



2025

ABBA Annual CONFERENCE



29TH MAY
Katherine NT



WELCOME

Thank you to each and every one of you for taking the time to be here with us at the 4rd Annual Australian Brahman Breeders' Association Conference.

Once again, our event organiser Matthew Noakes has assembled a powerful group of speakers and we look forward to an entertaining and informative gathering.

Regards

Reade Radel – President ABBA

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Reade Radel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Conference Schedule

- 28 May** 7am - Darwin welcome breakfast.
Loose Goose Bar, Mitchel St Darwin.
Bus Collection from Casino Resort 6:30am

Tour live export yards and spelling facility

N.T. Branch, Meet and Greet at the Katherine Showgrounds
with Welcome Drinks sponsored by Olsson's Livestock
Supplies and Sturt Plains
Accommodation for 3 nights at Contour Motel.
- 29 May** ABBA Conference. Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts
and Culture Centre

Tom Curtains Outback Experience Conference dinner
- 30 May** Option to attend the Ponderosa Bull Sale
or explore Katherine & Katherine Gorge
- 31 May** Travel by coach to Sturt Plains

Overnight Daly Waters
- 01 June** Return to Darwin stopping at Douglas Station

Finishing at Darwin's Mindil Markets



WELCOME

Reade Radel – President ABBA:

8.30AM

Reade has spent a lifetime involved in the cattle business and is a member of the Radel family partnership. The family runs cattle across four properties in the Taroom, Injune and Augathella districts. Along with his wife Jill and 4 children, Reade manages the successful Kandoona Red Brahman stud which runs 800 stud females and sells 250 bulls annually.



ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Presented by **Angus Gidley Baird** – Rabobank

8.45AM

Angus is responsible for research and analysis of the local and global animal protein sectors. In his role, Angus provides regular market updates on beef, sheep meat, pork, poultry and seafood markets.



LIVE EXPORT , CURRENT POSITION ,FUTURE DIRECTION

Presented by **Greg Pankhurst** – President - QLEA

9.15AM

Greg Pankhurst now resides in Brisbane after almost 30 years of owning / operating and consulting to feedlots throughout South East Asia. After finishing University in Armidale NSW he did a short stint at Rangers Valley Feedlot near Glen Innes. Then in 1992 took a position in Indonesia working for Tipperary Indonesia. From 1998 to 2016 he co owned and operated two feedlots in Indonesia.

Greg continues to be a consultant for a number of South East Asian operations as well as running a few cattle on his little farm at Mount Mee.



PROCESSING, PREPARING MEATWORKS ANIMALS FOR LONG DISTANCE SLAUGHTER MARKET. THE U.S. MARKET GOING FORWARD.

Presented by **Dean McKenna** - General Manager Midfield Group.

9.45AM

Fully Integrated Farming, Feedlot, Beef & Sheep Meat & Processor based in Warrnambool, Victoria. Procuring all categories of Livestock from all regions of Australia exporting to over 90 Countries daily.

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10.15AM

N.T. PRODUCER SPOTLIGHT

Presented by **Callum Maclachlan** – MD Jumbuck Pastoral Company

10.45AM

Serving as Joint Managing Director of Jumbuck Pastoral company Callum is responsible for one of Australia's biggest livestock businesses. Jumbuck Pastoral produces sheep and cattle in 12 stations across three states as well as the Northern Territory, and distributes its livestock and wool domestically and worldwide.

Jumbuck's largest Brahman holdings include Kilarney Station (541,000 hectares) and 40,000 Brahman cattle which it purchased in 2014 and Wave Hill Station located 500 kilometres south of Katherine adding a further 1.25 million hectares of land and around 40,000 head of cattle.





SCROTAL SIZE IS BIGGER BETTER ? EXPLORING THE MYTHS/TRUTHS OF SCROTAL CIRCUMFERENCE

Presented by **Dr. Callan Solari** – Tropical Vets

11.15AM

Dr Callan Solari BVSc, graduated in 2012 from James Cook University and was awarded the Don Kerr Veterinary Student Award in 2013. After graduation, Dr Solari started his career at Tropical Vets Tully, where he worked until 2015, before moving to Tropical Vets Ingham as clinic director, where he remains today. Dr Solari has been a part-owner of the Tropical Vets group since 2014. His veterinary interest includes all things beef cattle and large animal reproduction. Callan enjoys the variety that mixed-practice brings.



NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO DRIVE GENETIC PROGRESS FOR PROFITABILITY IN COMMERCIAL BEEF HERDS

Presented by **Dr Matt Woolcott** – Animal Genetics and Breeding Unit (AGBU)

11.45PM

Matt works on Beef cattle genetic evaluation, looking at feed efficiency and its inclusion in selection programs, as well as real time ultrasound scanning for carcass and fertility traits in live cattle and sheep. Matt's research focus includes; Beef cattle genetic evaluation. Beef cattle feed efficiency and its inclusion in selection programs. Real time ultrasound scanning for carcass and fertility traits in live cattle and sheep.



NT INDUSTRY IN PERSPECTIVE, LOOKING FORWARD LOOKING BACK

Presented by **Dr Ross Ainsworth** – CEO of NT Buffalo Industry Council.

12.15PM

Dr Ross is a veterinarian with 45 years of experience in the Australian beef industry. The last 40 years have been spent mainly in the Northern Territory with frequent travel to Southeast Asia. His experience ranges from government and private veterinary practice, cattle station management and CEO of Northern Territory Livestock Exporters Association. Dr Ross also lived in Indonesia with bases in Jakarta and the province of Lampung before returning to Australia in 2020 due to the Covid pandemic.

LUNCH

12.45PM

PANEL DISCUSSION & FORUM

1.45PM

SHOULD THE N.T. BEEF INDUSTRY FOCUS BE, PRODUCING THE CATTLE MOST SUITED TO THEIR PRODUCTION SYSTEMS?

IQBAL SIREGAR - NORTH AUSTRALIAN CATTLE COMPANY

CALLUM MACLACHLAN - JUMBUCK PASTORAL

DR ROSS AINSWORTH - CEO OF NT BUFFALO INDUSTRY COUNCIL

TIM SCHATZ - DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

HAMISH BRETT - WATERLOO STATION

JUSTIN BLACK - MIDFIELD MEATS

WRAP UP

Presented by **MATTHEW NOAKES** – ABBA SNR VICE PRESIDENT

3.30PM

Matthew has diverse industry associations and brings a high level of industry focus to ABBA committees and his own business ventures. Matthew is highly involved in the BIN Project, working on carcase data collection and evaluating and creating new pathways for better MSA performance by Brahman cattle.



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