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President’s Paragraph

The year is drawing to a close and it has been a year that many wish to put behind them, from devastating floods to droughts and fires. I hope that many are on the road to recovery and that the remainder will be in the near future.

It is quite incredible to think with all the heartache caused by seasonal conditions and disastrous events, yet again our breed is still commanding premium prices for breeding, feedlots and slaughter due to the completion I believe spurred by the strength of the export markets.

From an industry perspective for the 5th consecutive month export slaughter cattle numbers have remained strong yet still recording a decline of nearly 10,000 head from the September peak of nearly 35,000 head.

Feeder cattle exports have increased to levels just below the May 2019 peak of approx. 80,000 head, the most noticeable market trend is the marked decline in export breeder cattle to below 15,000 head.

The predominant Australian export market remains as Indonesia and Vietnam with a noted increase of cattle exports to Israel - 60% y-o-y, the Philippines – 40% y-o-y and Japan and Vietnam respectively increasing by 33% y-o-y.

Industry projections of the 2019 beef production now sit at 4% higher on 2018-2019 years and 2% higher than the previous 5 year average.

Editorial

As we draw to the end of another selling season as I write this Editorial with only the one sale to complete for 2019 what a wonderful achievement it has been for all vendors involved in the sales. Overall the sales have achieved some excellent averages and the clearances continue to be very strong showing true confidence in the breed.

Buyers have been reminded through the conditions that such a large proportion of our breeders are dealing with how important the Brahman Breed is to the industry especially with their ability to continue to deliver efficient cattle that remain productive despite what mother nature throws at the country.

Brahman week was a wonderful highlight for the breed and all vendors that were involved should be very proud of the cattle and how they were presented. The well structured, functional cattle that were presented achieved the 2nd strongest sale ever recorded for this sale in it’s 43 years of being conducted. The overall quality of the bulls in the greys and the reds was excellent and this was certainly evident with the buyers strong support in creating an average of $10,960. What wonderful publicity it has created. I have been doing quite a bit of traveling in November, including 2 trips into NSW, so many of the people I have spoken to from many breeds have wanted to discuss the sale and what a wonderful result for the Brahman Breed but also for the Red Meat industry as a whole and the overall confidence that remains despite the ongoing drought conditions.

There is an excellent report on all aspects of the RBWS. Some highlights of mention need to include the 53 bulls purchased by Olive Vale Pastoral situated at Laura and the manager of this extensive company has been very kind to give his time in preparing a story about that operation. A further dozen buyers bought 10 to 12 bulls and having these buyers bidding throughout the 3 days is invaluable for any sale and their
support is greatly appreciated. As a result of more than 200 buyers several vendors smashed their personal averages for their bulls and their successes have been noted in the reports.

Included also are further reports of all the other sales that have been conducted throughout the season both bulls and females. These sales have remained strong and it is great to read of the highlights and the overall clearances of these renowned sales. These sales along with RBWS have now sold approx. 1700+ bulls through auction with also a number of females. The bulls have cleared 98% of those offered to an average of $8454 with a further 200 bulls to be sold at the Wilangl Sale at the end of November. This figure is only a fraction of the number of bulls that have been sold privately in the paddock.

Our other ABBA sponsored sale in Gold City was a terrific success this year. Speaking to buyers after the sale they mentioned how important it was for them to have the increase numbers of bulls available for them to look through and bid on however there were also many comments about the overall quality of the bulls on offer this year and how evenly the run of bulls were displayed. The vendors need to be congratulated for their support of the sale and that continued support is invaluable for the ongoing success of the sale. The committee members need to be congratulated for all the hard work put into visiting and speaking to past and new buyers.

Apart from the wonderful successes in the sale ring and the paddock the breed has had some fabulous acknowledgment. The Norman Hotel in Brisbane runs a Best Breed Taste Testing Competition each year and in 2019 the Tropical Breeds were the breeds of choice and the Brahman ended up winning the comp with great promotion spread around the Hotel for the month of September. Another good win was within NSW with one of our valued buyers of Brahman bulls having won the Band 2 Section of the MSA competition for the state out of 6000 producers. His 1st cross females are invaluable to his operation.

There are many other stories for you to also ponder over during your Xmas break including Brett Kirk’s retirement from the Board after 28 years and the Hump Express have been doing wonderful work again as well as Tom Curtain with child hood bullying and sticking up for the farmer.

Wishing all a very special Xmas taking time to spend with your precious family and friends. One of my favourite sayings that I remind myself of regularly is, “This too shall pass”. This weather too shall change and here is hoping for all that it shall be soon.

Look after yourselves and Merry Xmas with a good 2020 ahead.

The Editor.

Anastasia Fanning

This projections main precursor has been the higher than anticipated adult slaughter rates and further herd liquidation due to prolonged dry and unfavourable conditions and increased feedlot / agistment costs to maintain herd numbers.

While the sales now draw to a close for the 2019 year it has been extremely pleasing to see such a high and consistent demand for our genetics throughout the country. To this the Rockhampton Brahman Week sale had a fantastic clearance of 99% and a sale average of $10,955.

Gold City Sale backed up RBWS’s result in recording a 100% clearance and a sale average of $5,760 making it once again one of the Norths “Go To” sales for high quality affordable Brahman genetics.

Congratulations to all the Sale committee members for these sales, achieving results at this level are a credit to the high standards buyers are investing in for the further development of their herds.

The Association’s negotiations for securing the Narayen Station in Mundubbera are continuing to progress and we are extremely eager to secure this tender for the future of our valuable research projects and data. I commend the tireless efforts of all those involved in giving us the best opportunity to achieve this outcome of securing our future in this area.

I wish to take this opportunity to again thank everybody; members, committee, board members and staff, for their support over the last three years. I have been privileged to attend some outstanding proud and memorable events as the President of our Breed, the Association and our members have continued to move forward in these current times and proven to the industry we are not a Breed to just give in when the situation gets tough.

Though there have been some harsh and trying times with the way the seasons have been for many of our members, with many either feeding cattle or away helping with various disasters, I truly hope 2020 and beyond will see a return of favourable seasonal conditions and premium prices for all our cattle.

I hope we all get some time out over the festive season to enjoy quality time with friends and family. I wish the incoming President of the Association a warm welcome for their tenure.

Merry Christmas to all and a healthy and happy 2020.

President
Matthew S McCamley
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Dam: CONDOR MISS DATA MANGO 320 (AI) (H)

Animal: NCC MISS CINDY 4327 (IVF) (D)
Sire: JDH MASSAI MANGO 609/6 (MF US) (H)
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Red and Grey share the podium at RBWS 2019 for $105K

By Cindy Benjamin, photos by Kent B Ward

Superior red and grey sires shared the top-price honours at the 2019 Rockhampton Brahman Week Sale (RBWS), eclipsing last year’s top price by $5000 to make $105,000 apiece.

Demand for top-quality Brahman sires seems almost insatiable with keen buyers investing an average $11,105 in 761 registered bulls, just a little short of the records set at the 2016 RBWS.

Total revenue from the sale of 780 lots was $8,544,500, including 19 herd bulls, and averaging $10,964, with a 99 per cent clearance.

In its 43rd year, RBWS continues to attract buyers and vendors in droves, with keen competition for each lot. This year’s sale included sires from 181 vendor prefixes and 233 successful bidders took home drafts of between one and 53.

Stud and commercial buyers had plenty to choose from with 499 bulls selling for $3000 to $9500 and another 238 bulls changing hands in the $10,000 to under $30,000 price range.

Enthusiasm was high for the full three days of selling to record a result that exceeded the expectations of many, given the challenging weather conditions facing the northern cattle industry. The doability of the Brahman breed has certainly come to the fore and confidence is high.

Carinya and Mt Callan attract top price

Leading the sale was Carinya Milwaukee (H) from John and Dawn Kirk and family’s Carinya Brahmons, Gayndah. The joint sale-topper sold to Will & Tracey Fenech and Banana Station for $105,000.

Milwaukee is the son of Carinya Lockwood and grandson of NCC Sugarwood, an influential sire at Carinya. At 24-months old he weighed carinya milwaukee sold for $105,000 to top the grey section of the offering. A partnership between banana station, banana and will & tracy fenech, wowan secured the bull. with bull are jack fenech, fbc stud, wowan, vendor, john kirk, carinya stud, gayndah, walter wilson, banana station stud, banana and mark scholes, landmark stud stock, rockhampton.

Mt Callan Scully 19/18 (AI) (P) was knocked down for $105,000 to equal the sale top and also top the red section. Seen after the sale are colby ede, landmark stud stock, buyer brian kirkwood, somerview stud, charters towers and vendors manny, noel and scott sorley, mt callan stud, dalby.

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940 kg with an eye muscle area of 141 sq cm and scrotal circumference of 41 cm.

Red poll, Mt Callan Scully joined Milwaukee at the top of the leader board. Noel and Manny Sorley, Dalby sold a three-quarter share and full possession of Scully to Brian and Glenda Kirkwood of ‘Somerview’, Charters Towers.

Scully is a homozygous polled (PcPc) son of Doonside Taser (P) and polled dam Mt Callan 10/15. At 26 months old he weighed 950 kg with an eye muscle area of 137 sq cm and a scrotal circumference of 42 cm.

The Kirkwoods also selected Beth Streeter’s young polled sire Palmvale Navara for $50,000.

43rd sale summary

The 478-strong grey section of the catalogue sold for an average of $10,915 and a total revenue of $5,217,500. The 77 grey polls averaged $15,772 to a top of $100,000 for Token Joe (P), while the 389 horned greys averaged $10,122 to a top of $105,000.

The red catalogue of 301 sires averaged $11,043 to a top of $105,000, and a total revenue of $3,324,000. A preference for polled genes saw the 141 red polls average $14,322, to a top of $105,000. The 155 horned reds averaged $8238 and sold to a top of $40,000.

The 19 herd bulls sold at this year’s event averaged $5342 to a top of $10,500 for the Newsome family’s Newburra 1082.

Steve and Theresa Taylor’s Clukan prefix, Jambin posted the best result for vendors (draft of three or more) at the sale, selling a draft of five greys, including the third-top priced bull for $95,000, for an average $39,100.

In second place on the averages board was Allan and Leonie Trail’s Elmo prefix, Baralaba, selling four polled reds for an average $34,500 and to a top of $57,000 for Elmo Rustler 1100/8, who sold to Brett Kinnon, Bungoona, Clermont.

More big ticket lots

Polled grey Token Joe 693/7 attracted the second-top price of $100,000 from Catherine Mackenzie, Arizona Brahmans, Dingo. Joe’s sire is Glengarry Gillette 2469 (P) and his dam is Token Miss 437/4 (P). The 34-month old was 972 kg with a scrotal circumference of 47 cm. He has set a new sale record for vendors Tony and Katherine Mortimer, Token Brahmans, Dalma.

The third highest price was paid to secure Clukan El Toro 361/8 (AI) (ET) (H), who sold for $95,000 to Gavin and Owen Scott for Rosetta Station, Collinsville. Bred by Steve and Theresa Taylor, Clukan Brahmans, Jambin, El
See Performance Brahman is a small stud that has been operating since 2015 and over these past five years we have aimed to breed quality over quantity with our 25 stud cows. We have researched and sourced our genetics from Palmvale, NCC, Jomanda and Tarramba in our female herd and last year purchased a PP bull Reldahah Prowler at the Brahman Week 2018 sale.

In particular we want to thank Beth Streeter from Palmvale Stud and the many Brahman Breeders for their help and guidance on genetics. Our second year at RBWS 2019, we had many breeders say how they were impressed on the quality and success we have had in such a short time for a small stud, with comments like, “don’t change what you’re doing, you’re on the right track.”

Being new to the industry we have been impressed by the generosity of other Brahman Breeders, sharing their knowledge and friendship.

Our future intention for 2020 is to start our own F1 crossbreeding program in the Hunter region of NSW.
Toro is a 24-month old son of NCC El Toro and Clukan Cassie 219/2.

Royce and Beryl Sommerfeld’s Brahrock Sherlock 5986 (IVF) (H) went home with Paul and Debbie Herrod to Ponderosa Brahmans, Katherine for $90,000. Sherlock is a son of JDH Mr Boswick Manso (IMP US) and polled Brahrock dam Miss Wise Power 3437. The Sommerfelds also sold Brahrock Tequila 6044 (H), a son of Carinya Kirkwood (H) for $55,000 to the Herrods.

Two sires, Doonside Marvel (IVF) (P) and Moongool Mr Marbellouz (IVF) (H), shared fifth-top price of $80,000.

Doonside Marvel, offered by Bill Geddes of Doonside Brahmans at The Caves, is a polled son of Mr V8 279/7 (IMP US) (P) and Glengarry Miss Lexy 1813 (P). He sold to Jim Bauer, Elanora Park, Gin Gin.

Ivan Price, Yuleba sold 24-month old Moongool Mr Marbellouz, a son of JDH Mr Encino Manso 612/6 (IMP US) (H) and Brahrock matron Miss Ambassador Emp (IVF) (P), to Tony and Kathryn Mortimer, Token Brahmans in partnership with Vicki and Scott Hayes, Yenda V Brahmans.

Scott & Vicki Hayes’, Mundubbera prefix polled sire Yenda V 411 (P) sold for $60,000 to Kenilworth Brahmans. His sire is polled Glen Oak Mr Frodo (AI) (P) and he is out of Yenda V Miss 39/2 (H).

Polled Kenrol Meile Manso 0530 (IVF) led the Kenrol team of eight, four grey and four red, selling for $50,000 to Rosetta Station.

**Top priced reds**

Polls attracted all five of the top prices paid for red bulls at this year’s RBWS. The Sorley’s Mt Callan Scully eclipsed the top price paid for a red at last year’s sale and equalled the top-price of the sale at $105,000. Mt Callan Santos 31/18 (AI) (P) attracted $50,000 from MG and NM Allen.

The Radel family, Taroom listed the second top-priced red, Kandoona achieved $16,653, the highest average for a draft of 10 or more greys. Leading the draft was polled Yenda V 411 who sold for $60,000 to Kenilworth Brahmans.

The second highest average for a draft of 10 or more was achieved by John Kirk’s Carinya prefix, Gayndah. Twenty-three Carinya bulls went to new homes for an average price of $16,347. The leader of the draft was $34,500. Lots 715 and 714 sold for $57,000 and $50,000 respectively.

Mt Callen prefix, listing 19 lots to achieve an average price of $27,342. This draft included the joint sale-topper for $105,000.

Kandoona prefix charted the next highest average for large teams of $15,766 for their 15 red lots. Their top-seller was polled Kandoona 14748 for $65,000.
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Palmvale Brahmans sold 19 lots on the red catalogue for an average of $11,078 to a top of $50,000 for polled red Palmvale Navara.

Lee Collins’ Kelly Creek Pastoral Wandilla prefix offered 16 red sires, which sold for an average $9781 and to a top of $26,000.

Ooline and Fern Hills also offered long lines of 11 and 12 red bulls respectively.

Reade and Jill Radel’s, listed three reds from their Injune stud for an average of $20,000. The team was led by Jilieaba 0579 (AI) (ET) (H), sired by NCC Muscat 2061 (IVF) (D), and sold for $40,000 to Fern Hills Grazing.

Also listing three reds was Max and Dawn Johnson, Clarena of Tomanda prefix for an average of $17,000. Topping the team at a sale price of $30,000 was Tomanda Hackett 918 (D), sired by NCC Dornellas (IVF) (D) and out of Tomanda SG Merlene 670 (H), was snapped up by Palmvale Droughtmasters.

Len and Sandra Gibbs, Muan A prefix, Biggenden offered a line of eight reds for an average $15,875. Top price of $34,000 was received from Streeter Grazing for polled Muan A Taurus 5792, a son of Tarramba Red Knight 2742 (H) and polled dam Muan A Diane 4528 (P).

**Replenishing commercial sire batteries**

By far the largest draft to leave the 2019 RBWS was secured for Olive Vale Pastoral Co, Laura, who invested $198,000 in 53 bulls, to a top of $5500.

Another 13 drafts of 10 or more sold to bulk buyers from Queensland and the Northern Territory.

The highest average paid for a draft of 10 or more was $24,200 for 10 grey sires heading to the Northern Territory to join the sire battery at the Herrod family’s Ponderosa prefix. The draft included three Brahrock sires for $90,000, $55,000 and $22,000.

Rosetta Grazing purchased eight bulls, three reds and five greys, for an average $29,625 and to a top of $59,000 for Lot 461. Clukan’s El Toro. They also selected Kenrol Melle Manso 0530 (IVF) (P) for $50,000 and red Stockman Game Changer (P) for $34,000.

SP Grazing, Charters Towers secured 15 reds for an average of $8033 and a top of $13,000 for Walubial Corporal 616/3 a polled son of Mt Callan Maverick 194/11 (P) and bred by Margaretta Morgan, Condamine.

Johnson Pastoral and Twin Hills both selected drafts of 13 bulls. The all red team chosen for Johnson Pastoral averaged $5153 while the mixed team of seven reds and six greys heading for Twin Hills averaged $7076.

An all red team of 12 sold to the Bennett family, Taroom for an average $4458 while Valley of Lagoons is the new home for 12 greys, which sold for an average $9083. DA Parker chose a mixed line of three reds and nine greys for an average of $10,750. Six of these sires were valued at over $10,000 each to a top of $16,000 for both El Ja Escort E Manso (IVF) (D) and Warraka Kingsley 3156 (IVF) (D).

New vendor success

Katrina and Gary Lynch, Gracemere Brahmans, Oakey Creek joined ABBA in 2005 and were new vendors at the RBWS in 2019. On Day 1 they offered three young sires catalogued in Lots 77, 78 and 79.

Leading the team was polled bull Gracemere Billy The Kid. He is an IVF son of Three D Platinum (P) and inbred Miss Jeanette Manso 171/1 (H). The Lynchs sold a 3/4 share and full possession of this bull with a bonus 130 straws already collected to Fenech Grazing for $34,000.

Billy The Kid’s IVF brother Gracemere Sundance Kid (IVF) (H) sold for $17,000 to Bush Holdings, Rockhampton.

In Lot 79, Gracemere Romeo (AI) (H) is the son of JDH Roma Manso 713/1 (IMP US) (H) and polled dam Glengarry Lauren 2458. This beefy young bull sold for $13,000 to Sturt Plains, Dalby.

Joining ABBA in 2002 and listing at RBWS for the first time this year was Vera Fitzgerald, Blenheim Ridge Brahmans, in the Lockyer Valley. Her single entrant, Blenheim Ridge William (P) is by polled sire Yenda Griffin 698/4 and sold for $18,000 to the Squire Partnership.

Thank you to the buyers, underbidders and agents for another outstanding result for the Brahman breed and the beef industry as a whole.
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Friends partner to secure Carinya Milwaukee at RBWS 2019

By Cindy Benjamin, photo by Corinne Rockemer

With the sale of Carinya Milwaukee (H) for $105,000, the Kirk family now hold the records for the top two prices ever paid for grey bulls at the Rockhampton Brahman Week Sale, both from NCC Sugarwood bloodlines.

Milwaukee is the son of Carinya Lockwood and grandson of NCC Sugarwood, an influential sire at Carinya. John, Dawn and Mitch Kirk had considered keeping Milwaukee for in-herd use at Carinya. Having decided to sell, they intend to join the same sire and dam again hoping to hit the jackpot again with a similar bull to use in their own herd.

"Milwaukee has a lovely, friendly temperament and really stood out as a special bull," says John. "His dam is a long frame cow and this trait is expressed well in Milwaukee, along with high fertility."

Milwaukee sold to friends Will and Tracey Fenech, FBC T, Wowan and Mark, Belinda and Walter Wilson, Banana Station. At 24-months old he weighed 940 kg with an eye muscle area of 141 sq cm and scrotal circumference of 41 cm.

The Wilsons had not seen Milwaukee prior to the sale but when they saw the Fenechs taking more than a passing interest on the day they thought there was an opportunity to buy in partnership.

"Milwaukee is a complete package bull with all the right weights and scans," says Mark. "We had marked him as a bull we were keen to buy and figured that we’d rather own half a bull that we want than miss out altogether."

“We have had great results from our top sire Manly, and were looking for new bloodlines to put over his females," he says. "Milwaukee is genetically very different from other bloodlines we have and as breeders of red Brahmans we were keen on his dark pigmentation."

After going to Rocky Repo for semen collection Milwaukee will be used at both Banana Station and FBC in natural matings. He is currently running with a group of females at Banana Station.
Mt Callan Scully tops RBWS 2019

By Cindy Benjamin, photo by Mt Callan Brahmans

Brian and Glenda Kirkwood purchased three-quarter share and full possession of Mt Callan Scully for $105,000, setting a new second-top price record for a red bull at the Rockhampton Brahman Week Sale.

Scully is a son of Doonside Taser (P) and polled dam Mt Callan 10/15. At 26 months old he weighed 950 kg with an eye muscle area of 137 sq cm and a scrotal circumference of 42 cm. This outstanding homozygous (PcPc) polled red will join the Somerview prefix herd at Charters Towers.

“We went to the sale with an open mind to look for bulls to suit our herd,” says Brian. “We liked everything about Scully as a well-grown bull for his age, good bone structure and very tidy underneath.”

“We are always looking for bulls to improve our herd and there is good potential for us to increase the number of polled cattle in the herd. The two young polled sires we chose this year will go a long way to achieving this outcome into the future.”

The Kirkwoods run a stud and commercial operation of about 1300 head on their 8000 ha property, specialising in breeding red brahman cattle. Mt Callan Scully will run with 30 to 40 selected Somerview cows this season.

Scully led a team of 19 bulls bred by Noel and Manny Sorley, Dalby. Although Noel knew they were presenting their best-ever team since they started selling at RBWS in 1970, they had no idea they would sell so well.

“We saw potential in Scully as a weaner and as he developed he ticked all the boxes that we look for in a bull,” says Noel. “We have retained another son from Taser for use in our own herd and also wanted to retain semen-rights to Scully.”

“Rockhampton Brahman Week sale is the only auction we take cattle too and although we are thrilled with the result for Scully we are particularly pleased with our overall average result for Mt Callan.”
Large drafts sold for strong averages at RBWS 2019

By Cindy Benjamin

In a new record for the Rockhampton Brahman Week Sale, Olive Vale Pastoral Co trucked 53 new sires to work in their breeding herds on properties near Laura on Cape York Peninsula. Investing a total of $198,000 (av. $3735), the all-grey contingent was selected from over 30 different prefixes.

SP Grazing, Spring Creek, Charters Towers snapped up 15 reds for an average $8033. The top price of $13,000 was outlaid for Walubial Corporal 616/3 (P).

The Dennis family secured a mixed draft of seven reds and six greys for Twin Hills Cattle ‘Elgin Downs’, Clermont for an average $7076. Their top-price choice was Matt Kirks’ Carinya M Compass 947/B (AI) (H) for $10,000.

Johnson Pastoral, ‘Mt Pleasant’, Hughenden selected a 13-strong all-red team for an average investment of $5153 to a top of $9000 for polled red JNH Ruben, bred by Justin and Hayley Titmarsh, Condamine.

A mixed team of nine greys and three reds have a new home at ‘Eastmere’, Aramac, for an average price of $10,750. Dave Parker paid over $10,000 for six of the bulls and to a top of $16,000 each for two greys – Warraka Kingsley 3156 and El Ja Escort E Manso.

Twelve greys have been added to the sire battery at Tom Sheahan’s ‘Valley of Lagoons’, Ingham for an average investment of $9083. Tom made his top choice early on in the sale, securing Lot 12 Raglan Mr Carl 2964 for $16,000. Bullock breeder Nagel Bennett, Flag Staff, Taroom chose an all-red dozen for an average $4458.

Four reds and seven greys trucked to the Parker family’s, ‘Clare Station’ at Jericho for a solid average of $11,181. They paid over $10,000 for six of the

Lot 65 Eureka Creek Carlos (P) was purchased by bulk buyer Johnsons Pastoral for their top price of $7500. Johnsons Pastoral successfully purchased 13 bulls from the sale.
sires and a top-price of $19,000 for El Ja Editor E Manso.

John, Jan and Doug Burnett, 'Bendemeer', Clermont also bought a mixed team of 11 head for an average $10,000. Leading the group of five reds and six greys was polled red Neslo M 4485 Y Austin, who changed hands for $18,000.

Paul and Debbie Herrod picked out 10 greys to join the herds at 'Ponderosa', Katherine NT. The high-value draft averaged $24,200 and included three Brahrock sires purchased for $90,000, $55,000 and $22,000.

Six of the 10 greys purchased for 'Sturt Plains', Katherine NT were valued at over $10,000, with the draft averaging $11,300. Glengarry Whiskey 2895 was their top choice at $19,000.

'West Inverleigh', Normanton is the new home for six red and four grey sires, purchased for an average $9050. The Fry family of Arafura Cattle Co made significant investments in new genetics with four bulls valued at over $10,000 and peaking at $23,000 for Gigoomgan Red Viking. Mick Nobbs, 'Mt Vexation', Springsure also secured 10 bulls for an average $7650.

RBWS stalwarts, Warwick and Kel Freeman, Wallumbilla found 10 reds to suit the program at 'Meeleebee Downs' for an average price of $7150.

Seven buyers took home nine head apiece – Christensen family, Carnarvon Pastoral, Rolleston (av. $11,111); Ken and Vera Dumma, Nebo, (av. $6888); Ron and Lynne Pullen, Montrose Grazing, Marlborough (av. $7277); Brown family, Gunnerside Cattle, Hughenden (av. $6333); Jeff and Maria Hyden, Mt Pleasant Rolleston (av. $5611) and two clients of Cloncurry agent Brodie and Co (av. $3666 and $5000).

A notable draft of eight (including three reds) was selected by Gavin Scott, Rosetta Grazing, Collinsville for an average investment of $29,625. Seven of the bulls were valued at $10,000 or more with top prices of $95,000 and $50,000 paid for Clukan El Toro 361/8 and polled Kenrol Meile Manso 0530 respectively.

Lot 425 Elanora Park Atlas 2869 (IVF) (P) was purchased by bulk buyer Olive Vale Pastoral for their top price of $5500. Olive Vale Pastoral purchased 53 bulls for their Northern properties.
2019 RBWS averages sky-rocket

By Cindy Benjamin

Averages were way up at the 2019 Rockhampton Brahman Week Sale in October. Following great success last year, Steve and Theresa Taylor, Jambin were again at the top of the averages leader board, selling five greys for an average $39,100, up more than $11,000 on their average-topping result in 2018. The leader of the team was Clukan Jackpot 1421 (AI) (H) who sold to Rosetta Grazing for $95,000.

A draft of four reds came in second with a solid average of $34,500 for Allan and Leonie Trail’s Elmo prefix, Baralaba. Selling to a top of $57,000 for Elmo Rustler 1100/8, who went home with Brett Kinnon, Bungoona, Clermont.

This result for a draft of reds also eclipsed Elmo’s 2018 result by over $11,000.

The depth of quality presented at this year’s sale is evident on the averages leader board with Mt Callan, Brahrock, Token, Carinya and Kandoona prefixes offering large drafts of 15 or more.

The Top 20 averages are calculated on individual stud prefixes/individual vendors (not combining family totals) and only studs with sales of three or more bulls are included. Prices have been averaged up to the nearest dollar. The colour listed is the colour of the top priced animal from that vendor.

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2019 Bizzy and Jomanda sale exceeded expectations

By Cindy Benjamin

The third Bizzy and Jomanda Bull and Female sale at Grafton provided an opportunity for top grazing and breeding operations across NSW and Queensland to access superior bloodlines, in a quality line-up of Brahman bulls and heifers.

The total sale revenue from 35 lots, 29 bulls and six females, was $162,750 with a clearance of 93% on 7 September at Grafton Saleyards, NSW representing excellent value and great potential to enhance quality genetics in all areas.

The Fahey family’s Bizzy prefixes sold 15 bulls and two females and Johnson family found new homes for 14 bulls and four females from their Jomanda prefix.

Overall the 29 bulls sold for a total of $133,500 (av. $4603) and the six females earned an average $4875.

The 26 horned bulls averaged $4615 and sold to a top of $7500 for Max and Dawn Johnson’s Jomanda Harwood 935. The three polled males catalogued sold for an average $4500, to a top of $5500 for Bizzy Miles M11.

Topping the sale was polled heifer Jomanda Merlene 1008 who sold to Diddine Brahman Stud, South Lismore for $7750. She is a home-bred daughter of Jomanda El Toro 802 (P) and Jomanda M Merlene 830 (AI) (P).

Top price male Jomanda Harwood 935 sold to Department Industry & Investment, Grafton for $7500. Harwood’s sire is NCC Dornellas and his dam is Jomanda RMT Merlene 507. At 29 months of age, Harwood weighed in at 840 kg with a scrotal circumference of 39 cm and an eye muscle area (EMA) of 141 square centimetres.

The auctioneers found $6500 for two bulls bred by Michael and Elizabeth Fahey – Bizzy Marco M15 and Bizzy Madden M29 – selling to MB & S Donovan, Nymboida and SJ & RA Allan, Bean Creek respectively.
Bred by Innes and Jessica Fahey, Bizzy F Red Rose sold to Brenannah Pty Ltd, Dalby, recording the third top price at the sale of $6750. This lovely yearling heifer’s sire is polled Bizzy M Kingston and she’s out of Bizzy F 19.

New and repeat buyers from NSW and Queensland attended the sale keen to take home some of the industry-leading genetics on offer.

Everingham Pastoral Co, Einasleigh, Queensland selected two Jomanda and three Bizzy bulls for an average $3800, paying their top price of $4500 for red polled Jomanda bull Mr BG 912 by polled sire Brolga Gully 2254/0 and out of NCC Dienka 238. Mr BG was 33 months old and weighed 855 kg at the sale, with an EMA of 130 and scrotal circumference of 39 cm.

John and Cheryl Randell chose two Jomanda bulls and one Jomanda female to join their Crinum stud at Tieri, Central Queensland for an average price of $3900. The Randell’s top money of $6000 was spent on Jomanda Hendrix 924, another son of NCC Dornellas and out of Jomanda RMT Merlene 523. Weighing 865 kg at the sale, 29 month old Hendrix had an EMA of 139 and a scrotal circumference of 38 cm.

Four bulls, two from each vendor, sold to Bill Bultitude, for Lantana Downs, Fine Flower NSW for an average of $3750.

Sale agents were Mitch Donovan of Ray Donovan Stock and Station Agents, Casino and Darren Perkins of George & Fuhrmann, Grafton.

“This year’s sale was strong considering the conditions facing many graziers. Strong support came from Queensland and there were also a few very active phone bidders who competed strongly,” said Mr Perkins. “Some of the regular buyers were absent from the auction this year due to the seasonal conditions and this did affect clearance slightly.”

Mr Donovan said he was not surprised at the interest in the sale-topping heifer. “Her genetics are hard to find and there is demand for poll bloodlines,” he said. “Clearance was the main game at the sale and we were very pleased to see the local demand again underpinning a very successful sale.”
Vancouver tops Woolooga Select Sire sale

Contributed by Gigoomgan Brahmans

The second Woolooga Select Sire sale held at Woolooga near Gympie was well attended with buyers coming from as far as Rockhampton, Taroom, Springsure and the Brisbane Valley on Saturday 7 September. Elite Livestock Online bidding added attention from further afield. Seventeen vendors offered a fantastic line-up of 50 locally bred Brahman bulls, including eight herd bulls.

Out of the 50 lots offered, 36 sold for a gross of $149,000 with an average of $4139 and a final clearance of 72%. Organisers felt that the continuing dry conditions contributed to the slightly lower clearance from last year.

Top priced bull was Lot 3, Gigoomgan Vancouver, a big powerful creamy bull weighing 978 kg. The 34 month old is by Mt Callan Longbow 227/10 and out of Gigoomgan Fortune, bred by local vendors Les and Felicity Rockemer and family of Gigoomgan Brahmans. He sold to St Neots, Cinnabar for $11,000. Gigoomgan sold four bulls for an average $5750.

The Gibbs family, Biggenden offered polled red Muan Tate 5719, who attracted the second highest price of $7500 from Matt Tennyson, Taroom. Tate is by the impressive sire Yeoman 2200/3 and weighed 900 kg at just 23 months of age. The Gibbs family offered three bulls for an average $4750.

Third top price of $6500 was fetched by Blue Blood Zeus by renown sire Glengarry Sub Zero 1590. At 992 kg Zeus was the heaviest bull in the draft. He was offered by Drew and Kirsty Curtis, Mooloo and purchased by Weller Pastoral, Eidsvold. The Curtis family sold three bulls for an average $4417.

Allan Ford of Cedar Lane/Ego Brahman Stud sold five quality bulls for an average $4700, selling to a top of $5500 for red polled bull, Ego Moro. Moro is a son of polled Garglen sire, Tabasco, and Tartrus Miss Moroka 6459R (H).

Russell and Estelle Aberdein of Carleesa, Biggenden offered a good line of five grey herd bulls, which sold for an average of $3600. The Schultz family, Hillview Stud, sold two bulls, which sold to a top of $4000.

Royce and Beryl Sommerfeld of Brarock Brahmans sold Brarock Flynn for $4000. Also selling for $4000 each was Besanther Vale Mr Bently, bred by Caleb Weis, Goomeri and Bill and Sue Blakeney’s Warraka Jamayne.

Dave and Robyn Raymont, Sha Ann Brahmans sold two herd bulls for an average $4125 and Jim and Jenny Bauer of Elanora Park, Gin Gin, offered three quality grey bulls (including two polls) for an average of $3750. Greg Schonkknecht, GML

Carleesa crew with Deb Frampton “Little Creek Brahmans” and Sharon Turner “Wilarandy/Y3K Brahmans.”
Pastoral, Booubyjan sold two Cedar Brook bulls for an average of $3250.

Selling for $3000 each were Ian and Debbie Frampton’s Little Creek Chernobyl, Steve and Sharon Turner’s polled Wilarandy Kaiser and Capricorn Estates’ polled Capricorn Achilles. Grant Berrie, Mt Shamrock, Biggenden also sold a red poll herd bull for $3000.

Brett Becker of Barkley Brahman, Murgon offered two bulls and is keen to support the sale again next year.

Multiple buyer, Brian Conroy, Esk picked up four bulls for an average of $3750. GML Pastoral were the winners of the Lucky Bid Card receiving an original pastel painting ‘Mother and Son’ by Felicity Rockemer.

Agents for the sale were Grant Daniel and Long and Sullivans Livestock and Rural Services. Dan Sullivan said it was a strong sale considering how the weather has been. Organisers are looking forward to next year with every intention to present another strong line-up of quality bulls at reasonable prices for beef producers.

Return bidders, Malcolm and Leesa Booth, “Nukienda” Crowsnest.
Future females break new ground at Hamdenvale sale

By Cindy Benjamin

David and Joy Deguara and family, Hamdenvale, Mackay, and invited vendors Tony and Joanne Fenech and family’s Fenech Brahmans (FBC, Wowan) and Damian Sturdy’s Akama Brahmans (Gargett) offered 38 quality grey and red females for sale at the third Hamdenvale ‘Females of the Future’ sale on 25 October at Mackay Showgrounds Cattle Precinct.

Hamdenvale Principal, David Deguara said he was very pleased to have again received such great interest and support for these females we offer.

Repeat purchasers, Eddie, Josie and Emanuel Pace, Blue Waters Hills Stud paid the sale-topping price of $16,000 for Hamdenvale Amelia 1470/58, an 11-month old IVF daughter of Mr V8 Noble 458/7 and Hamdenvale Angelina.

Top price of the FBC draft was $13,000, paid by repeat buyer Tracey Watts for FBC Anne Dakota Manso 340/2, a polled daughter of Rathlyn N Giano 12191. Tracey also paid $9000 for FBC T Miss Jess De Manso 097.

Akama Katniss topped the draft for Damian Sturdy, being purchased by Gary Hiette for $13,000. This female was sold with a 9-month old heifer calf at foot by FBC Impact Manso and carries a 7 month pregnancy to polled bull Graceland Noisy Boy.

Lot 1 of the sale proved a great opportunity for Gavin Scott of Rosetta to obtain value for money. Paying $12,500, he obtained proven fertility with Hamdenvale Angelina with Hamdenvale Elena (P) at foot and in calf to JDH Sir Wallace Manso. At 3 years of age Angelina is already the dam of 14 IVF calves and represents a great donor cow opportunity for her new owners.

The Stevens Family, Cremona Stud, Julia Creek were again great supporters of the sale, purchasing four Hamdenvale females for a top price of $5500 and trucking a total of eight heifers from the sale – two from Akama and two from Fenech Brahmans, including FBC Lady Lilly Manso 332/2 by FBC Triple Four Manso 444/1 for $9000.
HAMDENVALE AMELIA - $16,000
A special thanks to the Pace Family, Blue Water Hills

HAMDENVALE ANGELINA - $12,000
Thanks to the Gavin Scott of Rosetta

Thank you

FEMALES of the FUTURE Sale

We would like to thank all buyers and bidders, our staff, agents, MDM and Mackay Show Society

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Selling at Big Country Sale Charters Towers 2020
The Goodwin Family, Alpha took home FBC Lady Lilly Manso 338/2, a daughter of Rathlyn N Giano 12191 out of FBC Lady Lilly Manso 381/1 for $8000.

Repeat buyer, Gary Johns again obtained two good heifers in Hamdenvale Dominica, a daughter of JDH Domino Manso 200/8 out of Lot 1, Hamdenvale Angelina, for $5000 and her half-sister, Hamdenvale Benedicta, a Mr VB Noble 458/7 daughter out of Hamdenvale Angelina for $10,000.

Lawson and Sophie Camm, Cambill Brahms purchased the only JDH Sir Reno Manso heifer, out of Hamdenvale Jesse 492/9 to be offered this year for $10,000.

Local Nebo breeder, Penny Szepanowski, purchased three Hamdenvale heifers, to a top of $6000 for Hamdenvale Allie, a daughter of the polled bull JDH Summit Manso 941/1 and a fourth purchase of $6500 for polled Akama Shontey.

Repeat buyers the Angel Family, Glengarry purchased the ‘Hamdenvale – Pick of the Flush’ for $10,000, choosing to take a male calf by Mr VB 279 out of former show cow, Hamdenvale Melinda 939. Scott Angel and Croyden Sturdy also purchased Hamdenvale Kitty 1474/58 – a daughter of Mr VB Noble 458/7 out of Hamdenvale Melinda 939.

Hamdenvale Marie, a JDH Domino Manso 200/8 and Hamdenvale Connie by local sire PBF Heirwood Manso were purchased by repeat buyers, Charles Darwin University and will make their home at Katherine, NT.

Chris Fenech purchased Hamdenvale Hilary by JDH Modelo Manso 268/5 for $8000 while Jarrod and Leanne Deguara, Bimbora Brangus purchased Hamdenvale Crissy by Mr VB 279/7.

Local breeders, Pindi Brahms also picked up Akama L Trudy, a nice young heifer by Graceland Noisy Boy.

The Deguara, Fenech and Sturdy families wish all buyers the very best with their purchases and would like to thank all bidders for their interest in the Brahman females offered for sale.
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Hughenden, North Queensland will be the new home of the PBF Annual Sale $52,500 top selling bull, PBF Mufasa Manso. The 988kg long, strong son of PBF Oryon came into the selling ring as lot 3 on sale day, before a good crowd of studmasters and cattle producers from across Queensland. Armed also with the sale's biggest EMA scan of 150 sqcm and a 6.2% IMF scan, Mufasa attracted bids from many quarters around the ring, however it was a phone bid from Pensini Grazing, Cameron Downs, Hughenden that prevailed to purchase the well bred sire.

The top seller set the mood for a strong, successful sale result with spirited bidding evident throughout the auction. At the end of the day, 53 bulls were traded at an average of $13,055 while 18 young registered heifers averaged $5,030.

PBF Simba Manso, the sale’s heaviest bull, 1,030kg at 25 months, returned the sale’s second highest price. This full bodied son of PBF Mortlock Manso with a double cross of Mandrake in his pedigree, made $38,000 selling to David & Holly Stevens, Cremona Brahmans, Julia Creek.

Two sons of PBF Western Manso each made $27,000. The first was PBF Hakuna, a 2yo blue grey of 880kg that is all eye catching quality, reflecting his McManus/Christoda damline. He sold to Ian & Debbie Frampton, Little Creek Brahmans, Dallarnil. Later in the sale, Rob Flute, Chatsworth Brahmans, Richmond selected PBF Lars Manso for the same price. He was one of 8 bulls that Rob took home to his bull breeding operation...
from the sale, at an average price of $13,625. Another of his top quality selections at $26,000 was PBF Sunset Manso, a well grown, long bodied 2yo that scaled 932kg on sale day.

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$10,500 High Seller for Heifers

Leading sale prices in the Heifer Section was the 11 month old JDH Thor Manso daughter, PBF Sarabi Manso. She sold for $10,500 to repeat buyers Ball Family Trust of Sarina. Rob White, RM Pastoral, Wilangi Marlborough purchased the first two heifers of the sale, including, at $10,000, PBF Phoebe Manso, a stylish, feminine, white grey from solid breeding lines.

The Stevens Family of Cremona Brahmans, Julia Creek were the leading heifer buyers securing five from the line-up. Dan & Sally Beauchamp of Bumble Creek Stud, Toolakea, North Queensland took home a good pigment female with a combination of bloodlines representing PBF’s most successful over many years. $8,000 secured their purchase.

Paul & Brigid Fenech were pleased with the Sale result stating that the positive result endorsed their Stud’s breeding programme. “The market support for all the progeny of our home bred sires today was excellent, and it reinforces the genetic lines we have identified and developed as highly suitable for the Australian industry,” Paul said.

Agents: Elders, SBB, GDL and McCaffrey’s Australian Livestock Marketing.
Strong support for Lancefield Sale

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Vendor studs Lancefield, Lancefield M, 2AM, Palmal and Elrose were very pleased at the end of the day’s selling for the Lancefield Brahmans Invitation Sale, as strong buyer support from as far away as the Northern Territory, New South Wales, North and North West Queensland, Mackay, Clermont and local C.Q. areas competed actively on the good quality, all grey offering of bulls, to take sale results on average 17% above 2018 figures. A 100% clearance of 93 bulls was achieved at an average of $12,585.

A combination of studmasters and steer breeders attended with the sale fulfilling its claim of catering to the budgets of all bull buyers.

The 850kg, milk tooth bull, Lancefield M Eclipse, by Lancefield M Eguchi, topped the sale at $48,000 selling to Stanbroke Pastoral Co.; the heavy muscled bull will go to Fort Constantine, Cloncurry. Mark Perkins, General Manager - Properties handled the bidding for Stanbroke, and the sale topper is one of five impressive bulls the renowned pastoral company purchased at the sale, averaging $30,000. Five minutes into the sale Stanbroke made their presence felt, outlaying $36,000 for lot 3 Palmal Marvel, a big volume 944kg, 148 sqcm EMA, strong sire type by NCC Marzipan. Elrose Able, a 2yo of 833kg with excellent length, heavy muscling and big hindquarter also went the way of Stanbroke; a $30,000 purchase.

AJ & Pam Davison, Viva Brahmans, Middlemount locked on to lot 4 Palmal Dynamo and bid strongly to $44,000 to secure him. His combination of breed qualities, sire character, top level beef performance and proven pedigree lines gives the Davisons every confidence he’ll breed at a high level in their stud. Dynamo is a son of NCC Lord Delaware, a leading sire for Palmal and 2AM studs.

The Robke Family, Martin Plains Brahmans, Mirani have utilised Lancefield bloodlines in their stud for many years with success. They returned to the sale and selected the scred, pedigree powerful, white grey sire prospect, Lancefield S Glenroy for $42,000. At 874kg and 147 sqcm EMA, he backs the beef.
Lancefield Brahmans Invitation Sale

Sale Success

93 Grey Bulls

Mostly Milk Tooth
• Av Age 24 months
• Av Weight 774 kg
• Av EMA 137 sq cm
• Av Scrotal 37.7 cm

Averaged $12,585

100% Clearance

Thank you to ALL OUR BUYERS & BIDDERS from Queensland, New South Wales and the Northern Territory.

SPECIAL THANKS to the purchasers of the Sale’s Top Price Bull, Mark Perkins, General Manager - Properties, Stanbrooke Pastoral Co.

and to the Sale’s Volume Buyers inc. APN Pty Ltd, Everingham Pastoral Co., Cattle JV Pty Ltd, RJ & MF Leather, the White Family of Wilangyi, Gulf Coast Stud, KA Knuth Inv, Brett Cattle Co.

Lancefield M Eclipse, with Matthew & Janelle McCamley and Brad Passfield of Hourn & Bishop, sold for $48,000 (too Sale Price) to Stanbrooke Pastoral Co. Fort Constantine, Clermont. (OCS photo)

Lancefield S Glenroy, with Brad Passfield of Hourn & Bishop and Scott McCamley sold for $24,000 to RW & Ge Robke & Son, Martin Plains Stud, Mirani. (OCS photo)

We wish all Brahman Breeders and Cattle Producers a Merry Christmas and the Best for Good Seasons and Markets for 2020

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performance of his proven pedigree lines including Buster, Meryl, Brancha, Kinsman, etc.

There was a constant flow of pre-sale inspections by astute studmasters towards 2AM Cadman. His sire style, presence, and overall excellent weight for age and carcass performance at 23 months, indicated a successful stud future. He will get every chance as Shane & Sandra Bishop, Garglen Brahman Stud were the winning bidders on him at $37,500. 2AM also presented an exceptional 21 month old sire prospect later in the sale, a son of their stalwart sire Excalibur. 2AM Endeavour is very correct and quiet, with obvious sire potential. Rob & Una Oates, Mt Brett Stud, Comet liked his qualities a lot and landed him for $34,000.

Two Lancefield M Romeo Manso sons made $30,000 each. John Nelson, Herbert Hall Enterprises, Charters Towers selected the first of them, Lancefield M Rutherford, an 820kg 2yo with strong breed character, pigment and great length and thickness. Late in the catalogue, Andrew & Roxanne Olve purchased the impressive Lancefield M Rifleman for the same price, attracted by his bone, softness, quiet temperament and very desirable breed characteristics. He will be a quality asset for the Raglan Stud breeding programme.

$26,000 was needed by North Queensland cattleman Dan Beauchamp to secure the poll sire prospect 2AM Emilio, another of the attractive young Excalibur sons in the sale, while sale vendors David & Julie McCamley of Palmal Stud invested in a quality poll sire. They outlaid $25,000 for Elrose Spencer, a soft blue grey sire of attractive muscle expression.

The heaviest bull of the sale was a 26 month old Lancefield herd bull. This long, thick bodied, strong character bull scaled 974kg and recorded a 145 sqcm EMA. His value for beef production was obvious to discerning cattle producers at the sale. He made $22,000 selling to a partnership of Bullrush Pastoral and Beebleee Pastoral Co. of Nebo. Joel Dawson of Brian Dawson Agencies handled the bidding for his clients.

The White Family of the renowned Wilangti Stud operation invested in 7 smart, strong character and high beef performance bulls at the sale. Ron & Bev White accounted for 4 bulls averaging $13,375, their top purchase at $22,000 was the 21 month old 2AM Cairo, a blue grey prospect of exciting stud potential. Their son, Robert and his wife Mandy of RM Pastoral signed for 3 sires at an average of $16,335. Catalogue front cover photo bull Elrose Deputy, a 2yo, 826kg son of NCC Marshall that shows excellent masculinity, sire appeal and carcass features was their top buy at $19,000.

2AM Currumbin, a poll, heavy muscled 2yo from a highly fertile dam also made $19,000 selling to Brett & Susan Kirk, Hazelton Brahmans, Middelmount. They also purchased for $17,000 Palmal Fosters, one of the first JDH Mr Fulton Manso sons the stud has offered.

The high quality consistency and standards of the vendor drafts right through the sale offering made it an attractive proposition for leading cattle producers to put together lines of quality, well credentialed bulls. Sale co-agent Hourn & Bishop selected a magnificent line of 12 bulls for their N.T. clients the Dwyer Family of Hayfield Station. At an average of $7,625 they were excellent buying. Similarly Sally Everingham, Roland Everingham Jnr and Deb Woodhouse came down from Oak Park Station, Einasleigh for the sale and selected a very impressive line of 8 bulls, including the high quality, 2yo poll sire Elrose Harry at $17,000.

Rob & Melinee Leather of Barfield, Banana also selected an eye catching group of 5 young, proven genetics bulls for a $7,900 average.

Selling agents and vendors were delighted with the sale result and the step up in buyer interest this year. “It was good to see a number of long time, repeat buyers who have enjoyed great breeding success with these bloodlines for many years,” Matthew McCamley said on behalf of the vendors, “they were joined by a number of new buyers; stud and commercial breeders, who identified the bulls our sale vendor group collectively put up for sale, and the strong genetics that back them, will have positive benefits for their breeding programmes.”

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$75,000 Massai son tops NCC

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NCC Cheltenham, a rising 2yo, blue grey, eye catching son of JDH Massai Manso topped the selling at the Annual NCC Brahman Sale at Inverrio, Duaringa in late October, making $75,000. Backed by a whopping 145 sqcm EMA scan and loads of sire character, Cheltenham caught the eye of Stewart and Tom Nobbs of Yoman Stud, Moura and they bid strongly to secure him.

The quality young stud prospect is from a daughter of Mandrake that has previously produced high selling sons at the NCC Sale, up to $120,000.

It was an auspicious debut for the progeny of Massai at the NCC Sale with 30 of his sons averaging $17,150 ‘under the hammer’, and 8 of the sale’s top 10 sellers produced by this strong, first season sire. NCC studmaster Brett Nobbs was pleased with the buyer response to the progeny of his new sireline on a day that provided buying value to stud sire and commercial bull buyers. “It is great to see Massai sons going from the sale into top stud herds including Yoman, Carinya, Ahern, El Ja, Rosetta, Apis Creek, Mt Brett and others,” he said. “they will get a great start to establish themselves in the industry.”

Overall this year’s sale cleared 100% with the 95 bulls offered averaging $12,965. Figures were down on the last couple of years’ record results, which allowed commercial cattle producers the opportunity to compete for bulls at favourable prices. Over half the bull offering sold at prices under $10,000.

“Again our sale results record the suitability of the NCC offering and its alignment with the bull buying budgets of progressive commercial cattle breeders,” Brett Nobbs said.

It was Roger & Roslyn Nobbs of Garwin Stud, Moura who produced an early sale highlight winning a bidding battle at $70,000 for Lot 3, NCC Lord Drayton, a 32 month old JDH Mr Elmo son. Scaling 958kg and scanning 153 sqcm of eye muscle area, he looks a ready made sire with his natural beef performance and strong character combination. His breeding lines have already enjoyed top level success in the industry.

John Kirk of Carinya Stud, Gayndah invested in three young Massai sons at the sale including, at $55,000 NCC Portslade. He was one of the youngest bulls in the sale at 20 months, however his beautiful breed quality and style, combined with outstanding carcass credentials made him the centre of heavy pre-
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This same Massai/Boswick pedigree backed Les & Helen Donald’s $37,500 purchase of NCC Blackburn for their El Ja Stud at Theodore. This rising 2yo is of strong pigment and features tremendous muscling and hindquarter.

$36,000 was needed by Gavin and Dillon Scott, Rosetta Grazing Co., Collinsville to secure NCC El Tigre, a heavy boned, Massai/Elmo son. Ernie & Kylie Camp, Floraville Downs, Burketown selected the 916kg, 2 and½ year old NCC Pickering for $32,500 early in the Sale. He’s a strong boned, full bodied bull of excellent temperament and was the first of the sons of Massai to be offered.

Ron & Daphne Kirk of Yenda Brahmans, Gayndah purchased two young attractive sire types at the sale, both sons of Renco Law and Order. They bid $30,000 for NCC Aylesbury and paid $22,000 for the heavyweight youngster NCC Epic, who is bred out of a clone of the dam of JDH Mr Elmo Manso.

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Travis and Neil Harling, Carawah Brahmans, Springsure would be delighted with their purchase of NCC Alford for $26,000. He’s a high quality, 22 month old sire prospect of great breed style, beef performance, temperament and sire appeal. He weighed 828kg, with an EMA 146 sqcm at under 2yo.

The small offering of red bulls was topped at $26,000 by NCC Beaufort, a high weight for age, strong headed, good bodied son of JDH Mr Elmo Manso. He was purchased by Tony Brown, Pioneer Park Brahman Stud, Mackay. Also in the reds, John Roberts of Springsure paid $19,000 for NCC Da Costa, a rusty red of impressive bone and muscling, 150 sqcm of eye muscle and a Duracell/Dienka pedigree of proven performance. Colin Fernie, Yarrawonga, Blackwater took home a soft, easy doing, light red bull of strong bone and broad topline at $18,000.

Among the volume bull buyers who shopped well through the offering were Eric & Lyn Slack-Smith, Richmond (6 bulls) and Jeff Hyden, Rolleston (7 bulls).

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Two small packages of semen from the bull Polled Pathfinder 24 were also sold at the sale for $2,600 per straw to Lorneville Brahmans, Bowen and Wallubial Brahman Stud, Condamine respectively.

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A $13,000 bid secured the last lot of the day, NCC Jewel 4360. She was purchased by Don & Julie Hurrell, HH Park Stud, Gympie. The sale’s sole red heifer by Kenrol Mr HJ Ray (P) was soft, smooth and correct. She was purchased by online bidders Charles Darwin University of the Northern Territory.

Brett, Allen and Carlyne Nobbs of NCC Stud generously donated a grey stud heifer in the auction, with full proceeds to go to the Royal Flying Doctor Service. The heifer realised $6,000 and she sold to Leisa Goodwin, Narounyah, Alpha.

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Dillon Scott (right), Rosetta Grazing, Collinsville admires his purchase, NCC EL Anna 4331, the $24,000 Top Price Heifer of the NCC Brahman Sale being presented by Tania Sainsbury for NCC Stud.
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One in a Zillion at Gold City sale

By Cindy Benjamin

Numbers were up by 40 per cent at the 2019 Gold City Brahman Sale with 29 vendors cataloguing 130 lots, including 36 quality herd bulls.

With a 98 per cent clearance the sale earned a gross revenue of $731,500 from 127 lots – well up on last year’s result.

The 91 registered sires averaged $6005 to top of $23,500 for polled sire Laguna Zillion 2nd. The 37 registered greys averaged $6420.

Vendors catalogued 54 registered reds to return an average average price of $5722 to a top of $15,000 for polled Kangarin A A488.

Herd bulls sold for an average $5140 to a top of $16,500 for 33-month polled Kenilworth 5717. The 17 herd reds averaged $4765, while the 19 grey sold for an average $5474.

John and Betty Atkinson, Laguna prefix, Proserpine topped the sale with Laguna Zillion 2nd selling to Bill Reddie and Laura Wallace, Turalba Valley, Lakeland for $23,500 as their sole investment on the day. Sired by polled Mogul Zephyr Manso, Zillion’s dam, Laguna Miss Oriana 2nd is a daughter of El Ja Supremo Manso and has reared seven calves. Zillion led a team of six greys from Laguna for an average $7760.

Graham Dudarko, Bloela attracted the top red money of $15,000 for polled Kangarin A A488, a polled son of Burradoo Aristocrat and Kangarin A Dixie A415. He was the sole purchase of the Fry family, Arafura Cattle Co, Hughenden.
The second top price paid at the Gold City sale was $19,000 for Mervyn Hancock’s polled grey H Park Stetson who sold to Jack Smith’s Green Grass Developments, Bluff Downs, Charters Towers.

Sired by polled Willtony Stetson and out of H Park dam Miss Charley, Stetson led a team of two from H Park to average $11,750.

Lance and Karen Pope, Yabulu posted the third best price of $17,000 for Glenborough Hayden Manso. The son of FBC Hunter 735/1 and Glenborough Peta Pan Manso sold to the Knuth family, Glencoe, Charters Towers. Haden led a team of five Glenborough prefix sires that sold for an average $10,100.

Kelvin and Margaret Maloney of Kenilworth Brahmans, Mt Coolon catalogued six herd bulls at this year’s sale to earn an average $8083. Polled herd bull Kenilworth 5670 caught the attention of buyers, selling for $16,500 to join the sire battery at Peter and Brenton Malpass’ Swans Lagoon, Millaroo.

Troy Lindsay’s team of seven registered Toy Boy prefix grey sires averaged $5285. In the red section, Jim and Bonnie Besley, Bungarribee, Barmoya sold their 8-strong team for an average $5500.

The largest draft to truck from Gold City this year was 12 bulls – six red and six grey – bound for Ken and Deborah Smith, Limbri, Hughenden. The dozen sires, including four herd bulls fetched an average $4625, including 34-month red poll Doonside Hugo.

The largest draft catalogued at the 2019 sale came from Lance and Sonia Faint’s, Karmoo Pastoral Coy, Clermont. Their nine red and two grey herd bulls sold for an average $4045.
Polls fetch top money at Beef Country 2019

By Cindy Benjamin, photo by Sara Graffunder

On 15 November buyers gathered in Nebo’s undercover arena for the twelfth Beef Country Sale ready to vie for the 57 quality bulls from three Central Queensland vendors.

Hazelton and Crinum prefixes cleared all 57 head, selling to a top of $20,000 and an average $5587.

Brett and Susan Kirk’s Hazelton stud, Blackwood, Middlemount sold 37 bulls for an average $5986. Leading the pack was red poll, Hazelton Milburn 4942, who has a new home at Redskin Droughtmasters. This son of Muan A Mitchum 3693 and Hazelton Indian Dove 1586 was the sole purchase of Ken and Debbie Rutherford from Redbank Cattle Co, Moranbah.

Second top price of $13,000 was paid for two polled Hazelton bulls, Mitch 4953 and Kensington H904.

Hazelton Mitch 4953 (P) is another son of Muan A Mitchum 3693 (P), and out of Hazelton Miss Apollo 1638. This light red bull was purchased by repeat buyer Ted Murphy, Tayglen Cattle Co, Dysart. Ted also picked out two other Hazelton bulls, both greys for an average $5500.

Pollied Hazelton Kensington H904 is a light red bull by polled sire NCC Kidston 2200. He was the sole purchase of Bill and Vicky Pownall, ‘Skyville’, Moranbah.

Light red sire Hazelton Motorola 5096 was the third son of polled Muan A Mitchum 3693 to attract top money at the sale. Out of Hazelton dam Charisma 4040, he sold for $12,000 and led the draft of five bulls, four Hazelton and one Crinum T, that Ian Michelmore, Fort Cooper, Nebo selected for an average of $8600.

Three bulls, two Hazelton polls and one Crinum herd bull sold for $9000. Hazelton bulls Kodak H906 and Kansas H846 are both by polled sire NCC Kidston 2200 sold to Redfield Pastoral, Blackwater and Fort Cooper P/L respectively.

The Crinum bull topped the draft of 17 bulls that John Randell, Tieri catalogued for the sale and sold for an average $4529.

Terry Randell, Crinum T prefix, Tieri catalogued three bulls, selling to a top of $8500 for Scotto, and an average $6666. Red Crinum T Scotto is by polled sire Brahrock HJ Mr Scott and out of Tartrus dam Mystique 7147.

The largest draft to leave the sale was seven bulls, selling to Teitzel Grazing Trust, Bowen for an average $3357 and a top of $4500.

In addition to the five lots that went to Fort Cooper Station for an average of $8600, the O’Sullivan Family Trust, Cherwell, Clermont and Clive and Dianne Watts, ‘Umina’ Collinsville also took home five bulls for an average $4400 and $3400 respectively.

Strong buyer support from the north ranging from Bowen across to Charters Towers and the surrounding local area saw the sale generate a total return to vendors of $318,500. The 24 greys and 33 reds averaged $4437 and $6424 respectively.
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Olive Vale upgrades genetics

By Cindy Benjamin

Olive Vale Pastoral's extensive grazing and dryland cropping operation near Laura on the lower Cape York Peninsula, west of Cooktown has been particularly active at Brahman bull sales in the last few months.

Livestock manager Andrew Paynter says circumstances had allowed Olive Vale to access improved genetics to replace an aging cohort of bulls working in their 16,000 head breeder herd.

Olive Vale Pastoral is a 300 thousand hectare aggregation of three contiguous lower Cape York properties – Olive Vale, Fairview and Koolburra – stretching northwest from the township of Laura along the edge of Queensland's second-largest national park, Rinyirru (Lakefield) National Park.

Rinyirru is 537 thousand hectares in size and lies between Olive Vale’s aggregation and Princess Charlotte Bay on the east coast of the Cape. The properties lie in the headwaters of the Kennedy, Normanby and Laura River systems. Olive Vale was one of the earliest grazing properties taken up in response to the demand for beef during the Palmer River gold rush in the 1870s and 80s.

Drawn by the reliability and abundance of rain, Olive Vale's owners Evan, Paul and Scott Ryan have consolidated their grazing operations with the recent sale of 'Retreat' near Jundah in favour of adding 'Koolburra' to Olive Vale Pastoral's holdings on the Cape. The Ryans first invested in Olive Vale in 2006 and 10 years later they harvested Queensland’s northern-most sorghum crop.

To take advantage of the high rainfall during the Wet season the Ryans have developed a 1600 ha area for dryland crop and fodder production. They are also investing in more water reticulation and storage infrastructure to maximise productivity and to open the potential for irrigation if the beginning of the Wet season is delayed.

"Being able to grow fodder crops such as hybrid sorghum is a game-changer for beef production in this region," says Andrew. "We are producing young cattle for live export into the Indonesian feeder market.
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and having access to fodder makes it much easier to achieve the weights required."

Sorghum planting is timed so that it can be cut a few times for hay and then grazed with weaners straight off the cows. There are two rounds of weaning each year.

Having the fodder available allows the operation to retain more steers and spayed heifers, and to finish them all to meet the live export requirements of a minimum liveweight of 300 kg. Andrew says they aim to have the weaner mobs reach the 350 kg average as quickly as possible. Once the weight has been reached the cattle are processed at Charters Towers before being shipped from Townsville.

Andrew is hopeful that the progressive upgrade and tar sealing of the Peninsula Developmental Road will eventually mean cattle can be trucked to the deep-water port at Weipa, reducing the time spent on-board the ships.

**New male genetics**

Olive Vale Pastoral has been buying semen tested bulls for many years. Being assured of the fertility of the bulls, they run bulls at 3 per cent of breeder numbers, rather than the traditional 5 per cent for extensive grazing properties. They generally buy paddock bulls but this year they found excellent value for money in fed bulls at Rockhampton Brahman Week Sale and Gold City sale, where they chose 53 and 12 bulls respectively. Although restricted to buying bulls from the tick-declared zones, Andrew and his agent Liam Kirkwood from Ray White Rural, Charters Towers managed to secure 10 per cent of the greys at RBWS.

"After both the sales we bought more bulls to fill the trucks and plan to buy more before the Wet season begins," says Andrew. "Along with the proven fertility of the bulls on offer, we were also able to compare the measured traits that are important to us, like birth weight and growth rate."

The bulls have been on hay in preparation for being joined to the maiden heifers in December. Once the heifers raise their first calf, they join the breeder herds where the bulls run year-round.

Breeders are culled primarily on fertility through pre-testing and drafting out any cows that ‘look dry’ at mustering. Severe bushfires last year resulted in cattle losses and damage to water infrastructure such as tanks, particularly on Koolburra. Andrew has been buying truckloads of replacement heifers throughout the dry season to bring the breeder herd numbers back to carrying capacity. Although Olive Vale received more than 1875 mm rainfall last year (75 inches in the old money), Andrew says the properties are not prone to flooding.

"There are eight main river and creek systems through the properties that drain water away very efficiently and the cattle were never in danger even though the rain in February was phenomenal," he says.

Under the Reef Protection Initiative, all major rivers on Olive Vale and Fairview have been fenced to exclude livestock from river frontages during
Breeding Success in Dry Times

by Rocky Repro

There is no magic bullet, however, management has the greatest impact on breeding success in dry times. Rocky Repro and CattlePlan presented a talk at Brahman Week 2019 discussing this in-depth.

Brahmans undergo three follicular waves each oestrus cycle. Each follicular wave is in response to hormonal stimulation. The combination of waves results in a dominant follicle primed for ovulation an subsequent fertilisation. Indrought, follicles often are smaller and unviable as a result of reduced hormonal input. This needs to be rectified if possible.

Where possible, it is important a well-rounded diet is provided from a young age. Not enough protein results in the body struggling to produce suitable levels of energy, which results in lower circulating levels of hormones. Nutrition is also important for developing bulls. Protein is not only important for growth, but also seminal fluid and a greater ejaculate volume. However too much, specifically grain, can lead to morphological defects which prevents conception and/or embryo growth.

Preventative health management is critical in dry times, vaccinations, worming, mineral injections, etc are all obviously crucial to a healthy animal. It is important all boosters are completed six weeks before joining. And no additional treatments given for six weeks after joining. This allows the immune system to have recognised and dealt with the treatment appropriately.

It is critical any changes, movement, preventative health management, etc are completed 6 weeks prior to joining and not for six weeks after. The reason for this is stress! When an animal undergoes stress, it releases certain hormones (including cortisol) that impact the reproductive system in negative ways. In a bull, these hormones can lead to morphological defects, decreasing conception and pregnancy rates. In a female, they lower levels of circulating hormones, which results in smaller follicles. Smaller follicles secrete less hormones which often results in “silent” heats. Additionally, if insemination occurs, there is decreased maternal recognition and thus conception rates from the lowered hormone levels.

Performing fixed-time artificial insemination (FTAI) in dry times enables tighter calving groups. Hormone injections are used to mimic the female reproductive cycle. CattlePlan by Minilube have adjusted their protocols after intensive research specifically for Bos indicus females. The progesterone device used contains lower levels than other brands, and as studies have indicated Brahman females respond better to this lower dose. Too much progesterone in Bos indicus females suppresses the oestrus cycle. Brahman have a slower rate of hormone metabolism compared to other species and this is notable with poor BCS individuals. The device’s smaller surface area also impacts the ease of absorption. Rocky Repro has had great success with these lower, “correct” level dosed devices. Additionally, significant evidence an eCG hormone included in the FTAI program has shown this hormone increases the level of other hormones needed for follicular growth. It is a beneficial adjunct in drought times.

Furthermore, in any FTAI program at any time, it’s imperative the semen used is of high quality. Not only does the straw need to contain a high percentage of progressively motile spermcells, but also a high percentage of morphologically normal cells, at a specific density. Have your semen tested or get a report before use.

Many factors are involved in the individual fertility of an animal, as well as the overall success of your breeding programs. Both Rocky Repro and CattlePlan are willing to help with semen analysis, program set-up and everything else involved. So please contact us for further information and help with setting up your AI programs.

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the Wet season, Koolburra currently has river fencing projects under way.

The Olive Vale aggregation is based on native grasses which can grow quite rank in the Wet. Dry licks and molasses are fed out prior to the Wet to assist with nutrition and digestibility of the native grasses. To improve the quality of the pasture and the soil they have been actively spreading Seca stylo seed across the properties. Seed is spread by both aerial application and through feeding out to the cattle, and the hardy legume is establishing and persisting well.

About 20 staff are employed at Olive Vale Pastoral and numbers are expected to increase as the farming side of the operation goes ahead. The Ryans have always seen value in having their own equipment and skilled operators while also accessing contractors during peak periods.

Cropping on the Cape

In partnership with DAF, the Ryans have undertaken extensive trial work to determine the viability of a range of crops, including sorghum, mungbeans, sesame and rice, for the Olive Vale aggregation.

Paul Ryan says that a DAF-funded trial cropping report for Olive Vale in 2017 showed an average yield across all sorghum varieties of 4.88 t/ha. Rice and mungbeans also yielded well and show great promise as cropping options.

There are now 1000 ha of heavy black clay soils ready to plant to crops over summer. With access to paddocks difficult once the Wet season begins, Andrew says they have had good crop establishment through dry sowing.

To reduce the risk of erosion and sediment polluting the Great Barrier Reef, the Ryans have kept all clearing and farming activities well away from the water courses. To maintain as much ground cover as much as possible, crops are planted using minimum tillage methods and all crops are fenced with vermin-proof fencing.

“There are bananas and watermelon being grown just south of Laura and we see great opportunities for food production on the Cape,” says Andrew. “We are also actively developing a tourism venture at Koolburra, providing visitors with insights into outback station life and the unique landscape and abundant wildlife.”

Work on the 60 km section of the Peninsula Developmental Road from Laura to the northern boundary of Koolburra is almost complete. The road cuts through the Olive Vale aggregation and will enable more tourists to access Cape York Peninsula. An extensive accommodation facility at Koolburra is expected to be open to visitors by mid-2020.

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Brahmans top the taste testing at the Norman Hotel.

By Anastasia Fanning

In 2015 the Norman Hotel, Brisbane created a concept to have a Taste Testing Competition between four breeds. The four breeds may be Tropical, British or European. In 2019 the four Tropical breeds chosen were Brahman, Droughtmaster, Santa Gertrudis and Charbray.

The patrons of the Hotel purchase a Taste Testing plate with 100g of each breed on the plate along with sides. They are also given a Taste Testing form to fill in stating tenderness, flavour and overall like. The top breed during the judging for that month is then the feature for the next month. For this year Brahman came out on top and this is the breeds second win, coming up champions also in 2015.

Speaking with Executive Chef Frank Correnti said, “The concept came about through wanting to further promote the protein of Beef with a touch of healthy competition between the breeds”. Generally, the competition has been held during the month of October to help celebrate the Norman Hotel’s Birthday however on further thought it was decided that a ready-made market in “the bushy’s” coming to town for the EKKA was being missed and a decision was made to have a launch event the Tuesday before judging with the breeders of the cattle in attendance.

What a great success it was with about 20 of our Brahman Breeders attending with the majority being exhibitors for our Feature Show to be held at the EKKA only a few days later. The Norman Hotel showed tremendous hospitality hosting us and the other breed representatives to an evening of taste testing the different breeds product through delicious morsels like Brahman hump pie and Santa Gertrudis sausages following a stunning Beef broth all washed down with beer and wine if required.

Since the launch early August patrons of the Hotel busily voted for Brahman Beef as their top choice and for the month of September consumed good quantities from the meat cabinet displaying many cuts of beef available for their purchase.

It was a lovely surprise to hear that the Hotel was going to hold a presentation lunch for us at the end of September and of course we would be consuming Brahman Sirloin Steak for our main course. The meal was fabulous with the steaks being tender, moist and deliciously full of flavour. Wendy Cole, Reade Radel and his wife Jill joined me for this special lunch with Executive Chef Frank, Tanya their Marketing Manager.
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Cooking The Perfect Steak
Frank Correnti, Executive Chef Norman Hotel

“After more than 25 years of working with beef, I am a true advocate that cooking is only a small part of a great steak eating experience”.

“A great steak begins a long time before cooking. It is the care and quiet management of cattle that producers put into their herds that contributes to better eating qualities. With this philosophy in mind you are destined to achieve a delicious, tender and flavoursome piece of steak”.

Here are my guidelines to cooking the perfect steak

Choosing your steak
Ensure that your steak is cut straight and even across the grain. This will ensure that when cooked it achieves an even doneness. A good piece of meat should have even colouring through the meat without looking too dark or bruised. Ideally it will have a “ruby red” appearance.

Preparation of your steak
To get the best result, ensure you bring the steak up to room temperature before cooking. This can take anywhere from 10 to 25 minutes depending on external temperatures.

Season your steak liberally with a good quality sea salt and ground pepper 5 minutes prior to cooking. Seasoning your steak too early will cause the salt to draw the internal moisture to the surface, resulting in a dry steak.

Preparing your cooking surface
Whether you are using a BBQ or a heavy cast iron pan, preheat the cooking surface for at least 15 minutes prior to cooking. If the plate is not hot enough, the steak tends to boil or stew, resulting in a poor eating experience.

Cooking your steak
Once the steak is at room temperature, seasoned well and the BBQ or plate is at temp you are ready to start.

Place your steak on the plate, leave steak to cook on the first side until you can easily lift off without it sticking. This will eliminate “ripping” the meat. Repeat this process for the second side.

Once sealed, I’m an advocate of turning a steak as many times as you feel it needs to create an evenly cooked steak from both sides. I disagree with the general rule of waiting until the blood rises to the top as this will cause you to lose the necessary juices, to ensure your steak is juicy, full flavoured and tender.

Cooking times are dependent on your required doneness, steak thickness and cut. I always recommend removing the steak 2-3 minutes before it is ready to allow the steak to rest. The steak will continue to cook through the resting process, it will draw any juices back into the meat and allow the steak to relax resulting in a more tender and enjoyable eating experience.

Remember that every piece of meat is different, however if you follow the above recommendations, with plenty of practice I am sure you will achieve the perfect piece of steak every time.
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How is the Brahman breed benefiting from genomics? How can you maximise benefits into the future?

By Rob Banks, David Johnston & Matt Wolcott AGBU

Introduction: the story so far

The Brahman breed in Australia has been using genomics to help identify bulls and cows with superior genetics for a number of years. Initially that was via simple tests based on small numbers of gene markers, but since mid-2017 Brahman BREEDPLAN has used the single-step method.

Single-step BREEDPLAN involves a sophisticated analysis of records for traits of economic importance and pedigree information, which is now enhanced by data on thousands of DNA markers. These help determine the genetic relationships between animals more precisely, and in the process, exploit information from animals that share DNA patterns in common, whether they are close relatives or not. And, this helps describe genetic merit more accurately and earlier in life – equivalent to doing amount of actual recording.

What does this mean in practice?

The bull was not recorded for any BREEDPLAN traits, but his genotype was collected and included in the Brahman Single-step BREEDPLAN analysis, which allowed him to be offered for sale with a comprehensive set of EBVs.

The EBVs all have useful accuracies – for example, his EBV for Days to Calving has accuracy similar to what it would be if he had 12 daughters with actual days to calving records.

So, simply because the bull had a hair sample and his DNA read, and because he was related to animals in the reference population, both the breeder and potential buyers now have a very useful assessment of his genetic merit for almost all traits in the Brahman BREEDPLAN evaluation.

Further, this bull is listed as heterozygous polled (HPc) on his web page. Previously this would not have been known without the genomic tests now available to Brahman breeders.

The same process can apply to any animal – male or female, young or old. As long as the animal is a Brahman, the BREEDPLAN analysis can provide EBVs for it, from the DNA alone.

It also applies whether the animal was born in a stud, or is simply a commercial animal. As long as the animal is Brahman, and has a DNA

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|Birth Wt (Kg) | +4.5 |
|200 Day Wt (Kg) | +22 |
|400 Day Wt (Kg) | +33 |
|600 Day Wt (Kg) | +43 |
|Matcow Wt (Kg) | +65 |
|Milck (Kg) | -5 |
|Scrotal Size (CM) | +0.4 |
|Days to Calving (DAYS) | -3.0 |
|Carcase Wt (Kg) | +29 |
|Eye Muscle Area (SQ. CM) | +3.1 |
|Rib Fat (MM) | -1.1 |
|Rump Fat (MM) | -2.4 |
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sample, it can be included in the Single-step BREEDPLAN analysis and get useful EBVs.

What is needed for Single-step EBVs?
The example just shown is pretty remarkable, but the EBVs don’t come out of thin air!

Two things are essential in order for a breeder or producer to get EBVs on an animal via genomic testing.

The first is simple – you have to take a sample (hair or other tissue) from which DNA can be extracted, and then genotyped in the lab using high density SNP panels, commonly 30k or higher.

The second is more challenging, and is the real core of determining what the Brahman breed can get from genomics.

In order for the bull shown above to get EBVs and accuracies via DNA alone, there has to be a large genomic reference population for the breed. A genomic reference population simply means a group of animals that are representative of the current population of the breed, and on which one or more traits have been recorded, and a DNA sample taken. In the jargon, its animals with phenotypes and genotypes.

The reference population can include for example bulls that have both recorded progeny and a genotype. Or, it can include animals in stud herds that have themselves been recorded and also had a DNA sample collected. And, it can include stud and commercial animals – it simply means animals for which some performance data has been collected on themselves and/or close relatives, and which have had a DNA sample taken.

It is important to point out that any animal which has both a genotype and performance records included in the BREEDPLAN evaluation will be part of the reference population, and that the accuracy of the evaluation will be driven not only by the genotyping strategy, but also by the quality of the performance data submitted for genotyped animals. Poor quality data (contemporary group not identified, age of dam not known, etc) is not as useful as data where the non-genetic factors are identified.

Why is it called a “reference” population? Because when we have an animal with a DNA sample, we essentially look up the patterns in that animal’s DNA in the reference library for the breed – the library that tells us how DNA patterns relate to performance.

The accuracy of EBVs obtained using genomics depends on two aspects of the reference population:

- Firstly, how well it reflects the overall gene pool of the breed. Ideally, the animals in the reference population will include descendants of all the sire and dam lines of the breed. If not, the genomic EBVs will not be as accurate or reliable for some segments of the breed. That is: animals with genotypes and no phenotypes rely on their relationship to the reference population to drive accuracy in the resulting breeding values.

- Secondly, the size of the reference population. This is assessed as the number of animals with a genotype and a phenotype for each trait, and in broad terms, the more the better.

The effect on numbers of animals in the reference on the accuracy of genomic breeding values is shown in the chart (which is a very famous one, developed by two Australian scientists Mike Goddard and Ben Hayes).

Each line on the chart shows how accuracy increases for an animal with genomics only with increasing numbers of animals with a record (phenotype) and DNA (genotype) in the reference. The lines are for traits with different heritability – in simple terms, the more heritable the trait, the more genomic accuracy you get for a particular number of animals recorded for the trait.

To give an example, the trait 400-day weight has a heritability of about 0.3 (or 30%), and is reflected by the blue line in the chart. If the reference population for the breed includes 4,000 animals with 400-day weights and a genotype, the accuracy we can expect for genomic breeding values – for an animal in the breed and with genotype only - will be about 0.5 or 50%.

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of genomic breeding values of around only 0.3 or 30%.

The Brahman reference population at this time includes:

- Animals recorded and genotyped in a number of studs
- Animals recorded and genotyped in several industry R&D projects, including the Repronomics project, the Brahman BIN project, the Kaiuroo MDC project and some earlier work in the Beef CRC

It’s important to note that the numbers of animals with phenotypes and genotypes varies between traits, so that the accuracy coming from genotyping will not be the same for all traits.

The other very important thing to remember about the reference population is that it needs to be kept relevant: it needs to be topped up with new animals with phenotypes and genotypes as the generations roll over. There is no hard and fast rule on this, but a good rule of thumb is to aim for 750-1,000 new animals bought into the reference population each year. They should be from a wide range of sire lines, and ideally have all the important traits recorded. The key traits to focus on here are the hard-to-measure traits. In practice, that might mean aiming to get data each year on 500+ males for growth and carcase traits, on 500+ females for early and lifetime female fertility, and ideally about the same number for male fertility traits on young bulls. Of course if feed efficiency, methane output, diseases and adaptation traits are important, they should be collected to – possibly on the males recorded for growth and carcase traits.

Reproduction is a key trait for Brahman cattle, and careful recording of fertility traits will be an essential component of the Brahman genomic reference population.

In the genomics era, the reference population is an incredibly important asset for the breed and its members. How to maximise the value of the asset? And who pays for it?

So what can breeders and producers do?

There are two aspects to this question. Firstly, how can bull breeders use genomics? The answer is very simple – genotyping young bulls and heifers in bull-breeding herds will help make your selection decisions more accurate, and so faster genetic progress is possible. And, genotyping your young animals will enable you to make better multi-trait selection decisions across all traits in the breeding objective, and to market bulls with more information for more traits.

Secondly, the performance recording that is done in herds that also genotype helps build the power (ie accuracy) of the reference population. Which in turns makes genotyping more useful to each breeder.

It’s important to stress that bull breeders who record the important traits, and genotype their cattle, get a benefit themselves through more accurate selection, and also help make the reference population as useful as possible.

For commercial producers, the primary use will be for buying bulls with more EBVs across all traits.
Also, for commercial producers, feedlots, processors, and butchers, genotyping offers the potential to screen which cattle to take through to different markets, on different feeding regimes, and which heifers to retain in the herd. This is not yet in place for Brahman cattle, but the tools are there to generate the information — and it is the reference population, with records for the relevant traits, that will make it a practical reality.

Again, how useful this is for the commercial producer depends on the size and trait coverage of the reference population.

**What can the breed do?**

The importance of the reference population for everyone who uses Brahman genetics – bull-breeders, commercial producers, feedlots, butchers, and the fact that the power of the reference population depends on how many animals have been recorded for the important traits and genotypes, sets up some critical challenges for the breed:

• How to make sure the reference population is as powerful as possible
• How to ensure that as many people as possible are using it
• How to make sure that all who use the reference are contributing to the cost of it

Taking each point in turn, making sure that the reference population is as powerful as possible will mean working with scientists to check on how well the total gene pool is represented, on the usefulness of the data being recorded, and almost certainly working with industry to co-invest in recording, particularly for expensive and hard-to-measure traits.

Ensuring that as many people as possible are making use of the reference by genotyping animals will involve making sure that not only breeders can tap into Brahman BREEDPLAN, but also commercial producers, feedlots, and others. The more people who can make good decisions using Brahman reference data, the better.

And ensuring that everyone who uses the reference is contributing to the cost of it will almost certainly mean setting some sort of levy on accessing the reference data. AGBU scientists have developed some practical mechanisms for determining such a levy, and under realistic circumstances it can be quite modest. The funds collected this way can then contribute to the costs of collecting the phenotypes that determine the power of the reference.

**Genomics – an exciting, challenging opportunity**

There is no doubt that genomics offers the potential for the Brahman breed to make faster genetic progress for traits that contribute to the bottom line of everyone in the beef value chain, no matter whether it’s domestic or export, grass-finished or fed.

It offers scope to broaden the range of traits where Brahman genetics add value – to address disease and welfare traits, feed efficiency, meat quality etc., in addition to the core production, fertility and adaptation traits. BUT – not without phenotypes!

It offers scope to make those genetics more accessible, and better described, for more enterprises – meaning that more businesses throughout the value chain can make good decisions about Brahman genetics.

Remember – there’s no such thing as a free lunch! All these opportunities depend on having a strong, well-designed and maintained genomic reference population. The design principles for achieving that are well established.

**Take-home messages:**

1. Genomics offers real opportunities – but some people have to be doing the recording enough animals, for the right traits.

2. Breeders can only benefit from genomics if they use the EBVs to make selection decisions – to improve the breed in the traits that drive value chain profit.
Brett Kirk retires from ABBA board

By Cindy Benjamin

Following in his father Ted’s footsteps, Brett Kirk stood for and was elected to the Australian Brahman Breeders Association Council in 1992. Three years later he was elected junior vice-president and then senior vice-president before serving as president from 2001 to 2004.

A significant challenge to the industry at the time was finding the best response to Pompe’s disease in Australian Brahman. Brett recalls the turmoil caused as the industry grappled with the implications for breeders.

“I’d never encountered anything like it before in the industry,” he said. “It was very contentious and there were many differing opinions to try to take on board. In the end ABBA developed rules and guidelines that allowed members to manage the risk and to use testing to inform their breeding choices.”

“Years down the track we still need to be vigilant as the disease can still raise its head from time to time.”

Brett has very fond memories of his 3-year term as president – a busy time juggling his own business and the demands of the role – for the opportunity to travel and to promote Australian Brahman overseas, particularly through Asia.

“Live export was in its infancy then, but people were starting to see the opportunities this trade would bring to the breed,” he said.

Throughout his time involved with ABBA Council Brett has served on various committees including 26 years on the Brahman Week Sale Committee (16 of these as chairman), 25 years on the Judges’ Committee, four years on the World Brahman Congress Committee, seven years on the Gold City Brahman Sale Committee, and ten years as a member of the Beef Australia Board.

In 2012 Brett was honoured to be awarded Life Membership of Australian Brahman Breeders Association in recognition of his dedicated service to the Association and the industry.

“Working on committees has been very rewarding as we work to solve problems or create new opportunities or direction for the Brahman breed and members,” said Brett. “Years ago the Brahman Week Sale was a 4-day event and this format proved unsuccessful. The committee worked hard to develop the 3-day format we now have and to ensure that the sale was open for all members to consign cattle if they chose to.”

“Over the years there have been several trends in the breed that have generated a spike in demand for some specific traits but overall the breed has developed a very commercial focus and to my mind that’s where we have to be.”

“We are not just competing amongst each other in the sale ring, we need to...
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compete with other breeds to meet the requirements of commercial producers. Our members have responded to produce bulls and females that are comparable in beefy traits with other breeds.”

Brett is pleased to see the consistent demand for quality Brahman bulls at the Rockhampton Brahman Week Sale, particularly from commercial operations wanting to improve the genetic quality of their herds, knowing how Brahmans thrive in harsher conditions, and taking advantages of the premiums that are now available for Brahman cattle.

Although Brett is now retiring from the ABBA Council to make way for younger leaders, he is maintaining his place on the Sale Committee.

Looking to the future Brett sees great potential for genomics to take Brahman breeding to another level, but he hopes the industry will be patient and allow time for the science to be proven and validated.

In his own operation Brett has embraced opportunities with organic accreditation for their commercial herd at Blackwood, Middlemount, and EU-accreditation for Hazelton at Gayndah.

Brett and Susan, their children Stuart, Logan, Frazer and Lucie-Anne, and Brett’s mother Grace run the Hazelton stud and the commercial herds side by side and this has kept their breeding program focussed on commercial realities. Each year the family aims to market 75 to 80 of their best bulls at Rockhampton Brahman Week and Beef Country at Nebo. Many more are sold direct from the paddock.

As Brett passes on the baton of committed service to a new member on the ABBA Council, president Matthew McCamley thanked him for his dedication and leadership.
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F1 Brahman cross cows key to award-winning MSA quality beef

By Cindy Benjamin

Having control of the genetic decisions for several generations in their cross-breeding program has been central to Tom and Cathy Amey’s success as MSA beef producers.

Tom and Cathy run their cattle on improved pastures at ‘Araucaria’, near Mummulgum, and ‘Greenmount’ at Dyraaba, just west of Casino, turning off young cattle at an average dressed weight of about 200 kg carcase weight.

Their multi-tier cross breeding program has been built and refined over the years to make the most of the MSA beef grading system while also having a robust production system where the breeder herd is efficient and profitable.

To begin, Tom supplies their Murray Grey bulls to local dairy farmers to breed replacement heifers for their 80-head Murray Grey Friesian cross breeder herd. Brahman bulls are used with these breeders to produce F1 half-Brahman progeny with heifers selected to join their MSA beef herd of 220 half-Brahman cows. These cows are then mated with Murray Grey terminal sires to produce young cattle that consistently meet MSA requirements and eating quality standards.

“The Brahman-cross cows are the powerhouse of our operation,” says Tom. “They will walk for forage and cope well with the hot and humid conditions over summer. They are so intelligent and easy to train, making mustering and handling very low stress.”

“The real bonus though is their longevity as breeders. We have 16-year old cows here that produce and raise an excellent calf every year and you would be hard-pressed to pick them out in the mob.”

Tom has calculated the real cost of a replacement heifer at about $1800 so the value of cows that remain fertile and strong for a long time is money in the bank. A group of Brahman F1 cows require about 0.6 of the replacement heifer input of a British-bred herd, due to the long productive life of the Brahman.

These Brahman cross cows also do a great job of raising their calves and the progeny have excellent growth rates that generally see them reaching the 220 to 280 kg dressed weight by around 10 months of age.

Tom says the ability of the Brahman cross calves to reach the required weight early while achieving all the necessary carcase attributes such as large eye muscle area and a high MSA index score has paid dividends.

“The benefits of Brahman traits in our operation and the attributes that have a positive impact include low ossification and milk-fed vealer status on consignment, which outweigh the negative impact of hump height on the MSA index,” says Tom.

Recent research has shown hump height has a direct and measurable impact on the eating quality of a carcase. In June 2020, changes to the MSA beef grading model will come into effect where hump height, measured on each carcase in millimetres, in conjunction with hot standard carcase weight and sex, will be used as direct predictors of eating quality. Once the changes come into effect, producers will no longer be required to state the highest tropical breed content (TBC) percentage of the consignment.

“Being able to breed our own replacement heifers has made a big difference to the quality of our cattle,” says Tom. “Over the years we have made changes in our choice of bull breeds to achieve the overall results for the herd based on profitability and MSA grading feedback. Many years ago we changed from using Charolais to Murray Grey as the terminal sire, giving us the extra carcase fat cover we needed to more reliably hit MSA grade, without significantly denting weight gains.”

“Now, as the dairy industry on the NSW North Coast changes, we are moving toward breeding our own
first-cross replacements and will use Angus bulls in our Murray Grey Friesian herd, putting the Friesian influence another generation back. These Murray Grey Friesian Angus cross cows will then be mated with the Brahman to maintain the success we have had with F1 Brahman breeders in the MSA herd.”

Tom has chosen Angus bulls with high calving ease, moderate birth weights, high early growth and moderate mature cow size, high fertility and high milk values.

“There are new Angus bulls with very high calving ease, moderate birth weights, high early growth and moderate mature cow size,” he says. “Calf size at birth is a concern when we are producing the Brahman F1 calves and this is something we look at when selecting our Brahman bulls.”

“We would like to see Brahman breeders improve the accuracy and reliability of EBV measurements. We look for very specific traits when we select bulls, with a focus on heritable female traits.”

The Ameys have been registered MSA producers since 2000 and have found it an excellent program for marketing their cattle, keeping the focus on meat quality.

From a field of 6000 registered producers in NSW who consigned cattle throughout 2017-18 and 2018-19, they were ranked as the Most Outstanding MSA Beef Producer (Band 2), which recognises producers turning off smaller MSA consignment volumes from any non-feedlot accredited operation.

The Ameys achieved 100% compliance to MSA requirements and an average MSA Index of 63.15 across the 2-year period. The MSA Index (a number between 30 to 80) is a weighted average of the predicted MSA eating quality scores of 39 MSA cuts from a carcase.

“The breeding side is very important, but it has to be matched with good feed choices and low stress stock handling otherwise all the genetic gains can be undone at the end,” says Tom. “Temperament and stress influences pH levels in the meat at the time of slaughter so we do everything we can to reduce stress right up to when they are loaded onto the truck heading for the meatworks.”

Tom trains the cattle to be mustered from the ute and to just run to the gate on cue. He reckons the Brahman influence in the herd has been central to how easy the cattle are to train and to handle.

About two months before they are processed, the calves are given access to a custom-mix grain ration in a creep-feeder. By this stage the calves are well grown and the grain helps add a little more weight to finish them off as their mother’s milk supply starts to drop off.

By about 10 months of age the calves have reached the average dressed weight of 210 kg for consignment. In the yards the calves have access to water and the same feed ration that they have been on in the paddock to avoid any extra stress before being trucked to the processor. The staff at the Northern Cooperative Meat Company also handle the stock with the appropriate low stress handling techniques.

Most of the carcases are then processed and marketed at Spring Grove Fresh Foods (formerly McCaughey Meats) in Casino.
Who better to harness the power of music and song than an outback horsetrainer! Tom Curtain released his emotion-charged fourth album just a few weeks ago featuring a swag of personal stories that touch the heart.

The anthem-like title track of Tom’s latest album, ‘We’re Still Here’, has certainly struck a chord with audiences across Australia – celebrating all the grit and determination it takes to hang on through the toughest of seasons.

When Tom was touring through Central Queensland last year, sharing his powerful answer to bullying at schools, he was seeing the looks of people on the land and in rural communities carrying heavy loads on their shoulders as the drought deepened. At the end of the tour he was heading home to Katherine in time to see the devastating effect of the February floods in North Queensland.

“I was driven to express what I saw in people’s faces,” said Tom. “I had to find a way to let people know that they had the power to hold on and that they weren’t alone.”

With the help of a fellow who attended one of his shows and had a good camera, Tom started piecing together images of faces and scenes from across a range of rural industries and regions. The video clip also features footage of Tom playing a piano surrounded by a beautiful mob of Brahman cattle.

“I wanted to show that everyone is affected – all ages, all backgrounds, all industries. But individuals and communities in the bush are resilient and need to be encouraged and celebrated for what they do,” he said. “It’s all about spreading a message of hope!”

‘We’re Still Here’ is co-written and produced by Garth Porter.

In a similar way Tom has taken on the challenge to tackle bullying through positive music in the song ‘Speak Up’ (also on the latest album) in response to the tragic death of school-girl and friend, Amy ‘Dolly’ Everett.

‘Speak Up’ is a duet with Sara Storer and was co-written with Garth Porter, aimed at school aged students and opens opportunities for parents and teachers to discuss the impact of bullying.

The video features students at Pinjarra Primary School and Pinjarra Senior High School in Western Australia. The Pinjarra Primary School Choir can be heard in the recording of the Speak Up chorus. Tom is heartened by the way schools
have embraced the song and the message that ‘everyone is good at something, even if they don’t know what it is yet’.

“Most kids have heard the song and in some schools it is even played instead of the school bell,” he said.

Tom and his team performed 50 ‘Speak Up’ shows and visited 30 schools between December 2018 and March 2019, across Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria. Most shows included an hour outback show followed by an hour of live music.

In the 12 months since releasing the ‘Speak Up’ single in memory of young Amy ‘Dolly’ Everett, sales of the $10 CD have raised $21,240, which Tom was honoured to present to Amy’s mum, Kate Everett to support the important work of ‘Dolly’s Dream’ charity to raise awareness and provide positive messages to prevent bullying, particularly amongst young people.

For Amy ‘Dolly’ Everett
You gotta Speak up, even if your voice shakes

You gotta Stand up, even if your world breaks
Be there for one another, we’re all in this together
You gotta Speak up, even if your voice shakes

Katherine Outback Experience
Much of Tom’s current life has unfurled as a direct result of the live export ban in 2011. With the overnight collapse of the trade Tom found himself without work as the demand for horse training quickly dried up. He soon turned back to music to make ends meet, entertaining tourists at Katherine Caravan Park. Tom would weave stories of outback life and working with horses into his shows and one night a tourist asked to see his place and the horses and working dogs.

“It sparked an idea and that’s how Katherine Outback Experience was born,” said Tom. “During the dry season we have shows almost every day and welcome visitors travelling on the Ghan and by coach.”

With his wife Annabel, Tom has built a successful tourism business around his life-passions and they were recently recognised as ‘Best Tourist Attraction’ at the 2018 and 2019 Brolga Tourism NT Awards.

In the Wet season the team takes the music and outback experience with seven horses and 10 working dogs on the road, touring throughout rural Australia and giving people a night to remember while setting aside the tough reality many are pushing through.

Find out more about Tom’s music here: https://www.tomcurtain.com.au

Tom is doing some excellent work in the field of childhood bullying. He also has a strong understanding of the struggle and commitment of those in the bush and is a great supporter. This is very evident in his new song, “We are Still Here”. Take the time to have a listen.
AgQuip promotes Brahman’s do-ability

By Cindy Benjamin

The NSW branch of ABBA had a very successful outing at AgQuip in Gunnedah from 20 to 22 August. Four prefixes displayed cattle and members were kept very busy answering questions, handing out information and selling merchandise.

The 47th AgQuip event attracted an estimated ten thousand visitors to view 800 displays and 3000 businesses.

The Brahman display featured cattle from Ron and Yvonne Carr’s, Bidgee View prefix, Narromine, Colin and Lin Tink’s BT Brahmans, Dubbo, Haley Ellis’ Buckaroo Brahmans, Willow Tree and Bill and Vicki Braun’s Bundella Brahmans, Blackville.

On the first day of the event about 10 school groups visited the display and were presented with the illustrated ‘The Australian Brahman’ book for their libraries, along with copies of the Brahman News and ABBA diaries.

ABBA merchandise was also popular, particularly scarfs, stubby coolers and hats. The well-presented display area and cattle pens drew many visitors interested in the opportunities that Brahmans can offer, particularly in very dry conditions.

Being present at events like this has also proven to be beneficial for the individual studs represented with several sales enquiries fielded. One young lady spoke at length to Ron Carr about what’s involved in buying her first Brahman.

One particularly exciting enquiry came for four heifers to be exported to Japan. The buyer has selected four heifers from Ron and Yvonne Carr’s, Bidgee View prefix at Narromine and they have already been delivered via Total Genetics in Victoria.

The NSW branch of ABBA plans to continue promoting the breed at AgQuip into the future, making good use of the excellent facilities at the grounds. Several other studs have already expressed their interest in attending the 2020 AgQuip event.

Cattle on display at AgQuip representing Bill Braun’s Bundella Brahmans and Haley Ellis’ Buckaroo Brahmans.

Negotiations underway. When you want to buy your first Brahman you need to know how much to save up.

Ron Carr speaking with agriculture students from Oberon.

Andrew Carr, Bidgee View Brahmans, Colin Tink, BT Brahmans, Ron Carr, Bidgee View Brahmans and Bill Braun, Bundella Brahmans in the display shed, which looked great with the screens around the inside and easily accommodated groups of visitors keen to know more about Brahmans.
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Brahman cattle are the theme of our Bash car. The Hump Express steered by Brahman breeders Wendy Cole, Kenrol Brahman Stud, Gracemere and Lyn Coombe, Roxborough Brahman Stud, Moura. It was the 30th Anniversary of the Variety Bash held in QLD so it was one we didn’t want to miss and it was our third year in a row of participation.

The 2019 Variety Bash started in Mackay on August 28th and headed south to St Lawrence for our first night via Tierawomba & Clarke Creek. Second night was in Rockhampton followed by overnight stays at Springsure, Taroom, Rainbow Beach, Oakey, Mt Malakoff, Byron Bay to finish up at the Gold Coast on September 6th.

It was an interesting track this year where we visited many areas we were familiar with then some areas we’d never been to or seen before. We caught up with many Brahman Breeders along the way and saw many brahman cattle who were proving beyond a doubt their worth in these tough seasonal conditions. By far our most memorable day for all the wrong reasons was the day spent driving from Oakey to Mt Malakoff – heartbreaking to say the least.

So many unforgettable moments from this year’s Bash it’s hard to know where to begin. However a huge thank you must go to all our supporters who continue to believe in the work that the Variety Club do for disadvantaged children in need. Thanks to your generosity, kindness and dedication, the 2019 Variety Bash raised an incredible $1,412,819 (profit) to give kids who are sick, disadvantaged or have special needs a fair go. Let’s focus on some of these children & beneficiaries for just a moment.

Please find following a list of all the grants that were given out during the Bash:

**Welcome Night – Mackay**
- Zofia – Hopsa Dress - $1,330
- Rylan – Hopsa Dress - $1,200
- Isaac – Momo Tricycle - $6,580

**Night 1 – St Lawrence**
- St Lawrence State School – 3 x 128GB iPads and $300 iTunes Gift Cards - $1,960

**Night 2 – Rockhampton**
- Angus – 128GB iPad - $555

**Night 3 – Springsure**
- Josiah – Crocodile Walker - $1,900

**Day 3 – Westwood**
- Westwood State School – 10 x 32GB iPads - $4,400

**Night 3 – Springsure**
- Riding for the Disabled Rockhampton – Modified Saddle - $6,000
- Izaac – Personal Vehicle ($10K)

**Day 4 – Springsure**
- Springsure State School – Variety of physical & educational resources - $2,600

**Night 4 – Taroom**
- Taroom State School – STEM Equipment $4,950

**Night 5 – Rainbow Beach**
- Makayla – Variety Heart Scholarship Equestrian - $5,000
- Jack – Mountain Bike and Gym/Pool Membership - $3,220

**Day 7 – Rainbow Beach**
- Rainbow Beach State School – Laser Cutter - $5,100

**Day 8 – Oakey**
- Kaiden – Carrot Car Seat $4,800

**Day 9 – Kyogle**
- Kyogle State High School – Camping Equipment - $4,100

As you can all see this is only a small portion of what the Variety Bash has raised so there are many more children who will receive support who are not listed here. This year The Hump Express raised over $52 000 and finished in seventh position having raised more than $280 000 over the last 3 years – something we are extremely proud of thanks to all of you.

The Hump Express, with our trade mark Brahman bulls on the roof, is very popular with our Variety Bash friends and family. Our FB page had an amazing number of followers this year who were keen to see what we had gotten up to with each daily report. Our posts regularly reached...
over 1000 people with some days over 1500. Social media does have its positives and our multi draw auction was well supported by our FB followers. Our ‘Bash family’ continues to grow!!

Of course we had lots and lots of fun along the way. Please go to our FB page if you haven’t already and read our daily updates – they are a great reminder of our Bash journey. At Rainbow Beach, our lay day, we shared some Smokin’ Yak slow cooked Brahman hump with our fellow bashers – it’s always a hit and we never have enough to go around – so popular with everyone.

A highlight of this year’s Bash was meeting and playing host to Miriam Margolyes who plays the part of Professor Sprout in the Harry Potter movies. At Rainbow Beach we met Miriam then the next day she travelled with us on the Bash route. Miriam was making a documentary about Australia being the lucky country and our car will be featured!! More promotion for Brahman cattle and our supporters!!

To our many friends within the Brahman breed, on behalf of the children and families who have benefited from the fundraising efforts of the Variety Bash QLD we again thank you for helping us put smiles on their faces. It really does melt your heart to see the enjoyment it brings to those families and their gratitude is sincere - we are helping to make their lives just that little bit easier.

The Hump Express will hit the road again on the Variety Bash 2020 which will start at Winton, with the lay day at Birdsville Races, finishing up in the Barossa Valley, SA. Think we’ll need another lay day after the races maybe 2 lay days on this Bash!! We will again see lots of Brahman cattle along the way and look forward to your continued support.

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ABBA and QLEA presentation to the Kaus family of a lasting token of respect to John

Greg Pankhurst, President Queensland Livestock Exporters Association (QLEA) told attendees at the LIVEXchange Welcome function that the Australian Brahman Breeders Association (ABBA) and QLEA wished to take the opportunity at this national conference to recognise the late John Kaus, “Kausy”, who died in December 2018, after a long battle with cancer.

John spent over 35 years in the live export business, living in Philippines for 12 years during the 90’s and regularly travelling to meet with SEA customers and friends throughout SEA. From 1995 he traded as South East Asia Livestock Services (SEALS). He was a leading livestock exporter and supporter of the Brahman breed with exports to South East Asian markets, particularly the Philippines, Sabah, Sarawak, Brunei, Thailand, Indonesia and Vietnam. John was well known and respected within the Australian and international livestock industries.

At the 2013 LIVEXchange Conference, John was recognised as a Lifetime Achiever and inducted into industry’s Hall of Fame, so this was a timely occasion to reminisce on his outstanding contribution to the livestock export industry.

Greg said that the presentation of the Brahman bull, was appropriate as “Kausy” was known for presenting his SEALS Brahman bull statues to clients and industry officials around South East Asia.

John’s wife Violy, son Scott, brother Roger and sister-in-law Wendy attended the presentation. John’s daughters, April and Michelle were unable to be present. Scott replied on behalf of the Kaus family, thanking ABBA, QLEA and industry for the recognition of John.

Over 350 participants attended LIVEXchange from 30 -31 October. The theme of the conference was “Welfare beyond borders”. The conference was hosted by LiveCorp and the Australian Livestock Exporters’ Association (ALEC) in conjunction with QLEA. The conference was attended by live export industry representatives from Australia and international markets and livestock producers from across Northern Australia and other states.
By Cody Sheehan

It was a great opportunity to represent the Brahman breed at such an event amongst like minded people where the enthusiasm of the organisers and speakers really gave us a broader understanding of our industry now and also where it may be headed. I highly recommend this to anybody that has the chance and is passionate about their industry and achieving their goals as the energetic atmosphere from all the young breed society representatives made for a productive 3 days. I would like to thank the Brahman Association for this opportunity and hope to see the Brahman breed represented well there in the future.

By Emma Oppermann

I’m really grateful to have been given the opportunity to represent ABBA at the ARCBA Young Breed Leaders Workshop in Armidale! The workshop was very insightful and I learned a lot about other breeds, beef production in other parts of Australia and breed society management and processes. It was also great to meet other young people from all over Australia that have the same passions for beef production that I do. I have been inspired to take more of an active part in our society and hope that I can be part of establishing a youth program for our younger members.

By Brenton Sewell

The ARCBA workshop was a great experience. It was an excellent opportunity to meet not only other Brahman breeders but also representatives from other breeds. The workshop was engaging and very interesting. I would like to thank the Brahman Breeders’ Association for giving me the opportunity.

Young Beef Producers Forum

By Samantha Cooksley and Nicolas Curran

The Young Beef Producers Forum was a great opportunity and so inspiring to listen to others in the beef industry and really start a fire in our souls. All the conversations and topics were completely relevant, and really struck a chord in us. The guest speakers delivered each and every message differently and influentially. From younger speakers to older, they were all wise and had such a great message: back yourself, back your industry. They were encouraging us to believe in ourselves, and start to take more initiative to promote our industry in a positive light and way. We have the ability to do more about what is at stake with the current environment and other obstacles.

From L to R, Emma Oppermann, Cody Sheehan, Lucy Kirk and Brenton Sewell

From L to R, Mark Wescott from Strategic Evolution with Nicolas Curran and Samantha Cooksley
The 2020 Big Country Brahman Sale at Charters Towers will be a power packed programme of selling over two days, Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th February, with increased offerings in all sections of the sale.

An unprecedented record response from Brahman studmasters to the sale’s entry process has required the selling agents, Geaney’s and McCaffrey’s Australian Livestock Marketing to undertake a substantial selection process across 48 studs throughout Queensland. “Entry numbers well exceeded the timeframe capacity of the sale’s days of operations in the Dalrymple Saleyards,” co-selling agent Ken McCaffrey said, “so the lots in the catalogue will be the very best in quality, performance and bloodlines of what we see on our inspection visits around all the studs.”

It is expected approximately 130 red Brahman bulls will be offered on the first day of the sale and around 190 grey Brahman bulls will go ‘under the hammer’ on day 2. Additionally, Big Country early next year will catalogue its largest ever selection of high quality stud heifers, with 110 expected to be lotted for the sale. They will sell on the first day following the red bulls.

Polls again will be a sale feature throughout, catering to the increasing industry demand for quality poll bloodlines. “Big Country has become the ‘go to’ sale for a huge selection of proven poll genetics and 2020 will be no different,” Ken McCaffrey said, “it’s the sale with the largest concentration percentage of polls.”

The sale agents could not be happier with the strength of breed leading studs that have chosen to support Big Country with impressive drafts of bulls and heifers. In the reds, signature studs including Muan, Lanes Creek, Kariboe Valley, Palmvale, Ooline, Palmal, Somerview, Fairy Springs, Wallton Downs, G.I., Somerton, Brolga Gully, Whitaker all have sale teams for Big Country, while industry prominent grey stud enterprises including Carinya, Kenrol, Token, Palmal, Carinya M, Clukan, Arizona, HH Park, Lanes Creek, Annavale, Kimora, Hamdenvale, etc. all have strong, impressive sale teams.

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The broad appeal, genetic strength and stud industry quality of the sale’s large heifer offering should get the attention of all Brahman studmasters who are seriously interested in progressing their success in the industry, according to Ken McCaffrey. “It’s a very special line-up, with female availability of many of the genetic lines unique to this sale,” he said, “there’s a sizable poll component, and the offering also includes a large line of beautiful quality PTIC heifers.”

Studmasters and breed enthusiasts will be able to select the female lines of the following studs at Big Country – Carinya, Token, Palmvale, Carinya M, Lanes Creek, Fairy Springs, Kimora, Laguna, Gipsy Plains, Whitaker and Moongool.

“We’re extremely pleased studs of this calibre have chosen the Big Country Sale to offer their select females, as it gives Northern Brahman breeders a wonderful prospect of securing some of the best in the business, right on their doorstep,” Ken McCaffrey said, “our sale online bidding service also allows buyer participation from near and far.”

Agents are aiming to have the sale catalogue finalised for online viewing at www.brahman.com.au before the ABBA office closes for the Christmas break on Friday 20th December. In addition, the sale’s Facebook page will keep Brahman breeders up to date with all Big Country Sale information.
This year the NSW Branch of ABBA put forward a Memorial Shield in memory of the Late Earl Bulmer to be awarded at the Lismore North Coast National for Grand Champion Brahman Female. Earl was not only a long time Brahman member, breeder and exhibitor in the area but also a well known and extremely knowledgeable cattleman and close family friend.

The Grand Champion Brahman Female for the 2019 North Coast National was none other than our own 36 month old Staben Kimmy Look At Me with her 6 month old heifer calf at foot, Staben Kimmy That’s Noice.

Words can’t describe how much of an absolute honor it is for us to win this particular award for the first year and how much it means, especially with this special cow.

Earl Bulmer got us hooked on Brahman cattle over 25 years ago. In 1996 we purchased our first stud Brahman heifer off Earl from his Mountana Brahman Stud and began showing. Earl guided and taught us, not only about the Brahman breed and showing, preparing, handling, breaking in, judging etc but also so much about the beef industry in general and was always keen to hear about our breeding and breaking in updates and follow our success in the show ring.

Our first ever Staben born prefix calf, Staben Empress, out of our first Mountana cow, Mountana Empress, won Supreme Brahman Exhibit at Lismore North Coast National in 1998, as a 12 month old Heifer. Most of our top cows today still go back to Earl’s Bloodline including Kimmy, her great grandmother being Mountana Tonace.

This year was Kimmys 3rd North Coast National Show, 2017 Junior and Grand Champion Brahman Female at 12mths, 2018 Senior Champion Brahman Female at 24 months and to come back this year with a sweet heifer calf beside her for another huge win is not a bad effort and something pretty amazing.
## 2019 SALE SUMMARY

**BIG COUNTRY SALE, CHARTERS TOWERS - 4 & 5 FEBRUARY**

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**ROCKY All Stars Elite Brahman Female Sale, Gracemere - 16 March**

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**Lancefield Brahman Invitation Sale, Gracemere - 28 October**

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**NCC Annual Brahman Sale, Duaranga - 29 October**

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**Gold City Brahman Sale, Charters Towers - 1 November**

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**Beef Country Brahman Bull Sale, Nebo - 15 November**

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**Wilangi Invitation Brahman Sale, Charters Towers - 28-29 November**

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Congratulations....

The wedding of Jacque Olive (Raglan Brahmans) & Bryan Symonds
The bridal party left to right is Kate Carige, Frances Schwarz, Lucy Davison, Rachel Passfield, Aimee Olive Jacque & Bryan Symonds, Cody Ford, Lee Challacombe, Shane Murphy, Shane Paton & Dan Bates. ‘Photography by Jess Edwards’

The wedding of Samatha and Scott Bauer
Bridal party left to right is Finn Bauer, Hayley Batts, Vicki Goodchild, Samatha and Scott Bauer, Roz Bauer, Jack Bauer, in front Brydee Batts, Imogen Bauer, Elsie Goodchild. The Bauer and Batts children were their attendants.

James Kent & Cassandra Pippos
Became engaged on Friday the 25th of October

The wedding of Mitch Kirk (Carinya Brahmans) & Sophie Hughes (Malarga Grazing), married on 18/10/19 at Fins Plantation House, Kingscliffe.
### Sales and Events

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