient levels of antibodies (immunoglobins) via the colostrum from the dam to the calf.

“Early protection from disease comes from passive immunity provided by colostral immunoglobulins”

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Last year I was fortunate enough to receive the Edgar Hudgins Memorial Scholarship. This allowed me to travel to the United States to spend three months touring and working with beef enterprises. I want to begin by thanking the Australian Brahman Breeders Association without whom this venture would not have been possible. I urge those readers aged between 21 and 25 to apply for the scholarship, as it truly is a trip of a lifetime.

The State Fair of Texas in Dallas is where I began my tour showing cattle with J.D Hudgins. I especially want to thank John and Coleman Locke and family for their amazing hospitality it was greatly appreciated. It was there I was able to see some of the great sires that have been used prolifically in Australia along with an impressive cell grazing operation at the Locke family property. The drought of several years past had taken its toll on the cattle market in the US with a reduced national herd size resulting in record prices for cattle. At a local auction barn in Texas I witnessed 400lb (200kg) Brangus steers sell for $1300. This price increase has stemmed into seed stock producers with a vast majority of the 2014 offering of sale cattle at J.D Hudgins already sold by the time I arrived.

I then made my way to Florida where I spent time with Kelvin Moreno and family at Moreno Ranches. Kelvin’s hospitality was second to none and I am very grateful. Kelvin runs an operation that produces approx. 300 IVF female sexed calves per year from some of the top donors in the country. These females are then broken in and sold to youngsters on the show circuit. A majority of the success of Moreno Ranches has been through the intelligent marketing approach of his cattle, which could benefit many studs in Australia. Kelvin and I visited many other studs in Florida, Alabama and Mississippi. These included; Shep Batson of Rocking B cattle, Glen Dyess of Dyess Farms both in Mississippi, Candler Cattle Co and The Seminal Tribe Reservation in Florida.

I made my way to Kempfer Cattle Co owned and operated by Billy, George and Henry Kempfer. It was great to see such diversification in agriculture with this family. Not only did they operate stud and commercial cattle but also a turf farm, sawmill with timber from their property and hunting leases. Their cattle were very functional and they ran a seasonal three-way cross, mating program similar to those in Australia.

I flew back to Texas and spent a few days with the team at Transova, who perform and manage a large majority of the IVF programs in the United States. It was great to see the IVF techniques used and the reverse sorting of semen. Texana Feeders was my next stop with Jason Peeler and family. Jason owns and operates the southern-most feedlot in Texas with a capacity of 10,000 head. Here, weaners were purchased, backgrounded in grass lots, fed for 80 days and trucked to the large feedlots in the panhandle of Texas. Not only did he feed cattle but also goats, sheep and chickens. All of which supply the local wholefoods market in San Antonio. The goats were also used as a form of vegetation control. Many thanks to Jason and family for their hospitality.

Edgar Hudgins Memorial Scholarship - Trip of a Lifetime

Pictured in the Manso room at the Hudgins office, Hungerford Texas are (from left): John Locke, Michael Goodeau, Lana Jo Forgason, Lauren Shepley, Angus Creedon, Coleman Locke and Bob Hudgins.
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My trip gave me a great insight into the beef industry in America. It must be mentioned that the average herd size in Texas and Florida is 17 and 40 head respectively. The operations that based their entire income off cattle production had a great article, however the remainder seemed to lack direction in their breeding programs. There seemed to be less focus on structural soundness and fertility and more on size and volume. I have learnt some valuable lessons and aspects of agriculture and cattle breeding that will fair well in Australia. I can say with confidence that the article we as producers are breeding in Australia is as good and in many cases better than that in America due to our selection pressure on structure, fertility and longevity. These are exciting times to be in the cattle industry with a growing demand for our product in America. Again, thank-you to everyone who made my adventure as exciting as it was.

Angus Creedon

Landmark supports 18th World Brahman Congress in 2016

The Australian Brahman Breeders Association Ltd has announced Landmark has committed $40,000 to Event Partner Sponsorship of the World Brahman Congress which will be held in Rockhampton from May 16 to 21, 2016.

“Landmark is very pleased to be named as an Event Partner for the World Congress in May 2016,” said Bernie Hoch, Landmark General Manager, North Queensland.

Landmark is committed to the rural industry and in particular is showing great faith in the Livestock Industry by committing to this sponsorship. We strongly believe in putting strong financial support into an industry that is very supportive of Landmark. We see this as supporting vendors and a vendor breed society that directly support and conduct business with Landmark.

Landmark will work closely with the Australian Brahman Breeders Association over the next 12 months to ensure this world event is successful in showcasing the Brahman breed in Northern Australia to the world.”

The Rockhampton Regional Council has also committed to Event Partner sponsorship as “Host Region” sponsor with a contribution of $45,000.

“Landmark supports 18th World Brahman Congress in 2016

ABBA General Manager John Croaker (centre) is pictured with Landmark General Manager North Queensland Bernie Hoch and Stud Stock Auctioneer Mark Scholes discussing the World Congress programme.

“The World Brahman Congress would be a significant international event for the beef industry which is already attracting wide interest both nationally and internationally,” said ABBA General Manager John Croaker.

Mr Croaker said increasing urbanisation an increase in world population, loss of fertile land to high value cropping, climate change and food security concerns will all contribute to forcing global beef production to more marginal areas where higher levels of adaption in cattle breeds would be required, an attribute Brahman cattle are ideally placed to provide.

Mr Croaker said the ABBA hosted the first World Congress in 1983 and the 11th in 2002 and is looking forward to hosting the 18th Congress.

“We have five sub committees in place which have been working for 12 months and our planning will ramp up now that Beef 2015 is over,” Mr Croaker said.
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Wilga Vale heifers snare commercial female championship

A pen of 14 grey yearling heifers from Bernie Kent and family’s Wilga Vale property at Greycliffe were named champion pen at the Brahman Commercial Breeding Female Show and Sale on April 14.

Held at CQLX Gracemere, the annual event attracted 428 head from Central Queensland and the Central Highlands, with widespread drought limiting the vendor spread.

The large gallery of buyers spent an average of $826 a head to post a sale gross of $368,450.

In the final wash-up, 60 p.t.i.c. heifers averaged $1150, 20 p.t.i.c. cows averaged $950, 40 cows and calves averaged $1340 and 308 yearling heifers averaged $710.

The impressive yarding was judged by Cam Hughes, Malarga Grazing, Brooweena and he selected the young Wilga Vale females as the overall champions. The EU-accredited females also placed first in the massive Brahman Yearling Heifers class which presented 322 head in 14 pens. The Wilga Vale females sold for $800/head to the Carige family, Sundale, Biloela who were the major buyers, taking home 60 females, plus eight calves, for a total of $48,000.

The reserve champion pen was awarded to the winner of the p.t.i.c. Brahman Heifers Under 3 Years of Age class, and were bred to the winner of the yearling heifer class.
Wilga Vale heifers snare commercial female championship

by Jenny McCamley, Kaiuroo Station, Dingo.

The 12 grey heifers were knocked down for $1350/hd to Tymika and Arren Bulmer, Tymarr stud, Leeville who provided solid support to the sale by taking home 40 head to New South Wales.

The runner-up females in that class also sold for $1350, and were presented by Rob Oates, Mt Brett, Comet. They sold to Elseback Grazing, Gayndah.

Kaiuroo Station took out first and second placing in the p.t.i.c Brahman Cows Under 10 Years class. The two pens of 10 grey cows sold for $950/hd to the Carige family and G. and B. Makejev, Casino, NSW. The Makejevs were significant buyers, investing in 50 females at $841 avg.
Wilga Vale heifers snare commercial female championship

The winning pen of Brahman Cows and Calves was eight head of greys from Mt Brett, Comet. They sold for the sale’s top price of $1450/hd, going to Craig Radel, Bellvue, Thangool, who secured 32 cows and calves.

The equal top priced reds at the sale were cows and calves that placed second and third in this class. They were entered by Barry and Bev Hannam, Batandra, The Caves and Roger Landsberg, Rocklea, Marlborough, respectively, and sold to the Radel and Carige families for $1400/hd.

The top priced pen of Brahman Yearling Heifers sold for $1000/hd to Barry Williams, Diamond W Brahmans, Kabra and were 14 greys presented by Clinton Geddes, Three D Brahmans, Thistledoo, Belmont.

RESULTS

Class 1 PTIC Brahman heifers under three years:
1st & Reserve Champion Pen Jenny McCamley, Kaiuroo Station, Dingo.
2nd Rob Oates, Mt Brett, Comet.
3rd Gibham Pty Ltd, Strathmuir, Marlborough.

Class 2 PTIC Brahman cows under 10 years:
1st Jenny McCamley, Kaiuroo Station, Dingo.
2nd Jenny McCamley, Kaiuroo Station, Dingo.

Class 3 Brahman cows and calves:
1st Rob Oates, Mt Brett, Comet.
2nd Barry & Bev Hannam, 20 Spring Creek Close, The Caves.
3rd RD & BE Landsberg, Rocklea, Marlborough.

Class 4 Brahman yearling heifers:
1st & Champion Pen BW & MR Kent, Wilga Vale, Greycliffe.
2nd Rob Oates, Mt Brett, Comet.
3rd Fenech Grazing, Craigleigh, Wowan.

Class 5 Brahman weaner heifers:
1st Karmoo Pastoral Co., Karmoo Station, Clermont.

Most successful exhibitor:
Rob Oates, Mt Brett, Comet.
Karmoo Pastoral Co, Clermont exhibited the only entry in the Brahman Weaner Heifer class, their blue ribbon pen of 18 selling for $450/hd to R. Miller, BB Brahmans, Midgee.

The largest vendors included the Jefferis family, Elrose, Cloncurry, who offered 84 head; Kevin Rebetzke, Don Vin, Mackay, 84 head; and Karmoo Pastoral Co, Clermont, which sold 46 heifers.

Volume buyers included Peter Standfield, Kyogle, NSW who purchased 40 females; G. Brown, Goomeri, who took home 28 head, and Colin Bunn, BKC stud, Lillianvale, Maidenwell, who secured 26 head.

Wilga Vale heifers snare commercial female championship

Pictured after the presentation of trophies in the PTIC Heifer class are committee member Brett McCamley, Fern Hills, Bajool, Russell Smith, Strathmair, Marlborough (third), Rob Oates, Mt Brett Comet, (second), Tom Emery, Kaiuroo Station, Dingo (first) and Judge Cam Hughes, Malarga, Brooweena.

Committee member Darren Kent, Wilden, Goovigen presented the first and second placed trophies in the PTIC Cow class to Jennifer McCamley, Kaiuroo Station, Dingo while Judge Cam Hughes, Malarga, Brooweena looks on.

ABBA Vice President Matthew McCamley, Eulogie, Dululu and Judge Cam Hughes, Malarga, Brooweena (right) presented the trophies to placegetters in the Cow and Calf class from left Una Oates, Mt Brett, Comet (first), Barry Hannan, Batandra, Milman (second), and Beryl Landsberg, Rocklea, Marlborough (third).

Committee member Matthew Noakes, Rock Wallaby, Marlborough and Judge Cam Hughes, Malarga, Brooweena (right) presented the trophies to placegetters in the Yearling Heifer class to from left, Chris Fenech, Craigleigh, Wowan (third), Rob Oats, Mt Brett, Comet (second), and Bernie Kent, Wilga Vale, Greycliffe (first).

Committee Chairman Rodger Jefferis, Elrose, Cloncurry presented the trophy for first place in the Weaner Heifer class to Lance Faint, Karmoo Station, Clermont.

Judge Cam Hughes, Malarga, Brooweena and Eric Nobbs, Lyndhurst, Biloela presented the Champion Pen trophy to Bernie Kent, Wilga Vale, Greycliffe.

Judge Cam Hughes, Malarga, Brooweena and Jan Van Zyl (Jnr), Kroonvee Brahman stud, South Africa (right) presented the Reserve Champion Pen trophy to Jennifer McCamley, Kaiuroo Station, Dingo.
Central western New South Wales Brahman breeders Ron and Yvonne Carr have been busy flying the flag for the breed down south, impressing agents and buyers alike with their top quality pens of purebred Brahman steers sold through Dubbo Saleyards.

On March 5 the Carrs sold 23 two-year-old Brahman steers to meat processor Primo for an average of 220c/kg or $1206/head. The line averaged 549kg and most were milk teeth, with a couple of two teeth in the draft.

This followed up on another draft of 19 purebred Brahman steers sold in August 2014, which went for $1216/hd to JB Swift, averaging 595kg and 204.2c/kg.

Mr Carr said he was blown away by the feedback he received from all who saw his cattle at the Dubbo Saleyards.

"I like to do my advertising where it counts, and where it counts the most is in the saleyards," he said.

"People said 'you just don't see Brahmans like that here', and some said they were the best of the breed they had ever seen. I also had blokes asking me if they were Queensland-bred and wanting to know where they came from. When people here see something out of the ordinary they do sit up and open their eyes and take notice."

The grass-raised steers were finished in the paddock for three months on forage sorghum, supplemented with home-grown oats.

The Carrs operate Bidgee View Brahman Stud at Strathnoon, Narromine, running 65 stud females, as well as 50 Brahman females at nearby Hillview where they crossbreed with a terminal Charolais sire. This is in addition to their main enterprise which is wool and fat lamb production.

Their passion for Brahmans has seen the couple invest heavily in top quality genetics, paying up to $25,000 for sires.

"It all comes back to the quality of bulls we buy," Mr Carr said.

"We look for temperament and bone. You want good bone and frame to put the meat on, but the good temperament is also critical to keep them calm and quiet."

Their most influential sires have been from PBF, El Ja, Lancefield and Raglan, and the Carrs are moving towards only using polled sires.

"We're still using a Raglan bull by Andy Imperator and he is leaving behind a good line of beautiful soft cows. If you breed them right it pays off."

The couple is excited to soon be taking delivery of a young PBF bull by Platinum that they purchased for $20,000 as a six-month-old calf.

Bidgee View Stud is also based on solid female foundations with investments including Clukan heifers from the Gympie Female Sale, cows from the North’s NBS stud dispersal in 2011, and some FBC genetics.

Proud moments for the stud have included the success of Bidgee View Rose, whom they sold to Colin and Lin Tink, BT stud, Dubbo. The cow was the senior and grand champion female at Sydney Show in 2012 and repeated the feat in 2013.

Mr Carr said the main challenge to running Brahmans in his location was the cold weather, and for that reason they opt to calve in Spring to avoid cold conditions that can endanger young calves.
Members of the South African Livestock Registration Federation Board, which included members of the South African and Namibian Brahman Association visited Australia in May. A number of the LRF breeds including the Brahman Association are about to commence progeny test projects to facilitate the use of genomics within their breeds. Discussions were held with the ABBA with a view to linking our BIN project with the South African project as this would be of considerable benefit to both projects.

The tour group pictured at Kaiuroo Station managed by Tom Emery and Jennifer McCamley. From left standing: Thys Meyer, South African Brahman Representative, Jurgen Hendriks, Kobuo Bester, Johan Styger, Tom Emery, Christopher Sparks, Dr Michael Bradfield, Breedplan South Africa Manager, Johan Malan, Prof Frikkie Nesaer, University of Freestate, Paul Williams, TBTS, Jennifer McCamley, Mecki Schneider, Namibian Brahman Representative. Front: John Rafferty, Gert Nienaber, Derick le Roux and Sytze Smit, South African Brahman Assoc Breed Director.
Rare buying opportunity at major NCC red herd sell off

Brahman studmasters, breed enthusiasts and Brahman investors from all parts of Australia are weighing up the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that will be presented to them when Brett, Allen and Carolynne Nobbs of NCC Brahman stud stage a major reduction sale of their nationally renowned and extremely successful red Brahman stud breeding herd. The feature NCC Red Legacy auction sale event will be held on Saturday 12th September, on-property, Inverrio, Duaringa in Central Queensland.

Selling agents SBB and McCaffrey’s Australian Livestock Marketing of Rockhampton consider the event to be the most significant, large scale offering of proven, breed leading red Brahman females in Australia for over 25 years. Around 130 female lots will comprise the catalogue, from unjoined heifers through to PTIC heifers and exceptional cow and calf packages. All the proven sires currently in use in the red stud will also be sold, including the much admired NCC Santoro, acclaimed as the Supreme Brahman Exhibit at last year’s Sydney Royal 50th Anniversary Brahman Feature Show.

“We will retain only a dozen or so females and all the rest of the NCC registered red herd will go under the hammer,” Brett Nobbs said.

And what a sale line-up of red Brahman genetic strength, encompassing bloodlines which have been right at the lead of market and industry success for many years. The sale represents a highly valuable prospect for studmasters to secure superbly bred, high quality daughters of the iconic sire JDH Mr Elmo Manso, perhaps the most beneficially influential addition to Australia’s red Brahman genetics of the 21st century. Brahman enthusiasts will also be able to select from dams, full sisters, three-quarter and half-sisters to many of the red Brahman industry’s top selling sires of recent years including bulls such as NCC Sombrelo ($47,500), Diplomat ($40,000), Springbok ($35,000), Swire ($35,000), Colorado ($27,000), Drake ($24,000), Duval ($18,000), Sloan ($18,000), Delacruc ($18,000), Dynasty ($15,000), etc.

Students of industry leading cowlines will also welcome access to females from the famous NCC Dienka 238 and NCC Selinda 222 families, considered to be two of the most consistent, breed impact, maternal lines available in the red Brahman industry. Full breeding history of each of the damlines will be printed in the catalogue and all joining and pregnancy details will be certified at time of sale. A number of polled females are also included, the majority of them in the sale’s young heifer section.

“It is a magnificent breeding herd, fully functional and highly productive,” Ken McCaffrey of McCaffrey’s Australian Livestock Marketing said. “Brett has always challenged his breeding herd, it has kept getting better and better through stringent cullings and selection of stud replacement heifers, and meticulous attention to genetic investment and optimisation of sirelines. Now all Brahman breeders of Australia have a priceless opportunity to avail themselves of this impressive wealth of breeding.”

Many studmasters continue to enjoy success with NCC red Brahman genetics, providing great satisfaction to the Nobbs family. No greater recommendation could be gained for the performance of the NCC product across the broad industry, than the Sale results of the last three years of the feature Rockhampton Brahman Week Sale. The Brahman Week top price red bulls in 2012 and 2013 were both produced by NCC sires while 2014’s top price red bull is bred out of a cow sired by an NCC bull.

The sale announcement was made following Beef 2015 where the NCC stud recorded exceptional results in the Brahman judging. Two Championships, three Reserve Championships, 7 Firsts and 9 placings in individual classes were awarded to the stud throughout the showing. Brett Nobbs was particularly pleased that NCC exhibits won both the Sires Progeny and Dams Progeny Group classes. “I believe success in those classes endorses the overall quality and suitability of your bloodlines, and the genetic strength and consistency of your breeding programme,” Brett said.

The Nobbs family has elected to conduct their Red Legacy Sale on a Saturday for a good reason. “We are pleased to see growing youth interest again in the Brahman breed, and a Saturday sale day allows all members of the family to come along and make their assessment of our red breeding females,” Brett Nobbs said.

Sale catalogues will be available at the end of July by contacting McCaffrey’s Australian Livestock Marketing 07 4922 6311 or SBB 0409 732 676.
Hamdenvale
BRAHMANS SALE SUCCESS

Females of the Future Sale

1. HAMDENVALE TARYN 587/0 (H)
Purchased by:
Emanuel & Josephine Pace, $10,000

7. HAMDENVALE MISS DENVER 001 (ET (H))
Purchased by:
Humphrey’s Family Partnership, $12,000

25. HAMDENVALE MADLYN (AI) (H)
Purchased by:
Rabwire Pty Ltd, $9,000

27. HAMDENVALE LUCY (IVF) (H)
Purchased by:
CS Pedwell $6,000

Thank you
.... To buyers from South Australia, Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland, we wish you all the very best with your purchases. Special thanks to repeat buyers Emanuel & Josie Pace, Dean Kane, Katrina & Andrew Baird, Ed McCamley and Stewart & Sarah Borg. Thanks to all who assisted in making the sale a great success, all buyers and bidders, agents, marketing agents, invited vendors and our staff.

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Future females fly high

The rodeo arena at the Great Western Hotel in Rockhampton was transformed into an elite sale venue during Beef Australia 2015 to host the Hamdenvale Females of the Future Sale.

David and Joy Deguara, Hamdenvale stud, Simla, Mackay and invited vendors Fenech Brahman, FBC stud, Craigleigh, Wowan and Tony Brown, Pioneer Park stud, Pleystowe offered 28 quality red and grey registered females and four semen packages to a ready and willing market.

The auction cleared 23 females to a top of $12,000, however the post-auction sale of a catalogued heifer for $20,000 further improved the result, setting an overall average of $5625 for 24 females. The four semen packages peaked at $1700 to average $290/straw.

Ian and Debbie Frampton, Little Creek stud, Widgee, outlaid $20,000 to secure 13-month-old FBC Miss Bonny Jo Manso 864/1 after the heifer was passed in under the hammer for $18,000. She is the first progeny of FBC Trampas Manso 494/1 to be offered and is out of FBC’s “super cow” Miss Bonny Jo Manso 392 who is by JDH Navasota Manso 55/1 (imp).

The top priced cow and calf at $12,000, and the top price at auction, was Hamdenvale Miss Denver 001, who was in-calf to Mr J&M New York 825 as well as being offered with a lovely heifer calf at foot by JDH Roma Manso 713/1 (imp). Miss Denver, who is a proven IVF donor cow by JDH Denver De Manso 818/7 (imp), was snapped up by Victorian Brahman breeder Rebecca Humphreys, Eureka Park stud, Dundee, Tallygaroopna. She said she was looking for “sappy, good growth cattle” that could produce early finishing vealers.

Emanuel and Josephine Pace invested $10,000 in a three-in-one package consisting of five-year-old PBF Justice Manso daughter Hamdenvale Taryn 587/0, in-calf to Mr J&M New York 825 and with a heifer calf at foot by JDH Karu Manso 800 (imp). She will join the Pace’s Blue Water Hills stud, Mackay.

The top priced IVF heifer calf was eight-month-old Hamdenvale Madlyn who sold for $9000 to Debra Dingle, Marchioness stud, Mt Perry. The heifer is by JDH Roma Manso and is out of the show cow Hamdenvale Madlyn 1105 who is one of the stud’s best donor females.
Nathan and Julie Deguara bid to $7000 to secure FBC Ms Jewel Power Manso 865/1, an IVF product of JDH Cutler De Manso 816/7 (imp) and a JDH Gardner Manso (imp) cow. She will join their Pindi NJ stud, Calliope.

FBC Ms Anne Dakota Manso 650/1 sold for $6500 to Stewart and Sarah Borg, SJ stud, Marklands, Sarina. She is a 26-month-old daughter of FBC D Charles De Manso and was AI'd to JDH Modelo Manso (imp). The Borgs were the sale’s major buyers, taking home four females and one semen package.

The Crown Partnership, Doogalook, Meandarra, paid $6000 for FBC Ms Anne Dakota Manso 668/1, an Arnie Manso heifer AI’d to JDH Modelo Manso (imp).

Other $6000 sales were Hamdenvale Kayley, a 20-month-old daughter of Lancefield Burton Manso purchased by Alexander Chester, Koonabra Brahmans, Koonoomoo, Vic, and Hamdenvale Amity, a 19-month-old JDH Duke De Manso 695/7 (imp) heifer bought by Dean Kane, Seven Mile stud, Septimus, Mirani.

The same price was also paid for Hamdenvale Lucy, a seven-month-old IVF calf by JDH Sir Reno Manso (imp) who was offered at foot with her surrogate mother. She was purchased by C. Pedwell, Bororen.

The highest priced lot from Pioneer Park was $4000 Pioneer Park Emma Manso 941. The 16-month-old heifer by PBF Chester Manso was knocked down to David Dunn, Somerton stud, Lavinia Park, St Lawrence.

The highest priced semen came from JDH Roma Manso, with each of the five-straw packages selling for $1700. They were purchased by Kattlom Cattle, Moogerah and G. and K. Lynch, Gracemere.
Searching for Brahman Genetics Online

Today’s beef producer not only has the traditional methods available for sourcing new genetics of print media and word of mouth, but is also able to search through a vast depth of pedigree & performance information made available to them through the internet. Beef producers are able to use the internet to access entire herd books, view online sale and semen catalogues, plus quickly search and sort through large numbers of animals to help them pinpoint which animals will meet their breeding objectives.

The vast majority of Australian Registered Cattle Breed Societies now offer “Internet Solutions”. Internet Solutions is the title given to an extensive range of web based services that have been developed by the Agricultural Business Research Institute (ABRI) in Armidale, NSW for application in the livestock industry. Using the “Internet Solutions” web based services efficiently and effectively literally puts the entire Australian Brahman Breeders’ Association herd book at a beef producer’s fingertips and enhances their ability to source the best genetics for their breeding program.

ACCESSING INTERNET SOLUTIONS

The “Internet Solutions” services offered by ABBA can be accessed through a number of different channels.

1. ABBA website – using an appropriate web browser, users can log onto the ABBA website and click on the links to the various Internet Solutions facilities such as Animal Search or EBV Search. Different Societies may display the links differently.

2. BREEDPLAN Website – using an appropriate web browser, users can log on to the BREEDPLAN website (http://breedplan.une.edu.au) and click on the link titled “Database Search”. This link will display a list of Breed Societies that are currently offering the Internet Solutions services. Users simply need to select the Australian Brahman Breeders’ Association link.

3. The INSolutions Mobile App – an iOS and Android mobile application which has been created as a companion product to Internet Solutions and allows users to view sale and semen catalogues, and lookup members, animal details and EBVs on their smart device. It is available from both the iTunes and Google Play store.

TIPS FOR USING INTERNET SOLUTIONS

- Access Internet Solutions via the Breed Society or BREEDPLAN website, or download the INSolutions Smart Device App
- Use the wildcard symbol (%) if unsure of an animal’s name, identifier or a member’s name.
- Use the “Select if” to filter animals based on different characteristics.
- Search for animals based on minimum or maximum EBV trait parameters.
- Sort animals by EBV, by clicking on the trait name in the column heading.
- Search and sort Sale and Semen catalogues in the same way as the EBV Enquiry.

ANIMAL AND EBV ENQUIRIES

A complete electronic herdbook is made available online for the ABBA. This facility provides access to member, animal and EBV information as it is recorded on the ABBA database. A powerful search engine has also been incorporated to allow users to undertake a wide range of functions that allows the user to quickly search and sort through animals. Some examples are given on the following page.
Searching for Brahman Genetics Online

SEARCHING FOR AN ANIMAL BY NAME
To search for an animal by name, simply click on the Animal or EBV Enquiry tab. If you know the animal’s full name you can then type it into the “Name” field. If you are unsure of the animal’s name, or only know part of it place a “%” sign, known as the wildcard symbol, at the beginning and end of the name as shown below. This will bring up all animals whose names contain that word. Then click “Search”. You can also search for multiple animals by placing a comma between their names. See Figure 1.

SEARCHING FOR ANIMALS IN A HERD OF INTEREST
To look up animals from a particular herd of interest, the details for the herd and animals of interest need to be entered. For example if you wanted to look up all male calves born in 2014 from stud herd “Top Stud”, you would enter the herd's prefix in the name field with the wildcard symbol (%), enter a “Calving Year” of 2014, and select if “Animal is Male”. You can also choose to select animals from multiple calf drops by placing a comma between the years e.g. 2013,2014. See the example in Figure 2.

There are a number of other “Select if” options available which users can use to filter their searches further. These differ between Breed Societies but can include coat colour, horn/poll status, sire ident and breeder location.

SEARCH & SORT BASED ON EBVS
The EBV Enquiry tab also gives users the options to search and sort animals based on their available EBVs and selection indexes. Users can choose to only select animals which meet certain EBV trait parameters which they have specified. These include the minimum and maximum values for each trait, and also EBV accuracy. The example in Figure 3 shows what you would enter if you only wanted to view animals which had below breed average Birth Weight EBVs, but above breed average 200 Day Weight EBVs.

Users can also choose to sort animals by a particular EBV or selection index, and display the animals either by their Name or Animal Identifier. In the Figure 4 animals would be sorted by 600 Day Weight and display their Animal Identifier. Once you have brought up a group of animals you can also choose to re-sort them on a particular trait by clicking on the trait header.

SALE AND SEMEN CATALOGUES
The ABBA website also displays sale and semen catalogues online as part of the Internet Solutions service. By clicking on the Sale Catalogue tab users can view animals that breeders have listed with the ABBA as being for sale. These may either be catalogues for upcoming sales or private treaty sales. Similarly, by clicking on the Semen Catalogue tab, users can view animals which have been listed with the ABBA as having semen available. Users can also choose to search/sort these catalogues in the same manner as they would in the EBV Enquiry facility by clicking on the “Search/Sort Catalogue” option on the top left hand side of the screen.

Becoming familiar with the “Internet Solutions” web based services is a must for today’s beef producer when sourcing genetics for use within their breeding program. Whether it be viewing information via a computer screen or using the INSolutions mobile app, Internet Solutions provides access to an enormous amount of information concerning potential breeding animals, and in turn, a considerable opportunity to all beef producers.

To further discuss the use of the Internet Solutions tools to use the internet to search for genetics online, contact:

Paul Williams at TBTS in Rockhampton on Ph: (07) 4927 6066 or Email: paul@tbts.une.edu.au.

A comprehensive “Guide to Internet Solutions” booklet can also be downloaded from the Technical area of the BREEDPLAN website.
BT Brahmans was best on ground in this year’s Brahman breed judging, taking home five of the broadribbons on offer.

The Tink family of BT Brahmans, Dubbo, took away the best exhibit, senior and grand champion female sash, as well as the reserve senior champion female, and the senior and grand champion bull.

Principal Colin Tink said it was the most successful show the stud had participated in, and having only been breeding Brahmans for about five years, it was definitely an achievement.

Best exhibit BT Kylie – a rising three-year-old female with a four month-old heifer calf – was described by judge Margaretta Travers, Copmanhurst, as the most correct in the ring.

“She’s a lovely cow with a clean navel, a great bag of milk and broad across the top,” she said.

After placing third in its class at the Sydney Royal 2014 Brahman feature showing, BT Kylie returned with a calf by Kenrol Sandman, a stud sire purchased by Mr Tink from Kenrol stud, Rockhampton, Queensland, last year.

Mr Tink said the calf was one of the first by Sandman to hit the ground, and the rest of the drop was also presenting well.

BT Kylie had tough competition getting to the grand female and best exhibit sash, first having to beat a striking junior champion, Blanco Ganado Miss Minnie, exhibited by Penni Sloman and Kim Weller, Nabiac.

The 15-month-old grey heifer was by Glengarry Mr Tabasco 1529 and from Blanco Ganado Miss Jam Drop.

Kylie then had to outclass the senior and grand bull, the 608 kilogram BT Ultra, with a 115 square centimetre eye muscle area (EMA) by BT Carinda and from BT Jade.

Ultra had been joined to select females at BT and would be sold at the Roma Brahman sale if not before.

Reserve senior female, Langley Dale Illusion, also had a Sandman sired three-month-old heifer calf at foot. Illusion, by Mt Callan Jed and from Langley Dale Ipana, was also exhibited by BT Brahmans.

BT Brahmans was also awarded most successful exhibitor.

Junior bull was awarded to Langely Dale Eric, by Batandra Eric and from Bioka Madame Junior, and shown by Haley Elis, Scone. Langely Dale Eric weighed 554kg at 16 months with a 102cm² EMA.

Judge Ms Travers commended the exhibit for its overall balance, correctness of muscling and strength of spine.

Reserve junior bull went to Diddine Gus, Diddine Brahmans, South Lismore. Gus was by Diddine Red and from Mogul Miss W Natasha, and weighed 504kg with a 93cm² EMA.

Reserve senior bull, Diddine GB, also from Diddine stud, weighed 700kg with a 108cm² EMA at 28 months.

Pictured presenting the Grand Champion Brahman female sash is Michelle Jacobs, Mogul Brahmans (far right). Won by BT Kylie, also pictured is exhibitor Col Tink, BT Brahams, Dubbo. Judge Margareta Travers, Bizzy Brahmans, Copmanhurst. Lauren Mooney holding the champion’s calf and junior ABBA member Chelsea Peacock holding the champion. Chelsea was awarded Champion Parader at Sydney Show after previously winning her age class, however because she is under 15 years she was unable to represent NSW at the national finals.
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PTIC F1 Angus x Bizzy Brahman Heifers top at $1600/hd at Nettle Creek Commercial Female Sale

Fantastic seasonal conditions and a top quality line up of young breeder females resulted in a very successful outcome for the 7th Annual Nettle Creek Invitational Commercial Female Sale that was held in Grafton, NSW on the 26th February.

In its 7th year, the commercial female sale featured predominantly Brahman first cross females offered by select NSW North coast cattle breeders with PTIC F1 females reaching a $1600 high, unjoined F1 females topping at $1310 and weaner F1 heifers selling to an $880 top.

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 & lower Clarence regions with some going to Casino & Doon Doon in the north and Gloucester, Bellbrook & Barrington in the south.

The sale, instigated by Michael & Elizabeth Fahey, Bizzy Brahman & Nettle Creek Brangus Studs, Copmanhurst, saw 266 head of quality young first calvers, PTIC, unjoined & weaner heifers achieve a very strong $1160/hd average across the entire yarding. The Brahman, Brangus, Charbray, Droughtmaster, Poll Hereford & Angus breeds were represented throughout the sale.
PTIC F1 Angus x Bizzy Brahman Heifers top at $1600/hd at Nettle Creek Commercial Female Sale

The Fahey family sold 78 F1 Angus & Charolais x Bizzy Brahman Females, 18-24 months PTIC to Angus bulls for a $1433/hd average. The top priced pen of 7 F1 Brangus females made $1600/hd and was purchased by long time sale supporters, Geoff & Lyn Slack, Berrico, Gloucester. A pen of 28 PTIC Brangus heifers came into the selling ring and after much spirited competition, Berrico Pty Ltd purchased the pen for $1560. Mr & Mrs Slack bought 45 head of the F1 Brahman x Angus heifers from the Fahey Family for a $1537 average. Dirk Morris from Bellbrook took home the remaining Nettle Creek Brangus heifers for a $1340 average. Luke Bruce from Tucabia bought the first 2 pens of Nettle Creek F1 Charbray females topping at $1440 to average $1410.

Berrico Pty Ltd also bought a pen of 5 F1 Hereford x Brahman heifers PTIC to a Hereford bull from Rodney Mills, Tabulam for $1340. Achieving a very strong result for their unjoined 18 month old F1 Angus x Brahman heifers was Brian & Terri-Anne Winter from Coaldale. Berrico Pty Ltd outlaid $1300 for a pen of 11 of their F1 females that were by Angus bulls out of Tartrus bred red Brahman cows. The Winter’s also sold a pen of 12 unjoined F1 females for $1310 to Tim & Anna Gilliland, Doon Doon. The Gilliland’s put together a great line of 22 F1 Brangus females averaging $1263 and paying up to $1500 for a pen of 5 F1 Brahman x Angus heifers PTIC to an Angus bull offered by long time sale vendors, the Pigg Family from Ulmarra. They then paid $980 for the same bred unjoined F1 females. The Pigg family sold a total of 16 F1 females by Bizzy and Jomanda Brahman bulls for an average of $1120.

Topping the weaner section were Innes & Jessica Fahey, Copmanhurst, who sold a pen of 7 Charolais x Bizzy Brahman F1, 7-8 month old weaner heifers for $880/hd to Kilkenny Cattle Co, Barrington. They also sold a pen of F1 Angus x Brahman weaner heifers for $740 to Wayne Wellings, taking their average to a very solid $815 for 13 heifers.

Tracey Conroy, Copmanhurst, sold PTIC F1 Charbray heifers to $1300 to K Adams and J King from Palms Island and a pen of young Charbray heifers with calves at foot also selling for $1300 to Tony Farrell, Casino. The Linley Partnership from Kangaroo Creek
PTIC F1 Angus x Bizzy Brahman Heifers top at $1600/hd at Nettle Creek Commercial Female Sale

were strong sale supporters and put together a line of Charbray, Brangus, Brahman and Droughtmaster heifers for an average of $940.

Other vendors included J Oxtoby & B Brady from Kangaroo Creek who sold 8 young Brahman cross heifers for $710. Ron & Jan Mills, Muirton Pastoral, Tabulam sold 2 pens of PTIC Hereford x Brahman F1 heifers and a pen of PTIC Brangus heifers to Comara Station, Kempsey, for an $1126 average.

The sale was conducted by Ray Donovan Stock and Station Agents, Grafton & George & Fuhrmann, Casino.
The Northern Branch gathered at the Malanda RSL for a lunch AGM meeting. We enjoyed the hospitality of the RSL spending some time together then went onto the business at hand – the meeting…

Once again (as usual for this time of year on the Atherton Tableland) it poured rain – and the tail end of a cyclone prevented our guest speaker Mr Peter Trout from attending. Not to be deterred by this minor inconvenience he performed his speaking duty via telephone link from Kalinga station. In October 2014, Bill Smith had been asked to Judge at the Morobe Show in Lae, Papua New Guinea. Due to work commitments (and to Peter’s delight) Bill was unable to attend and Peter Trout became an international judge and needless to say, he was honoured to undertake this duty.

Peter discussed his experiences as a Judge at the Show and his observations of cattle industry operations in Lae, and who would have guessed that his judging skills extended to Marching bands – a man of many talents! Peter thanked Bill and the North Queensland Branch for providing such a wonderful opportunity and said that the gifts sent by the Branch were very well received and strengthened the relationship between the North Queensland Branch ABBA and Papua New Guinea.

There was a serious side to the meeting – discussions were had regarding the problems associated with sales and marketing cattle in the north and the timing of the Mareeba Bull Sale. Nominations were called for officer bearers. The previous committee was re-elected unopposed.

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**Vale: Betty Robertson, Coweki, Bell**

**by Lindel GREGGERY**

Family and friends shared many special memories of Betty Robertson on the sad occasion of her funeral, held at Bell Showgrounds on May 9.

Betty and husband Roly formed Coweki Brahman stud in 1969 as stud number 541 and Betty is fondly remembered as a loving person who lived life to the full.

The couple have been long time vendors at Rockhampton Brahman Week Sale and would bring their bulls to Gracemere a week early to settle them in, regarding the northern road trip and sale fixture as their annual holidays.

Betty grew up on a Darling Downs dairy farm and after marrying Roly worked tirelessly at Coweki as well as raising four daughters and running a busy household.

Her legendary cooking skills meant stock and station agents always timed their visits perfectly in order to sample some of Betty's wonderful homemade treats.

Daughter Lisa Caldwell said her mother was very talented in many areas, making all of her children's clothes as well as having the country knack of being able to repair anything around the house.

“She always knew how to fix everything, especially with her secret weapons the sticky tape and blue tac,” Lisa said.

“She even fixed the spark plug on the lawn mower which lasted for years.”

One of Betty’s greatest passions was her garden, which she kept maintaining right till the end. As well as a large array of beautiful flowers, she decorated the yard with a vast collection of ornaments and attractive timber stumps that had special significance for her.

Lisa said some of their wonderful family memories included coming home to find that Betty was keeping tiny piglets warm in the oven, and the constant laughter that filled the house thanks to Betty’s fun-loving nature.

“When her grandchildren came along she was always there with advice and a helping hand. She was also a regular helper within the community and when someone was in need she was always there to support them,” she said.

Betty passed away unexpectedly on 1 May, aged 77, and is survived by her husband Roly, daughters and son-in-laws Colleen and Graham, Wendy and David, Kim and Brett, Lisa and David, and their children and grandchildren.

“She lived life to the full and she was still smiling and laughing until the moment she left us,” Lisa said.

**RBWS 2014 Charity Semen Auction helps to raise over $6,000 for The Kids Cancer Project**

ABBA President Shane Bishop presented a cheque for $6216 to Col Reynolds, Founder and Director of The Kids Cancer Project, and one third share of the proceeds from the Rockhampton Brahman Week Sale Charity Semen Auction in December.

The Kids Cancer Project is funding 11 projects in Australia’s, most prestigious research institutions which include two clinical trials that provide hope for children battling central nervous system tumours, which have the highest mortality rate of childhood cancers.

The other beneficiary, Youngcare was unable to have a representative attend the presentation.
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Palmvale R Miss Teena wins Supreme Champion Led Beef Exhibit at The Caves Show

Sixteen studs from as far away as Muttaburra nominated 126 head of led cattle and steers for The Caves Show which was held on April 26th, and was a great lead up to Beef Week.

Seventy-two young competitors entered in the four classes of Junior paraders & sixty-five contested the Junior Judges competition. Shardaii Thompson from Ridgelands was the winner of the Junior Stewards competition.

Glossy the Weight of the red Batandra Brahman bullock was won by Sharon Hunter from the BlazeAid group - ‘Big Red’ weighed 887kg.

The Caves 2015 Grand Champion Brahman Bull Kenrol Gordian Manso 2690 exhibited by Ken & Wendy Cole, Kenrol Brahmans, Gracemere with Brahman Judge Ken Roche, Kenela Park, Marlborough and Brahman Judge Ken Roche, Kenela Park, Marlborough - Palmvale R Miss Teena also went on to win the Supreme Champion Led Beef Exhibit of The Caves show.

JUNIOR PARADERS RESULTS
JUDGE: RENEE RUTHERFORD
‘REDBANK’ MORNISH
Under 13 Years
1. Madison Hall; 2. Lucy Brown
5. Peter New

Under 15 Years
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3. Maddison Watson; 4. Sylvia Goodwin
5. Clayton Polzin

Under 16 Years
1. Gemma Brennan; 2. Julie Orr
3. Matilda Patterson; 4. Travis Devenish
5. Bonnie Maynard

16 Years & Under 25 Years
1. Cassidy Watson; 2. Brad Crawford
3. Lucie Kirk; 4. Tom Flohr
5. Anne Toon

JUNIOR STEWARDS
1. Shardaii Thompson; 2. Rilie Baker
3. Tiffany Kampf

BRAHMAN RESULTS:
Judge: Ken Roche, KP Brahman

Calf Champion Female:
Kenrol Jilly Zee 2737 (exhibited by K & W Cole, Kenrol Brahman, Gracemere)

Reserve Calf Champion Female:
Palmvale Miss UK Pablo (exhibited by K, B & R Streeter, Palmvale Red Brahman, Marlborough)

Calf Champion Bull:
Palmvale Jimbob (exhibited by K, B & R Streeter, Palmvale Red Brahman, Marlborough)

Reserve Calf Champion Bull:
Kenrol Jesseppi 2736 (exhibited by K & W Cole, Kenrol Brahman, Gracemere)

Junior Champion Female:
Kenrol Valie Rae 2686 (exhibited by K & W Cole, Kenrol Brahman, Gracemere)

Reserve Junior Champion Female:
Palmvale Rosary (exhibited by K, B & R Streeter, Palmvale Red Brahman, Marlborough)

Junior Champion Bull:
Caivarra Leader (exhibited by B & J Hall, Halls Brahman, Muttaburra)

Reserve Junior Champion Male:
Palmvale Jackson (exhibited by K, B & R Streeter, Palmvale Red Brahman, Marlborough)

Senior Champion Female:
Palmvale R Miss Teena (exhibited by R Streeter, Palmvale Red Brahman, Marlborough)

Reserve Senior Champion Female:
Kenrol Lady Nan 0474 (exhibited by K & W Cole, Kenrol Brahman, Gracemere)

GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE:
Palmvale R Miss Teena (exhibited by R Streeter, Palmvale Red Brahman, Marlborough)

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Kenrol Mr HJ Ray (K & W Cole, Kenrol Brahman, Gracemere)

DAM’S PROGENY GROUP:
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HARD TIMES

Everyday seemed the same, waiting and praying for rain. Our livelihood is dominated by drought. Every decision we made affected our livelihood and relationships. But at the end of the day we made those decisions for the sake of our family because that is what matters most.

The daylight was breaking and we were already in the paddock ready to muster. The land was a spectacular sight at that time of day. The grass usually shone with golden colours and the land was full of life. But today it looked tired and perished for as far as I could see. We had just entered our second consecutive year of drought and my family and I were mustering our breeder cows to sell to the meatworks.

We slowly walked the cows and calves to the yards. All I could hear were calves calling frantically for their mothers because they had been separated from them somehow. But I knew when we stopped they would all find each other again and mother-up. Right in front of me was a big sappy calf walking along beside her mother. She was one of the smart ones that knew to stay close to her mum. I suddenly felt a wave of sadness come over me, knowing today was the last day she was going to see her mum. I looked across the whole mob of cattle, with a tear in my eye. This was the last day all 600 calves saw their mothers. Tomorrow we would truck all 600 cows to the meatworks and wean their calves. All these beautiful, quiet and fertile cattle were already rearing a calf, had bad feet, had bad teats they were culled from the mob, they were sent to meatworks.

My dad had bred these cows all his life, to perfection and they are his prized possession. Now they are being sold to the meatworks only because of this never ending, heart breaking drought that seemed to wreck everything. I don’t know how my dad has the strength to let all these beautiful cows he’s worked his whole life to perfect, be slaughtered. But deep down I know that the only reason he is doing it, is because in his eyes it is his job to provide and protect his family because that is what matters most. Although this horrible drought makes it near impossible to do, he knows this is what he has to do to protect his family so we can get by.

The last pen of cattle are loaded. Its daylight now and its hot. I’m covered in dust and sweat. The lump in my throat won’t leave as much as I swallow. The cows look worried as they walk up the steep ramp into the truck. The truck that will carry them to their death. Although the engine is roaring away. Although the engine is roaring away. Although the engine is roaring away. Although the engine is roaring away. Although the engine is roaring away. Although the engine is roaring away. Although the engine is roaring away. Although the engine is roaring away. Although the engine is roaring away. Although the engine is roaring away.

Looking back now as hard as that day was it was something I’m glad we did. That day was over a year ago now and we are still in drought. We have sold more cattle since and watched some die, but this is our lifestyle and hopefully one day soon our lives won’t be dominated by drought. As much as I love our cattle and property, my family is what matters most to me, and we will keep doing whatever it takes, even if we have nothing left when the drought ends I know I will always have my family, and that is what matters the most to me.
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Alex McDonald honoured by ARCBA at Beef 2015

Agricultural Business Research Institute (ABRI) Managing Director Alex McDonald was honoured by the Australian Registered Cattle Breeders Assoc (ARCBA) with its prestigious RW Vincent Award during the Beef Industry Awards dinner at Beef 2015 for outstanding contribution to the Australian cattle breeding industry.

After securing a degree in agricultural science, Alex spent the next 14 years working for the Victorian Department of Agriculture as an extension officer. In 1986, he joined Animal Genetics and Breeding Unit at the University of New England as a national field coordinator for Breedplan. When he started the role there were only 235 herds using the service and only one breed that had conducted a group Breedplan analysis. Within 2 years, through his efforts, this number had risen to almost 1,000 herds with 5 breeds running annual group analyses.

He then took on the role of Coordinator of the National Carcass Evaluation Project, that pioneered the first genetic evaluation system for carcass traits in Australia. Out of this project came the establishment of the first commercial services for ultrasound scanning of beef cattle, together with a system for data collection and analysis of beef carcass traits that still exists today.

In 1992, he took on the role of General Manager for the Australian Limousin Breeders’ Society and spent 22 years with the Limousin Society, until his retirement in 2014.

His contribution to the beef cattle breeding industry was not simply limited to his work with the Limousin breed. He has contributed to the work of ARCBA, over most of his 22 years with the Limousin Society, serving on the executive for a large part of this time. He has been a strong believer in the advantages of a united seedstock sector representing all breeds. Most notably he has represented ARCBA on Bovine Johnes Disease matters since 1998 and is still doing so despite his retirement from the Limousin Society and therefore the Executive of ARCBA in 2014.

In recent times, he has led much of the debate in calling for an overhaul of the current Rules and Standards that govern the management of BJD in Australia. A review of these Rules and Standards is current underway and Alex continues to strongly represent the views of the seedstock industry for change.

He worked closely with the each of the Beef CRC’s in research that would benefit the breeding industry and in recognition for his outstanding contribution to the genetic improvement of the Australian beef herd, the Association for the Advancement of Animal Breeding and Breeding Genetics elected him as a Fellow of the Society in September 2011.
Bully Boy... A Cool Cloncurry Character

Ben Stanger, manager Cowan Downs, Cloncurry, making friends with his poddy calf Bull Boy.

Photographer and author Alice Mabin (right) presented a copy of her book "The Drover" to Andrew and Roxanne Olive, Raglan Brahmans, Raglan at the Beef 2015 Brahman Post Judging Function.

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NCC BRAHMAN SALE
27 October at Inverrio, Duaringa
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