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Editorial

As this Brahman News goes to print the very long dry continues for so many of our breeders. It has been and continues to be a trying time however one hopes that an early break is not far around the corner.

2019 has flown by with Bull Sale season already started with positive results so far. There are 867 bulls nominated for Rockhampton Brahman Week Bull Sale with 181 vendors putting their bulls forward for buyers.

Prior to the October RBWS there are still several sales for buyers to attend with the Bizzy and Jomanda Sale in NSW along with the Woolooga Select Sire Sale in QLD. These sales are soon followed by the Moura Brahman Sale, Clermont Beef Bull Sale and the NK Sale in Springsure. Have a look on the ABBA website for dates.

Included in this issue are previews of sales following RBWS which are the Hamdenvale Female Sale, PBF Bull Sale, and the Lancefield and NCC Sale. These are all closely followed by the Gold City Sale in Charters Towers at the beginning of November. 159 red & grey bulls have been nominated for this sale.

Included in this issue are a couple of very good stories about strong commercial breeders including a company further north, Moor Moor Pastoral, near Karumba. With Brahmans receiving a premium in the Live Export market and also in sales in the North these businesses are delivering strong results. Moor Moor Pastoral recently sold a line of 800 red Brahman steers at the Charters Towers Yards for a premium of .30c a kilo.

Earlier in the year Sir Graham McCamley released a book about his life and there is a brief outline included in this issue. A couple of our Brahman breeder young woman have recently received major industry awards and they are starting to tell us about their travels and research to date with a follow up to be in the December issue.

Our breeders have been very busy since the last journal with many events happening and they have been included in this issue. There have been a couple of sales in Qld and the NT including 2 Feature Shows which were held in Rockhampton and the EKKA and have been run with excellent support both with cattle and sponsorship. Junior Beef has been run with record numbers in participants and at the awards dinner, members have been very busy with an on property Field Day in NSW, a larger Field Day also in NSW at Primex, Farmfest Field Days in Toowoomba and the Mareeba Field Days in the NQ along with successful Carcass competitions. We even had two Board Members attend the Katherine and Darwin Shows and have been able to share some photos and a report.

Enjoy the many great stories about what is happening in the Brahman Breed.

All the best for the sale of your bulls.

The Editor.
Anastasia Fanning
Another year has nearly ended with the Spring selling season upon us. It is an exciting time of year for many, with Spring also comes the new calf crop and the increasing chance of a break in the season for those in need.

Since my last report there have been some amazing events such as the Junior Beef Show Rockhampton held in July. An amazing and incredible event with almost 200 entrants and well over 400 attendees at the presentation dinner. I really do take my hat off to this organizing committee for coordinating this wonderful event for our cattle people of the future. The organizing committee of this event are diligent, resourceful and enthusiastic, two such committee members being Wendy Cole and Brett Coombe, both work tirelessly throughout the year behind the scenes laying the foundations in the lead up to the following years’ Junior Beef show. These and many other efforts are a true testament to the dedication of this committee.

The ABBA have had the privilege of conducting two Brahman Feature Shows this year. Rockhampton with an excellent showing of cattle and it was great to see a return of the Commercial cattle to the show. The other feature show being held at the EKKA seeing Junior Champion Heifer going to Cambil Brahmans, Cambil Monique, Junior Champion Bull – Token Brahmans & Horses, Token Kolten, Grand Champion Cow or Heifer – Cambil Brahmans, Cambil Empress, Grand and Senior Champion Bull – Raglan Brahmans, Raglan Mr. Coglan and Cambil Brahmans taking out 1st place in all Group classes. Congratulations to the organizing committees of these feature shows for their efforts of such a great event. A special thank you to all exhibitors and volunteers who, without them, these events would not be such a success.

In July I had the privilege of attending the CQ Carcase Classic presentation dinner. Another outstanding example of our industries achievements and a first class event. Congratulations to the Olive Family from Apis Creek Cattle Company with a great line up of Brahman winners: Grand Champion Carcase and most successful exhibitor, a well-deserved win.

It is great to see increasing support for our industry and those in need. With many charity organizations donating a variety of items from, food, fuel, labor and support to name a few. I would like to make mention of one such assistance portal launched by the National Farmers Federation (NFF) https://farmhub.org.au/ . Farmhub offers a very comprehensive guide to all in the industry from financial, business, household, personal to on farm support, the site is regularly updated ensuring all producers are being provided with the most relevant and up to date assistance available. I would urge all members in need to visit the site to see what assistance is available for their own circumstances.

I do hope that there will be a change for the better for us all soon and I look forward to catching up in the selling season.

Good luck to all

President
Matthew S McCamley
Little Miss Sunshine rocks the Gympie sale

By Cindy Benjamin

The South Queensland Branch of ABBA hosted the Gympie Brahman Female Sale on the 1 June, offering buyers a range of high quality options to boost their herds.

The sale was well-supported with 25 vendors cataloguing 93 young females, both joined and unjoined.

The 80 head sold for an average of $4281 to give a gross earning for the vendors of $342,500. The sale has been holding steady with numbers and demand for females for the last three years.

Topping the sale at $20,500 was Stuart and Lynda Vollmerhausen’s Rockstar Miss Sunshine. She led a successful team of five heifers for the Rockstar prefix, Theebine, averaging $7300.

Miss Sunshine is rising 2-year old daughter of polled sire Willtony Stetson and Brahrock Miss Bos Empress 3951. She was purchased by Paul and Catherine Mackenzie, Arizona prefix, Dingo who plan to join her to polled sire Glengarry D Max and she may later enter their IVF program.

Paul and Catherine also took home Brahrock Platinum Empres 6168, a daughter of popular polled sire Three D Platinum, for $9000.

Rare genetics in Royce and Beryl Sommerfeld’s, Brahrock Ms Locke Power 5791 attracted second-top price of $19,000 to go home with Scott and Leah Angel, Glengarry S, Rockhampton.

Ms Locke Power is sired by imported bull JDH Sir Locke Manso 413/2 and her dam is polled Brahrock Miss Elmo Power 5291. She was sold PTIC to Brahrock Mastermind 5277 who is sired by Three D Platinum and also out of Brahrock Miss Elmo Power 5291.

The hammer fell at $17,000 twice on the day, once for the top-priced red female and once for the top-priced poll.

Light red Tarramba Miss Bohemian 3913 led the Gunthorpe team of five heifers from Banana to achieve the second-top result for a vendor, averaging $7250. She was sired by NCC Bohemian, who was purchased for $75,000 in 2014 by Rosetta Pastoral Co, and out of polled dam Tarramba A Eagle 3212.

Adam and Tracy Gunthorpe said Miss Bohemian has shown them what the Eagle females can offer. “Miss Bohemian’s grand-dam was purchased at the Gympie Female sale and is a full sister to Clukan Trademark who was purchased for $42,500,” said Adam.

She was the sole purchase of Gary Johns, Colgara Brahman Stud, Walkerston, with the sale including one straw of JDH Datapack Manso semen.

Also selling for $17,000 and topping the polled category was Brahrock Ms Massai Power 6135. She went home with Matt and Josh Bishop of Garglen Brahman Co, Kandanga, who were return buyers for the Sommerfields, having secured Brahrock Ms Huds Empress 5967 for third-top price of $16,000 at the 2018 sale.

Auctioneer James Cochrane, Sullivan Livestock, Gympie, Robert Murray, Elders, Rockhampton and Lynda and Stuart Vollmerhausen, Rockstar Brahmans, Theebine with their $20,500 Gympie sale topper, Rockstar Miss Sunshine (IVF).
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Ms Massai Power 6135 is the daughter of imported bull JDH Massai Manso 608/6 and polled dam, Brahrock Miss Wise Power 3437.

Offering the largest team at the 2019 sale, Royce and Beryl Sommerfeld’s 14 Brahrock prefix heifers sold for an average of $5982.

Gavin Scott, Rosetta Pastoral, Collinsville was the successful bidder for polled heifer Starbra Miss Anastosic. Bred by Greg Davey, Giildaora and selling for $13,000, she is the IVF daughter of polled sire Willtony Stetson and Brahrock Miss Elmo Anna-Bella. This dam also produced NCC Amarilla who sold for $38,000 in 2018.

Another daughter of polled sire Willtony Stetson sold for $11,000 to the Hayes family, Yenda SCH prefix, Maryborough. Brahrock N Ms Stet Empress 146 led a team of four to average $7375.

Three heifers sold for $9,000 each. Polled red Tarramba Lady Eagle 3698, the daughter of polled sire Doonside Mr C Eagle and Tarramba Lady Florence 2479 went home to Riverlea Grazing. She is another Eagle daughter, and Gunthorpe offered her, along with one straw of JDH Sir Stratton Manso B34/4 semen.

Two Brahrock heifers also attracted $9000 from bidders. Brahrock Platinum Empres 616B sired by polled Three D Platinum and out of cloned dam, Brahrock Miss Empress 5100 she was purchased by Paul and Catherine Mackenzie, Dingo.

The second heifer from the Brahrock team for the same price was Brahrock Ms Jene Empress 5841. She is the IVF daughter of JDH Jene Manso 117/8 and Brahrock Miss Marri Empress 3981. She led the team of seven heifers selected to boost the breeding program at the Tennant Creek High School stud in the Northern Territory.

The 27 red heifers averaged $3712. The 16 red polls averaged $3140 to a top of $9000 for Tarramba Lady Eagle 3698. The 11 horned females averaged $4545 to a top of $17000 for Tarramba Miss Bohemian 3913.

The 53 greys averaged $4570. This included eight polls that averaged $6031, to a top of $17,000.00 for Brahrock Ms Massai Power 6135.

The 45 horned greys yielded an average of $20,500 for Rockstar Miss Sunshine. Tennant Creek High School prefix selected seven horned grey heifers including three heifers PTIC. The total invested was $32,250 for an average $4607 and to a top of $9000 for PTIC Brahrock Ms Jene Empress 5841.

Royce and Karen Perrett, Kandanga selected six red poll females from four prefixes for an average investment of $1833, to increase the Brahman content in their mainly Droughtmaster herd.

Graham Pratt, Barton prefix, Victory Heights bought five polls for an average $2000, including four reds from Eskwood prefix, Springsure. Three of the Eskwood females had been AI’d to red poll sire Samari S Clancy.

Return bulk buyers Bill and Kay Geddes, Doonside, Jardine chose five heifers for an average $4200, including one red daughter of Brahrock Miss Elmo Power 5291.

The annual Gympie Stud Female Sale, held on Saturday 1 June 2019 was well supported by three local agents Elders, Landmark and Sullivan Livestock and Rural Services who worked hard to get the best price for the 93 heifers offered, achieving an 86 per cent clearance.

Australian Brahman Breeders Association general manager Anastasia Fanning said buyers recognise that there are excellent opportunities for new females in their herds, and that was confirmed in the overall average.

“Wiltony Stetson, sire of the top price grey heifer, continues to be a popular choice of breeding to be brought into herds,” she said. “The top price grey and red heifers showed beautiful femininity with a strong top line and depth of flank.”

James Saunders, Landmark, Rockhampton, auctioneer Andrew Meara, Elders, Toowoomba and Adam Gunthorpe, Tarramba Brahmans, Banana with his Gympie $17,000 top selling red heifer, Tarramba Miss Bohemian 3913 (IVF).
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Ponderosa Bull Sale chalks up 20 years

By Cindy Benjamin

The twentieth Ponderosa Bull Sale was held on 31 May, also marking 30 years of consecutive attendance of the well-respected Olive family prefixes – Raglan, Olive and Viva – at the Katherine Sale.


Although listings and averages were down a little on the 2018 sale, the vendors were pleased with the overall result of $688,250 gross, given the seasonal conditions. The bulls on offer sold for an average $3493, to a top of $7000.

Two 2-tooth Ponderosa bulls attracted the top price of $7000. Rosewood Station, Kununurra chose Lot 93 polled Ponderosa 7129, sired by Ponderosa Greigan and weighing 504 kg and Laura Hoare, a loyal supporter of Ponderosa bulls, purchased Lot 131 Ponderosa 6859 for Elsey Station near Mataranka.

The second top price of $6500 was paid for Lot 92 Ponderosa 7098, sired Ponderosa Kooper. Selling for $6000, Ponderosa 6842 is a 4-tooth bull sired by Carinya Raymont. Three other Ponderosa bulls, including one polled, sold for $5500 each.

- I & L P/L purchased 1 bull for $7000 (joint top price bull Lot 131)
- Monsoon Pastoral purchased 3 bulls for an average of $4333 (including Lot 173 for $5000)
- Ray White Beef Services 46 bulls for an average $3907
- Landmark Broome purchased 17 bulls for an average $3514
- Elders Ltd Katherine purchased 130 bulls for an average $3298 (including joint top price bull Lot 93)

Ponderosa listed 90 bulls, 11 of which were polled, selling 89 bulls for an average of $4011 and a clean sweep of the top 10 prices paid at the sale.

Paul Herrod said the aim of the sale is to supply unique sires with good temperament, high fertility and correct confirmation for the harsh conditions in Australia’s North. “These bulls must have the genetics that can generate great weight for age within their progeny,” he said.

Andrew and Roxanne Olive’s Raglan stud, Raglan, Ross and Natalie Olive’s Olive stud, Gogango and Alastair and Pam Davison’s Viva stud, Middlemount offered 36 lots each for an average of $3145, $3138 and $2916 respectively.

Selling agents were Elders and Territory Rural. Stud stock specialist and auctioneer, Peter Brazier, also celebrated 20 years of leading the sales for the Ponderosa Bull Sale.

Peter Kelly, Elders said the sale was well supported, particularly returning buyers in the Katherine area, and achieved 100 per cent clearance.
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Raglan and Cambil shine at Rocky Brahman feature show 2019

By Cindy Benjamin, photos by Kent Ward

The 97-head display of Brahman excellence at the Rockhampton Brahman Feature Show in June certainly impressed judge Glen Waldron, Elite Cattle Co, Meandarra, and his associate James Fenech, PBF Brahmans, Sarina.

Raglan Mr Coglan 2874 was the Grand Champion Male after being selected as Champion Senior Male. Exhibited by Andrew and Roxanne Olive’s Raglan stud, Coglan’s sire is JDH Carson De Manso 834/7 and his dam is Hamdenvale Rocky 485/9.

The Grand Champion Female was awarded to the winner of the Female 24 months and under 30 months class, Cambil Miss Empress 5230. Born in December 2016, she is the daughter of JDH Clanton De Manso 313/8 and Cambil Miss Empress 3884, bred by Lawson and Sophie Camm, Cambil Brahmans, Proserpine. Reserve Senior Champion Female was the Olive’s Raglan Miss Danyel 2495 by Tartrus 127072 and Raglan Miss Dana 758 (H).

Mr Coglan’s stable-mate, Raglan Mr Vinnie 2893, was named Reserve Senior Champion Male having placed first in the Males 24 months and under 30 months class. He is a young home-bred bull by Raglan Victory 1735 and out of Raglan Miss Tahnee 2207.

Senior, Grand and Rockhampton Show Interbreed Champion, Raglan Mr Coglan 2874, bred by Raglan Brahmans and paraded by Aimee Olive. Presenting trophies are Associate judge James Fenech, judge Glen Waldron and Sara Graffunder, Elders as Championship sponsor.
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Polled full-brother Cambil bulls shone in the junior bull class, taking out both Champion and Reserve Junior Champion Male. Cambil Jackman 5453 and Cambil Hemsworth 5455, both under 21 months, are IVF sons of polled sire Kenrol Darrocca 2761 and dam Cambil Sherry 3688.

In the male calf classes, the champion ribbon was awarded to HH Park Luigi 1050 (9 to 12 months winner) and the reserve to Kenrol Nando 0550 (under 9 months winner).

Luigi is the son of Viva Mario and HH Park Miss Charlotte 836, and exhibited by Don and Julie Hurrell, HH Park Brahmsans, Gympie.

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In the female classes, stable-mates Cambil Monique 5786 (Female 15 months and under 17 months winner) and Cambil Jewel 5439 (Female 19 months and under 21 months winner) were chosen as Junior Champion Female and Reserve Junior Champion Female respectively.

Monique’s sire is NCC Marshall and her dam Cambil Monique 4883. Polled heifer Jewel is a daughter of polled sire Kenrol Darrocca 2761 and out of Cambil Jewel Manso 4521.

The Champion Female Calf was awarded to HH Park Hailey Rose 1019 (Female 12 months and Under 15 months winner) and Reserve Champion Female Calf went to Kenrol Jilly Rae 0544 (under 9 months winner).

Hailey Rose’s sire is FBC El Toro Manso 541/1 and she is out of Glengarry Mika 2237, shown by Don and Julie Hurrell, HH Park, Gympie. Polled red Jilly Rae is the daughter of Kenrol sire MR HJ Ray 0366 and out of NCC Jill 1389, from the Kenrol stable.

Lawson and Sophie Camm, Cambil Brahmans, Proserpine made a clean sweep of the Brahman group classes for progeny of sire Kenrol Darrocca 2761, progeny of dam Cambil Sherry 3688 and for the Breeder’s Group of Four Head.

In a fitting end to the show Andrew and Roxanne Olive and family’s Raglan Mr Coglan 2874 was sashed supreme champion bull in the interbreed competition. Lawson Camm and family exhibited the supreme breeders group, consisting of two bulls and a female.


Reserve Calf Champion Female, Kenrol Jilly Rae 0544, bred by Kenrol Brahmans and paraded by Marie Hofmeister.

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Cambil and Raglan share the honours at EKKA 2019

By Cindy Benjamin

Brahman breeders rose to the occasion at the 2019 EKKA, bringing 91 exhibits to Brisbane to showcase the feature breed.

Well up on the 59 exhibits at last year’s Show, ABBA manager Anastasia Fanning was thrilled with the event.

“It was wonderful to see such a strong display of the breed with a great crowd watching on,” she said. “By the end, the ribbons were shared amongst 21 prefixes, showing the depth of quality across the Brahman breed.”

“This was especially evident when the Parade of Champions was held on Friday with all the breed’s champions lined up across the ring, creating an impressive display of the consistency of the breed, showing functionality, ease of movement along with depth of flank and muscling. The line-up was a credit not just to the breeders represented by also to our judge and his associate.”

“It was particularly pleasing to see the Olive’s Raglan Mr Coglan being brought into the top-four of the Interbreed Competition. He is a wonderful display of the breed and thoroughly impressed the judge as he moved out freely and walked beautifully in centre ring for all to see.”

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but enjoyable time choosing between excellent contenders for each class.

At the end of judging, Raglan Mr Coglan 2874 and Cambil Empress 5211 were the judge’s choice for Grand Champion Bull and Grand Champion Cow or Heifer.

Mr McCamley said he was honoured to judge such a quality line-up of Brahmans, representing what he believes is the best of the breed at the Royal Queensland Show.

“Raglan Mr Coglan is an outstanding sire prospect who walked out freely,” he said. “He displayed excellent carcase attributes has a dominating presence about him.”

Raglan Mr Coglan 2874 is the IVF son of JDH Carson De Manso B34/7 and Hamdenvale Rocky 485/9. Bred by Andrew and Roxanne Olive, Raglan Brahmans, he first won the Bull - 30 months and under 42 months class and was then named Senior Champion bull before being sashed as Grand Champion Brahman bull.

After being chosen as Senior Champion Cow or Heifer, Cambil Empress 5211 was the judge’s choice for Grand Champion female. She is the daughter of NCC Jaguar and Cambil Empress 3688, and bred by Lawson Camm, Proserpine.

“Cambil Empress, with her calf at foot, is a quality young female that I believe will be a functional breeder for a long time,” said Mr McCamley. “She oozed femininity along with great length of body and strong fertility traits.”

In what proved to be a rewarding day, the Cambil team went home with awards for Reserve Calf, Junior, Senior and Grand Champion Female and Reserve Senior Champion Bull and First in the Breeders Group.

Tony and Kathryn Mortimer’s Token Brahmans and Horses polled grey Token Kolten 782/8 advanced from winning the 16 months and under 18 months class to be chosen as Junior Champion Bull.

Kolten is a son of polled sire Glengarry Gillette 2469 and Olive Little Doll 399.

The Reserve Junior Champion Bull was Neville and Megan Hansen’s Oaklands Martin.

Junior Champion Heifer was Cambil Brahmans’ Monique 5786 after she placed first in the 16 months and under 18 months class. She is the daughter of NCC sire Marshall and Cambil Monique 4883.

Reserve Junior Champion Heifer was Dean Rasmussen’s Droonoodoo Rosanna, who placed first in the 18 months and under 20 months class. Rosanna’s sire is FBC A Milton Manso 136A and her dam Cayuse Karuvian.

In the senior classes, polled bull Cambil Hemsworth 5455 was named Reserve Senior Champion Bull, and the Reserve Senior Champion Cow or Heifer was HH Park Miss Jessica 968, exhibited by Don and Julie Hurrell, Gympie.

HH Park Luigi 1050 was Calf Champion bull and the reserve was Georgie Coombe’s Roxborough MR 3545 ‘Toronto’. Luigi is a promising son of Viva Mario and HH Park Miss Charlotte 836 and was placed first in his 12 months and under 14 months class.
Calf champion female was Ken and Wendy Cole’s Kenrol Cholie 0548. She is a polled daughter of polled Kenrol sire Darrocca 2761 and polled dam EL JA Chloie Manso 5096. Reserve calf champion female was another poll, Cambil Beauty 5972, winner of the 8 months and under 10 months class.

To finish the show, Cambil Brahman made a clean sweep of the group classes, winning Pair of Females, Pair of Bulls, Breeder’s Group and Progeny Stakes Group.

There was even some comic relief provided for the crowd as one of the contenders in the pair of bulls class lay down for a rest mid-judging. After a belly scratch from handler Peter Chiesa he went on to win the class.

Wendy Cole, Kenrol Brahman won the Overall Herdsman award for Best Presented Stud Cattle Team at the 2019 show.

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Junior Beef 2019 lifts the bar (again)

By Cindy Benjamin

The Rockhampton Junior Beef Show attracted almost 200 young beef cattle enthusiasts this year as the annual event continues to grow.

Aged 4 to 25, the young people who attend have much in common, including their love of cattle, at this unique, all-breeds event.

The event draws in over 200 head of cattle for the students to care for, judge and parade over the three days in early July.

The 3-day program had everyone busy and fully engaged in learning new skills. On Day 1 participants explored new beef technologies from CQ University research, learned about the various meat cuts and how to cook them, the principles of artificially inseminating cows and how to promote and market beef cattle.

The next two days were all about Junior Judging of Commercial Cattle and Stud Cattle and the Paraders Competition. An enthusiastic crowd of 460 people at the awards dinner helped celebrate the efforts of the young cattle handlers who had worked hard and competed well throughout the event.

Organised by a committee in conjunction with the Australian Brahman Breeders Association, the 29th show engages young people in numerous aspects of the modern beef industry.

There were specialists from the Central Queensland University explaining new Precision Livestock Management technologies, award winning and executive chef for Beef Australia, Shane Bailey, revealed some cooking secrets, photographer Kent Ward gave hints on how to best capture the perfect livestock image, and Kelly Payne from MLA returned to speak about cuts of meat as part of a diverse program.

ABBA’s virtual cow ‘Betsy’, was at the Show again this year to help Beef Breeding Services demonstrate animal fertility and artificial insemination. The CQU team presented a technology session on ‘walk-over weighing’, which can monitor the weight gains of both dry and wet cattle. One use of the system is to identify that a cow has lost 60 to 70 kg overnight, indicating that she has calved and providing a calving date. With the dry cattle, algorithms can be programed in to draft off cattle into another paddock when they reach the designated weight.

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Janice Allison – Fleming traveled with her daughter Belle from Julia Creek as a sponsored attendee by the Junior Beef Committee and ABBA. The Fleming’s were badly affected by the February North West Floods. Janice attended the first Junior Beef 29 years ago.
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fourth in the 16 years and under 25 age group stud cattle judging.

Each year the Brahman Breeders Association also sponsors young people from the Northern Territory, North Queensland and New South Wales to attend the event as part of the Jeff McCamley Memorial Fund.

This year, Taylah Butterworth represented 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.

Returning to Junior Beef as South Queensland area representative was Emily Shelley. Emily 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 led Bundaleer Sir Jasper Manso in the Interbreed bull born 1/8/18 to 30/9/19 class and placed second in the Futurity class with Miss Jessica Jane.

On the first evening the students enjoyed a Beef Masterclass with chef Shane Bailey and MSA specialist Kelly Payne creating meals using the ‘not-so-regular cuts’. Pasture Olympics continues to be enjoyable activities for attendees of all ages to engage in and strengthen their team building, public speaking and creative thinking skills. The ‘Shed Manners’ training session teaches the kids the tricks of the trade when it comes to caring for and preparing cattle for presenting to the judge with vital skills such as managing bedding, good manners and acceptable behaviour, knot tying, fitting halters and keeping the contents of their show box in order. Young people who have a strong interest in cattle, but do not have

Taylah Butterworth attended as the North Qld Branch representative and Emily Shelley attended as the South Qld Branch representative.

The students were very lucky to have such experienced men in the meat industry teaching them about cuts of meat and how to cook them along with the many parts of a carcass. Kelly Payne, MLA and Shane Bailey, Executive Chef BEEF Australia took the groups through these sessions including making delicious rolls for every student that attended.

Kelly Payne and Chef Shane cooked up a storm in an evening session using different cuts of meat. The final dish looked delicious.
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**8–under 10**: Brooke Frame, 1; Polly White, 2; Matt Fenech, 3; Riley Ellrott, 4; Dany Gould, 5.

**10–under 12**: Ryan Gould, 1 (Ross Warner Memorial Shield); Abbie Thompson, 2; Zac Connor, 3; Luke Schnider, 4; Patrick Callum, 5.

**12–under 14**: Dallas Mollenhagen, 1 (Philip Bauman Memorial Shield); Tim Connor, 2; Laura Coombe, 3; Gabby Sypher, 4; Kaylee Saunders, 5.

**14–under 16**: Toby Polzin, 1; Georgie Coombe, 2; Cooper Mollenhagen, 3; Chloe Davey, 4; Libby Perkins, 5.

**16–under 25**: Mackenzie Leeson, 1 (Bryan D’Este Memorial Shield); Claire Goody, 2; Heidi Davison, 3; Henry Grey, 4; Tayla Chapman, 5.

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Samari Plains
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S: Fern Hills B Romeo 2764 (P)
D: Samari Plains Sandy 1775 (P)

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Samari Plains Monty 1462 (P)
Wattaview Galaxy 165 (P)
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LOT 547
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GOLIATH (PP)
S: Wattaview Galaxy 165 (P)
D: Samari Plains Mikki (P)

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10 & under 12 Age Group Champions: 1st Ryan Gould, 2nd Abbie Thompson, 3rd Zac Connor, 4th Luke Schneider, 5th Patrick Callum. Sponsored by Couti-Brangus. Ryan was also presented the Ross Warner Memorial Shield.

14 & under 16 Age Group Champions: 1st Toby Polzin, 2nd Georgie Coombe, 3rd Cooper Mollenhagen, 4th Chloe Davey, 5th Libby Perkins. Sponsored by Beef Breeding Services.


12 & under 14 Age Group Champions: 1st Dallas Mollenhagen, 2nd Tim Connor, 3rd Lara Coombe, 4th Gabby Sypher, 5th Kaylee Saunders. Sponsored by FeedPro Australia. Dallas was also presented the Phillip Bauman Memorial Shield.

16 & under 25 Age Group Champions: 1st Mackenzie Leeson, 2nd Claire Goody, 3rd Heidi Davison, 4th Henry Gray, 5th Tayla Chapman (absent). Sponsored by Williams Stockfeeds. Mackenzie was also presented the Bryan D’Este Memorial Shield.

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Spirited bidding is expected for the 866 head catalogued by 182 vendors at this year’s 3-day Rockhampton Brahman Week Sale (RBWS) auction in early October.

Buyers will have plenty of choice with the catalogue including 251 registered poll bulls, 594 registered horned bulls and 21 herd bulls representing the superior bloodlines and impressive stock quality that has long been associated with the annual RBWS event.

Selling is set to commence at 8 am Monday, 7 October, with 305 grey bulls (Lots 1-302B) being presented to buyers at the CQLX saleyards in Gracemere.

Day 2 features just over 330 head from Lots 303 to 606, beginning with 220 grey bulls followed by 84 reds in the afternoon. The sale’s final day will see a total of 306 red bulls presented from Lots 607 to 865.

Ahead of the sale, RBWS will be holding their Meet and Greet BBQ on Sunday 6 October 2019 from 5.00pm at CQLX for vendors and prospective buyers to enjoy light refreshments while connecting with like-minded producers and elite Australian Brahman breeders.

The 2018 RBWS saw vendors earn $7.75 million for the 804 head that sold for an average S9639. Dominant sires from Australia’s leading studs presented outstanding prospects to enhance Brahman lines in superior herds and commercial operations.

On day 2 of the 2018 sale the top priced grey bull changed hands with Lot 364 Clukan Axel 333/7, bred by Steve and Theresa Taylor, Jambin selling for $100,000 to the Harriman family, GI Brahmans, ‘Thagoona Station’, Muttaburra.

With buyers expected to come from four states, significant freight rebates are offered for multiple-bull purchasers taking bulls to Western Australia and the Northern Territory.

Copies of the sale catalogue can be obtained through the selling agents Elders, Landmark, GDL and SBB, or accessed online at www.brahman.com.au

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RBWS continues to attract new vendors

By Cindy Benjamin

The 2019 Rockhampton Brahman Week Sale at CQLX in October has attracted 182 new and returning vendors.

Fourteen new vendors have listing a total of 31 bulls, along with large drafts from sale stalwarts Carinya (25 greys), Wandilla (20 reds), Mt Callan (20 reds), Yenda, Kandoona, Hazelton, Glengarry, Fern Hills, Yenda V, Brahrock, EL JA and Token prefixes, each listing drafts of 15 or more bulls.

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

Leading the team is polled bull Gracemere Billy The Kid. He is an IVF son of Three D Platinum (P) and FBC Miss Jeanette Manso 171/1 (H). The Lynchs are selling a 3/4 share and full possession of this bull and retaining semen for in herd use only. A bonus 130 straws already collected will go to the purchaser of this bull.

Lot 78 Gracemere Sundance Kid (IVF) (H) is out of the same IVF flush as Billy The Kid. He exhibits the same temperament, bone and muscling as Billy The Kid as well as a long broad back and strong sire’s head.

In Lot 79, Gracemere Romeo (AI) (H) is the son of JDH Roma Manso 713/1 (IMP US) (H) and polled dam Glengarry Laureen 2458. Romeo is a beefy young bull with a strong sire’s head and excellent bone and muscling.

Joining ABBA in 2002 and listing at RBWS for the first time this year is Vera Fitzgerald, Blenheim Ridge Brahmans, in the Lockyer Valley. Her single entrant is Lot 251, Blenheim Ridge William (P) who won the junior championship at the 2018 RNA show at 10 months old. He is a very quiet, strong, heavy boned bull with a small sheath and even testicles. William is by polled sire Yenda Griffin 69B/4.

Three bulls from Stewart and Sarah Borg’s Leichhardt prefix, at Sarina will also be on offer on Day 1 of the sale. Having joined ABBA in 2015, this is the first time the Borg’s have listed bulls in the RBWS.

Lot 254 Leichhardt Barrett Manso 214 is a son of imported bull JDH Gardner Manso and Cambil. Dutchess 4686. Having just turned two he is a well-muscled sire displaying exceptional sire characteristics.
Lot 255 Leichhardt Boston Manso 253 (D) is a combination of leading genetics by SJ Jupiter Manso 65 and out of SJ Chloe Manso.

The third bull the Borg’s have listed is Lot 256 Leichhardt Bodie Manso 252 (D). Also by SJ Jupiter Manso 65, Bodie’s dam is PBF Airlie Manso 947/7, making him a great combination of JDH Westin, Madison, Shannon and Datapack lines.

Early on Day 2, three lots from Annaleise Zahl’s Rumlea prefix at Springsure will be presented to prospective buyers. Annaleise joined ABBA in 2001 and Rumlea last sold at RBWS in 2011.

Starting with Lot 318, Rumlea Quirk 28/18 (H), a quiet, correct bull with great bone. He is the son of Carinya Harvey 352/5 and Rumlea Mary-Lou 03/14.

In Lot 319 is Rumlea Quovadis 04/18, also by Carinya Harvey 352/5 and out of Rumlea Mollie Yaris 86/14. He is described as a great sire prospect with exceptional volume, bone and depth.

Lot 320 Rumlea Hicksie Que is by imported sire JDH Mr Hooks Manso and out of Rumlea Briony. Born in January 2018, he’s a young bull with huge potential.

Also selling for the first time since joining ABBA in 2011 are Mark and Kaylene Leicht, along with Mitchell and Hanna Redding, Sunnyside Park Brahmans, Goombungee. Their three lots, all sons of Lancefield A sire Barringer 3750M, will come up later on Day 2.

Lot 480 Sunnyside Park Convoy is a quiet, well-balanced bull with plenty of length and sire appeal. He is out of Sunnyside Park Miss Roletto.

In Lot 481 Sunnyside Park Charlie is out of Sunnyside Park dam Winter Sun. He is described as a strong, beef-type bull with great muscle tone and structure.

Their third bull, Lot 482 Sunnyside Park Mark is a young, free moving bull with a good underline and sure feet. His dam is Carinya Cindy.

Late on Day 3 young Brahman breeders from Biggenden, Coby, Christopher, Abbey and Ryley Gibbs, will offer their two-year old polled red bull Currajong Tennessee 5724 in Lot 800. Tennessee’s sire is Tarramba Red Knight 2742 and he’s out of polled dam Promisedland 0404. He is the siblings’ first entrant in RBWS after joining ABBA in 2015.

While we can’t highlight all the new and returning RBWS vendors here, please check out the online sale catalogue at www.brahman.com.au for full details of the 2019 fixture.
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Gold City sale vendors Focus on Northern Requirements

By Cindy Benjamin, photo by Matt Sherrington North Queensland Register

The Gold City Brahman Sale at Charters Towers continues to draw increasing numbers of high quality registered and herd bulls, with the sale being held on the 1st of November at the Charters Towers Saleyards, Dalrymple Stadium from 9am.

This year 28 studs will offer 159 Brahman Bulls made up of 87 red sires and 72 greys. Poll/ scur bulls continue to be popular purchases and vendors have included 50% of the draft as such. Included in the sale draft are seven registered grey bulls from 2018 sale-topper, Troy Lindsay’s Toy Boy prefix at Neurum. In 2018, Toy Boy Darius, a 2-year old son of NCC Lancelot, sold for $27,000 to Droonoodoo Brahmans at Kingaroy. This top price was the highest since the sales inception.

Jim and Bonnie Besley’s Bungarribee stud, Barmoya is returning to the North Queensland fixture with ten registered red sires and John and Betty Atkinson have listed a draft of 11 bulls from their Laguna prefix, Proserpine – nine registered greys and one red, along with one grey herd bull.

Local Annavale stud is offering a draft of eight registered greys on account of Peter and Sue Hammer, Charters Towers.

Peter Chiesa, Palm Creek, Ingham has listed eight reds (5 herd, 3 registered) and two registered greys and the Wall family of Wallton Downs, Clermont are selling seven red herd bulls and one registered red bull.

There are four red and four grey registered Batandra prefix bulls listed by Bev and Barry Hannam, Milman and a line of eight registered Cleethorpes reds on account of the Rule family, Marlborough.

Vendors from North Qld include Somerview, Northern, Palm Creek, Valuce, XMS, Eskwood, Laguna, H Park, Wattaview, Cleethorpes, Glenborough, Annavale, WVP, Savannah and Kenilworth.

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Country, Cattle and Community at Delta Downs

By Cindy Benjamin

Delta Downs Station in Queensland’s Gulf Country is notable for many reasons, not the least of which is the fact that, in 1983, the aggregation became the first cattle station to be operated by Traditional Owners.

For 36 years the property has been run as a successful commercial operation by the Kurtijar people’s Morr Morr Pastoral Company under a long-term pastoral lease, and is home to arguably the largest red brahman herd in Australia. Prior to the current management, the station was established in 1889 by the London Chartered Bank and, in the 100 years to follow, the station changed hands just four times.

Spanning 4000 square kilometres, the station has a 126 km coastline and is bounded by the Norman River to the south-west and Gilbert River to the north-east. The contiguous aggregation of three leases – Delta Downs, Karumba Holdings, Maggieville Outstation – collectively known as Delta Downs.

After a stint at the mine in Weipa, Quinton Rainbow has recently returned to Delta to take up the role of manager. Quinton is no stranger at Delta Downs, having lived on the station as a kid then working on the property for 10 years – starting as a trainee and advancing to the position of overseer.

“At Delta, there is a strong connection between the country, the cattle and the community,” he said. “Most people involved in the station have had a long association with each other and with the property.”

Country

Morr Morr Pastoral Company takes its name from the white apple, or emu apple as it also called, a native tree with edible fruit, albeit smaller than an apple, that grows on sand ridges and around the large coolibah swamps throughout Delta. It is also the name of an important Kurtijar cultural site, a burial grounds across the creek from the Delta Downs homestead.

There are numerous ecologically-significant freshwater wetland areas on the property that attract abundant and varied wildlife. These important wetland ecosystems are a stopover in the annual migration of shorebirds along the East Asian-Australian Flyway, stretching from Siberia to the Southern Ocean.

Delta Downs is also home to most-likely the highest density of breeding Sarus crane, the rarer cousin of the brolga, in Australia. The Sarus crane is non-migratory and Australian Sarus cranes do not inter-breed with populations in other locations around the world.

In 2012, the Carpentaria Land Council Aboriginal Corporation’s Normanton Rangers recorded 119 native species at Lotus Horseshoe Lagoon. Between 2012 and 2016 the rangers, in cooperation with Delta Downs staff, installed 11 km of exclusion fencing to protect three major wetlands – Lotus Horseshoe, Dick’s and Leichhardt lagoons. Watering points were also installed outside the 200+ ha of fenced wetlands to assist with mustering and grazing management.

“With cattle and feral pigs excluded from the wetlands, the native vegetation has recovered and there is less damage to the soil and banks,” said Quinton. “A viewing platform has been set-up at Lotus Lagoon and both visitors and staff can enjoy the lagoon and watch the birds and other wildlife.”

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feral dog and pig control program also helps protect the turtle eggs and nesting habitat.

Landtypes ranging from coastal wetlands to coolibah open woodlands, fringed by river red gum woodland, featuring north-west ghost gum, bloodwoods, bauhinia, broad-leaved carbeen and gutta percha.

The biggest paddocks on the aggregation are 30,000 ha, but most breeder paddocks are around 15,000 ha, and the main native pasture species are black spear grass, golden beard grass, forest bluegrass, silky browntop and giant spear grass.

A 340 ha area of ponded pasture was established 15 years ago using excess water from the Century Mine Project at Lawn Hill, until the mine ceased operation in 2016. These pastures are still used strategically to finish young stock ahead of marketing. There is potential to develop an irrigated cropping enterprise on the Gilbert River but there are no immediate plans in place.

“Across Delta there is a network of internal laneways, about 70 km in total, allowing cattle to be moved from Delta Downs to Maggieville, and the five major stockyards. As well as making it easier to move stock at mustering, we also use the laneway network when we are ‘educating’ weaners,” said Quinton.

For seven or eight months of the year the cattle access natural waters around the property. Out from the Gilbert River there is a network of turkey nest dams and reticulated water to paddocks through 100 km of poly pipe. The weaner paddocks are spelled over the wet season, ready for backgroundering the next batch.

The property is prone to extensive flooding during the monsoon season and some areas are inundated with saltwater under very high tides.

“Being located on the lower reaches of three significant river systems, the Gilbert, Smithburn and Norman, floods are a routine part of life at Delta Downs. There is usually some warning before the floodwaters reach Delta Downs, giving the team time to activate their flood plan, to open release points. All release points have been chosen for their suitability to land a helicopter and easy access for stock to move to higher ground.

“The 2010 flood was worse for us than the flood in February this year,” said Quinton. “We had sufficient warning and were able to shift cattle in time. We also didn’t get the cold winds that other areas had.”

“Being at the end of the river system you have to be strategic about where cattle are during the wet, particularly mobs of cows and calves,” he said. “Also staff numbers are at a minimum during the wet, down to 4–5 on-site.”

Delta Downs is home to arguably the largest red Brahman herd in Australia. Each year Morr Morr Pastoral purchases 400 replacement bulls from a variety of reliable Top End studs to maintain their 1000-strong sire battery. A network of internal laneways allows cattle to be moved from Delta Downs to Maggieville, and the five major stockyards.
LOT 496 BIG RIVER HANK (AI) 09/02/2017 JDH MR DEEDS MANSO (IMP US) (ET) / BRAHROCK AVENUE 3190 (AI) (ET)

LOT 497 BIG RIVER SPENCE (AI) 11/09/2017 JDH PECOS MANSO 28/4 (IMP US) / JDH BOONE DE MANSO (IMP US) (H)

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With their flood management plan enacted, the 2019 flood event still required 150 chopper hours to keep cattle safe and fed.

**Cattle**

Morr Morr Pastoral’s breeding and backgrounding operation runs in excess of 42,500 head of cattle on average, based on a 20,000 head self-replacing breeding herd producing 12,000 to 15,000 calves annually.

Since taking over operations, Morr Morr Pastoral have moved the breeding herd from Droughtmaster to predominantly red Brahman genetics to suit the tropical conditions on the station and both the live export and the backgrounding trade in Central Queensland. The Brahmans do well in the tropical conditions and their slick coat provides protection from cattle ticks and buffalo fly.

Each year Morr Morr Pastoral purchases 400 replacement bulls from a variety of reliable Top End studs to maintain their 1000-strong sire battery and improve the genetic quality of the herd over time.

“Good temperament in the cattle is a high priority and we look for that when selecting bulls,” said Quinton. “We also have a preference for good quality red polled bulls. The Delta herd is now turning off 35 per cent polled progeny. Not every calf gets branded while still on its mother, so the polled genetics reduces the impact branding at weaning, and reduces the workload at marking.”

After a cull for temperament, conformation and defects, 4400 replacement heifers are selected to join the breeding herd. The maiden heifers are turned out with the newly purchased, 18-month old bulls in November.

Heifers are joined at 18–22 months of age to have their first calf at 3 years of age and then they join the main breeder herds. Cattle run in large mobs of similar age and the bulls are always kept in with the cows.

There are two mustering per year at Delta Downs with all young stock weaned and moved to backgrounding paddocks for 12 months. Dry cows identified at the previous round of mustering are preg-tested, and culled if empty. Cows are expected to rear two calves every three years and are culled for age at around 9 to 11 years of age. The bulls are also checked to ensure they are visibly sound and 10 year old bulls are culled.

“The major round is from April to July, when we evaluate and cull cows and bulls, mark the calves, draft the weaners and them to other weaner groups, draft the yearling cattle and move the steers to Maggievele end and keep the heifers close to Delta Downs main yards,” said Quinton.

Weaners are kept at the main yards where they are fed hay and pellets, educated, branded and turned out to graze.

The second round from August to November is mainly a weaning round, together with marking new calves and those missed in the first round. The last of the sale cattle are marketed and the heifers are prepared for joining. Mustered at Delta Downs is all done by the station stock camp, on horseback, without dogs but with the aid of helicopters.

During the dry season (July to the start of the monsoon), a urea-based supplement is supplied to selected breeder groups, depending on their lactation status, weaners and growing heifers.

Although remote, Delta Downs has access to a variety of economic options when it comes to marketing their produce. The property borders the township of Karumba, providing ready access to the wharf for live exports. With live exports being unreliable since 2011, Morr Morr Pastoral have built their operations around having other marketing options for their cattle, particularly via Charters Towers saleyards for young stock and Townsville’s JBS meatworks for culls.

Delta turns off 18-24 months old steers and heifers in the 270–350 kg liveweight range, suited to export and Central Queensland re-stocker markets. Cull cows are moved to paddocks on Maggieville Outstation, close to the bitumen and kept until the first quarter of the following year before going direct to the meatworks in Townsville, along with cull bulls.
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Delta Downs has a reputation for consistent lines of quality cattle that are sought after either as paddock sales or through the weekly sales at Charters Towers. Offering a single line of 1000 to 2000 head, all with the same brand attracts repeat buyers.

Community

When Morr Morr Pastoral Company purchased Delta Downs Station, a foundation herd of 20 thousand Droughtmaster breeders was part of the deal and provided immediate cash flow to the new owners. This has contributed to the commercial success of the business, and is in contrast to the usual arrangements when Traditional Owners take on a cattle station operation in a land-only deal. The company has followed sound business principles for almost 40 years, enabling expansion and development of the pastoral operation while also achieving significant cultural outcomes for the Kurtijar people.

Quinton leads a team of about 30 staff, comprised primarily of Kurtijar people. The station has a long and proud history as a training ground for local Aboriginal people to gain skills and enhance their employment opportunities. The Chair of the Morr Morr Pastoral Company board, Letitia Rainbow is a strong advocate of the importance of the traineeship program.

“So far, over 300 cattle industry trainees have benefitted from the training program at Delta Downs,” she said. “Each year staff at all levels, including directors, management, operational staff and trainees are actively engaged in training opportunities.”

“The last two station managers, including Quinton, have been recruited through the trainee program and those not currently employed by the company have moved into the wider pastoral industry or taken up opportunities in other industry sectors.”

Taking advantage of the unique location of the property and the close cultural connection the Kurtijar people have with the land, Morr Morr Pastoral Company has recently diversified their operations on Delta Downs to welcome visitors to camp, fish and enjoy bird watching.

This gives the Kurtijar people the opportunity to share their land, culture and history and provides visitors with a memorable experience of the Gulf’s pristine beaches, unique birdwatching and abundant fishing and hunting opportunities.

The Kurtijar Aboriginal Corporation oversees the outback tourism sideline from Easter to October, and the Normanton Rangers are engaged with environmental protection projects including feral animal control and exclusion fencing to protect the wetland bird sanctuaries.

Feral dogs require ongoing management at Delta with significant calf losses if they are not managed well. Delta staff work closely with Normanton Rangers and neighbouring properties to lay 4 to 6 tonnes of bait twice a year. There is also an active feral pig shooting program.

About 200 horses are kept for mustering and for the annual Normanton Rodeo. The rodeo is a highlight for Delta Downs staff, with everyone participating as organisers, spectators or competitors. In 2019 Delta also supplied 70 bullocks for the rodeo and 1000 red Brahman heifers for the campdraft. Forty or fifty horses were also supplied for the ‘Station Buckjump’ event at the rodeo, with only four out of 50-odd competitors riding time out this year.

2019 Delta Downs trainees (from left to right) Wayne Douglas, Kyle Pascoe, Wilfred Tommy and Andrew Bee.
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Brahmans key for Stanfords

By Matt Sherrington, Queensland Country Life

Despite dry conditions continuing to impact operations on the Stanford family’s commercial breeding operation based on Ardlui in Roma, they’re continuing to produce a sought after feeder market article due in large part to the hardiness of their base Brahman herd.

Fred and Gaylene Stanford run the operation across three properties with seasonal help from children, Clancy, Sam and Lucy.

The family purchased Ardlui in July, 2012. The 4855 hectare property consists of Brigalow belah, black soils running onto the Balonne River and Sandalwood country, and is used for breeding activities.

Birrahlee (505ha) in Wandoan is used for fattening, and last year the family bought Wununa (1457ha), a cultivation block, south of Roma.

Fred said they’ve only received four and half to five inches of rain in the last year, which has led to them reducing their cow and heifer numbers, which are being supplemented with cottonseed and lick.

“We also grow forage sorghum in summer and grazing oats in winter, but due to the lack of moisture the oats crops on Birrahlee and Wununa failed this year.”

In their operation, the Stanford’s purchase Brahman bulls to breed with cows and replacement heifers within their pure Brahman female herd. Charolais bulls are also bought to put over the Brahman breeders.

“We aim to sell the resulting Brahman and Charbray steers into whichever feedlots are offering the best money at the time. Prices have been holding firm lately at $2.90 to $3 for our steers which we’re happy with.

“Due to the dry conditions we still have a few lighter ones on-property which we’re trying to find a home for, but 440kg to 480kg is our ideal selling weight.”

Fred said he has always had a preference for Brahmans due to their adaptability, good mothering ability and their survivability through the dry.

To enhance and diversify the bloodlines running through their herd, the Stanford’s have been purchasing bulls from Keith and Annabelle Wilson, Samari Plains Red Brahman, Roma for more than 10 years.

“We have three Samari bulls on Ardlui at present which are all proven performers. We find the Wilson’s bulls consistently provide us with high quality, soft and quiet calves.

“We also often purchase bulls from the Olsen family, Neslo Brahmans, Wandoan, and the Radel family, Kandoona Brahmans, Taroom.”

He said when buying bulls they look for a good body, soundness in the feet and a quiet temperament.

“We also try to focus on buying bulls with the poll gene, but they have to have a good body to go with it in that instance.”

Fred Stanford feeding cottonseed to a mob of Brahman breeders on Ardlui. The family is currently supplementing their herd due to the ongoing dry conditions on-property.
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Brahman cross have strong wins in Carcass Competitions.

July was a big month for the Brahman breed in the local carcass competitions in Mackay & Rockhampton especially for Tim and Lynette Olive and family, Apis Creek Pastoral Co, Marlborough.

The following results say it all for the Olive Family at the Mackay Show.

Grain Fed Cattle

- Single steer, showing no permanent teeth - 1st Apis Creek Pastoral Co
- Single steer, showing 2 permanent teeth – 2nd Courtney Olive, 3rd Apis Creek Past Co
- Single steer, showing 4 permanent teeth - 1st Courtney Olive, 2nd Apis Creek Past Co
- Young Farmer Competition, single steer showing no more than 2 permanent teeth - 1st Alexandra Olive
- Single heifer Liveweight 340 - 579kg showing no more than 2 permanent teeth - 1st Apis Creek Past
- Single heifer most suited to the Japanese Market - 3rd Apis Creek Past Co
- Feature Class - Pen of 3 Grain Fed steers, suitable for the Japanese market 580 - 750kg 4 permanent teeth or less - 1st and 2nd Apis Creek Past Co

SPECIAL AWARDS

- CHAMPION GRAINFED STEER - APIS CREEK PASTORAL Co
- GRAND CHAMPION STEER - APIS CREEK PASTORAL Co
- Tied for 2nd for Most Successful Hoof Exhibitor

The Olive family’s successes continued into the end of July when the awards night was held for the CQ Carcase Competition. With Apis Creek Pastoral Co winning three of the four grain fed classes with ¾ Brahman X cattle and daughter Courtney winning the 4th class it was quite a night for the family. All the Olive cattle are bred on Apis Creek and Fed in the Apis Creek Feedlot. Tim commented on his win saying he was actually speechless, “This is what we dream about, what we do and why we are doing it. We knew we had some good ones in this competition and we have been working hard on them. We are Brahman breeders and we are looking to get the best carcase that we can and at the of the day we want the best MSA grading. We have our own feedlot and we breed and feed at home so it is a credit to everyone at home to get these sort of results.”

The Olive family were joined by other successful Brahman breeders in this Carcass Competition with the results below.

- Grainfed Single Steer or heifer, max 4 teeth, 300 - 420kg Carcase weight - 1st Courtney Olive, 3rd DN & JG McCamley, 4th Apis Creek Past Co, 5th DN & JG McCamley
- Grainfed Pen of 3 steers or heifers, max 4 teeth 300 - 420 kg Carcase - 1st, 3rd, 4th ,5th Apis Creek Past Co, 2nd DN & JG McCamley
- Grainfed Pen of 3 trade steers or heifers, max 2 teeth 180 - 300kg - 1st , 5th Apis Creek Past Co, 2nd DN & JG McCamley, 3rd Timbrel Cattle Services
- Grainfed trade steer or heifer, max 2 teeth 180 - 300kg Carcase weight - 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th Apis Creek Past Co, 4th DN & JG McCamley
- Grassfed single trade Steer or Heifer, max 2 teeth 180 – 300kg Carcase weight. 2nd Harry Howard
- Grassfed Pen of 3 Trade steers or heifers, max 2 teeth, 180 – 300kg

Carcase weight – 6th DN & JG McCamley

- CHAMPION Grainfed Carcase - Apis Creek Past Co
- RESERVE CHAMPION Grainfed Carcase - Courtney Olive
- CHAMPION Grainfed Pen - Apis Creek Past Co
- RESERVE CHAMPION Grainfed Pen - Apis Creek Past Co
- HIGHEST MSA INDEX (64.61) - Apis Creek Past Co

This is the 2nd year in a row that Apis Creek Past Co have received the highest scoring MSA index in this competition.

- GRAND CHAMPION CARCASE - Apis Creek Past Co
- MOST SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITOR - APIS CREEK PASTORAL CO

The CQ Carcase competition was a great success for all involved and the committee were thrilled to have record entries of steers and heifers of just over 600 head.
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320 RUMLEA HICKSIE QUE (IVF) (ET)
S. JDH MR HOOKS MANGO (IMP US) (H)
D. RUMLEA BRIONY (H)

319 RUMLEA QUOVADIS 04/18
S. CARINYA HARVEY 352/5 (AI) (H)
D. RUMLEA MOLLIE YARIS 86/14 (H)

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Four Brahman Breeders entered pens in the Paddock to Palate competition which is part of the Brisbane Exhibition.

On the 25th of June a Field Day was held at Mort & Co’s 55,000 head and soon to be 75,000 head Grassdale Feedlot at Dalby. On this day the winners of the Hoof section were awarded.

On this occasion the Brahmans did not manage any awards but the cattle did look very good. The bullocks were well covered and they handled the 120 days on feed well.

ABBA was able to influence for the first time a Non –HGP class to be part of this program. It was very popular with 34 pens of 7 head of mixed breeds being entered.

Thank you to the breeders who exhibited this year. They were the Harrison Family, ESK, Banana Station, Banana, Boogal Cattle Co, Eidsvold, Eloise Brahms, Cloncurry.

ABBA will continue to support this competition and the breeders who exhibit in the 2020 competition.
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A life record to raise money for rural Queensland charities

By Cindy Benjamin

“I thought I’d try Brahmans just to prove they were no bloody good” – but in the end Graham McCamley couldn’t argue with the facts.

Sir Graham McCamley’s biography, ‘Roads in the Sky’ is a fascinating account of one man and his family having an influence on every aspect of the beef cattle industry in Northern Australia. This influence has had far-reaching impact on the Brahman industry in Australia.

Graham’s father was a dairy-man turned polled Hereford breeder. Although Graham was introduced to the Brahman breed during a 3-month study tour of the USA in 1953–54, when he purchased his first property, Tartarus (subsequently renamed Tartrus) in 1954, the sale included 2085 horned Herefords.

Graham met Shirley Tindale of Clermont and they married in 1956. Together they would raise a family and build a business empire that spanned cattle properties across Central and Northern Queensland and the Northern Territory, a Brahman stud, organic beef production, commercial retail butcher shops, charter aviation and livestock transport.

Although their foundation horned Hereford herd joined to polled Hereford bulls was high performing and receiving recognition at prime cattle shows in Central Queensland, the breed had its drawbacks. Despite their best efforts in breeding for adaptability to the northern environment, ticks, blight and buffalo fly were taking their toll. The McCamleys could see that these things were not affecting Zebu-cross cattle being introduced on some properties.

Starting with two Brahman bulls purchased from the McCartney brothers of Marlborough in 1959, Graham was very dubious about the beef potential of the breed. When the Brahman-cross progeny weighed in at an average 8 per cent higher liveweight than their Hereford counterparts, the McCamleys took notice, although still favoured the lower Brahman content of Brafords.

In January 1963 Tartrus Brahman Stud became the 77th stud registered with the Australian Brahman Breeder’s Association (ABBA). From 1971 to 1974 Graham would serve as the ABBA president, playing a leading role in ‘putting Brahmans on the map’.

Having put the first Brahmans in the herd in 1958, they started performance testing in 1963, once there was a fair influence of Brahman across the herd.

“Shirley and I decided to ask the appropriate research organisations, DPI and CSIRO, to come on board with our thoughts about Brahmans and to do further trials to prove this, or not – otherwise we would stay with our poll Herefords.”

Two official trials would eventuate, with CSIRO and the University of Queensland investigating fertility traits in Brahman-cross cattle and DPI measuring the performance of cross-bred cattle. These trials would run for 14 years and provide invaluable data for the McCamley operation and for the broader cattle industry.

In the end it was wild pigs and the 1969 drought that saw the end of British breeds in the McCamley herd, until later experimentation with large European breeds.

In 1969 the McCamleys sold a Brahman bull for a record-breaking $8000, ten years after first introducing Brahmans to their operation. This was backed up with huge success at the prime cattle shows in Rockhampton and Brisbane in 1970, culminating in them winning all three carcase classes and the Champion Carcase of the Show at the Royal Brisbane Show, with three-quarter to seven-eighths Brahman steers.

With eight years of trial data to share, Shirley and Graham held the first Tartrus Field Day in 1971, attracting a crowd of 1200 visitors. For many, this was their first introduction to performance testing.

The Tartrus Brahman Stud was used to breed red and grey Brahmans for use primarily in the McCamley’s commercial herds across central.
and northern Queensland, and their annual Tartrus/Lancefield Stud Sale. Their aim was to produce quiet high performance bulls and to breed ‘super-dams’ that would calve every year for ten years. With a focus on saleable meat yield, their pure Brahman cattle continued to win carcase competitions.

In the early 1970s, an interest in the Charolais and Limousine breeds led Graham and Shirley to initiate an AI program at Tartrus using imported semen from France. Soon after, the AI program would ultimately introduce the first new Brahman blood into Australia for over 20 years, coming in from the USA. This involved a small syndicate of Australian Brahman breeders, the Hudgins and Rizzi families, along with the McCamleys, taking 25 in-calf J.D Hudgins cows to Canada in 1972. To avoid a perceived threat of the disease bluetongue, the calves needed to be born above the 43rd parallel. By December that year there were 21 grey calves and four red calves dropped and once matured they became the new bloodlines to enter Australia.

By 1974 Australia had descended into a beef recession, which Graham and Shirley weathered by opening their own butcher shops, Tartrus Meat Market, in Rockhampton and growing crops. In this venture they saw striking consumer preference for Brahman cuts of beef.

The four hard years of recession also saw Graham become instrumental in the formation of the Cattleman’s Union of Australia, taking the plight of the industry to the highest levels of government.

In an attempt to drought-proof their operation, the McCamleys used irrigation to grow ‘green-chop’ oats and hybrid sorghum for use in their feedlot. The same fertile plains that grow high quality crops were themselves prone to flooding. Serious flooding events in the 1980s and 90s would see the family rebuild this essential pivot irrigation infrastructure several times.

In 1988 Tartrus joined BreedPlan, contributing 20 years of performance records. Theirs was the only Brahman, and quite possibly the only beef herd, to already have this level of information about their herd.

Soon after, the Tartrus AI program expanded to include embryo transfer and the core properties of the operation at Marlborough, Richmond and Barcaldine were certified organic, making the McCamleys one of the largest suppliers of organic beef in Australia.

Following the tragic death of Shirley in a light-aircraft crash at the Tartrus airfield in 2010, Graham sought to record their life together in a biography written by Jenny and Nick Mountstephen.

In addition to providing an account of the business and personal exploits of Graham, Shirley and their family, the book also highlights the many interactions they had with staff members, friends, neighbours and their communities throughout their life together, and their journey of faith. Although Sir Graham wanted to record his life’s journey for the family in the book “Roads in the Sky”, he also strongly felt by making it available for the general public by way of a donation to The Foundation, it would help contribute to the very important support The Lady McCamley Memorial Foundation is currently channelling into suicide prevention in rural Queensland.

Sir Graham established The Lady McCamley Memorial Foundation in memory of his late wife to continue her generous support of various charities within the community.

Lady McCamley had particular interest in the following charities (in no particular order): The Salvation Army, Guide Dogs for the Blind, The Queensland Eye Institute, Rockhampton Horse Riding for the Disabled and Lifeline.

Recently the Foundation made a generous donation to Lifeline of some $75,000 for their work within rural Queensland for the prevention of suicide – this money was raised from the sale of Sir Graham’s stud brahman semen collection during Beef 2018.

The Lady McCamley Memorial Foundation is an ATO registered Charity and issues receipts for all donations received. The Board is currently made up of six members who meet twice a year.

Sir Graham’s book is available for a generous donation to The Foundation from his Office at 87 Bolsover Street, Rockhampton.
H J (Harry) Ambrose 1933 – 2019

Contributed by Brian E Fanning

Harry was born at Proserpine and at an early age, the family moved to a dairy farm at Ambrose in CQ.

He was educated at St. Brendan’s Yeppoon, and founded the Lime Quarries Stud No. 111 in 1961 at Marmor.

The founding sire was Dundee Carbine De Manso and a full-blood female Dundee Lady. Shortly after he purchased ten zebu heifers from an old friend, Pat Dunne of Laguna, Duaringa. These heifers were of Glen Prairie and Waverley origin, and were in calf to Waverley Hima De Manso.

My first recollection of Harry was at a Brahman Association function with a group consisting of Pat Dunne, Ray Gillham, Attie Sullivan and most of the night’s conversation was about “yaks”.

Harry was always in the market for a used stud bull and over the years he used such bulls as Pandoin King, whose Dam was JDH Queen 135/5(Imp), Wairuna Gustav, Cherokee Big Jim, Cherokee Big Cloud and the well-known Cherokee Van Burma which was one of his favourites.

One of Harry’s “party tricks” was to walk him down to the Marmor Pub and take him into the bar for a quiet one.

Harry was also the proud owner, although for only a very short time of Garuda Lord Jim.

When the USA market opened again he invested in Indu genetics and imported a grey heifer Happy Valley Jumbo and a red heifer La Maya which originated from the famous herd of Milton E Molina, Guatamala. This heifer was purchased in partnership with Rob Gifford, Parada stud. Both of these females were used in AI and embryo programmes which were carried out by Ian Tucker B.Vsc.

Harry was a great host and very community conscious. He was heavily involved in the construction of the Marmor Sports Centre.

His hobbies were fishing, breeding Australian and English game fowl, and collecting antique furniture.

He is survived by his partner Colleen, three sons, and one daughter.
Nuffield experience recommended

By Cindy Benjamin

Central Queensland grazier and Brahman breeder, Rebecca Comiskey is thoroughly enjoying the opportunities to study, travel and learn that come from being one of a 17-strong group selected as Australia’s 2019 Nuffield scholars.

With support from The Yulgilbar Foundation, a family run Private Ancillary Fund whose focus is on rural, regional and remote Australia and more specifically, on education, environment, capacity building and Alzheimer’s research, Rebecca’s research will centre on incorporating modern genetic technologies into beef production systems.

“I am interested in learning more about modern technologies, that would assist in measuring the hard-to-measure traits and enhance profitability in Northern Beef systems through traits such as fertility, feed efficiency and market compliance,” she said. “If we can’t measure it, we can’t manage it, and I am excited by the benefits now available to producers through tools like genomics, and how the accuracies of EBVs can be improved, providing another layer of information, to enable more targeted seedstock selection to match intended breeding goals.”

The Nuffield scholarship program involves several key stages including attending the Nuffield International Contemporary Scholars Conference (CSC), participating in a Global Focus Program (GFP) travel experience and culminating in a minimum of seven to eight weeks of self-organised travel focusing on a personal research topic.

In March this year, Rebecca attended the 4-day Australian Nuffield Meetings in Canberra before travelling to the USA to attend the 10-day Contemporary Scholars Conference at Ames, Iowa. The third leg of her intensive Nuffield experience was participating in the 2-week Global Focus Program, touring Washington DC, Kentucky, Czech Republic, Romania, Bulgaria, Qatar and Kenya.

Rebecca’s key take-away messages from Global Focus Program GFP were:
- Unlike Australia, the majority of farmers in the countries visited lease the land they farm rather than owning it. Agricultural land values were around USD25,000/ac in Kenya and USD10,000/ac in the United States.
- Security is one of the biggest expenses to businesses in eastern Europe and Kenya. From stealing corn through to paying bribes and working within corrupt systems.
- The effects of past communism is far-reaching, with people craving stability in work and pay, but creativity has suffered.
- Qatar’s journey to food self-sufficiency and ag innovation as a direct result of the blockade 5/6/17 was mind blowing. A stand-out example was the innovation seen at Baladna Dairy, which supplies all of Doha’s milk requirements.
- Generally, subsidies provided in the countries visited seemed to discourage profitable innovation.

The next phase of this busy year will see Rebecca visit AGBU in Armidale, attend the Northern Beef Research Update Conference (NBRUC) in SEPTEMBER 2019.
Brisbane, and complete her self-directed study to New Zealand, Canada, USA, Brazil, Argentina, Ireland and Netherlands. Her final itinerary item will be to attend the Committee on World Food Security meeting in Rome with a focus on the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goal (SDG 2) to achieve Zero Hunger. Rebecca’s study program includes visits to key institutions with researchers working in her area of interest but she is acutely aware of the fact that others in the industry have a wealth of knowledge that she could be unaware of – ‘you don’t know what you don’t know!’ She is keen to make contact with anyone interested in sharing information or thoughts around her topic. You can contact Rebecca on mobile 0419 776 249 or email beccomiskey@gmail.com

The 2020 Australian Nuffield Scholarship applications are closed but now’s the time to get organised for the 2021 round. To find out more visit the website: https://nuffield.com.au/scholarships

Masai herdsman, Anne Powys and Rebecca Comiskey at Suyain Soul Ranch, a 17,500 ha pure Boran cattle ranch and wildlife conservancy.

Touring Widam Food Company’s sheep/cattle feedlot and abattoir with manager Dr Ahmed and staff. The company has 95% Qatari shareholding and exclusively handles the government subsidisation of Australian sheep meat into the Qatari market.
Raising the steaks for Brahman beef

By Rachael Cruwys

The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust was established in 1965 to honour the memory of Sir Winston Churchill and provide a pathway for Fellows to access industry and community leaders from across the world, enabling the exchange of knowledge, technology and experience for the benefit of Australian society.

My fellowship was sponsored by the proceeds of Trusts set up by Samuel and Eileen Gluyas, who were well known graziers in the Hughenden district. The sponsorship is designed for residents of Northern Queensland who have a project in the pastoral industry applicable and beneficial to the tropics.

The Brahman breed’s hardiness has perpetuated a belief domestically, that it is less palatable than others, and whether a breeder specifically enters into particular markets that support this mindset or not, they are often subject to breed discrimination and price reductions at saleyards, feedlots and processing plants as a result.

The maintenance of this perception does not take into account differences in growth paths, nutrition and genetic variation within breeds, let alone across breed types, and therefore doesn’t allow for a beast to be solely graded on merit alone.

My project took me to the United States with the aim of researching how Brahman breeders there went about dispelling the stereotype associated with Brahman cattle through both their genetic programs and marketing strategies.

I chose to concentrate my study tour in Texas and Florida predominantly, the powerhouses when it comes to breeding Brahman cattle.

The Houston Livestock Show has both the largest international attendance and showing of Brahman cattle of any livestock show in the United States. With many other breeds being represented, the quality and marketability of the actual animal, along with the active marketing of each breed could be compared.

Studs such as JD Hudgins, VB Ranch and Santa Elena were selected to aid in my research for their longevity of breeding Brahman cattle. With bloodlines that trace back to the forefathers of the breed, the herds are rich in genetic reliability.

Collectively, the studs’ genetics make a positive contribution to the commercial and stud cattle industry world-wide, producing functional, fertile and performance driven cattle.

Kempfer Cattle and Kallion Farms, whilst being stud cattle producers are also commercial cattlemen, who put a strong emphasis on carcase traits, and as such, have strict genetic and culling criteria based on providing the best animal to both the beef producer and consumer.

Deseret Ranch offered the chance to observe rotational breeding programs involving various breeds, including Brahmans. Having a mainly closed herd allows the ranch to carefully manage their cattle genetic and production practices and presents the opportunity to fully ascertain the performance of each.
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Attendance at Texas A & M University and the University of Florida facilitated the observation of genetic and genomic projects, all with the aim of improving beef production.

Visiting both the largest stockyards operating in the United States and a large feedlotting enterprise helped encapsulated the majority of the US beef supply chain.

Whether producers choose branded beef production, traditional commodity-based trading or a more vertically integrated ‘paddock-to-plate’ business model, it is paramount that we use improved marketing strategies to bring the consumer to the table to occupy the remaining chair in the Brahman beef supply chain journey.

We have a purebred product that can answer consumer demands surrounding welfare, traceability, provenance and sustainability, but we need to overcome the perpetuation of the perceptions surrounding our breed through increased market awareness.

I am very grateful for those I had the pleasure and privilege of connecting with on my fellowship. Their generosity in sharing their experience, insights and expertise was invaluable and will continue to help shape my Winston Churchill Fellowship.

Places visited as part of the study tour in the USA:

- International Livestock Congress, Houston TX
- Houston Livestock Show, Houston TX
- Santa Elena Ranch, Madisonville, TX
- JD Hudgins, Hungerford, TX
- V8 Ranch, Wharton TX,
- Kallion Farms, College Station, TX
- 44 Farms, Cameron, TX
- Brushy Creek Custom Sires, Taylor, TX
- ST Genetics, Navasota, TX
- Oklahoma Stockyards, Oklahoma City, OK
- Oklahoma West Stockyards, El Reno, OK
- Superior Livestock Auction, Oklahoma City, OK & Fort Worth, TX
- Texas A&M University AgriLife Research and Extension Centre, Overton, TX
- Texas A&M University McGregor Research Centre, McGregor, TX
- Kempfer Cattle Company, St Cloud, FL
- Double C Bar Ranch, Kenansville, FL
- Barthle Brothers Ranch, Dade City, FL
- Deseret Ranch, St Cloud, FL
- University of Florida, Department of Animal Science, Gainsville, FL
- American Brahman Breeders Association, Houston, TX
- Wrangler Feed Yard, Amarillo, TX
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Phenotypic Data from the Northern BIN Project Vital to Genomic Success

Contributed by Paul Williams TBTS

As the Australian beef industry sees more breed societies and breed associations adapt genomic technology as part of their BREEDPLAN genetic evaluations, there will be individual beef producers who will be hoping that the arrival of the genomics era in their breed of choice will mean an end to the often labour intensive and time consuming task of collecting performance data for their herds.

Those that were hoping that genomics would mean an end to the collection of performance information may therefore be disappointed to learn that even with the inclusion of genomic data in BREEDPLAN evaluations, the collection of good quality performance information will be crucial to the success of genomics. For genomic selection to work, a reference population is required. The reference population consists of thousands of animals which have both phenotypes (performance data) and genotypes. Setting up a reference population has been one of the challenges in implementing genomics in many breeds of beef cattle; for most breeds to date, there simply have not been enough animals with both phenotypes and genotypes available to form an effective reference population. The ideal reference population has phenotypes collected on all traits of economic importance and interest to the breed. That is, the hard work which seedstock producers undertake to collect good quality performance information will continue to be vital for the success of genomics in Australian beef cattle, both now and in the future. As Professor Mike Coffey from the Roslin Institute in the UK once said, “In the era of genomics, phenotype (performance information) is king”.

Another important way to collect vital data especially on the hard to measure traits like carcase and meat science data is through “Beef Information Nucleus” (BIN) Project with funding assistance from the Meat & Livestock Australia Donor where large number of animals can be run under research condition to ensure large amount of good quality data can be collected.

The ‘Australian Brahman Breeders’ Association and ‘Droughtmasters Stud Breeders Society’ and a consortium of Santa Gertrudis Breeders have undergone a joint Progeny Test Project involving the steer progeny from the MLA are funding project “Enabling genetic improvement of reproduction in tropical beef breeds” (Repronomics). The project is assisting in providing data to implementation of a Multi-Breed database and a Tropical crossbred analysis to be run in the future. This is possible as the Brahman and Droughtmaster steers have been run together since birth and only split during the period at which their dams were in mating.

To date the Northern BIN Steer Project has purchased 1,826 steers, with a breakdown of breed and calving year shown in Table 1. The sires of the project steers are either proven sires with a large number of registered progeny (few of which have been performance recorded with BREEDPLAN) or young up and coming bulls. The B2O Brahman steers are by 66 Brahman sires (representing 31 different stud prefixes). Of these steers 1314 have been carcase scanned and 1047 have carcase data collected in the Abattoir.

What’s has happened this year?

Brian Pastures No.17 steers

Spyglass number 17 steers were backgrounded at Berrigurra till March 2018 and then moved to Narayen Research Station where they were finished on grass. The steers were weighed and carcase scanned on the 3rd April for P8, rib, EMA and IMF. The steers averaged 542 kg with scans of P8 fat 8mm, Rib Fat 4 mm, EMA 68 and IMF 2.5%. The steers were slaughtered at Teys, Lakes Creek on the 15th May with The Brahman steers averaging 301.4kg, the Droughtmasters 306.5kg and the Santa Gertrudis were 306.7 kg.

Table 1: Breakdown of steers origin and number per year

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S: JDH GARDNER MANSO (IMP US) (H)  D: MOUNTAIN SPRINGS DE LADY (AI) (P)

LOT 516 – MOUNTAIN SPRINGS WARRATAH (AI) (P)
S: JDH GARDNER MANSO (IMP US) (H)  D: MOUNTAIN SPRINGS JESS'S GIRL (AI) (P)

LOT 517 – MOUNTAIN SPRINGS BRAVE (P)
S: MOUNTAIN SPRINGS RANGER (AI) (P)  D: MOUNTAIN SPRINGS CASEY (H)

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S: KENROL MR HJ RAY 0366 (AI) (ET) (S)  D: NCC CINDY 3173 (IVF) (P)

LOT 795 – MOUNTAIN SPRINGS ALABAMA (AI) (ET) (H)
S: TARTRUS REDMOUNT 2365 (ET) (H)  D: GARGLEN RENA (AI) (ET) (P)
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**Spyglass No.17 steers**

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**Brian Pasture No.18 Steers**

The Brian Pastures steers were weighed at Narayen on the 19th June for the 600 day weight and carcase scanned with the Brahman steers averaging 381kg. Table 4 is a breakdown of the averages, maximums and minimums for data collected on the 19th June.

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For more information on the Northern BIN Steer Project please contact Paul Williams from Tropical Beef Technology Services on 0427 018 982 or via email paul@tbts.une.edu.au.
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It is well known that assisted reproductive technologies, such as Fixed Time Artificial Insemination (FTAI), can provide significant advantages when it comes to genetic gain, an aspect that seed stock producers have used for many years.

However, where FTAI really provides unsung opportunities is in the commercial herd. At Beef Australia 2018, this was highlighted by Dr. Lucas Cutalea, Syntex, Argentina, where he looked at the economics of utilising FTAI as a management tool. “FTAI gives producers the ability to choose from a genetic pool that may otherwise be inaccessible to them, but it can also be used to improve overall farm management, herd fertility, identify problem breeders sooner and produce even lines of weaners”.

In Northern Australia, productivity of the breeder herd can often be compromised for a number of reasons. Areas of concern include poor re-breeding rates (particularly in first calf heifers), out of season pregnancies due to wandering bulls and high calf and breeder mortalities. In many operations, FTAI can assist with addressing some of these issues and help move from year round joining to more controlled windows, increasing farm productivity.

Dr. Rachel O’Higgins, (Technical Veterinarian, Minitube), and Megan Brown, (Regional Sales & Technical Manager, Minitube) outline how best to incorporate FTAI into your commercial herd. “Firstly, identify your target markets and what time you require weaners to fit this window. You can then work backwards, using feed budgets and daily gain data in conjunction with seasonal predictions to determine ideal joining times” Megan explains. “Once you have established a mating start date, this is where you begin your program.”

Using FTAI at the start of the season is key, outlines Dr. O’Higgins, “FTAI is an investment in the future management, genetics and profitability of the herd. A common mistake on many farms is the utilization of AI in cows who have failed to get pregnant to the bull. Outside of bull breakdown, breeder fertility is often the cause, therefore AI in these animals can be a costly, unproductive venture. Starting the season with a FTAI program gives all cows the opportunity to become pregnant within the first cycle, mop up bulls are then used to cover those who missed conceiving to the initial AI.”

The effects of the synchronisation are not just seen at the time of AI, notes Dr. O’Higgins, “After a program, follow up cycles are very fertile so the majority of cows can conceive within 1-3 ovulations.”

Megan outlined the benefits of FTAI for the commercial producer. “Positive outcomes can include a tightening of calving intervals, reduced impact from unwanted genetics/disease spread by wandering bulls, heavier more even lines of weaners and easier management of labour on farm”. Modern FTAI programs are far less labour intensive and heat detection is often not required. Good management paired with good planning will allow for very reasonable results. Dr. O’Higgins mentions a few important points when embarking on a program, “FTAI is not suitable for every property and planning does need to be undertaken, ahead of time, to ensure positive outcomes. It is very important to speak with your CattlePlan® vet or reproductive consultant to tailor a program that suits your property and your business goals”.

Minitube representatives will be joining Rocky Repro at Brahman Week if you would like to discuss the suitability of FTAI in your herd.

In Queensland, vets and beef producers have been seeing the advantages that the DIB-H® can offer. Dr. Callan Solari, (Tropical Vet Services, Ingham) has been working closely with Cody and Holly Sheehan, (‘The Orient’, Tropical Cattle) to plan a more tailored approach to their breeding. The pregnancy tests have spoken for themselves across a number of seasons, with both stud and commercial herds achieving consistently favourable results.

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Hamdenvale Brahmans annual female sale

Contributed by Hamdenvale Brahmans

“Females Of The Future” Sale will be held at the Mackay Showgrounds Cattle Precinct on Friday 25th October 2019 with a quality lineup on offer again this year.

With 40 lots on offer including two semen packages, some of the latest genetics will be offered, including 3 heifers sired by the leading sire Mr V8 Noble 458.

A Rare opportunity presents - Lot 1 offers stud masters a rare opportunity to purchase a proven Donor Cow and natural breeder in Hamdenvale Angelina 1158, a 3 year old daughter of Akama Merton being sold with a lovely polled heifer by ZAM Norton at foot and also carries a positive pregnancy to JDH Mr Wallace Manso 57/9. Angelina has also been used as a Donor in 2 IVF programs at Hamdenvale, producing 14 calves making this 3 year old heifer the dam of 15 calves, both IVF and natural, with her 16th calf in gestation.

Hamdenvale Angelina has done such a good job for us, we are offering 5 of her heifers by JDH Domino Manso 200 and Mr V8 Noble 458 in this sale. These heifers are great quality females and reinforce the value of this cow as a Donor in any Brahman herd.

This year we are offering a “Pick Of The Flush” from 6 Bull or Heifer calves – red or grey – polled or horned – Sired by our partnership bull Mr V8 279, a $300,000 son JDH Baxter Manso out of PBF Shelly Manso 507/5. Lilly has been AI’d to JDH Drayton Manso on 25.4.2019 and will be 6 months pregnant at the sale.

For breeders seeking polled genetics, Lot 10 Hamdenvale Allie 1345/41, while not polled herself is the daughter of polled JDH Summit Manso and carries a positive pregnancy test to our polled Sire in Mr V8 279.

Hamdenvale Marisa 1468/58 comes into the ring as Lot 7. Marisa is a daughter of Mr V8 Noble 458 out of Hamdenvale Angelina (Lot 1) and is being sold on her recipient mother who also carries a positive pregnancy test of our exciting new Sire in JDH Mr Wallace Manso 57/9 out of a JDH Hawk Manso 666 daughter Hamdenvale Marian 930/66. This calf is due early December. A great package offering.

Lot 8 offers stud masters the opportunity to build their genetic base quickly with Hamdenvale Hilary 1518 sired by JDH Modelo Manso 268 out of a JDH Westin Manso being sold with her recipient mother carrying a pregnancy by JDH Wallace Manso 57/9 out of our V8 Noble daughter Hamdenvale Bonnie. This embryo was implanted on 11.6.2019 so is due March 2020.

We are pleased to again have Invited Vendors, Fenech Brahmans presenting 8 quality females in the sale while Akama Brahmans will present 6 quality polled females for sale.

Inspections are welcome at any time. A Sale Preview and Breeder Inspection will be held at “Simla” Blue Mountain on Friday, 11th October from 4.00pm. For enquiries or inspections please contact David Deguara on 0419776568 or agents Landmark or Elders.
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Sale sires reflect breeding programme strength

Contributed by McCaffrey’s Australian Livestock Marketing

Brahman Studmasters and commercial beef producers inspecting bulls at the Annual PBF Brahman Sale on Saturday 26th October at “The Chase”, Sarina will be left in no doubt about the strength of the PB Fenech Grey Brahman breeding programme.

A total of 55 bulls are catalogued for this year’s Sale, along with 20 quality young Stud heifers. Paul & Brigid Fenech’s good friends and fellow Brahman breeders, Tony & Trish Brown of Pioneer Park Brahmans, have supplied a team of 11 bulls to support this year’s auction.

“We’re very proud of our Sale bulls this year, the team is so consistent,” Paul Fenech said, “and particularly as they are all the product of natural matings. It’s what we have been aiming for, as it truly reflects across the board strength of our homebred Sires, and the great maternal credentials of the PBF quality damlines.”

The attractive line-up of masculine bulls, with their high growth and carcass qualities, are ideally suited to fulfill the requirements of progressive beef breeders looking for that profitable edge in production. The leading lights of the PBF draft show a sire style and breed character indicating a successful Stud future for them. “Their coastal cattle country upbringing equips them well to handle any of the Central and Northern Queensland environment,” Paul Fenech said. Paul also points out the bulls’ silage based Sale preparation is a plus for buyers, as they will have no trouble letting down and going straight out to work in the paddock.

The Stud has identified a powerful group of retained sires over the years which has enhanced breeding performance for the Fenechs. All of those sires have sons in this year’s catalogue including PBF’s Western, Gates, Mortlock, Drover, Noah, McManus, McCheeko, Orion and Allakai. The first sons of PBF Heirwood Manso also go under the auctioneer’s hammer on October 26th.

The Pioneer Park sale representation fits into PBF Sale day with ease, all exhibiting attractive breed quality, beef performance, good temperament and sound structure. Two IVF sons of NCC Jancourt feature in the offering from Tony & Trish Brown.

Studmasters will also get the opportunity to invest in their herds through the quality genetics of the 20 unjoined heifers on offer on Sale day. One of the highlights in the heifer section is a daughter of new sire, JDH Thor Manso 380/6.

Paul & Brigid Fenech and their young family, all keen Brahman enthusiasts, welcome enquiries and early inspections of their Sale team. “We’re happy to show prospective buyers this impressive team at any time. People may be travelling through the area in September and October, we’re only 10 minutes out of Sarina,” Paul said.

Catalogues for the Sale will be released in late September and enquiries can also be directed to Sale Agents Elders, McCaffrey’s Australian Livestock Marketing and GDL/SBB, which join as Co-Selling Agents this year.

James Fenech of PBF Brahmans with a group of the eye catching lead sires catalogued for the Annual PBF Brahman Sale at Sarina on Saturday 26th October.
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WALUBIAL FIRELIGHTER 629/3 (P)
SIRE - MT CALLAN MAVERICK 194/11 (P)

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NCC unveils new sale facility

Contributed by McCaffrey’s Australian Livestock Marketing

Sale visitors to the NCC Annual Brahman Sale at Inverrio, Duaringa on Tuesday 29th October will be the first to benefit from the completion of the Sale complex remodelling and renovation programme undertaken over the last two years by Studmaster Brett Nobbs. Designed to allow optimum pre-Sale lot inspection by prospective purchasers, the construction has recently been fully completed in time for NCC Stud’s 2019 Sale.

Two rows of 28 sizable inspection pens with a wide, raised viewing platform down each row will give all buyers a premium opportunity to assess each and every lot in the Sale. “We’re extremely pleased with the completed layout,” Brett Nobbs said, “it really enhances the inspection opportunities for every buyer, and the bulls are comfortable in their surroundings as well.”

Along with other Sale Complex aesthetic improvements undertaken, the whole NCC auction sale area is designed to easily flow for Sale visitors from the welcoming/entertaining area, to the inspection pens, and to the Sale auction ring.

Sale time this year at NCC will give the new facility a thorough workout as not only is the Stud conducting their own Annual Brahman Sale of 120 bulls and 20 heifers, but also the following day, the 1st Woonallee N Simmental and Gowrie Simbrah Bull Sale of 120 bulls will be staged. “It will be a good test to handle the two day sale process effectively, however everything is in hand to ensure a smooth presentation of each day,” Brett Nobbs said.

The 2019 NCC Brahmans Sale team is one that the Stud is really looking forward to put before the industry. In numbers, it is the largest single vendor offering to represent the Brahman breed at open auction in Australia each year. “We’re delighted with the high quality consistency and exceptional beef industry performance of this Sale draft,” Brett Nobbs of NCC Stud said, “right from calves you could see this 2019 team was going to make an exceptional offering. It’s the attractive evenness of type, and the tremendous weights and scan recordings you’ll see at Sale time, that makes this year’s offering so powerful genetically, and so valuable to cattle producers.”

Greys make up the bulk of the bull lots although NCC again have a small, highly credentialed red section produced from the Stud’s ‘top shelf’ retained red females. The famous Dienka cowline is well represented.

Many Studmasters and leading beef producers are eagerly awaiting the first opportunity to buy NCC Sale sons of JDH Massai Manso. Well, the Stud has obliged big time, with over 30 sons of Massai on offer in this year’s catalogue. JDH Mr Elmo Manso again is a big contributor of lots to this year’s Sale, while Carinya Kirkwood, Avee Jackson (Poll), JDH Jene Manso, JDH Martin Manso, JDH Pecos Manso and NCC Jericho, etc., also have sons in the Sale greys. Red section sirelines include Fairy Springs Duracell (Poll), NCC Dornellas, Kenrol Mr HJ Ray, Jomanda Duramax and Topline Sir General Red Manso.

Massai and Elmo feature also through daughters in the super strong 20 lot heifer section that is certain to appeal to progressive Studmasters and discerning breed investors. “We have included heifers from our leading damlines such as the Silhouette, Charm, JDH Cindy, Jewel families, etc.,” Brett said, “these female lines are ‘gilt-edged’ genetically, with year after year of breeding and market success. They present a rare and valuable opportunity for Studmasters to invest in genetics widely recognised through their Sale progeny success.”

A feature lot of the Sale will be a limited release Semen Package in Polled Pathfinder (Imp US). His first calves have recently hit the ground in Australia with strong reports of exciting prospects among them.

NCC Stud again is semen morphology testing all Sale bulls this year. Pre-Sale inspections at “Inverrio” are welcome anytime.

JDH Massai Manso will have his first sale sons offered at the NCC Annual Brahman Sale at “Inverrio”, Duaringa on Tuesday, October 29th. He has 36 sons in the Sale, the largest selection of any sireline on Sale day.
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A strong smorgasbord of successful Sirelines will give bull buyers a broad and exceptional choice of genetics at the Lancefield Brahmans Invitation Sale at Gracemere Saleyards on Monday 28th October. 106 bulls are catalogued, all greys, on behalf of the McCamley Family Studs Lancefield, Lancefield M, Palmal and 2AM along with Rodger & Lorena Jefferis’ Elrose Stud.

Over 30 individual Sirelines have sons in the offering, a rich genetic diversity of valuable beef bloodlines, industry proven throughout Northern Australia. “Many of our bull buying clients have been buying from us for years so it is important we keep identifying Sirelines of superior performance to give them greater options in their bull purchases, all from the one auction sale source,” Scott McCamley said on behalf of the Sale Vendors.

This year, sons of the JDH sires Sir Stratton, Sir Hudson, Domino, Sir Parker; Mr Fulton; as well as the JDH Mr Elmo Manso sons NCC Lord Delaware, NCC Marzipan and NCC Buchanan; Elrose Marcello Manso (by JDH Modelo Manso), Cambil Apollo Manso (by JDH Clanton Manso); Lancefield M Billionaire sons Elrose Gold Bullion and Lancefield M Blacklist; Lancefield Buster Manso son Lancefield Jake Manso; Carinya Kirkwood son NCC Marshall; join the likes of Lancefield sires Whistler Manso, Elgin Manso, Talledega, D Dynamic, M Romeo Manso, etc. with impressive progeny through the offering.

The evenness of breed type and natural easy doing beefiness of the entire Sale line-up belies the Sale’s attractive mix of bloodlines, such is the commitment of all the Sale Vendors to producing Stud animals, aligned in performance to the best commercial values of today’s beef industry requirements. All Studs have Group Breedplan EBV’s and damline breeding history on each bull to assist buyers in their Sale selections.

The Lancefield Brahmans Invitation Sale has always been an auction where Studmasters will easily identify sire prospects of high appeal, however it has also increasingly provided exceptional value buying for leading commercial herd producers to source quality bulls that will provide a beneficial impact on herd performance. “It is our very top line of bulls, selected out of many hundreds, that come to this auction, so cattle producers are assured of their good temperament, genetic strength, measured weight-for-age and carcass performance, fertility focus, soundness of structure and high quality breed style,” Scott McCamley said, “you can see the smiles on many bull buyers faces when they are purchasing them in the $5,000 to $10,000 price range.”

The fertility factor has again been taken to a higher level for buyers’ benefit this year with the entire Sale draft undergoing semen morphology testing.

Long time Sale Co-Agent, Ken McCaffrey of McCaffrey’s Australian Livestock Marketing, Rockhampton has again inspected and lotted for cataloguing the full line of bulls, and sees them as ideally aged and Sale prepared at around 2yo, to go straight to work in the paddock. “They are strong and sound, free moving, good skinned, and their beef credentials will be fully endorsed on the Sale’s sheet of weights and EMA’s available on October 22nd,” he said, “my advice for prospective purchasers is to make certain you inspect right through this whole line of quality bulls as you wouldn’t want to overlook a number of eye catching, smart, young prospects also lotted towards the end of the catalogue.”

The Sale will again be producing online videos of a selection of their Sale bulls, available in October at lancefieldbrahmans.com.au
Wilangi vendors step up stronger

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The Vendor Studs of the Wilangi Invitation Brahman Sale; Wilangi, Cambil, Lanes Creek, Raglan, Wallace, Viva and Glengarry, copped a hit last year when their Sale fell in Queensland’s worst week of weather conditions for 2018.

“I was heavily involved in the construction of the Marmor Sports Centre of Queensland was on fire, in the middle of a period of continuous strong, dry winds across the State,” Sale Co-Ordinator Ken McCaffrey of McCaffrey’s Australian Livestock Marketing said, “it certainly had a huge impact on buyer attendance at the Sale.”

That disappointment has not deterred the Vendor group who have pulled out all stops to take a stronger, impressive Sale team of 240 Grey Select Stud Sires and Herd Bulls to Charters Towers for their forthcoming sale on Friday 29th November. "It was good luck to those who fronted last year and took home excellent bulls at great value buying," Ron White of Wilangi Stud said, “we appreciated their support and, as always, met the market with every bull, however the weather-affected result was a bit deflating for us and our Invited Vendors. We have all committed to driving improvements across this year’s Sale offering which will capture the attention of all Brahman bull buyers.”

Wilangi Stud itself set on the path for changes this year and are preparing a beautiful line of 25 2yo Registered Sires that are real eye catchers. They also have included a classic line of 2yo herd bulls in their Sale team to cater to those buyer’s preferring younger bulls.

The industry suitability and quality of the bulls on offer at this feature sale for the Brahman breed, was strongly reinforced at last month’s Brahman Feature Royal Brisbane Show, with two of the Sale Vendors, Andrew & Roxanne Olive’s Raglan Stud, and Bill & Tolma and Lawson & Sophie Camm’s Cambil Stud taking out the Grand Champion Bull and Grand Champion Female awards respectively.

The Sale, Australia’s premier grey Brahman auction, offers distinct advantages to bull buyers through its very large offering, the availability of strong grey Brahman beef genetics from seven individual, long standing successful Studs, with it’s late November timing best suiting Northern cattle producers coming into the wet season.

Value buying also is always a huge enticement for Wilangi Sale bull shoppers. Last year, 145 bulls sold in the $3,000 to $5,000 price range; 62% of the offering. Additionally, generous Volume Buyers Rebates and Vendor Delivery Assistance to nominated destinations also greatly assists Wilangi Sale clients.

Sale Selling Agents Queensland Rural and McCaffrey’s Australian Livestock Marketing are adamant that Stud and cattle producers will see an exciting new step-up in appeal at this year’s Wilangi Invitation Brahman Sale. “All our Vendors in this feature sale have ‘doubled down’ on their Sale team selections to present an offering of high quality and broad suitability at Charters Towers, whatever the weather,” Queensland Rural Manager Troy Trevor said, “you’ll see it in the Sale photos of their bulls from October onwards, and bull buyers will be delighted with the high standard and many features throughout this year’s Wilangi catalogue.”

Bev & Ron White of Wilangi Brahman Stud, Marlborough perusing cataloguing and marketing material for their 32nd Annual Wilangi Invitation Brahman Sale at Charters Towers on Friday 29th November.
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Sharing the Brahman-infusion message in Casino

By Cindy Benjamin and Jo Bulmer

The NSW Branch of ABBA display at the Casino Primex Field Days demonstrates to visitors the value of Brahman-infusion in coastal NSW herds.

Chairman of the branch, Grant Bulmer says the consistent message is making an impact, with growing interest in the breed. Held earlier in the year than usual, Primex was on from 16 to 18 May, with Casino Beef Week following immediately afterwards from 18 to 28 May.

"Many people visit our displays, ask about the cattle and take the information we have to offer," he says. "Sometimes it is hard to measure the impact but this year we had pretty conclusive feedback."

This feedback came in the form of over 100 people attending the Branch’s Brahman F1 Field Day, which the members promoted during the Primex event.

As a result of the two events (more on the Brahman F1 Field Day on page XX), a grazier who has recently bought land in the Casino area has contacted ABBA, looking for contacts to source 40 pure-bred Brahman heifers.

Another example of the impact of these events is a young lad who visited the Primex display a few years ago with a passion for Brahman cattle.

“He loved the magazines we gave him and his family could see just how keen he was to be involved with Brahman cattle.”

This young man is now 10 and owns a Brahman bull and cow of his own and shows his bull on the circuit. He also attended the Casino Bos Indicus Round-Up youth event the day he became eligible, at 8 years-old.

"These are a few great examples to show that it is worth the effort to be involved in these events," says Grant.

“In the last few years we have doubled the size of our display, taking up the site next to our original site to display F1 cattle.”

Four prefixes, Staben, Mountana Brahman, MCC and Mogul, contributed to the stud cattle display of about 15 head. The Branch members encourage their clients to bring in commercial F1 cattle to show how the different crosses look and perform.

Eleven year old Chelsea Campbell presented Mogul Miss Cindy to the judges in the George & Fuhrmann Primex Helifter & Bull Classic, and was rewarded with the Junior Champion Heifer sash. Chelsea had great results with this heifer on the circuit last year, including the Champion Heifer sash at the Kyogle show.

Chelsea Campbell with Junior Champion Heifer, Mogul Miss Cindy sponsored by George & Fuhrmann at Primex 2019

Glen Pfeffer at work in the Brahman compound at Primex 2019
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A field day 30 years in the making

By Cindy Benjamin

Thirty years ago, Earl Bulmer was Chairman of the NSW Branch and Ken Coombes was President of ABBA, and both were involved in a Brahman Field Day held at Lismore. Grant Bulmer, Earl’s son and current Chairman of the NSW Branch remembers the event well and the impact it had on him as a young man.

Ever since, he has wanted to hold a similar field day to share information about managing Brahman cattle and making the most of what the breed has to offer for the northern coastal and hinterland areas of NSW.

On 1 June, Grant’s plans came to fruition with a hugely successful ‘Brahman F1 Field Day’ attracting 100 participants, and Ken’s son, Brett Coombes was on the expert panel of speakers.

“The overall aim of the day was to provide information about crossbreeding with Brahman,” says Grant. “In our area, Brahman infusion can boost production by 20 to 40 per cent, depending on levels of nutrition and stress improve yield, improve foraging and drought tolerance, and increase fertility, milking ability and longevity.”

“Brahmans are a great cross for the Bos taurus cattle that predominate herds in this area, combining complementary desirable traits in the one animal or the one breeding system.”

Mogul Brahman Stud, Casino generously hosted the day, sharing their excellent facilities and making everyone comfortable. The first speaker of the day, Matt McCamley, president of ABBA, gave a fantastic overview of the history and progress of the Brahman breed in Australia.

Beef consultant and steer trader, Bill Hoffman explained why he looks for Brahman-infusion in the feeder steers he buys. He said the data hasn’t changed, and that you can rely on an extra 10 per cent return simply by employing hybrid vigour to maximise weight gain. Bill has 40 years of experience with DPI, MLA and Beef CRC to draw on, as well as his own trading business turning over 1000 to 2000 steers a year.

A crowd of 100 attended the informative NSW Field Day.
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Tony Copeland, marketing manager at Greenmount Food Processing, Coominya spoke about the demand that exists for Brahman beef products. He said the Indonesian markets that Greenmount supplies specifically want Brahman beef and that there is a great opportunity for Brahman breeders and producers to ramp up their marketing to domestic and international consumers.

Next up was Brett Coombe, ABBA technical committee chairman and ABRI board member who shared tips on bull selection and female fertility. He made the point that top performing animals in the paddock are unlikely to look much like the Brahmans in the showring so commercial producers need to know what to look for. This was backed up by Paul Williams, who spent 22 years with CSIRO, and is now with Tropical Beef Technology Services, who explained ‘how to make breedplans work for you.’

The final two speakers of the day, Nathan Jennings (Senior beef cattle officer with Local Land Services) and Bruce Lyle (Norco Rural field officer) discussed the best ways to manage limited feed and maximise the benefit of survival feeding.

Hopefully it won’t be another 30 years before a similar field day is held!

On behalf of the society Matthew McCamley with wife Janelle and Wendy Cole thanking Glen Pfeffer and Janice & George Jacobs for hosting the NSW Field Day on their property at Casino.
MALABAR MK SERGIO (P)
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D: MALABAR SARAYA (IVF) (P)

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MALABAR OS CHRISTIAN (P)
S: MT CALLAN OSWALD 289/13 (P)
D: MALABAR CARA (P)

"Moderate (PP) bull, tidy feet and legs with Redmount, Robinson and Revolution in his breeding."
Determination, team work, and maybe the topiary trees, were the key to the South Qld Branch of ABBA reclaiming the WFI Best Shed award at a bitterly cold CRT Farm Fest, Toowoomba.

With a full shed of 18 cattle representing six studs – Dean Rasmussen’s Droonoodoo stud (Kingaroy), Terry and Chantelle Purcell’s Millview stud (Pittsworth), Vera Fitzgerald’s Blenheim Ridge stud (Blenheim), Allen Oxlade’s Bioka stud (Brymaroo), Mitch and Hanna Redding’s Sunnyside Park (Goombungee) and Richard and Cynthia Stark’s Bundaleer stud (Mundubbera) – and Linda, Jack and Nathan Gaiter from EJP Brahmans (Millmerran) helping to man the shed.

Vera Fitzgerald competed in the Tropical bull over 20 months section with Blenheim Ridge William, a son of Yenda Griffin, placed second. Also competing in the same class, Mitch Redding’s Sunnyside Park Convoy, sired by Lancefield A Barringer, placed fourth.

In the Tropical bulls under 20 months class, Dean Rasmussen’s Droonoodoo Sokota, sired by PBF Lakota Manso, placed third.

The brahmans were also well represented in the female classes.

The Bundaleer, Blenheim Ridge, Sunnyside Park and Millview studs all scanned their cattle for the NEG Cattlemen’s Cup. The results of the scans are collated and Leon Martin prints out the data sheets for exhibitors to compare their animals across all the breeds. With the highest figures for the older female age group, Bundaleer Miss Jessie was chosen to represent the group and was invited to enter the ring on the second day of the event to compete for the Cup.

Over the 3-day event the South Qld Branch of ABBA members handed out over 200 sample bags, which consisted of copies of Brahman News, Brahman breed fact sheets and stickers.
NQ report

Rotary FNQ Field Days held at Mareeba Rodeo Grounds Mareeba, 29, 30 and 31st May 2019, with approximately 20 000+ attending the 3 day event.

NQ ABBA presented a strong display of Brahmans which was met by good demand and interest.

Branch chairman, Peter Chiesa presented a commemorative clock to George and Joan Harriman at the Reedybrook auction. George and Joan for 60+ years of contributions and service to the industry, the ABBA & NQ Branch.

Northern Beef Producers Expo was held 7th and 8th June 2019 at the HM Saleyards and Equestrian Centre, Charters Towers. There was a good line up of Brahman exhibitors/support with approximately 950 people attending the expo despite rain and wet conditions.

Northern Shows
Townsville Show - Henry Gray was the judge with Peter Gray as the associate with judging of the Stud cattle and Junior Paraders taking place on Saturday 29th June 2019. The combination of Henry and Peter worked well in my opinion. Cambil Brahmans exhibited at the Townsville Show. Other northern shows did not have a Brahman presence in the show ring.

Paddock bulls are starting to move in the West and a lot of cattle are moving out of the Townsville Port with Darwin vets spending up to 80% of their time there as opposed to 20% last year.

Export money has topped at $3.05 for heavy bulls, with a high chance these prices will continue to rise by current industry reports. Lighter steers are at $2.80 at last jump and $2.40 for heifers.

Stage one of a new holding facility has been built and opened at Reid River (50k East of Townsville) with the facility once fully complete, having the throughput capacity of 200,000 head annually and a holding capacity of 15,575 feeder cattle across 64 pens.

North Queensland performed exceptionally well at the EKKA this year with Liam Kirkwood, Ray White Rural - Townsville winning the ALPA Champion Young Auctioneer, Sophie Mackay - Tully winning the QCAS Champion Young Prime Cattle Judge and Maya Threlfall - Tully winning the QCAS Champion Young Parader, congratulations to our young up and coming industry leaders.

Gold City Sale nominations have closed with final nominations reaching 159. This is a solid number of cattle for the current climate and it is very pleasing to see some new vendors coming into the sale this year. The Gold City Sale Committee have been working in the background on a “New Look” and feel for the sale and invite all to check out some of the changes at the ABBA website when the Gold City Sale catalogue launches.
Harrimans recognised for industry-building excellence

By Cindy Benjamin photo by David Anthony, Tablelander Newspaper

The Brahman industry in Australia has been built on the consistent and determined efforts of real people doing extraordinary things. Through 60 years of active involvement and promotion of the brahman breed, George and Joan Harriman have been a wonderful example of leadership and generosity.

George arrived at Reedybrook Station in the headwaters of the Burdekin River as a 13-year old lad with his family in 1950. He later met and married his partner in life Joan, and together they built Reedybrook Brahmans.

In the early days there were no Brahmans in Australia but the Harrimans saw an immediate improvement in animal weight gain and hardiness when George’s father introduced the first Brahman bull to their black pollock herd in 1952.

As a very young man, George registered Reedybrook Brahmans as stud number 211, with ABBA in around 1959. ABBA’s current membership is now well past 5500 so the Harrimans were certainly early adoptors and progressive breeders.

George has often said that it’s ‘horses for courses’ when it comes to choosing a breed of cattle for a property, and that Brahman was certainly a good fit for Reedybrook. They found that the hardiness of the breed in tough seasons and not needing to dip for cattle ticks for 40-odd years were significant benefits.

When George first started breeding and selling bulls, putting his best bulls and their progeny in the Cairns Show each year was a good way to promote their stud. Sometimes winning blue ribbons seemed to help sales and other times it made no difference! In the end the reputation and quality of the herd helped sell the property.

On behalf of the Australian Brahman Breeders Association and particularly, the NQ Branch, Peter Chiesa thanked George and Joan for their longstanding involvement and promotion of the Brahman breed.

"George served as the NQ Branch Chairman for 11 years, which also means Joan served 11 years alongside him, and by the sounds of it they did not slacken off for a second," he said.

"They ran four Brahman Feature Shows from Townsville to Cairns, each with up to 250 Brahmans. This promotion of the breed was key to boosting membership numbers for ABBA during these years and for their efforts, George and Joan were both were awarded ABBA Life Memberships back in 1995."

"Reedybrook also clocked up nearly 60 consecutive years of showing stud or prime Brahmans at the Cairns Show and made solid investments in good quality Brahman genetics, the result of which is clearly seen in the quality and depth of the Reedybrook herd. Their commitment, promotion and foresight in establishing brahmans in the North is genuinely appreciated and..."
acknowledged by the members of the Australian Brahman industry."

Sold at auction in May this year to father and son team, Tom and Pat Sheahan, who own the neighbouring property, Valley of Lagoons, the Reedybrook legacy is in good hands.

Located at Greenvale, between Atherton and Charters Towers, Reedybrook is named after the spring-fed creek that forms a series of five lakes and smaller waterholes with para grass and native wetland species.

In a project started by his father, George built a drain from one of the lakes to water ponded pastures. On the fertile plains of the Burdekin River frontage the Harrimans established a 13 ha irrigated fodder production paddock, growing lucerne or sorghum for hay and silage using a water allocation from the river.

Rising to basalt ridges of red and black soils, timbered by grey box, ironbark, some ti tree and grassed by black spear, urochloa, Indian couch with scattered seca stylo and wyn cassia, Reedybrook comfortably carried 2000 breeders, even through the current string of dry years.

At close to 10,000 ha, Reedybrook was sold as a going concern and the herd of 1380 mostly purebred red Brahman cattle remains intact. George and Joan have retired to the Atherton Tablelands.

As well as their notable efforts in helping to build the Brahman breed in north Queensland, George and Joan have also been very active in improving the medical services available to people living in the bush. Having had a few serious accidents on the property and needing to use remote medical services has highlighted the importance of having well-equipped and staffed medical teams servicing remote areas.

In 1981 they started the Reedybrook Ashes to raise money, initially for the Royal Flying Doctors Service (RFDS). In thirty-seven consecutive years their friendly cricket match has grown to see 12 teams compete for the title, and over half a million dollars raised for RFDS Qld, RFDS clinics and Angel Flight.

Just last year the event raised $30,000, which was distributed to RFDS Cairns for seven new BOSE headsets for the plane, RFDS Townsville for Cool Cubes to keep drugs at the correct temperature for longer and recliners for the patients room and donations to the RFDS Queensland, local clinics and Angel Flight.

The Reedybrook Ashes are set to continue under the new ownership and will continue to be held on the first weekend of the September school holidays.
An impressive line-up of sixty-six stud cattle were exhibited before judge Matthew Noakes of Solo Brahmans, Morinish at the Katherine Show on July 18.

Exhibitors were predominantly agricultural colleges, with the one exception being Consolidated Pastoral Company’s entries from Bunda Station.

On what was a glorious Territory Winter’s day, Grand Champion Brahman Bull was awarded to the Junior Champion Bull, Taminmin Neopolitan from the Taminmin College, Darwin. Sired by Kenrol Complex, the 19 month old youngster beat Senior Champion Bull, Rural College Neil for top honours. Exhibited by Charles Darwin University, Neil was a Kariboe Valley Overdrive son.

Grand Champion Brahman Cow was won by Charles Darwin University’s entry, Rural College Martha, who was this year’s Senior Champion Female, and another offspring of Kariboe Valley Overdrive. Junior Champion Female was awarded to Rural College Pippa, daughter of Glengarry Mr DJ.

Junior Parading and Judging competitions were hotly contested with results as shown below:

Jnr Paraders 12 – 16 yrs:
1st: Kirsty Gamble
2nd: Leisha Bosel-Cross
3rd: Ziggy Solczaniuk

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3rd: Kirsty Gamble

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1st: Georgina Harley
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By Brett Kirk

Susan and I travelled to Darwin to Judge the annual Royal Darwin Show on the 25th and 26th July. Approximately 60 head of cattle were in attendance from about five exhibitors.

There was strong representation from three colleges. Charles Darwin University’s Katherine Campus took out all the major prizes inc Grand Champion Male and Female of the show as well as Junior and Senior Male and Female. The cattle were well presented and of high quality. Taminmin College from just south of Darwin had a good team of cattle and took out the reserve senior female and bull along with several placings in classes. The Department of Education Southern region made the big trip up from Alice Springs with their team and they presented well with various class placings.

The cattle were all presented and paraded well by an enthusiastic group of college students all eager to learn and develop there showing skills. This was evident the afternoon following the stud cattle judging when Susan and I judged the young paraders and young judges competitions.

Prizes were shared amongst the colleges and also the Hazard miniature stud which had a strong group of enthusiastic handlers. Overall the quality and presentation of the cattle was high with a high percentage of poll cattle exhibited. The weather was perfect which made for an enjoyable show.

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bouncenette in the back of the old “Cruiser”. She is the daughter of
Jason & Mairi and the granddaughter of Neil & Petronella Callaghan,

Ned Whip, Morven and Corinne Rockemer (Gigoomgan Brahmans) recently celebrated their engagement.

Ewan Rockemer (Gigoomgan Brahmans) and Kyrah Drayton, Gooroolba celebrated their marriage on 6 April, 2019 at “Gigoomgan”.

Neil & Petronella Callaghan, “Turramurra Brahman Stud,” Rosedale, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on the 6th September 2019. They will also be celebrating 48 years as Brahman Breeders on the 5th November 2019 (Pictured here on their wedding day 6/09/1971)

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Around the shows 2019

Yeppoon Show Interbreed Champion Female, Viva Dacey 1425, paraded by Heidi Davison as part of the Rockhampton Girls Grammar Show Team.

Supreme Champion Brahman Bull Bardia Magnum led by Tim Connor and pictured with (L to R) Dana Walkington, Judge Nathan Warnock, Associate Judge Natalia Howkins, owners Narelle and Del Chapman and Judge Lawson Geddes.

Supreme Exhibit of the Mt Morgan Show is Danami Madonna Rose led by Chonlae Rose with calf led by Lillie Spozetta. Stephen Andrew—member for Mirani presented the perpetual trophy donated by the Mount Morgan Rodeo Assoc.
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