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Editorial

Big Country bull Sale was a huge result especially so soon after the disastrous floods in the North West and the ongoing dry in Central Qld, South East Qld and through to NSW.

Several changes in sale dates due to the ongoing rain and flooding could have majorly affected this sale but the strength of the breed shines through again and all involved in the organising need to be congratulated along with the vendors for the very good lines of bulls with strong breeding which created a great opportunity for buyers.

Rocky All Stars Elite Female Sale proceeded with their sale on March the 16th. The sale finished well with a 92% clearance for a top of $22,000 and overall average of $4,824. An excellent result was achieved with the semen sale in aid of Sisters of the North. The Congratulations to those involved in this sale and their fundraising efforts resulted in $21,710.
ABBA along with MLA’s BeefUp co-ordinator Barb Bishop organised a Forum in Mundubbera in early March. It was very well attended with 110 people spending the morning in Mundubbera followed by a bus ride to the property at “Narayen”. This is where the BIN steers are currently being agisted and the No 7 steers are about to go to the meatworks. The Forum was a great opportunity to listen to some excellent speakers that were chosen for their connections with the BIN steers including David Johnston and his Repronomics project where the steers come from to Ben Hayes and all Genomics has to offer in the future and Michael Crowley from MLA. There was also 50 No 8 heifers from Brian Pastures, Gayndah on display.

In March the Association also held a Charity Semen Auction in an effort to raise funds for those effected by the North West Floods. During the

President’s Paragraph

With the first half of 2019 behind us, let us hope the next half is an improvement for all; well at least it has started off on the right foot with the majority of Australians voting back in a federal government that will listen to reason and has the ear of the rural people also.

Recent events involving animal activists trespassing onto producer’s land to seemingly provoke landowners and film their reactions has been met with an outpouring of disdain for those undertaking these actions. While the various levels of government, courts and activists now take to each other throats to try and prove they have justifiable cause to continue in their ventures, it should not be forgotten the impact this has had on consumers perception of the Cattle industry as a whole. The positive handling of this current and possible future trespassing and filming of producers’ animals and conditions is at our discretion. We can use this opportunity to educate and engage with the consumer as to how we as producers and businessmen (and women) effectively, efficiently and most importantly humanly provide for and process our animals. By engaging in open, honest conversation with consumers rather than battling off activists, the cattle industry will have a greater ability to display the true actions of our industry. It is also recommended land owners understand their legal rights with regards to the new trespassing laws should the need arise to enact legal proceedings against alleged perpetrators.

Land clearing laws may also be coming back under scrutiny with certain areas of Government wanting to “improve the robustness of state government’s native vegetation or land clearing laws” in an effort to reduce carbon emissions. Since the introduction of the new land clearing laws more than 1.6 million hectares of land has been burnt from wildfires, with more than 400,000 of that being burnt in the November 2018 alone. Prompting many stakeholders to pose the question, has the new laws contributed to these fires being more ferocious than usual due to landholders being unable to lessen fuel loads on their properties. In some cases, these fires then went on to destroy valuable and irreplaceable feed for cattle. The restriction of mulga trees being pushed to feed cattle in times of drought still baffles many producers with many calling for the government to actually ask the right questions such as why are the trees needing to be pulled over in the first instance. If the Government were to look into why the requirement is there in the first place they might be able to start working on a real way to fix the problem rather than cutting off producers at the knees.

General industry news

National average carcass weights in females have been in a steady decline for the January February period while its projected female weights may not fall as low as at the end of winter and early spring of 2018, looking to settle close to the 2018 average weight of 256kg.
National carcass weights in males remain at historically high levels with feedlots continuing to play a major role in producing finished cattle regardless of drought or other seasonal impacts. With this, male
Early March saw high feed costs, limited pasture availability and severe water shortages leading to an increase of cattle on the markets. This increase having a direct impact on pricing seeing EYCI fall to 385c/kg carcass weight a fall of 26% below the 5 year average and the lowest level since 2014. Cow prices were also 33% below the 5 year average falling to 131c/kg live weight.

With cattle numbers sitting at a decline of 7.7% from this time in 2018, it is of no surprise projections are that of a small cautious increase in herd sizes over the 2020 period with most producers waiting to see what seasonal outlooks may bring.

Cattle exports have also declined in the year to date with an 8% decrease, beef exports also fell from 1,655,000 tonnes to 1,599,000 tonnes (total carcass weight) a 3% decline with both these areas expected to continue to decline until producers have had an opportunity to rebuild their herds.

Domestic markets are remaining firm with only a 1% decline in utilisation.

**Eastern Australia V Western Australia movements of cattle through Saleyards has seen Western Australia prices remain strong in comparison to that of their eastern counterparts.** With the Western Young Cattle Indicator (WYCI) and Eastern Young Cattle Indicator (EYCI) currently sitting in favour of the west at 38.50c.

In international markets, although South America has been expanding into Asia, the United States remains our principal beef competitor. The US has seemingly recovered from the GFC and drought induced liquidations of 2014 to be currently recording a national herd of 94.8 million head, which is currently placing added competitive pressure on Australian export markets.

**It’s thought, the recent price falls in the US are predominantly short-term weather related and not linked to a long-term demand in supply.** Two factors which may have an upwards impact on Australian cattle prices are, the full extent of the African Swine Fever, with Chinese imports surging and the impending meat deficit in China for the remainder of 2019 and 2020, will dictate protein pricing. The second factor being Australian seasonal outlooks. **Consecutive successful seasons would boost confidence to restock currently depleted herds placing increased pressure on supply of current domestic and international markets.**

With the seasonal rainfall outlook not looking any more promising than recent times, it would appear our industry has yet to beat mother nature, we can only be thankful the genetics of our Brahman herds are tried and proven to outperform many facing the same such adversities.

**I look forward to seeing plenty of members in the upcoming Rockhampton Feature Show and the very informative Junior Beef Show. The Feature Show at the Brisbane Exhibition is also shaping up to be an excellent event for the breed.**

All the best for the months ahead in your preparations for the bull sales.

The Editor.
Some of the females scheduled for May IVF program at Dalkeith Downs Gracemere.

**Animal: NCC BABY DOLL 3759 (IVF) (D)**
- JDH REMINGTON MANSO 784/2 +
- JDH MR BOSWICK MANSO (IMP US)*
- JDH LADY BOSTWICK MANSO 459

**Dam: EL JA BABY DOLL MANSO (ET) (H)**
- JDH NAPOSOTA MANSO 55/1 (IMP US)
- EL JA MISS SHANIA MANSO (ET) (H)
- EL JA MISS BRIANNA 5TH (ET) (H)
- JDH MADISON DE MANSO (IMP US) (ET) (H)
- JDH LADY BARA MANSO

**Sire: JDH MR ELMO MANSO (IMP US) (H)**
- JDH ARMAND LANE MANSO 424/1
- JDH LADY ELLIS MANSO 178/2 (IMP US) (H)
- JDH LADY BUD MANSO

**Animal: EL JA DEMI E MANSO (IVF) (D)**
- TTT MR SUVA CRATA 450 +
- JDH DATAPACK MANSO (IMP US) (H)
- JDH LADY MIL MANSO

**Dam: EL JA DECIMA LADY MANSO 4067 (ET) (H)**
- JDH NAPOSOTA MANSO 55/1 (IMP US) (ET)
- EL JA SIHUJETTE MANSO (ET) (H)
- EL JA MISS ANNA POWER (ET) (H)
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- JDH LADY BUD MANSO

**Animal: EL JA MADDALENA MANSO (IVF) (D)**
- JDH MODELO MANSO 288/5 (IMP US)
- FBC D MATTEO MANSO 1640 (IVF) (H)
- FBC MS JESS DE MANSO (ET) (H)

**Dam: EL JA LUCIELLE MANSO (P)**
- EL JA MR SUPREME (ET) (H)
- EL JA MISS LUCIE MANSO (P)
- EL JA MISS LUCY C MANSO (P)

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In February
At “Big Country” Sales in Charters Towers, we sold Lots 358 and 359 by Willtoney Sherwood (P) and Lot 360 and 361 by Willtoney Tradesman (P), averaging $10,000 ea.

We would like to thank all the buyers and under-bidders for their support. These sires are producing top polled progeny on “The Orient”.

Congratulations to McCaffreys’s and Ganeanys for staging a top sale under very difficult and extreme conditions.

In April
We purchased at the “Rocky All Stars” sale two JDH Mr Elmo Manso daughters, El Ja Demi E Manso (IVF) and El Ja Maddalena Manso (IVF) to add to our IVF Donor programme.

They will join NCC Baby Doll (IVF) and be mated to proven top polled sires.

In August
We are selecting a draft of top herd bulls for sale for the coming season. All will be by top sires and a high percentage will be polled. Discounts are available to bulk buyers and freight rebates to Charters Towers and Mareeba yards can be arranged.

For first pick buyers, bulls can be carried over if necessary. Give Cody a ring to discuss your needs.
Record Big Country Sale soars to season high

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The Big Country Brahman Sale defied two date postponements to establish extraordinary, record sale results when finally staged on Monday 25th & Tuesday 26th February at Charters Towers.

The two-day auction’s original timing was severely impacted by a wet weather and flooding event of enormous proportions stretching across North Queensland. Sale Agents Geaney’s and McCaffrey’s Australian Livestock Marketing managed around 50 anxious Stud vendors, most based outside the affected area as well as the interests of prospective purchasers in the broad, sale target buying area, most of which was underwater with roads and bridges untrafficable. “It was, still is and will continue to be a difficult period for Northern cattle producers who were under that weather influence,” Ken McCaffrey of McCaffrey’s Australian Livestock Marketing said. “However, typical of the spirit of the Northerners, as soon as the influence dissipated, and with support coming from all over Australia, they commenced the huge clean up to reconstruct their enterprises.”

The lead up in the weeks immediately before Northern Australia’s leading stud cattle auction was not one that Jim Geaney or Ken McCaffrey had ever experienced in the previous 25 year history of the Sale. “It was very unfortunate that a couple of our Vendors lost Sale lots directly because of that unprecedented weather influence, however come sale day, the presentation of the whole offering was as good as it has ever been,” Jim Geaney said, “so our Vendors should be credited for the way they managed the sale preparation of their lots through that three week postponement.”

Sale Results Lead Breed

With a short window following the rain the agents began to re-market the feature sale and re-focus the buyers on the outstanding genetics and high breed quality lots that the Big Country Sale offers. It was a positive response that the Agents engendered towards the sale, with the largest buyer registration numbers recorded for many years. Buyers turned in a flurry of bids on every lot offered, with a 100% clearance of all 307 bulls and heifers over the two days. The recorded sale averages were strong: $9,635 for 240 bulls and $5,155 for 67 heifers. These figures, on averages, put the Big Country Brahman Sale at the top of all multi-vendor bull and female sales held in Australia in the 12 months preceding. The agents identified the strength of the live cattle export market in Central and Northern Australia through the last half of 2018 and into 2019 as being a key factor in supporting the purchases of replacement herd sires. 65 bulls in the offering sold in the 5 figure range ($10,000 and over), and a Sale Top Price of $54,000 was achieved.

Red Section Supplies Sale Topper

Red Bulls commenced the sale with brisk bidding from the opening lots, however it was Lot 70 Somerview Nugget, a Zyo poll of excellent muscling, softness and brilliant red colour that topped the section, and the sale, when ‘knocked down’ for $54,000. This son of Palmvale Honky Tonk was sold by long time Sale Vendors and leading red breeders of the North, Brian & Glenda Kirkwood, Somerview Red Brahmans, Charters Towers. The Kirkwoods had an impressive draft of 12 young red sires go through the Sale to average $11,625. Nugget was purchased by Paul & Debbie Herrod, Ponderosa Stud, Katherine, N.T.

Earlier in the day the Herrods had outlaid $36,000 for Rockley Sugar Ray (P), an 839kg, 2 ½yo son of Doonside Mr C Eagle. He too is full of sire character and excellent red colour. Sugar Ray was one of a magnificent draft of 11 red bulls presented at the sale by Chris, Sally, Ashley & Kate Kirk of Rockley Stud, Moura which averaged $14,455. Their top seller at $50,000 was Rockley Dempsey(P), another son of Doonside Mr C Eagle with JDH...
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Elmo genetics on his dam side. This stylish, good constitution, lengthy sire prospect was also purchased by Territorians, Kelly & Lucky Daley, Daley’s Stud, Katherine.

Len & Sandra Gibbs, Muan Stud, Biggenden topped the red bull averages with their quality team of 8 sires recording a $15,750 average. Team leader Muan A Striker, at 956kg and 29 months topped their sale at $35,000. His depth and length, strong poll head and sire style, and proven pedigree lines impressed his purchasers Bill & Sue Blakeney, Warraka Brahman Stud, Coondoo, who bid strongly online to secure him. One lot later Muan A Scanlan, by NCC Skoda, made $30,000 selling to Brett Hick, Lindfield Cattle Co., Julia Creek. This bull is an outstanding poll sire prospect of great length, huge hindquarter and attractive breed characteristics. The Hicks also purchased another young poll Muan sire, Sultan, for $23,000. He too is a son of NCC Skoda. Selling Agents Jim Geaney and Ken McCaffrey acknowledged the commitment of a number of sale buyers from Queensland’s North West region, including the Hick Family of Julia Creek, who attended and supported the sale even though they were dealing with the huge aftermath of devastation on their properties following the regions rain event and flooding. “It was reflective of the resilience and positivity of these people, a great example to us all, in getting up off the canvas, looking forward and going about resurrecting their livelihoods,” Ken McCaffrey said, “we and our Sale vendors recognise that effort and greatly appreciate the sale support that came from the North West at this challenging time.”

The Kent Family of Ooline Brahmans, Rannes took a team of reds to Big Country and found strong support for them. Ooline McGregor(P), a 2yo poll son of NCC Manuscript led the way making $31,000. A heavy boned, big hindquarter bull sold to the Scott Family, Rosetta Grazing Co, Collinsville. Another of the Manuscript sons, Ooline Mayweather, a strong carcase quality bull of 138 sqcm EMA at 23 months, made $19,500 selling to Anrod Pastoral Co. Winton, while a third bull by the same sire, Ooline Milo(P), was a $17,000 buy for the Venables Family of Ingham.

Topping Brian & Cindy Hughes’ Lanes Creek Stud draft of reds at $24,000 was Lanes Creek Diego, a milk tooth with the Duracell/Redmount genetic cross. He sold to Lee & Gillian Collins, Wandilla Brahman Stud, Marlborough.

One of the buys of the day in the reds could have been Rockley Mayweather, a classy poll of excellent weight for age, 861kg at 30 months, and EMA of 144 sqcm. He was a $22,000 purchase for Cody & Holly Sheahan, Midway Stud, Ingham.

**Bidding Strength Supports Greys**

The first bull of the grey section made $9,000 and the last bull made $10,000 – that showed the evenness of high quality and the strong bidding support from the panel of buyers for the impressive line-up of grey sire prospects and herd bulls.

The Rockley Stud, following their Day One Red success, claimed Top Price Bull Honours in the greys with the $480,000 Rockley Holyfield. This well credentialed poll of strong pigment and sire style scaled 859kg and scanned an EMA of 141 sqcm. His depth of flank and heavy muscling impressed his new owner, Tony Hayne, Northern Vet Services, Noonamah, N.T. This purchase completed the trifecta for Northern Territory buyers with the three highest price bulls of the Sale heading West across the border.

Lanes Creek WT Jaxonite is an eye catching, big volume, poll bull of excellent temperament, sired by Avee Jackson. He was Brian & Cindy Hughes’ pick of their 2019 Sale team and they were delighted when he was selected by Bill & Tolma and Lawson & Sophie Camm of Cambil Brahmans for $46,000. Another Lanes Creek poll bulls, the 2yo Lanes Creek 1965, made $34,000. He is one of the first sons of Kenilworth 4899 to come to market. The Hughes’ invested $96,000 in the commercial herd sire in 2016. 1965 was purchased by Kelly & Lucy Daley adding to their line up to go to Katherine, N.T.

A few lots earlier, another rising 2yo, poll son of Kenilworth 4899 made $26,000 for Lanes Creek, selling to Harry & Sue Shann, Suttor Grazing, Collinsville. The Shanns also landed the big, white grey, clean poll sire Leajon Park Mr D 669 for $34,000. This bloke led the team of first time Sale Vendors John & Leanne Creedon, Leajon Park, Middlemount, and his weight for age, 984kg, and EMA scan of 147 sqcm attracted the attention of many highly regarded cattle producers and Studmasters.

Rockley Netflix, a poll, full brother to the Sale’s Top Price Grey Sire, attracted strong bidding before
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being sold for $36,000 to Rob Flute, Chatfield Brahmans, Richmond. He’s a son of Doonside Mr C Eagle out of the Rockley draft, giving that sire an incredible record of a $33,335 average for 6 sons sold at the Sale.

John Kirk, Carinya Stud, Gayndah has added strength and genetic diversity to the Big Country Grey section for a number of years with the Stud’s bulls being highly sought after. Their younger team was topped this year by Carinya Diamond 712, a son of NCC Julius. A correct, sound type with lots of carcass and hindquarter, was purchased at $31,000 by David Joyce, for Tropical Cattle Stud of Ingham.

The Milestone Brahman Stud operated by Matt & Natalie Jones and their daughters Patrice and Kelsey of Charters Towers are a young and small Stud fronting the industry in a very professional manner. This year the Jones’ presented a high quality, well bred sire showing a combination of optimum beef performance. At 30 months, Milestone Haydos Manso weighed in excess of 900kg and recorded a sale EMA scan of 149 sqcm. These figures impressed Richmond based Brahman breeder Rob Flute and he bid to $30,000 to secure him for the Chatfield Brahmans herd.

Ken & Wendy Cole, Kenrol Brahmans, Gracemere led their team with the Willtony Stetson sired poll bull, Kenrol Stetson. This 845kg, 2 tooth bull of excellent natural softness is bred out of one of the Stud’s top donor dams. He was a $28,000 purchase for Bill & Margaret Allison, Broadlands, McKinlay, another enterprise impacted by the previous weeks’ downpours and floods.

Polls continued their popularity when the Camm Family’s Cambil Stud sold a near 800kg son of NCC Marzipan for $20,000 to fellow Sale Vendors Lance & Sonia Faint, Karmoo Brahmans, Clermont. That same price, $20,000, was also paid for Gipsy Plains Stetson Manso, one of the younger bulls of the Sale at 22 months. This well-bred, quiet temperament youngster shows an abundance of potential to develop into an impressive sire, according to vendor Clayton Curley of Gipsy Plains Brahman Stud, Cloncurry. The bull was purchased by Ernie & Kylie Camp, Floraville Station, Burketown.

$23,000 poll sires were purchased by Geoff Brown, Long Gully, Georgetown and by Lincoln Condon, Condon Grazing, Conjugoby, Mt Garnet. Geoff Brown selected Lanes Creek WT Jeremiah, a son of breed leading poll sire Avee Jackson, while Lincoln Condon bid to that figure for a 2yo son of NCC Marzipan from the Cambil Stud sale draft. He was one of a magnificent draft of 12 bulls that went to Conjugoby from the sale. Another of the Condon purchases at $20,000 was Kenrol Braxton, a 2yo poll, highly credentialled on weights and scan data and exhibiting attractive breed quality.

Matthew Kirk’s Carinya M Stud, Mundubbera offered an all milk tooth team of quality grey bulls at the sale. His lead sire Carinya M Jimna(P) was an 880kg youngster of powerful bone and natural beef performance. It was no surprise to see Harry & Sue Shann, Suttor Grazing, Collinsville purchased him for $22,000.

BIG COUNTRY Leading Vendor Averages (3 or more bulls)

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The sale attracted solid volume buying support over the two days, with leading commercial cattle producers putting together high standard lines of bulls. Among the volume buyers were Atkinson Developments, Greenvale; Condon Grazing, Mt Garnet; RN Hicks Family Trust, Charters Towers; Lornevale and Roseglen Partnership, Georgetown; Scholefields, Boulia; Bush Holdings, Alpha and Tom Sheahan & Co, Ingham.

**Heifers Top at $19,000**

There was solid buyer interest on the female offering as Studs appreciated the attractive, broad choice of genetic lines throughout. Cambil Miranda 5500, the lead heifer of the Camm Family’s large Sale team of grey heifers, topped the Brahman Belles Female section of the sale at $19,000. She is an attractive poll heifer by NCC Jaguar purchased by, Kelvin & Margaret Maloney, Kenilworth Brahmans, Mt Coolon.

Second top price $12,500 was paid by Tracy Keleher, Lornville Cattle Co., Bowen for Lanes Creek Cindy Manso, a daughter of JDH Massai Manso bred from the highly successful Tartrus Cindy cowline. Brian & Cindy Hughes of Lanes Creek Brahmans, presented the second edition of their ‘Lanes Creek Ladies’ Sale heifers. “This Sale gives newer breeders and young Studs in the North an excellent opportunity to secure genetics that have been proven in the industry by successful Studs, and their pricing is not over the top,” Brian Hughes said, “we’re happy to make our most successful damline genetics available at this sale every year to enable growth of the breed.”

$9,000 was paid by Geoff & Scott Angel, Glengarry Brahman Stud, Kunwarara for 2yo grey heifer Lanes Creek Ivery Manso, while Robert Mifsud & Family, Radella Brahmans, Sarina invested $8,500 in the poll daughter of Avee Jackson, Lanes Creek WT Snowdrop.

Don & Julie Hurrell, HH Park Stud, Gympie purchased the 12 month old, long, clean bodied heifer NCC Pheline(P) for $8,000. She was one of a line of 6 grey yearling heifers presented by Brett Nobbs of NCC Stud, Duaringa that averaged $6,085.

Another poll heifer from Lanes Creek made $8,000 selling to Darren Pedracini, Lornevale Roseglen Partnership, Georgetown. He also purchased an NCC heifer for $7,500. Gipsy Plains Stud also favoured a poll in their $7,500 heifer purchase, Lanes Creek 1979. In the Red Heifers a Top Price of $7,000 was reached twice for Lanes Creek lots purchased by Darren & Sue Kent, Oline Brahmans and the Callcott Family of Waugh Pocket respectively.

Sale Co-Agent Jim Geaney was delighted with the Sale’s success. “It was a terrific line-up of Brahman seedstock, superior to any we have offered at Big Country before. It was also a tremendous and very sizable line-up of buyers and bidders, here in good spirits, which created a very positive atmosphere around the sale,” he said. “Our sale highlights the strength of the Brahman breed.”

Agents: Geaney’s & McCaffrey’s Australian Livestock Marketing.
New record set at 2019 All Stars Female Sale

By Cindy Benjamin photo by Sheree Kershaw, Queensland Country Life

Buyers smashed through the $20,000 ceiling at the 2019 Rocky All Stars Elite Female Sale at CQLX Gracemere.

Two-year old grey heifer EL JA Vieanna E Manso attracted the top price of $22,000 from Shane and Sandra Bishop, Garglen Brahmans Stud, Gympie, creating a new record for this fixture.

On March 17, the twelve vendors, Glengarry, Avee, Pioneer Park, Bardia, Leichhardt, El Ja, Palmvale, Stockman, Halgenaes, Elmo, Bungarribee and Muan prefixes sold 72 quality females. At the conclusion of the sale 71 straws of donated semen from 11 sires were auctioned to raise money for those affected by severe flooding and weather events in north-west Queensland.

The CQLX Gracemere sale cleared 88% of the offering to record a $4790 average overall, with 46 grey females averaging $5140 and 26 reds averaging $4173 – yielding an encouraging total value of $345,000.

Vendors Les and Helen Donald of El Ja Brahmans Stud, Red Range, Theodore offered the sale-topping daughter of JDH Mr Elmo Manso and El Ja Vanity Fair Manso. 2019 saw the Donalds return to sell at the elite female sale for the first time since the fixture moved from Silverdale saleyard five years ago.

Lot 70, polled Muan Aruma 5583 achieved the top price for a red female of $11,000. The September 2017 drop heifer from the Gibbs family, Muan Pastoral at Biggenden was sired by Kariboe Valley Major. Aruma found a new home at Paul Lever’s, Leverdale Droughtmaster Stud, Townsville. Len and Sandra Gibbs, Muan Pastoral sold their full draft of five heifers for an average $5600.

The second top price went to polled grey heifer Glengarry Countess 2839. Her sire, Bardia Ambassador, also sired Bardia Madeline who was Grand Champion Cow at Beef 2018 and the Ekka. Her dam line traces back to an original JDH cow imported by Scott and Geoff Angel in the 1990s. She sold for $15,000 to Paul and Catherine Mackenzie, Arizona Brahmans, Dingo.

The Mackenzies also took home Amena 2870 for $8000. She is the first progeny of sire Palmal Dimension for Scott and Leigh Angel’s Glengarry S prefix.
Les Donald’s El Ja Stud, Taroom sold 12 grey females for an average of $6958, followed closely by the Angel family’s Glengarry and Glengarry S prefixes selling 13 greys for an average $6692.

Reds also sold well for Len Gibbs, Muan prefix, Biggenden, trading five females for an average $5600 while Peter Tuxworth’s three Halgenaes females sold for an average $5500.

The third priced grey was Lot 28, horned El Ja Sasha M Manso, who sold for $11,000 to Pam and Ken Roche, KP Brahman Stud, Marlborough. She is the daughter of JDH Massai Manso 608/6 and El Ja Silhouette Manso.

Lots 77 and 78, Halgenaes Holiday and Halgenaes Matilda 624 both attracted second top price of $7000 for red females at the sale, each being the sole purchase of Riverlea Grazing and Woodstock Brahmans respectively.

Polled genetics dominated in the red line-up with 20 of the 26 females being polled, earning an average $4350, over $760 more per head than the horned reds at the sale. The reverse was true with the greys where the 33 horned females attracted an average $5257 while their 13 polled counterparts sold for an average $4846.

The largest draft of eight heifers went home to Red Stone Brahman Stud, Hughenden for a total of $30,000 (av $3750, top $6000). This draft of handy red females were selected from offerings by five different vendors.

Another six red heifers were chosen by Matthew Selway, TVS Brahman Stud, Murwillumbah, NSW for an average $3080.

Five grey heifers were purchased by Birnam Cattle Co, Richmond, for a gross $12,500 (av $2500). Bill and Kay Geddes, chose four grey heifers for their Doonside operation at Jardine for a gross of $24,000 to average $6000.

Sue Hammer invested in five grey heifers for Annavale Station, Charters Towers, for an average $3700 and a top of $7500 for Glengarry Miss Hannibal 2873.

At the conclusion of the sale, 71 straws of donated semen from 11 sires cleared for $13,985 (av $196/straw), topping at $1900 for two straws in Lot 94 Mr V8 Noble 458/7 on account of the V8 Ranch- Brahman and Shorthorn Cattle, USA.

In the wake of the devastating floods in Queensland’s north-west in February, a total of $21,485 was raised from the sale of the donated semen straws ($13,985) and half the proceeds of four heifers sold on the day ($7500) on account of four different prefixes.

The monies raised went to support the efforts of Cloncurry-based Sisters of the North charity, to be distributed to flood-affected communities.

Elders were the selling agents for the day.
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SIRE: TARTRUS MANTON 5826 (S)
In early March ABBA with major support from MLA with their coordinator Barbara Bishop we put together a BeefUp Forum to incorporate the finishing of the No 7 BIN Steers.

The day was to be made up of the many organisations and technologies that are involved with the Beef Information Nucleus (BIN) steers. Part of the BIN project, apart from the large amounts of data being collected and feeding back through the system on the current industry sires in the three breeds involved, is to combine the development and verification of emerging technologies. The day began with 110 attendees in Mundubbera, Qld followed by a bus trip out to the property “Narayen” to see 130 of the No 7 steers and 50 of the No 8 heifers which had been trucked in from Brian Pastures, Gayndah.

Dr David Johnston, Chief Scientist AGBU, was the first speaker of the day discussing where the project begins with the production of calves from his Repronomics project based at Brian Pastures, Gayndah and Spylglass, Charters Towers. Dr Johnston’s project is designed to identify the genetic factors which impact the northern beef industry’s most influential profit driver – weaning rate. The Project is collecting data on early puberty and which breeding’s shine through in this area. The next phase of his project is to collect data following the first calf heifers and the speed of which breeding’s get back in calf. Does early puberty correlate with post-partum anoestrus? This is one of the questions trying to be answered. The sires used are purchased either through sales as natural mate sires or semen for the AI side of the project. These sires are chosen by their breeding’s and which sires are being widely used in private herds throughout the country. It is the steer cohort of this project that the BIN project animals ensue from.

Dr Ben Hayes, QAAFI, Northern Beef Genomics Project then followed. Dr Johnston to discuss his project collecting similar data however in commercial herds across Northern Australia with a basis of 30,000 heifer head of females across 54 herds. Dr Hayes project has a large focus on the new technologies of Genomics and how this data can be correlated with phenotypic data to understand a strong representation of these animals genetically.

Carcass measurement technologies are quickly evolving in the meat quality sector. There are various cameras included on the market including the DEXA camera based at Teys, Rockhampton. It can determine the difference between meat, bone and fat and equates the lean meat yield of carcasses. There are also many cameras being used to determine meat colour, marbling scores which include the depth of marbling and also other carcass yield cameras. At the time of kill the BIN steers are being used to verify these new technologies. We were very privileged to have Sarah Stewart, Murdoch University, WA to come over to discuss this vital and evolving area of the market. She was very informative and I am sure all those listening wished we had more time to listen to this side of emerging technologies which will ultimately effect producers bottom line into the future.
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Further emerging technologies were discussed by Louis Grey, Hitatchi who is using drones to access pasture use and grazing patterns of herds. Rob Wyld, Sapien Technologies discussed the use of individual ID’s to be used through computer programs with all data accessible crush side. Malcolm McPhee, DPI NSW discussed the use of technology to access beef characteristics. We had Malcolm’s team attend a recent weigh of the BIN steers at Narayen. The team took individual photos of every beast to access meat yield pre slaughter. Having this number of animals accessible to these sort of developing technologies to verify their data is vital for future technologies.

At the end of these tech talks the 110 attendees boarded buses to travel to “Narayen”, an hour out of town, for the practical side of the day. Michael Crowley, Producer Consultation & Adoption General Manager MLA was our first speaker upon arrival. He gave the attendees an excellent presentation of where the current markets are at domestically and export, live and boxed. He also spoke of the ongoing commitment by MLA to follow through on strong projects delivering results with producer’s levies.

Dr Johnston presented a practical demonstration of genomic predictions and key industry messages regarding breeding values of all the animals in the yard along with Paul Williams, TBTS. The steers were broken up into AI sire groups and natural mating groups in Brahman, Santa Gertrudis and Droughtmaster with a total of 11 yards on display. The females were separated into cycling and non-cycling females within their sire groups. One of the questions Dr Johnston asked regarding the females was, “By sight can you tell which females are the earlier cyclers?”. The answer with each group was, no, it is not possible without the collection of data through scanning of the ovaries to verify oestrus.

Rob Wyld did a practical demonstration of his computer program crush side with animals available.

The trip to “Narayen” was followed by dinner on the return to Mundubbera which created further opportunities for attendees to network and discuss the information that had been provided to them throughout the day. The layout of the day was very informative and practical and it was excellent to have the number of attendees clearly interested in these highly intelligent, educative speakers combined with the results being produced from the BIN project.
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The Brahman industry has ‘dug deep’ over the last few months to ‘look after their own’ as well as all those affected by the welcome rain that turned into a flood of disaster.

Bidding closed at 4pm on Friday 29 March for the ABBA Northern Queensland Flood Aid – Charity Semen Auction 2019, raising over $115 thousand to assist in the recovery effort following the North West Queensland flood in February.

Breeders donated and keen buyers bid for 89 semen lots from 69 high quality sires.

All the money raised at this event has been donated in equal shares to three charities to support those affected by the February 2019 North West Floods. The charities chosen to use these funds to support producers and rural communities were the Queensland Country Women’s Association (QCWA) Rural Fund, Sisters of the North (SOTN) and BlazeAid.

In addition to the funds raised through the sale of the semen lots, Chris Norris donated the use of his Elite Livestock Auctions platform to conduct the online auction, Rocky Repro and Beef Breeding Services waived their usual fees for the movement of the semen and ABBA donated $5000 to the recovery efforts in North West Queensland, bringing the total raised to $120,828.

Anastasia Fanning, ABBA manager said the generosity of all those involved was greatly appreciated.

Cheques for $40,276 were presented to representatives of the three charities at a morning tea at Brahman House. At the same time, Robert Murray, Elders presented another cheque for $21,485 to SOTN as donated proceeds from the Rocky All Stars Elite Female Sale held on 16 March (see article on page 12).

There were an outstanding 74 bids for Lot 12, a first release semen package of 5 straws and 5 registrations from Palmal and 2AM Brahman studs’ top sire, NCC Lord Delaware. The winning bid of $8100 was by Dillon Scott, Rosetta Station, Collinsville. Lord Delaware is the son of JDH Mr Elmo Manso and EL JA Lady Dianna Manso, and his first sons sold last year to average $37,500.

Mr Scott was also the successful bidder for Lot 77A, Carinya Jigsaw 392/0, paying $1900 for the 5 straws and 5 registrations semen package. His combined purchases amounted to $10,000.

Coming in at the second top price of $6350, JDH Navasota Manso 55/1 caused a bidding frenzy with 89 bids recorded for the 5 straws and 5 registrations catalogued by Mark Forgason of Forgason Cattle Company, a division of J.D. Hudgins’ Ranch in Texas, USA. The winning bidder was Theresa Taylor of Clukan Brahmans, Jambin.

Lot 90 Willtony Blundstone 1013 also attracted a lot of attention with 41 bids recorded for the package of 10 straws and 10 registrations, donated by Carinya Brahmans and...
Garglen Brahman Co, who purchased Blundstone for $100,000 at Wilangi sale in 2017. The winning bid of $5600 was placed by Paul Ahern of Ahern Brahmans, Gayndah.

Joy Newman, Rathlyn Brahmans, Emerald offered ten lots of 10 straws and 10 registrations from Tartrus Redmount 2365, raising a total of $20,205 for the cause.

The auction attracted 53 buyers from Queensland, NSW and Victoria.

Support is available
The three charities that ABBA has decided to support offer a range of services to producers grappling with the aftermath of the February floods or the ongoing, severe drought in other areas. Anastasia urges individuals and families to make contact with these organisations and accept their assistance, which has been generously donated by people in the country and in the cities around Australia.

Qld CWA
Since 1990, the Queensland Country Women’s Association (QCWA) Public Rural Crisis Fund has been supporting families in Queensland suffering from any type of crisis. As of 14 February 2019, the fund has assisted 3372 families with grocery vouchers, store credit or payment of some overdue accounts (e.g. electricity, phone, doctor etc) to the tune of over $7.8 million.

Asking for assistance confidential but you need to let them know you need help. To access their support, visit www.qcwa.org.au

BlazeAid
Volunteer-based organisation, BlazeAid works with families and individuals in rural Australia after natural disasters such as fires and floods. Working alongside the rural families, their volunteers help to rebuild fences and other structures that have been damaged or destroyed.

There are four BlazeAid camps operating in North West Queensland – at Richmond, Cloncurry, Julia Creek and Winton. Fencing started at Richmond on 19 February.

Property owners can make contact with the BlazeAid volunteers through the camp coordinators at each locality. You can drop in at the camp or make contact via their website www.blazeaid.com.au

BlazeAid also has $3000 Post & Wire vouchers for NW Qld graziers to purchase materials for any flood-related repairs and rebuilding. This includes fencing materials, pipes, troughs – even vaccinations for botulism. The vouchers must to be spent at local stock and station agents in centres like Cloncurry, Richmond, Julia Creek, Winton, Hughenden and Mt Isa.

Sisters of the North
The SOTN LiveVoucher Ambassador network, comprised of local trusted community members selected by local Mayors and community leaders, is up and running. LiveVoucher is a unique, SMS-to-SMS Voucher service to disperse the funds raised, providing complete transparency and traceability of fund expenditure.

Businesses in North West Queensland can register at https://www.livevoucher.com

The SOTN Ambassadors use their local knowledge and networks to identify individuals who need financial assistance following the North West flood and provide them with SMS vouchers to use at registered businesses. Recipients do not have to fill out any paper work – they just need a mobile phone. To contact Ambassadors, you can send a private message to their Facebook page or send an email to admin@sistersofthenorth.org.au

Lifeline
Lifeline provides wonderful services to support people dealing with crisis situations like drought and flood. You can speak to their trained volunteers or grab a copy of their practical resource ‘Drought Tool Kit – practical tips for getting through the drought’, which is just as applicable for flood-affected families. Call 13 11 14 anytime 24/7 or visit www.lifeline.org.au/support-lifeline/lifeline-campaigns/drought-tool-kit
Mogul Hendrix was a hit at the Royal Easter Show 2019

By Cindy Benjamin photos by Stephen Burns, The Land

On 12 April, five local and one inter-state prefixes shared the ribbons at this year’s Royal Easter Show.

Mogul Hendrix H287 led the Mogul Brahman Stud team to victory at the 2019 Sydney Royal Easter Show. Hendrix and his half-brother stable-mate, Mogul Hastings, secured a cache of sashes for northern NSW stud master Dr George Jacobs.

Mogul entrants were top-of-class in the junior champion bull, reserve junior champion bull, grand champion bull, group of two bulls, progeny and best exhibit categories.

Judge Wendy Cole, Kenrol Brahmans, Gracemere, Queensland examined 29 exhibits at this year’s Show and said the Brahman lineup was an excellent display of the way the breed is progressing.

“Mogul Hendrix has a terrific sire’s outlook for a young bull,” she said. “He has good bone and structure, and displayed better growth and eye muscle, which is why he was placed over the senior champion bull as grand champion bull.”

Mrs Cole said there were plenty of great breeding females with terrific genetics that anyone would be proud to have in their herd.

The Tink family’s BT Brahman stud, Dubbo dominated the female winners’ circle. Colin and Lin Tink took home broad ribbons for the reserve junior champion female, senior champion female and grand champion female classes.

Travelling from Gympie, Don and Julie Hurrell were rewarded with sashes for their junior champion and reserve senior champion females.

The senior champion bull represented Haley Ellis’, Buckaroo Brahmans, Quirindi in the winners’ line-up.

Starting with a win in the bull 16–20 mths class, Mogul Hendrix H287 went on to be named junior champion bull, grand champion bull and best exhibit of the Brahman division at the 2019 show.

The impressive red youngster showed plenty of sire potential as he was paraded by Reilly Randall. Sired by Kenrol Gordian Manso 2690, Hendrix also won junior and grand champion Brahman Bull at the 2019 Tenterfield Show.

Mrs Cole awarded the reserve junior bull championship to Mogul Hastings (D), the red son of Kenrol Gordian Manso 2690 (H) and Mogul Miss LC Lindelu 5th (D).

Polled red Buckaroo Jango was selected as senior champion bull, having also won the bull 20–30 mth class. Bred by Haley Ellis, Quirindi, Jango’s sire is polled Langley Dale Eric and his dam is Langley Dale Whisky.

Mrs Cole said Jango was a young entrant for the senior bull class but he displayed good length and structure.

Sam Parrish led the Tink family’s polled, light-red BT Rosetta Dee through the ranks to pick up sashes for female 20–30 mths and senior champion female before she was named grand champion Brahman Best exhibit and grand champion Brahman bull Mogul Hendrix paraded by Reilly Randall, judge Wendy Cole, sponsor Jason Sutherland, International Animal Health Products and breeder Dr George Jacobs and his wife Janice Hirshorn.
female. The daughter of polled sire Langley Dale Diesel and dam BT Rosetta, she was presented with her calf, led by Chelsea Peacock.

Mrs Cole was impressed with Rosetta Dees’ overall presentation and her great length and depth of body. “She is raising an excellent calf too,” she said.

Winner of the female 16–20 mths class, HH Park Miss Jessica 968, went on to be awarded the junior female championship sash. Bred by Don and Julie Hurrell, Gympie, Miss Jessica is the daughter of FBC El Toro Manso 541/1 and HH Park Miss Jessica Rose 679.

“Miss Jessica is a lovely example of Brahman femininity, displaying tremendous softness,” said Mrs Cole.

The reserve junior champion female was Colin Tink’s polled, red BT Aria 3rd the daughter of Kenrol Sandman 0444 and Langley Dale Aria. She was the winner of the 12-16 months class.

Winner of the female 30+ mths class, HH Park Miss Charlotte 836, went on to be selected as reserve senior champion female. Bred by Don and Julie Hurrell, Gympie, Miss Charlotte is the daughter of FBC El Toro Manso 541/1 and HH Park Joanne 471;

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Figland females attract top dollar

By Cindy Benjamin  photos by Rhonda Zeiler

Demand held steady at the third annual New South Wales Stud Female and Commercial F1 Sale at the Casino Selling Centre on 11 May. Buyers vied for the 28 stud heifers catalogued to achieve an 82 per cent clearance along with an excellent 94 per cent clearance of the 221 commercial heifers on offer.

By the end of the stud female sale, 11 winning bidders had invested $55,900, averaging $2430 for 23 heifers, with a top of $5000. Two of Margaret and Greg Hayes’ Figland heifers, attracted the most attention, and recorded the two top prices for the day. Lot 24 Figland Miss Elmo Empress sold to Diddine Brahmans, Lismore for $5000 while her half-sister in Lot 23 Figland Miss Wise went home with Paul and Sheree Madill, MRR stud at Wilberforce, on the Hawkesbury River for $4500. Both heifers were sired by Carinya Imprint.

The Hayes’ topped the sale with their team of four stud heifers selling for average $3437. Repeat supporters of the Casino sale, the Madills also invested in another four stud heifers for an overall average of $3000. Diddine Brahmans finished the sale with a team of four heifers for an average $2750.

Third top price (and top red) was secured for Glen Pfeffer’s, Mogul Miss Cr Dianne by polled sire Carinya L Rolo. She was the sole purchase of M Sellway for $3000. Mogul Brahmans catalogued seven lots (5 red and 2 grey), selling for an average $2500.

Below. A large buyer’s gallery attended the NSW Stud and F1 Female Sale in the Casino Saleyards.

Qld Agricultural Co were the top price purchasers in the commercial females with their PTIC heifers from Mountana Brahman @ $1680. They also purchased 4 stud heifers from Alinta.

Sarah Sivewright and Dylan Brown of Diddine Brahmans purchased the top price stud heifer from the Hayes family of Figland Brahman Stud, Kyogle.
Grant and Jo Bulmer’s, Mountana prefix sold five grey heifers for an average $2150, top $2500 for Lot 20 Mountana Ifley 1515, sired by Lancefield Hawkesbury 4802/1, the sole purchase of Daniel Prior.

Stephen and Vesna Vincent, Hope Brahmans, Gunnedah catalogued one polled red heifer, Hope Little Miss Park, selling to Brendan and Karina Disson, KBD Charolais & Brahmans, Kyogle for $2500.

Qld Ag Co took home four of the six red heifers catalogued by Alex Ashwood’s Alinta prefix, Lennox Head for an average $1850. Diddine Brahmans added two Alinta heifers to their draft for an average $2000, giving Alinta an overall average of $1900 for this sale.

To conclude the stud auction, two calf recorded heifers donated by the Hill family’s, Shawnee Brahmans, Nundle were auctioned with the proceeds of $3000 going to the Sisters of the North charity in aid of those affected by the North West Qld Flood. AMS Brahmans and Mountana Brahmans were the successful bidders for these two young heifers.

Commercial heifers sold very well with the 209 head grossing $211,390 (av. $1011). Grant and Jo Bulmer, Mountana, Kyogle sold the top priced F1 heifer for $1680.

In aid of the North
Campbell Hill from Shawnee Brahmans, Nundle with Alex Sullivan from AMS Brahmans and Laken Smithies of Mountana Brahmans. These two calf recorded Shawnee heifers were donated by Shawnee and the proceeds from their sale was contributed to the Sisters of the North charity in aid of those affected by the North West Qld Flood.
Ken and Wendy Cole’s historic property ‘Matcham’, part of the original Archer family holding at Gracemere (named after Mrs Grace Archer), is home to Kenrol Brahman Stud.

Ken and his brother Errol founded the stud in 1968, beginning with Cherokee, Walla and Avondale bloodlines. In 1979 the brothers dissolved their partnership, with Ken and Wendy taking on Kenrol and Errol and Estelle starting Double E Brahman stud at Baralaba.

Wendy joined the Cole family having been involved with her family’s commercial beef operation at Springsure and a Braford breeder in her own right. Wendy remains involved with her family partnership at the Springsure property, where the focus is on producing cross-bred EU steers.

The Cole’s run a stud breeding herd of around 120 grey and red females on 400 ha ‘Matcham’ where their focus is on producing cross-bred EU steers.

“Everyone is looking for something different to bring into their herds,” she says. “So the winning entrant is not going to do the job for everyone. You just never know where the interest will come from or what others see in your cattle. It is cheap advertising really!”

In 2002, Be Os Lady Bianca was the first Kenrol-owned dam to be awarded ABBA Dam of the Year. A distinguished line-up of homebred dams followed suit – Kenrol Kayla 02 (2003, 2005, 2006 and 2007), Kenrol Miss Congeniality (2004), Kenrol Gene 128 (2008) and Kenrol Lady Nan (2017). In 2013 another Kenrol purchase, NCC Jill 1389, earned the award.

Similarly, two Kenrol sires and their progeny have enjoyed considerable success in the showring. In 2010, Kenrol Marri Manso 0252 was named ABBA Sire of the Year and for four years running (2013–16) Kenrol Mr HJ Ray 0366 held the title. Mr HJ Ray 0366 is an impressive red bull who has sired 214 registered progeny to date.

To enter the Register of Renown a sire or dam must have accumulated more than 200 points, earned by its
progeny through placing at ABBA-approved shows.

Being on the show circuit and attending sales also gives the Cole’s an opportunity to see the genetics that are working for others. Kenrol cattle continue to feature in shows and agricultural displays from Sydney to Cairns. At the triennial Beef Australia Expo held in Rockhampton they have a display in conjunction with the Olive family’s Raglan Brahmans.

The creek flats at Matcham range from black clay to sands and support improved pastures including Rhodes and buffel grasses, and legumes secca, siratro and desmanthus. Some of the pastures can be irrigated and Ken also grows forage sorghum from time to time. The creek flats do flood but water generally does gets away within 24 hours.

The rolling ridges are generally clay soils with some rock. The native speargrass and bluegrass pastures are interspersed with Rhodes grass, secca and Verano stylos sown along ripper lines.

Ken and Wendy are currently developing ‘Matcham’ with improved pasture and some hay production to enhance the quality of feed available to give their calves the best possible start.
Quality genetics boost commercial production at Riverside Grazing

By Cindy Benjamin  photos by Claire Williams

The Williams family grazing operation north of Moranbah began in 1860 when Allan’s great-great-grandfather moved to Nebo. Several quality blocks have been amalgamated over time into Riverside (101,000 ha) and Olive Downs (5665 ha) in the heart of the coal-rich Bowen Basin.

Riverside landtypes are primarily pulled brigalow, pulled lancewood and some open box country on deep black soils. Large portions of the property have been sown to buffel grass, which Allan is pleased to say is showing no signs of die-back. The pastures are dominantly buffel grass, speargrass, forest Mitchell grass, button grass and increasingly, Indian couch, which was introduced when powerlines went through the property in the 1980s. Most paddocks are 1000 to 1200 ha in size and the cattle rotate through them as required.

Since the 1970s, when Allan took over management from his father, the Williams family have felt the impact of coal mining operations on their land. The Goonyella Riverside Mine, now owned and operated by BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance, takes in several leases of land from the Broadmeadow, Olive Downs, Burton Downs and Red Hill portions of Riverside. The Riverside portion of the mega-mine began operations in 1972, extracting high quality medium volatile coking coals.

Along with many other inconveniences and obstructions to daily operations, the mine’s haulage road dissects the Williams’ Riverside holding and has a significant impact on cattle movement.

As a result, the Williams’ use a roadtrain to cart stock between various stockyards on the property. The longest haul is about 45 km through the property from the furthest yards, along the main road to the Riverside homestead yards.

The Williams’ use a network of laneways that feed into 13 sets of stockyards to manage their stock.
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using dogs and buggies to muster off a water point and into a laneway.

The young cattle are run in their age groups and the Williams’ are currently turning-off weaners and yearling cattle. In better seasons they grow steers and heifers out to meet the EUCAS criterion, but in these dry conditions, that is not a viable option.

The business is EU-accredited, aiming to finish the cattle on grass before selling to Teys Brothers in Rockhampton. Olive Downs is a particularly good fattening block to finish the young stock. Stores are sold through Landmark selling agents at CQLX Gracemere, generally to feedlots in southern Queensland.

Bulls run with the 7000 breeders for five months over summer, starting in November. The breeding herd is a mix of red and grey Brahman, black Brangus and cross-bred cows. The Williams’ keep their bulls for nine years and the cows breed from the age of two to ten years, and are turned off as fats.

Allan has established single-sire herds, using 350 working bulls. They have tried a few other breeds such as Senapol and Simmental, but have returned to using mainly Brahman and Brangus.

Allan says it can be quite expensive to obtain good quality bulls so they make the most of the bulls they buy in and have an active bull-breeding program of their own.

They are keen to increase the polled trait in their herd and are pleased to have produced some very handy polled calves that have maintained good size and bone structure.

In recent years the Williams’ have made several notable purchases – showing clearly that they are investing in quality over quantity at bull sales.

In 2014 they chose a stylish red polled sire NK X Man 586, a son of Palmvale Zinger from NK Emily, from Pat and Kay Hills and family NK Brahman, Amaroo, Theodore at the Rockhampton Beef Week sale.

The following February they sourced two Wandilla prefix bulls at the All Breeds bull sale in CQLX, Gracemere. Adding one red, Wandilla Fiddler 468/9, by Kandoona Utai from a Wandilla matron, and one grey sire, Wandilla Fort Knox, by FBC Becker to the sire battery at Riverside.

Also in 2015 Allan secured a cherry red, high quality, strong pedigreed, poll sire, Palmal Jabaru, a son of Mt Callan Jed.

At the 2016 Clermont Beef bull sale the family secured another Palmal sire, red polled Palmal Walter 6953.

Last year Allan was the winning bidder for polled Toy Boy Hoffman, a son of polled sire Lancefield A Cardinal 3739M and Toy Boy Harmony at the Gold City sale in Charters Towers. At the Annual NCC Brahman Sale at Inverrio, Duaringa in late October 2018, Allan selected NCC Eureka, a son of Three D Platinum and a top producing Elmo daughter. This impressive sire is running with a herd of polled heifers.

Temperament is also a very important quality to Allan and he invests heavily in training for the weaners. Each year they usually employ contractors to work with the weaners in the paddock and in the yards. Allan is also adamant that their dogs must be able to work the cattle and gain their respect without biting.

Allan and Jeanette are joined in working the property by their son Charles and two daughters, Holly and Claire. Their other son and daughters have off-farm careers.

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A group of young heifers.

The Williams muster with dogs that have the cattle’s respect without biting.
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Reflecting after my time in the States it really was a trip of a life time. Travelling across nine states over three months I was fortunate to see a lot of high quality Brahman cattle, meet some incredible people and make unforgettable memories.

Having the honour to represent the Australian Brahman Breeders Association and to be named the Edgar Hudgins Memorial Scholarship 2019 winner was a real privilege.

My trip started at J.D. Hudgins Inc. Hungerford, Texas. These impressive Headquarters would become my base for the following months and the guest house my home. I was introduced to the family members of all eight divisions and shown their cattle and facilities and it quickly became apparent to me why J.D. Hudgins is the world leader of the production of Brahman seedstock. I was keen to absorb and learn from their extensive knowledge especially regarding their breeding principals. I appreciated the chance to discuss their marketing approach on the world stage.

I found the American Brahman Family to be generous people. A special thank-you has to go out to Michael Goudeau and the Goudeau Division for taking me in and treating me like one of their family. Their generosity and support made my stay more enjoyable than I could have imagined. They bent over backwards for me, giving me a vehicle so I was free to travel where ever I chose and therefore independently experienced even more aspects of the cattle industry. I am grateful and thankful also to John Locke and family of the Locke Division, who were instrumental in helping me organise other ranches to visit and again welcomed me to feel like part of the family.

Early in the trip I travelled north to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. With approximately 900 head of Brahman cattle on display and meeting breeders from all over the globe it was an eye opening experience and I would highly recommend it. It was easy to see that Texas is a world leader in their approach to the cattle industry and furthermore agriculture in general, offering scholarships and programs to the youth of community. It was inspiring to see so many young people involved in all different ways, creating a better future. I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Houston and met many local breeders. This was also a great opportunity to map out the rest of my travels.

Following Houston I travelled to South Texas to the England Cattle Company. I stayed with Mike, Crickett and Benton England. They took me in and treated me like one of their own. Their generosity was overwhelming and it was an honour to spend time them and experience the day to day operations of their ranch. Looking around the cow herds it was evident there was great focus of producing high quality grey polled cattle that were bred to perform in any conditions. I travelled with the England’s to the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show and Rodeo, where again there was a high quality line up of Brahman cattle. I was grateful to
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meet more breeders and have the opportunity to see their cattle.

Mr Carlos Guerra of La Muneca Cattle Company took the time to show me around his cattle and neighbouring ranches. He offered a lot of wisdom and experience. His family ranch has a fantastic breeding program, making waves in both the polled Brahman and the Simbrah markets. In south Texas, a lot of the breeders are very progressive, sharing a common goal and work closely together.

I travelled to Florida to the Kempfer family Ranch. This successful family business is operated by brothers Henry and George Kempfer. At their ranch there was an impressive herd of pure bred grey Brahmans and cross bred cattle. Through disciplined breeding the ranch had produced functional and fertile cattle that were well suited to the country and markets. It was evident there was a huge emphasis on carcass quality and beef production. Their disciplined approach to breeding cattle has paid dividends as they consistently meet the demand of their neighbouring local producers. From a business perspective the ranch has incorporated three other enterprises of hunting, saw milling and a turf business. These three enterprises were a great example of fully utilizing the country and was a solid take home point for me.

While I was in Florida I visited Deseret Ranch. Carrying 42,000 breeders in their operation. This is one of the biggest cattle producers in the US and was a real eye opening experience for me. I was fortunate enough to spend time with Cody Peck, the cell grazing manager. He had 400 breeders in a cell grazing rotation and was seeing progressive results quickly.

In Louisiana, I was able to stay with the Thidodaeux family at Circle T Ranch and the Watkins family of Watkins Brahmans. As the country is very diverse it was great to see their Brahman cattle performing well in their wet climate. Both families treated me with the best hospitality and exposed me to the rich culture of Louisiana. I truly enjoyed my time there.

Travelling back to Texas I managed to visit many purebred Brahman herds, commercial operations, collection centres, reproduction centres, field days and cattle shows. A special thank-you to Roger Smith and family, who invited me to stay with them at their ranch. This was a central location for me to stay and visit different breeders close by. The friendship made between myself and the Smith family is one I will keep close to my heart and will never forget.

The Partin Family operated the Heart Bar Ranch and was a highlight of my trip. There were many desirable management tools that were utilized within the herd and the experience was very educational. This herd of pure bred Brahmans was a true credit to the family.

Santa Elena was home to a powerful herd of Red Brahman cattle. It was very valuable to spend time with the Muscus family and talk about how they have been so successful marketing their genetics all around the world.

My Final week was spent back in Hungerford with the Locke division. John Locke was hosting a grazing management workshop at his ranch. The workshop was attended by many graziers from around the US with Ian Mitchell Innes from South Africa being the guest speaker. There was a lot of knowledge to absorb.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all the kind people I met along my journey for making me feel so welcome and sharing their knowledge. All in all, my adventure was eye-opening, educational and thought provoking. I look forward to incorporating the things I learnt into our cattle operation as well as the broader Australian Brahman community. I would like to thank the J.D. Hudgins Inc. Ranch and the Australian Brahman Breeders Association for allowing me the opportunity to go on this once-in-a-lifetime trip.
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A slice of history...

Anne McCamley and Grace Kirk.

Ken & Wendy Cole, Joan and Ben Cole.

Neil Harling, Anne McCamley, Senior Champion Brahman Bull, Yenda Eden, Kathryn Kirk, Errol Cole.

1990 Brisbane Royal had a showing of 120 head from left David Camm, Natal Downs, Charters Towers; Peter Fordyce, Bengal Stud, Koumala; Jeff McCamley, Lancefield stud, Dululu and Evan Acton, Millungera, Julia Creek.

Buyer of grey heifer, Tartrus Miss RG for $11000 at the Tartrus Lancefield Celebrity Classic Night Sale, is Peter MacElroy, Balakiava Brahman stud, Inkerman, left, pictured with Lee Collins, Wandilla stud, Marlborough.

Vic Deguara, Savannah Brahman Stud and his son Vic, Grosvenor Downs, Moranbah, with their $7600 record February Sale investment for the stud. Allawah Lady Tialita, by Cherokee Ole Buck, with heifer calf at foot by Cherokee Night Owl.

Judge Bruce Clarke, Allawah, Biloela, (Left) and Assoc Judge Andrew Olive Jnr. Apis Creek stud, Marlborough, look on as Lyn Andrews, Rockhampton, the ABBA entrant in the World Brahman Congress Queen contest, presents the ribbon to the Grand Champion Bull Yenda Byron, held by Roxanne Kirk, Yenda, Gayndah.
Around the ridges...

Rodger Jefferis, Bevan Glasgow and Glen Pfeffer at the Mundubbera Field Day on March the 6th.

Kate Dunn with their heifers ready to walk into the Judging ring at Marlborough Show.

Caroline Briggs and Margaretta Morgan at Farm San Gabriel, Colombia.

Ron Carr, Bidgee View Brahmans, Narromine with Grant Bulmer, Chairman of the NSW Branch of ABBA and local repeat supporter of the NSW Stud and F1 Female Sale, George Bennett.

Brett McCamley, Andrew Chapman and Matt Kirk at the Mundubbera Field Day on March the 6th.

Molly Smith, the 2018 American Junior Brahman Assoc Australian Student Exchange Scholarship winner attending Brahman Week.

Charlie White with her heifer Wilangi R Ruby.

Katrina and Joe Johnson of Jomanda Brahmans, Grafton catching up with Elaine Edwards of See Performance Brahmans, Wingen.

Debbie Travis and Cynthia Stark at the ABBA 2018 Xmas party.
Arthur Rickards was born at Maryborough, Qld on 20 March 1942 where his family farmed. His father died when Arthur was aged six so his mother reared the family of four. Arthur attended primary and secondary school at Maryborough. He completed a degree of Agricultural Science degree at the University of Queensland and moved to Armidale where he completed a Diploma of Agricultural Economics.

Arthur established the Agricultural Business Research Institute (ABRI) on 1 July 1970 with just two staff, Maggie Tyrrell as Programmer and Aline Christenson as Secretary and a whole bunch of dreams about how to facilitate the adoption of UNE technology across the rural industries. The home of ABRI was a modest gardener’s cottage on the UNE campus.

Over the next 4 decades under Arthur’s guidance, ABRI developed and/or implemented many of the innovative technologies that have made significant contributions to Australian agriculture; particularly its livestock industries.

These included

1970’s
- Farm financial benchmarking.
- Farm financial planning using linear programming.
- Launch of the National Beef Recording Scheme

1980’s
- New England Computerised marketing sale-by-description of livestock leading to CALM and now Auctions Plus.
- Importation of cattle via Cocos Island thus rejuvenating our genetic resources.
- BREEDPLAN (an AGBU development) launched.

1990’s
- Dairy Express – advanced dairy herd recording system launched.
- Omega 3 enrichment of eggs patented and marketing commenced.
- International marketing of breed registry and BREEDPLAN systems.
- Tropical Beef Technology Services (TBTS) – new generation beef breeding extension.

2000’s
- Internet Solutions information system (now receiving millions of page hits per month).
- The ILR2 advanced breed registry system.
- Subcontract management of certification of genetic exports – providing quality control to Australia’s genetic exports worldwide.
- Southern Beef Technology Services - with TBTS this has created a national new-generation beef breeding extension service.
- MISDI, online management information system for the dairy industry.
- HerdMASTER 4, a new release of the Saltbush Herd Management System with on-farm and central functionality.

The provision of high quality breed registry databases and the BREEDPLAN Genetic Analysis system enabled ABRI to expand its services internationally so that by 2010 ABRI had a presence in some 20 countries including the USA, Canada, the UK, South Africa and New Zealand.

By 2010, ABRI had some 60 employees and an annual turnover of around $10 mill. The gardener’s cottage while retaining the original unpretentious entrance had undergone a series of upper and lower level extensions to accommodate the initial bank of mainframe computers and the increase in staff. It was now a veritable rabbit warren albeit with a large new building which became The Pedigree Centre.

Arthur was a visionary

I would like to provide a quote from Dr Michael Bradfield South Africa who had a very close association with Arthur and ABRI:

Arthur always had the “big picture” in his mind. He understood that an integrated strategy of increasing food production would alleviate poverty and hunger despite the substantial increases projected for the world population. As an example, I remember working with him on the talk that he gave in Washington to the World Bank and he was very excited on the role ABRI could make to alleviate poverty internationally. He also took BREEDPLAN to be the undisputed world leader in animal recording and genetic evaluation services and had a vision that genetic evaluation programs should be run across countries to the benefit of all producers (and understood that this approach would make Australia the world leader in genetic services at the same time).

The Opportunistic

Arthur was ever the opportunist if there was government funding available for innovative projects or a government department which was
looking for a third party to provide genetic evaluation services. The fact that ABRI to this day holds the contracts for genetic evaluation for all of New Zealand, most of the UK and a good slice of South Africa and Namibia was not just luck.

**Work Ethic**

Arthur had a huge work ethic. He did not often get to work till around 9.00am but as his loyal secretaries would attest often arrived with many pages of handwritten letters and submissions for them to type up/word process.

More often than not Arthur would still be in the office at 7.00pm and then work many hours over weekends.

This work ethic rubbed off on his staff although I would venture to say that none of us worked quite as hard or as long hours as Arthur.

**Arthur the businessman**

Having watched Arthur manage ABRI for many years and as the manager of a business client of ABRI for 22 years I always found Arthur a tough but fair negotiator. He never raised his voice in negotiations to my knowledge which often disarmed the other negotiating party.

He had great attention to detail leaving nothing to chance. The long term licence he negotiated with the three owners of the BREEPLAN technology bear testimony to that.

Arthur had a huge network of contacts from fellow undergraduates, politicians, University academics, business people and former employees which he utilised whenever he needed too.

Arthur put together the plan to establish UNE Partnerships Ltd in 1989, the University’s commercial education company. He was a foundation director and Chairman of UNE Partnerships Ltd for four years.

Arthur was a lover of music and always completely supportive and proud of Deidre, Alice and Gareth’s musical talent. He also made a huge contribution to the New England Conservatorium of Music as the first board Chairman.

Arthur loved sport: A Queensland junior champion middle distance runner Arthur is one of very few people who carried the Olympic torch for the 1956 and 2000 Olympics. First in Maryborough and then in Armidale.

After formal retirement in 2011 Arthur continued on in a part time Business Manager role at ABRI and even after his collapse in the Qantas Club in 2013 and subsequent struggle with liver disease he continued working for ABRI on a part time basis.

In 2016 he took on the role as President of the Australian Registered Cattle Breeders Association a peak body for breed associations which he founded with his great friend Dick Vincent in about 1975. He organised the inaugural Young Breed Leaders Workshop which was held in Brisbane in late 2017 and has organised the second such conference to be held in Armidale in October this year.

He also initiated the ARCBA Young Breed Leaders Scholarship first awarded in 2017 which will now be known as the Arthur Rickards Young Breed Leaders Scholarship to be awarded again in September this year.

Arthur received many awards during his career. Arthur was awarded an Order of Australia medal in 1996 and an Honorary Doctorate by the University of New England in 2003 in recognition of his achievements and contribution to Australian Agriculture.

A remarkable man who has made a remarkable contribution to Australian Agriculture through vision, determination, doggedness and sheer hard work.

A memorial Service was held for Arthur Rickards on Monday 29th April at the Uniting Church in Armidale where he and Deidre were married in December 1970.

Supplied by Alex McDonald.
Vale Roly Robertson

Roly passed away peacefully on 9th March, 2019 surrounded by family. He is survived by his daughters and son in laws, Colleen & Graham, Wendy & David, Kim & Brett and Lisa & David and their children and grandchildren.

His funeral was at Bell Showgrounds on 16th March, 2019. Over 400 people attended to give their last respects.

Roly & Betty (who passed in 2015) formed “Coweki” Brahman Stud in 1969 as stud number 541. The stud name came from the 3 eldest daughters (Colleen, Wendy, Kim) but Lisa missed out as she was born later.

They purchased 2 cows with calves and 4 heifers from Aussie Clarke of Allawah Brahman Stud in Biloela. They sold their first Bulls at Brahman Week Sale in Rockhampton in 1971 and continued to do so up until his last sale in 2014, as in 2015 Betty passed and ill health forced him to retire from the sales, but he continued to breed his beloved Brahmans until he passed.

They had many successful sires over the years which produced many winners in the show circuit, including Coweki Bronson who was judged Reserve Junior Champion at the 2002 Sydney Easter Royal Show and they also had great success with selling at the Sales.

There was a lot of good times had at Sale time, which they classed as there annual working holiday. A fair bit of late night partying with fellow sellers and agents occurred, and to them it was their big Brahman family get together.

Everyone in the wider community knew and loved Dad and he would always love to have a chat and beer or two, and as many people have said to us, a damn good bloke and a true gentleman.

But to us girls he was more than that, he was the best Dad you could ever ask for and was always there for us, and we were blessed to get to call him Dad.

Dad’s life was his family and his Brahmans, and he will be greatly missed by all.

Dad
Your love, your patience, your understanding, your wisdom and your amazing sense of humour will live on inside us forever. You have given us gifts that are more precious than anything in this world.

Will love you always and miss you dearly xx

Supplied by Lisa Caldwell

Joseph’s sincere life

Joseph Manual Richard Mifsud was born in Malta on the 17 October 1943.

At the age of 18 he migrated to Australia and met a sweet sixteen Eton farm girl named Josephine Rose Fenech. In 1971 Joe and Josie were married and went on to have three children Michell Anne, Emanuel Richard and Robert William.

Joseph and Josie had a unique marriage and shared similar interests which included fulfilling their ambitions of breeding Brahman cattle. Josie’s father Joe Fenech was breeding red Brahmans at the time, Joe wanted to breed some greys, so together they were on the hunt to find Joseph some grey Brahmans.

Joseph purchased females from Waverley, Jaffra and Avondale with Avondale being Joseph’s favourite at the time and so began Josie and Joseph’s love of breeding Brahman cattle.

Joseph’s next ambition was to get some new genetics so he purchased an unborn embryo off the McCamley family privately for $7,000. Victoria Valley Indy Manso Sir Joe was born and used as a sire.

Joseph’s love of grey cattle was rubbing off onto Josie’s family and in 1989 Joe Fenech and Joseph Mifsud purchased three embryos for $13,000 to top the Savannah Embryo Sale during Rockhampton show week.

Joseph’s passion to sell Brahmans in the north paid off with a top price bull and sale record at the time of $20,000 at the Gold City Sale and top price heifer sale at the time of $17,000 sold at Big Country Sale, Charters Towers.

In Joe’s later years he loved his gardens and breeding birds and helping his boys with their cattle, he was always there to lend a hand and was often a fill in assistant for the family’s vets Dan Jillella and Brad Pullen during embryo programs and semen testing.

Supplied by Josie Mifsud.
Reading:
“A Golden Heart Stopped Beating”
A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands at rest;
It broke our hearts to see you go, God only takes the best.
They say that memories are golden, well, maybe that is true,
But we never wanted memories, we only wanted you.
Your life was love and labour, your love for your family true;
You did your best for all of us, we will always remember you.
We sat beside your bedside, our hearts were crushed and sore.
We did our duty to the end, ’till we could do no more.
In tears we watched you sinking, we watched you fade away:
And though our hearts were breaking, we knew you could not stay.
Our lips cannot speak how we loved you, our hearts cannot tell what to say;
But God only knows how we miss you in our home that is lonely today.
ICMJ Northern Conference

By Anastasia Fanning. Photos by CQ University

For the first time the Intercollegiate Meat Judging Competition (ICMJ) has been held in Rockhampton as part of their Northern Conference. ICMJ has been held yearly in Wagga Wagga for the last 30 years but it is very exciting to have this opportunity available for our youth in Queensland and ABBA were proudly a minor sponsor of this event.

Keynote speaker Troy Setter, chief executive of the Consolidated Pastoral Company, told participants of how attending ICMJ as a young student had contributed to his career.

“Events like these are really important because the broader your skill set and the broader your experiences, the more employable you are,” Mr Setter said.

The ICMJ is a judging competition of meat. The competition has only been available for College and University students studying agriculture however this Northern Conference has also been opened up to employees of our Northern companies. 85 participants took part in the competition coming from as far south as UNE, Armidale and as far north as Normanton.

Teys Australia and event coordinator Ethan Mooney said, “We deliberately opened up the Northern Conference to include not just university students, but also young staff working in pastoral companies or agribusinesses.”

The aim of this event is to:

• Equip attendees with better knowledge and skills specific to northern beef production and associated meat quality and attributes
• Highlight carcass characteristics of northern beef breeds and resulting meat quality
• Raise awareness of career opportunities & create linkages with future employers across the northern beef supply chain
• Expose attendees to new technologies and capabilities within the meat industry
• Educate attendees on Australia’s position within the global meat supply chain

The attendees arrived in the afternoon of the Thursday to have a meet and greet with some excellent speakers at this evening event.

On the Friday attendees were given access to further industry speakers discussing red meat market trends and the factors influencing consumer decisions to eat beef. Just to name a few of the quality speakers were Tom Maguire Teys Australia Chief Value Chain Officer, Dr Peter McGilchrist lecturer from the University of New England and Director of the meat science lab and CQ University’s Prof. Dave Swain discussing new on-farm technologies which can maximise production and carcase quality.

Dr Peter McGilchrist holding an MSA workshop.
Friday evening all attendees were given access to speak to members of companies about career opportunities including Consolidated Past Co, Hancock Agriculture and Cattle Council as an example. This was a tremendous opportunity for the attendees to network and consider possibly different career pathways to what they have previously considered.

Saturday morning was down to the competition side of the Conference. All attendees were taken out to Teys Meatworks and were asked to grade up to 10 carcasses at a time, adjusting calculations to take into account factors such as meat and fat colour, marbling, subcutaneous rib fat, ossification, sex, hump height, with given information such as carcase weight, HGP status, and pH. Attendees also had to correctly identify over 40 cuts for retail and sale with reference to their origin within the carcase.

Saturday lunch the students were treated to the now famous Smok’in Yak at Belmont Research Station. This was then followed by information sessions about the work that is being created by CQ University including Walk over Weighing and GPS tracking devices to name a few of the technologies.

The 3 days culminated in an awards dinner with the UNE Armidale coming out as overall winners in the individual and group of four awards however all participants were very excited about the knowledge they had gained, the career opportunities discussed and the relationships created.

This was a tremendously exciting event to see a group of young students, nearing graduation from University, choosing agriculture as their chosen pathway. An event that ABBA looks forward to being a part of into the future.
Today’s beef producers face many different management challenges including increased herd sizes and larger cattle which impact on herd health particularly leg and feet structure and lameness.

"Lameness has a positive genetic correlation to reduced performance"

Foot and leg problems can be a major herd problem due to reduced performance (weight gain and reproduction) resulting in lower productivity and increased economic losses.

Fig 1 illustrates the four main groups of factors which can directly lead to lameness or which interact and subsequently intensify minor stimuli sufficiently to cause subacute or acute lameness.

Foot and leg conformation have less predictable heritability (0.8-0.16) than the measurable performance traits (eg mature weight 0.50). Nevertheless, structural traits and problems are heritable and need to be fully considered when purchasing and breeding seed stock.

"Foot problems compounded by poor leg structure cause lameness"

In order to fully understand lameness it is advantageous to become familiar with the anatomy of the foot and the basic structure of the legs, shoulder and hindquarter.

Foot Structure

The conformation of the foot (Fig 2) should be short and steeply angled, high in the heel and even clawed. The sole should be somewhat concave with the majority of weight placed on the hoof wall.

The anatomy of the foot (Fig 2) indicates the complexity of the structure and clearly demonstrates why structural faults and problems lead to foot damage and lameness.

Coronary Band – is normally soft and shiny and grows at the rate of 5 millimetres per month. This is an area that can be easily penetrated by foreign objects particularly between the toes.

Bulb – is the continuous with the coronary band and is composed of soft rubber horn.

Wall – is smooth and shiny and consists of a very tough tubular horn

Coronary Cushion – is a mass of elastic tissue and veins beneath the coronary band. When the animal moves, the cushion pumps blood through the foot and back into the body.

Lamellae – there are hundreds of tiny ridges in the lower part of the inside wall which are attached by fibres to the coffin bone.

Periople – is the area where the skin meets the coronary band. It is here that lamitis is often first noticed.

Corium – sometimes called the ‘guide or dermis” produces hoof horn (wall). The health of the corium establishes the quality of the hoof produced. Reduced quality leads to foot damage and lameness. Extreme concussion to the corium due to poor leg structure creates sensitivity, pain and lameness.

Coffin Bone – sometimes called the pedal bone is suspended within the corium and when damaged or stressed causes severe lameness.
White Line – is a greyish area where the sole meets the hoof. Its function is to separate sensitive tissue from non-sensitive tissue. It is an area that can be easily penetrated by foreign objects, particularly with faulty foot structure.

Digital Cushion – is situated inside the bulb and functions as an elastic shock absorber. It also forces blood back into the limbs as the animal walks.

Foot defects (eg scissor and corkscrew claws) are genetic (inherited) and overgrown feet is generally a sign of poor leg structure and/or nutritional problems.

Foot Angle and Depth
Studies show that higher claw angles are positively correlated with increased herd life of bulls. The ideal angle is about 45-55 degrees. Deviation from this angle usually indicates poor leg structure (eg sickle or straight hocks and weak pasterns).

Defective feet generally worsen with age and problems are accentuated with poor feed management (eg overfeeding grain and insufficient minerals) and challenging environments (too abrasive or wet).

Heel depth is related to foot angle and deeper heels with sufficient angle reduce the incidence of lameness. Heel depth is also related to the slope of the pastern (Fig 4).

Long slopping claws or short block claws indicate too much or not enough pastern angle and can indicate structural faults of the pastern or the upper limbs (eg shoulder too straight). Incorrect angle of the pastern causes the hoof to wear abnormally which affects the mobility and performance of the animal. Shallow heels can lead to bruising and increase the chances of damage and infection.

Weight Distribution
While standing the weight should be distributed between the front and hind legs.

“Most lameness (85 per cent) involves the hind feet”
A simple calculation will indicate how much weight is carried and clearly demonstrates why the foot can be easily stressed. With a 460 kg heifer, approximately 260 kg rest on the forelegs and 200 kg on the hind limbs (Fig 5). This means a weight of 100 kg per hind leg or 50 kg per claw (Fig 5). Note: this means that substantial pressure is placed on a few square centimetres of the corium under the pedal bone.

With heavier animals (eg bulls) twice as much weight can be transferred to the foot and hooves (eg a mature bull can transfer 200 kg per hind leg and 100 kg per claw). When servicing a cow these weights are increased even further. Subsequently sensitivities in hind legs and feet reduces reproduction.

During locomotion, the centre of gravity (“G”) shifts from side to side (Fig 5) and the weight bearing by each hind claw varies with the movement.

“The majority of hind leg lameness involves the outside claw”
The outside claw of the hind legs bear the burden of the continuously changing weight load during locomotion. This may be the reason that these claws are more often damaged.

The outer hind claw is more heavily stressed which explains why the outside claw is larger than the inside claw and the heel is deeper and the sole thicker. Despite these adaptations the results of poor leg structure leads to an increased incidence of lameness.

The front feet bear weight load changes more evenly but when problems do occur the inside claw is usually the most affected.

Damaged Feet
The foot is protected by the hoof and its outer structures (Fig 2). The hooves are the first line of defence against foreign objects and infection. Foot damage can also be caused by internal factors such as poor feed management and disease (Fig 1).

Leg Structure
Abnormal structure of the hindquarter, shoulders and legs alters weight distribution, leading to stresses, inflammation and impaired function (ie walking and serving ability).

Structurally correct stock have a free moving gait (locomotion) with
the hind feet stepping into the front footprints. Over or understepping of the hind feet is an indication of structural leg problems.

"Structural problems increase the incidence of lameness"
- Front End
+ Shoulders

The angle between the shoulder blade/shoulder/elbow should be 90-95° (Fig 6). Angles greater than this (eg straight shoulder) reduce shock absorption causing a short-choppy gait. With straight shoulder bulls the top of the shoulder blade is prominent above the backbone and the stock have high-open shoulder blades instead of smooth shoulders against the ribs.

FIG 6: FRONT LEG & SHOULDER STRUCTURE

+ Front Legs

Fig 7 shows that the legs should be straight when viewed from the front.

FIG 7: STRUCTURE OF THE FRONT LEGS

With turned in knees (knock kneed) stock may have overgrown outside claws which contributes to stress and lameness. Turned in knees (bow legged) causes stock to roll their feet and these animals are prone to arthritis.

"Arthritis is caused by poor leg and joint structures"
- The Rear End
+ Rear Legs

The angle between the hip and the hock joint should be 90-95°. Angles greater than this (post legged) reduces walking and mating ability.

FIGURE 8 : SIDE VIEW OF FRONT AND HIND STRUCTURE

Note: Correct front and hind structure is all about the angles between the joints.

There is a strong relationship between rear leg structure and the soundness of the rear feet.

Fig 9 shows the degree of inward (cow hocked) or outward (bow legged) deviation from the hocks. Normal limbs (a) facilitate straight locomotion with the bigger outer claw carry the greater share of the weight load.

FIG 9: REAR VIEW OF HIND LEG STRUCTURE

Viewed from the back, the leg should be vertical. Stock with their hooves rotated outwards (cow hocked) can have uneven growth of the outside claw. Stock that are wide at the hocks with their feet turned inwards (bow legged) can suffer increased levels of stress and strain on the ligaments causing lameness and permanent damage.

"A high percentage of bulls are culled due to lost mobility"

Viewed from the side (Fig 10) straight hind legs (post legged) is a serious fault which leads to arthritis in the hocks, hips and joints.

FIG 10 : side view of hind leg structure

Straight legged bulls are often clumsy servers and can suffer high incidences of damage to the penis. Too much angle through the hocks (sickle hocked) whilst undesirable is not as serious a problem as post leggedness. Sickle hocked bulls are also clumsy servers particularly at the dismount.

Both post leggedness and sickle hocked conditions adversely affect the bulls servicing capacity and lead to an earlier ‘breakdown’ in the life of the bull.

Nutrition

Feed management will be discussed in a later article titled “Acidosis and Laminitis”. However, incorrect energy and protein balances and mineral/vitamin deficiencies play a clear role in lameness.

All rations should be balanced for calcium, phosphorous for good bone health. Other helpful minerals for foot health include zinc, copper, molybdenum and manganese.

Rations need to include the correct levels of fibre and the fibre should have the right physical form and particle size to increase chewing which produces saliva (buffer) which aids digestion.

Depending on the grain source, the non structural carbohydrates should not exceed 40 per cent of the ration.
Feeding incorrectly processed grains with inadequate levels of fibre causes metabolic disorders and lameness.

“Arthritis is accentuated when young bulls are fed high grain rations”

Overfeeding protein can cause the abnormal growth of the hoof. Conversely, defective diets produce poor wall growth. Intensively feeding increases body weight subjecting joints, legs and feet to greater weight loads and stresses.

**Disease**

The most common bacterial cause of lameness is foot rot. Foot rot is characterised by a necrotic lesion in between the claws (interdigital) which may extend into the soft tissues of the foot causing swelling and lameness. If not treated promptly and correctly, foot rot (and other foot diseases) can pose grave consequences for the infected animal.

“Mortalities may be low but mobility and economic loss is high”

Preventative measures include foot bathing (e.g., copper sulphate, Epsom salts) and treatment with injectable antibiotics as prescribed by your veterinarian.

Stock with poor leg/feet structure are more prone to foot injuries and infection.

**Environment**

The importance of environment should not be overlooked particularly for sale bulls held in small enclosures. Foot lesions vary in type and severity depending on the climate and the abrasiveness of the surfaces the animal walks on.

Hot, dry climates harden the hoof which may increase the resistance to trauma but causes the hoof to be more brittle. On the other hand, excessively wet conditions soften the hoof and these conditions favour invasion by bacteria and foreign objects.

**Selection Outcomes**

Lameness and poor performance due to structural faults is considered a major herd health problem which reduces herd performance. Only reproduction is more important reason for selective culling. Furthermore, lameness and faulty leg/feet structure can accentuate reproduction problems.

Factors such as disease, unsuitable environments and poor feed management can play an interactive role in the incidence of lameness.

Genetic factors have a significant role in lameness. Whilst heritabilities are low (0.08-0.16) specific problems can have medium (0.30) heritabilities.

It is noted that several conformation traits have a strong correlation to lameness (Table 1). Heritabilities and genetic correlations between feet and leg conformation and herd life are shown in Table 2.

**Bottom Line**

The genetic (inherited) component of minimising lameness can be significantly improved by selecting for desirable foot and leg conformation traits.

Breeders are subsequently urged to take special note of the leg and foot structure through visual assessment and performance data if available.

Ongoing, intense selection for structural correctness will substantially reduce the incidences of lameness and improve the overall performance of the herd.

### TABLE 1: GENETIC CORRELATION BETWEEN LAMENESS AND FOOT AND LEG STRUCTURE (SOURCE: ATKIN ET AL)

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### TABLE 2: FOOT AND LEG HERITABILITIES AND GENETIC CORRELATIONS WITH HERD LIFE (SOURCE: ATKINS ET AL)

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How to stand out in a crowd

By Cindy Benjamin photos by GTM Brahmans

Being a little unusual can be a good thing when you are trying to attract attention and there is no doubt that a Brahman cow stands out at a field day in Central Victoria.

The Seymour Alternative Farming Expo is a three-day event held annually at Kings Park, Seymour, about a one hour drive north of Melbourne. The event attracts about 22,000 visitors, who have plenty to see and do with around 450 exhibitors, including the Southern Branch of ABBA.

Chairman George Mercieca, and his son Chris, from GTM Brahmans, Kyneton, Victoria and Anthony Blackman and Melissa Brewer from Leigh River Brahmans, Inverleigh, Victoria provided the exhibition cattle, which drew significant interest from visitors.

Chris said people are often surprised at how well Brahman cattle can perform in non-tropical environments. “Most people associate the Brahman breed with outback Queensland and are interested to know what they can offer to commercial and stud operations in cooler climates,” he said.

“People are often impressed with the Brahman’s sleek and shiny coats, fast growth rates and efficient feed conversion. And the fact that our cattle are so much taller than all the other breeds represented in the cattle exhibitions.”

Another important aspect of being present at such events is to showcase the gentle temperament of the breed. Chris finds that many people less familiar with rural life associate Brahmans with rodeos and expect all Brahman cattle to be wild.

“We are able to show people that there is strong demand for registered Brahman cattle and that they are a tough animal that is able to take advantage of a softer environment,” he said. “Having said that, drought is a reality in southern Australia and breeds that can perform well and require less inputs in dry conditions have practical advantages in cross-breeding programs.”

The Southern Branch of ABBA enjoys the support of the 28 active members of the breed, with 21 prefixes in Victoria and seven in South Australia.
Junior Beef area reps keen to learn

By Cindy Benjamin

Young beef enthusiasts will flock to Rockhampton in early July to attend Junior Beef 2019. Among them will be ABBA area representatives Emily Shelley and Taylah Butterworth.

Emily Shelley is the South Queensland area representative to attend Junior Beef 2019. Emily is a Grade 11 student at Nanango High School and is keenly interested in showing stud and commercial cattle.

She shows cattle from her family’s Mirkwood stud, Nanango and for the school, as well as helping other studs with showing their cows. Emily has also participated in young judges competitions at her local shows and in hoof and hook competitions with her school show team.

Emily first attended Junior Beef in 2018 and thoroughly enjoyed the experience of meeting other young women in the cattle industry and appreciated the wider view of the beef industry gained at the event. This year she hopes to meet even more new people and to talk with experienced and knowledgeable people working in the beef industry.

Having the opportunity to break in her own cows, and to show them has been a highlight for Emily along with opportunities she has had to learn from experienced cattle handlers. She hopes to continue being involved in cattle showing and to eventually start her own Brahman stud.

Taylah Butterworth is representing North Queensland at Junior Beef 2019. At 18 years of age she has already been involved in preparing show cattle for ten years and entered the junior judges competition at the Charters Towers show last year for the first time.

Now working at the Hammer family’s Annavale stud near Charters Towers, Taylah has been involved in breaking-in and handling stud cattle and is looking forward to her first attendance to the Junior Beef event this year. She is very keen and thrilled to have the opportunity to learn more and meet new people.

Taylah thoroughly enjoys her work at Annavale and hopes to continue working there for some time. She rates her involvement with showing and preparing Annavale cattle for sale as her best experiences in the cattle industry.
Jewel in the crown at the 2019 Marlborough show

By Cindy Benjamin  photos by Bonnie Geddes

The Camm family stole the show with their 17 month old polled heifer Cambil Jewel 5439 at the 2019 Marlborough Show. At every turn she impressed the judges and left the event with a swag of ribbons, including All Breeds supreme champion female.

Mr Robert White (Wilangi Brahman Stud), judged the Brahman section of the Central Queensland event on April 13.

Stud cattle competed in a Brahman section and Other Breeds section, before the awarding of interbreed championships.

Cambil Jewel 5439, the IVF daughter of polled sire Kenrol Darrocca 2761 and Cambil Jewel Manso 4521, first won her age class before progressing through the Brahman ranks. On her way she collected ribbons for junior champion female, reserve senior champion female and Grand champion female (Brahman) before being named supreme champion female (all breeds).

Bill and Kaye Geddes, Milman presented 16-month old Doonside Sundown 2453 and the judges promoted him through the ranks, collecting the junior championship before being sashed as grand champion male of the Brahman division. Sundown is the son of Mr VB 279/7 and Doonside 6994.

The Marlborough Show was a very successful outing for the Cambil stud, Proserpine, which also presented calf champion female Cambil Monique 5786 and senior champion female Cambil Empress 5230.

In the bull classes, Cambil Jackman 4553 (P) won reserve junior champion male while the judges selected Cambil Grey Goose 5606 as champion and reserve senior males respectively.

Cambil stud also made a clean sweep of the Exhibitors Groups, Sire’s progeny stakes with Kenrol Darrocca and Dam’s progeny stakes with Cambil Sherry 3429.

Five-month old polled red Bungarribee Mintie won her class and the reserve calf champion female ribbon for Jim and Bonnie Besley’s Bungarribee stud, Barmoya.

Reserve calf champion male was awarded to Bungarribee Maximus 2677, a homebred son of Bungarribee Taurus 2277.

Ten-month old heifer Seven Mile Joelene won the 9–12 months class for Dean Kane’s Seven Mile prefix, Marian.

In the 15–17 months female class red poll Lindley Park Ada Babe claimed the blue ribbon for Tony Olsen, Mackay. She is the daughter of polled sire Lindley Park Montague.

The Dunn family’s Somerton and Somerton J prefixes were also successful with their polled red entrants.

Somerton Diamond 473 polled red daughter of polled sire Lanes Creek Dolomite 1555 and Lancefield D Diamond 2844/D won the Heifer 19–21 months class for David Dunn.

Peter and Sue Gray, The Rivers prefix Marlborough presented their 17-month old red polled heifer The Rivers Scarlet 111, who was promoted to Reserve junior champion female.
Scarlett 111 is the daughter of polled sire Palmvale Impact 3181 and The River’s Scaret 106.

In the Cow 21–24 months class the judges chose Jarrod and Kate Dunn’s Somerton Dakota 486. The judges selected Danami Maddonna Rose for the blue ribbon in the Cow 30 months and older class. She represented David and Michele Rose, Ridgelands.

Bill and Sue Blakeney, Coondoo presented 14-month old Warraka Thomas 3160, their homebred son of Warraka Mitchell 2837 and Warraka Justine 2937. He was named male calf champion.

A strong contingent of 45 junior judges and 53 junior paraders aged 13–25 years competed this year. The overall winners were Amy Mollee (Junior parader) and Candice Rideout (Junior judge).

Edgar Hudgins Memorial Scholarship

Congratulations to Lucie-Anne Kirk of Middlemount. She has been awarded the 2019 Edgar Hudgins Memorial Scholarship. Lucie was interviewed by our three person judging panel as pictured with Ken Murphy, Chrissy Arthur and Catherine George. Thank you once again to our judges for their time to interview the applicants.
The Rivers run Scarlet at The Caves

By Cindy Benjamin photos by Bonnie Geddes and Bonnie Besley

Brahmans were well represented in the interbreed stud beef cattle division of The Caves Show on Saturday 27 April this year.

Mr Peter Howard, Emerald judged the stud cattle, unled purebred bulls and heifers, and led steer classes and there was a great line-up of junior paraders and judges.

The highest ranked Brahman at the Show was Peter and Susan Gray’s The Rivers Scarlet 111. This polled red 18-month old heifer backed up her success at the Marlborough Show (see page 50), by being awarded the junior champion female ribbon. Bred at The Rivers stud, Marlborough, she is the daughter of polled sire Palmvale Impact 3181.

The reserve calf champion female was 4-month old red Danami Miss Congeniality from David and Michele Rose’s, Danami prefix, Ridgelands. She is the daughter of Jomanda Email 794 and Danami Miss Argument.

In the bull calf class, red Bungarribee Maverick 2672 was chosen as reserve calf champion bull. Jim and Bonnie Besley’s 6-month old Maverick is the son of Palmvale Kandyman 3321 and NCC Mosadi 2546.

Also representing The Rivers stud was homebred red and reserve senior champion female, The Rivers Madilyn 132. She is the daughter of The Rivers Revolution 255 and The Rivers Ashlen 126.

Brahman pairs impressed the judges too with wins to Bungarribee (pair unled purebred bulls any breed) and Barry and Bev Hannam’s Batandra prefix, Milman (pair unled purebred heifers any breed). The Bungarribee pair of bulls were named champion of this class.

The show also hosted Junior Stewards, Paraders and Judges contests. The results are as follows:

**JUNIOR STEWARDS**
Hayden Hanson, 1; George Tucker, 2; Amity Merritt & Ashlee Hopkins, 3 (tie).

**JUNIOR PARADERS**
Judges Bonni and Lawson Geddes, ‘Couti Outi’, Stanage Bay, Qld

Under 13: Greta Smith, 1; Zac Connors, 2; Grace Paine, 3.

Under 15: Alex Olive, 1; Tim Connor, 2; Lucy Prentice, 3.

Under 16: Georgia Howard, 1; Toby Polzin, 2; Jemma Lang, 3.


**JUNIOR JUDGES**
Judge Wendy Cole, ‘Kenrol’, Gracemere Qld

Under 13: Annalise Jones, 1; Ella Geddes, 2; Bonnie Jones, 3.

Under 15: Eve Clancy, 1; Justin Besch, 2; Lucy Prentice, 3.

Under 16: Hayden Hanson, 1; Clara Hanton, 2; Toby Polzin, 3.

16-under 25: Mackenzie Leeson, 1; Heidi Davison, 2; Lachlan Collins, 3.
Congratulations....

Bryan Symonds (Nebo) and Jacque Olive (Raglan Brahmans) recently announced their engagement.

Mitchell Kirk (Carinya Brahmans - Gayndah) & Sophie Hughes (Malarga Grazing - Biggenden) announced their engagement on 08.02.19

Ed McCamley (Palmal Brahmans) and Casey Daht (Brolga Gully Brahmans) celebrated their marriage on the 5th of April in Rockhampton. This photo was taken at Brahman House by Madelyn Holmes Photography.

Angus and Lauren Creedon (with Tilly) of AJC Brahmans married March 22nd at The Rocks Yandina, the couple make their home in Rockhampton Qld.
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