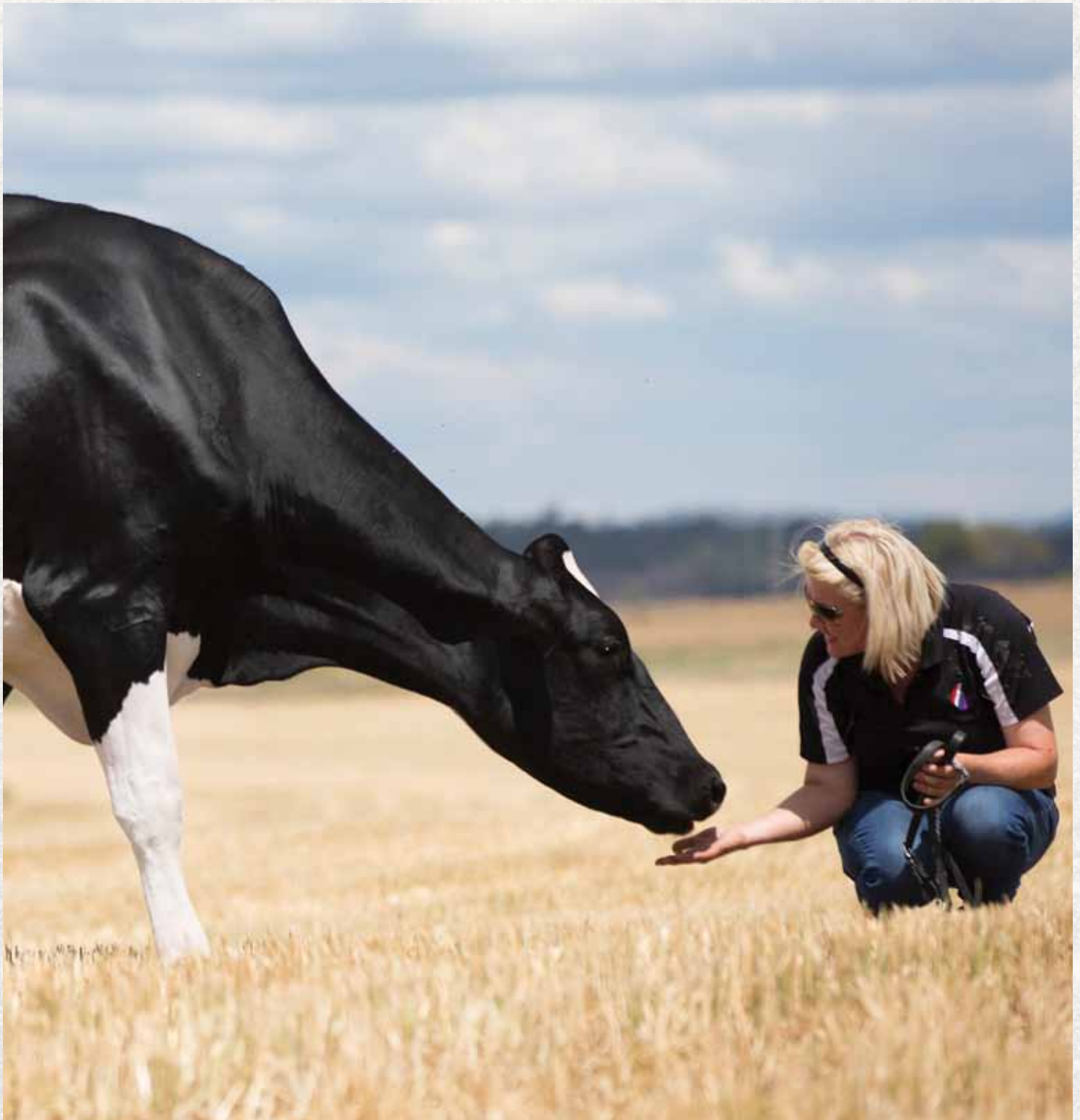


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Dam: De-Su Supersire 3349-ET
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4th dam: Sully Shottle May-TW
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3rd dam: Ammon-Peachey Shauna-ET EX-91
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Holsteins prove their value

In the June-July issue 12 months ago I acknowledged the challenges within the dairy industry and the year certainly did deliver. What is apparent is the value of the Holstein cow and her ability to produce economically, reproduce and be in demand by the wider industry. At a time when milk prices were at their lowest, the value of the Holstein remained at a premium. Time and time again we saw at auction sales, export orders and private sales Holstein heifers and cows obtained the top price.

The ability of the Holstein cow to extract a premium provides breeders with a chance to diversify their income streams and reduce the reliance on milk sales alone.

Export

At Holstein Australia, we are also looking to how we can diversify our sources of revenue and provide services to the wider dairy industry beyond our membership. The most obvious source has been export, a great market for all Holstein breeders, members and non-members. Through the co-operation with exporters Australian Holstein heifers have been shipped to many countries around the world where they have performed exceptionally well resulting in many repeat orders.

Importantly, we are seeing more countries seeking Australian Holstein heifers, further diversifying the opportunities.

Genomics

Following on from export, another segment Holstein Australia set out to play an integral part in was the service delivery for genomics. Holstein Australia is now starting to reap the rewards of investing funds and time into automation of systems and people. The benefits are flowing to both members and non-members who have included genomic testing of females in their business model. Even during the current year, we are experiencing continued growth in the uptake of genomic testing. The May run will take us over 50,000 Holstein females tested in Australia, a great credit to all involved.

Through the Journal, social media and the website, we are now recognising the achievements of members, their herds and individual animals for their genetic merit ranking at the highest level in Australia.

Top Holstein genetics

In this issue, we present Australia's top genomic females for fertility from the April ABV run as well as reports from the major bull companies on their latest Holstein sire offerings. Congratulations to the members whose females are top of the class. See reports starting p 22.

Member services

Holstein Australia will continue to look for broader opportunities both with members and non-members to help support the services available to members. Registrations of Herd Book females remain consistent although appendix registrations have been dropping.

Year-on-year classifications are lower but taking into account the wet spring this is not a surprise. As Holstein Australia is the leader in providing industry with classification services we see demand for classification of non-registered heifers on behalf of AI companies and industry projects continuing to grow, a win-win for all parties.

Governance update

The first round of nominations for the newly created Strategic Directions Committee has been called, in preparation for the July 1 new governance arrangements. As you would also be aware, the next step has been to call for nominations for Non-Regional representatives, which commenced in May with the results announced in late June.

Early July will see nominations called for any vacant Board positions. For the first time in the Association's history, every eligible member has the opportunity to participate directly in the election of Directors, by either running for office themselves or voting for those who do.

This is an historic time and I encourage those members who believe they have something to offer the association to stand and I ask every member to cast their vote in support of those nominations.

The outcome from this election will be announced at the AGM to be held in Nowra on Friday 25 August, in conjunction with the NSW State Show and Sale. Along with the annual Awards Dinner, it will be three days of activity not to miss.

Holstein competitions and awards

As this issue of the Journal arrives at your mailbox, entries will have closed or be closing for the many Holstein competitions. The prestigious Cow of the Year nominations will be in, while photographs for the All Australian competition will be well and truly on their way into the office. Beyond the awards for individual cows, nominations will be closing for the Master Breeder awards; always a highlight when being presented at the Annual Awards Dinner.

Also, as of 30 June nominations will close for the Distinguished Service Award, a wonderful recognition to those amazing contributors to the breed. These nominations can be sent directly to the CEO via the office.

Thank you

This will be my final message in the Journal as my term as President will conclude at the 2017 AGM.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all members who welcomed me during my three-year term and, in particular, to those members who provided tremendous support that allowed me to perform the role and, importantly, made my time as President so satisfying.

Between now and the AGM in August I hope to continue to meet with members to communicate and explore the opportunities through participation in Holstein Australia.

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Victorian Celebration Dinner features Libby Price

As part of the association's governance restructure, the Victorian State Branch held its last formal meeting on 10 May. As a final closure for the branch, the delegates invite all past and present members, families and friends to a special Victorian Celebration Dinner, to be hosted at Quills Restaurant, Bendigo, on Tuesday 4 July, in conjunction with the annual NHD Victorian Winter Fair.



The evening will celebrate the Branch's deep affiliation with breed promotion and breed development, the various dairy youth programs and support programs created for members, and most importantly, a celebration of the state delegates, past presidents and life members, their camaraderie, their passion, their commitment, and their tireless volunteer contribution to the association and the breed.

Former host of the ABC Victorian *Country Hour*, and now editor of *The Ensign* newspaper in Benalla, Libby Price (pictured) will be the special guest speaker.

As a journalist with nearly 35 years' experience across print and electronic

Inall to head Australian Dairyfarmers

David Inall has been appointed CEO of Australian Dairy Farmers.

He returns to Australia in July to take up the role having spent the past four years in the US in a senior position with the United Egg Producers.

His career has focused on policy agricultural policy including animal welfare and sustainability.

Before heading to the US, David held roles with the Cattle Council of Australia, MLA, Livecorp and the NSW Dairy Farmers Association.



David Inall.

media, the name Libby Price would be one of the most recognised among reporters in rural and regional Victoria. Her incisive interviewing and storytelling became compulsory listening for agricultural leaders and farmers.



Libby is a highly entertaining and engaging public speaker and is sure to have plenty of rural tales to tell.

Tickets to the dinner are \$66 per person. Numbers will be limited so RSVP by Tuesday 20 June.

Don't just make one night of it. Stay in Bendigo to see some of the finest Holsteins in form and on show at the NHD Victorian Winter Fair.

For further enquiries, or assistance with accommodation, contact the Vic Branch secretary, Liz Clowes, on 0458 220 172 or email: holstein.victoria@bigpond.com, or speak to your local State Delegate.



COMING EVENTS

30 June

Semex-HA All Australian national photographic completion entries close
Details: P: 03 9835 7600 E: enquiries@holstein.com.au

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Distinguished service award nominations close
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Master Breeder Nominations close
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4-6 July

Winter Fair, Bendigo Exhibition Centre, Entry form available via web by start of May 2017
Details: Clare Modra M: 0419 200 981
W: victorianwinterfair.webs.com E: victorianwinterfair@gmail.com and Facebook

25-27 July

Dairy Research Foundation Annual Symposium, Port Macquarie, NSW
Details: Michelle Heward P: 02 9351 1631 E: michelle.heward@sydney.edu.au W: sydney.edu.au/vetscience/foundations/drf/symposium/

Spring (refer to your sub-branch)

Semex-HA On-farm competition
Details: P: 03 9835 7600 E: enquiries@holstein.com.au

11-20 August

Ekka Royal Brisbane Show, Brisbane showgrounds, Bowen Hills, Queensland
Details: P: 07 3253 3900 Entries www.ekka.com.au/competitions/entries, or www.facebook.com/TheEkka

24 August

HA Annual Awards Dinner, hosted by South Coast and Tablelands Sub-Branch, Nowra, NSW
Details: P: 03 9835 7600 E: enquiries@holstein.com.au

25 August

HA AGM, guest tour, followed by NSW state sale in the evening, Nowra
Details (sale): Dale Bryce, Elders, M: 0418 488 016 E: dale@ppls.com.au

26 August

NSW State Holstein show, Nowra Showgrounds, followed by a HA AGM farewell dinner.
Details (AGM): P: 03 9835 7600 E: enquiries@holstein.com.au

1-10 September

Royal Adelaide Show SA Holstein Feature Breed
Details: Gino Pacitti M: 0409 678 110

23-30 September

Royal Perth Show, Claremont, WA.
Details: Linda Parks, E: lparkes@raswa.org.au P: 08 6263 3181 M: 0438 945 506 www.facebook.com/PerthRoyalShow/

23 September - 3 October

Royal Melbourne Show, Showgrounds, Ascot Vale.
Details: P: (03) 9281 7444 E: customerservice@rasv.com.au, www.facebook.com/RoyalMelbourneShow

12-15 October

Royal Launceston Show, Inveresk.
Details: P: (03) 6331 6044 W: www.launcestonshowground.com.au/ www.facebook.com/RoyalLauncestonShow/

19-22 October

Royal Geelong Show, Victoria. All Australian Classes, Red & White and Black & White Holstein
Details: Neville Wilkie M: 0428 572 508, Don McDonald M: 0412 306 678 E: info@royalgeelongshow.org.au

25-28 October

Royal Hobart Show, Glenorchy.
Details: P: (03) 6272 6812 E: admin@hobartshowground.com.au W: hobartshowground.com.au/royal-hobart-show

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Toowoomba Royal Show results

Supreme Group of 3 – under 3 years - Holstein Group: Minash Windbrook Nita 2nd, Cam Lou Goldchip Aphrodite-Imp, Ardylbar Aftershock Hilary

Supreme Intermediate (Junior) Udder: S & J Mccarthy, Ascot Park Valentinos Fernleaf

Australia Reserve Supreme Intermediate Heifer: Minash Windbrook Nita 2nd, EB, PJ & NK Crank

Supreme Champion Type and Production – Milk and Supreme Butter Fat And Protein: Leader Shottle Sadie ET, Leader Holsteins

Reserve Supreme Udder: Leader Shottle Sadie ET, Leader Holsteins

Champion Holstein Cow: Leader Shottle Sadie ET – Leader Holsteins



Stu Lockhart youth show judge, Wayne Bradshaw Jefe Australia, Liam Deans with Grand Champion at the Youth Show 2017 Toowoomba Royal Show, Leader Guthrie Tammy ET and Shane Charles President RASQ.

Belching breakthrough

Scientists have discovered that adding an Australian seaweed to the diet of cattle can cut the amount of methane they produce by up to 99%.

Researchers at James Cook University, Townsville and CSIRO have expanded from the laboratory to animals are also investigating ways to grow and process the seaweed in commercial quantities.

ON THE ROAD WITH THE CLASSIFIERS

Lulu catches the classifier's eye

BY YOLANDA LOW

The recent classification tour to Western Australia was a real highlight of my year so far. Phil Hentschke and I were impressed by the quality of cows throughout the state.

A stand-out cow was Acero Integrity Lulu owned by the Rodwell family. She classified EX-94-4E; Rump EX-91; Mammary EX-93; Feet & Legs EX-96 and Dairy Strength EX-95.

It was a real thrill to classify her this trip as I remember classifying her back in 2015, scoring EX-93 and it's exciting to see mature cows age so gracefully. When we visited, she was 11½ years young, and 198 days into her eighth lactation. Her feet and legs are incredible for a cow of her age. She has the most incredible depth and spring of fore rib, huge capacity and legs with extremely strong pasterns. These qualities made her worthy of such an incredible score.

Acero Integrity Lulu: Australian ABV April 2017.

BPI	HWI	TWI	ASI	Milk	Fat	Prot	Fat %	Prot %	Prod Rel	Type Score	Mamm Sys	Type Rel	Somatic Cell	Feed Saved
-54	-26	-41	-84	-11	-10	-10	-0.14	-0.18	86	100	99	24	116	-6



She was a little camera shy but we managed to snap this little beauty.

I just love being able to classify cows like Lulu.

Her daughter, Acero Palula-ET also classified Excellent (EX-90-1E) on the same day on her third lactation.

ABOVE: Acero Integrity Lulu EX-94-4E.

Family Tree

Hanoverhill Sheik Lulu-ET EX-3E

(A Puget-Sound Sheik)



Hanover-Hill-R Raid Lulu-ET EX

(Hanoverhill Raider)



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(Browndale Stardust Shoremar Milan)



Acero Integrity Lulu EX-94-4E

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Autumn Sensation Sale, Shepparton, Vic

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The \$8,000 top price at the annual DLS Autumn Sensation Sale at Shepparton was paid for Belmont Indy Starlet, sold a/c Belmont Props of Springton, SA to D Watson of Yambuna. Starlet, a classy heifer due in April to sexed Atwood and sired by homebred Shottle son Belmont Shottle Indy. These vendors also sold Belmont Goldwyn Paula 2 (ET) at \$5,000 to K & H Jones of Foster, who also selected Belmont Shottle Tricia 3 at \$3,750. This heifer was carrying a sexed embryo by Brazzle from VG 87 Buckeye and Amelia Park Reginald Veronica 45 at \$3500.

Amelia Park held its 2nd Stage Complete Dispersal at this event. A top of \$7,000 was paid for Amelia Park Reginald Roxette, bred from the Roxy family, by J & C Gardiner, Avonlea Holsteins. These buyers also selected Loudon Hill Shottle Freda 4 at \$3,500 and Loudon Hill Lumi Dixie at \$3,250, both a/c R & R McLean of Bamawn. Neville Staley and Family of Yarram paid the third high of the day for an outstanding freshly calved heifer Amelia Park Guthrie Tweenybee at \$6,000 and Amelia Park Shottle Tamara 2 backed by seven generations of VG dams at \$4,800.

DLS reported: Belmont (12 animals) averaged \$3,355, Amelia Park (40 animals) averaged \$2,610, Loudon Hill (31 animals) averaged \$2,355.

Grantley Dispersal, Meadows, SA

10 May

Holstein buyers from SA, WA, Qld and all parts of Victoria attended the First Stage Complete Dispersal of Master Breeder Grant Liebelt's herd. Sale top of \$12,000 was paid for the outstanding cow Grantley Allen Flora VG86 due in June to Alta1stclass, backed by many generations of EX and VG dams, she was purchased by A &

Sales calendar

3 August: Complete Autumn Herd Dispersal – Manks (Megamilk), Shepparton Selling Centre, Vic.

10 August: Pooly Bridge, Arcadia, Victoria

26 August: NSW State Holstein Sale, Nowra Showgrounds

24 October: Global Impact Sale, Declan Patten and Guest Vendors, Lardner Park, Gippsland, Victoria

16 November: Fairvale Holsteins Farewell Sale, On-farm at Bracknell, Tasmania

S Barron of Qld. Next top of \$8,700 was paid for Grantley Damion Fantasy-ET VG86, one of several outstanding daughters of the nine SBC Outside Flora EX-90-2E. She was purchased by K,H & M Jones of Foster, Vic. These buyers also selected Grantley Lauthority Jan EX-90-1E, who had just completed over 14,000 litres, at \$7,700 and Grantley Bradnick Gail VG85, a first lactation heifer bred from the famed Canadian Gail family, at \$4,000. The Avonlea herd of John & Cherie Gardiner in Victoria selected many lots, bidding via Auctions Plus, including Grantley Reginald Biddy VG88 on second lactation at \$6,500, Grantley Brendal Opal VG87 backed by four more VG dams at \$5,750, Grantley Lavan Pontiac VG85, a stylish cow bred down from former Sydney Royal winner Grantley Angelo Pontiac, EX-3E at \$5,250, and Grantley Doorman Fifi-ET at \$4,250 bred from many generations of EX and VG dams. Her full sister Grantley Doorman Flora-ET sold at \$3,800 to R & L Blackburn of Burnvale Holsteins, WA. Victorian buyers N & M Staley & Son of Yarram selected several top lots including Grantley Damion Fanny EX-90-1E at \$4,000 and Grantley Reginald Sky VG85 on first lactation and backed by another eight generations of EX and VG dams at \$6,400. B & A Tweddle of Benlargo Holsteins, Glencoe in the South East of SA selected Grantley Sailing Jade GP83 at \$5,000 and Grantley Damion Flora-ET EX90-1E, one of three full ET (EX) sisters at \$4,400.

DLS reported: 114 Holsteins sold to gross \$293,100; average \$2,571.

Candys keep on keeping on



Twenty years in the making, Strongbark Laramie Candy – ET led by Zak Hackett.

Jim Strong's Candy family has been synonymous with Sydney Royal success ever since Strongbark Broker Candy EX-3E 8* 1xEP 1xP took the Sydney Royal Supreme Champion title in 1997. Twenty years later the Candy success continues.

Having spent 10 years as a frozen embryo, Strongbark Laramie Candy-ET became the eighth direct daughter of Broker Candy to win her class at the Royal, placing first in her class before being named the 2017 Sydney Royal Easter Show Honourable Mention Junior Champion Holstein. Her sire Wedgewood Laramie EX-7E, a Comestar Lee son, was born in 2002 out of the world famous All Canadian, Grand Royal Champion, Idee Lustre EX-95-3E 10*. Her dam, Strongbark Broker Candy EX-3E was born in 1993. While she may not have a 'modern' pedigree, Laramie Candy proved she was worth the wait with her superior quality placing her

ahead of her more contemporary competitors.

In a remarkable family connection, one place above the Laramie, the Reserve Junior Champion, Arrallik Atwood Candy 2-ET, was the result of a group of Maple-Downs-I G W Atwood embryos Cameron Yarnold bought from Jim out of one of Broker Candy's class winning daughters, Strongbark Jasper Candy-ET EX-90-1E 3*.

"I've always really liked the Candy cow family so was grateful when given the opportunity to buy into the it. They are right up there among Australia's best," Cameron says.

The Candy name appeared again in the Senior Championship, with Strongbark Windbrook Candy 2nd VG88 taking Best Senior Udder of Show and Reserve Senior Champion Holstein. Her dam, Strongbark Allen Candy 2nd-ET EX-92-1E 1* was Champion Holstein at Sydney in 2012, and one of Broker Candy's eight Excellent +EX-90 direct daughters.

Royal Easter Show report: pages 16-18



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GrainCorp Liquid Feeds
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Ingham Enterprises
Irwin Stockfeeds
Rex James Stockfeed
Johnson Asashi/TMR Feed Solutions
Kinross Farm
Maxum Foods
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Performance Feeds
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NSW Holstein Sale stars

An exciting range of animals has already been secured for this year's NSW State Holstein Sale at Nowra Showgrounds on Friday 25 August.

Dale Bryce, from Elders Livestock, reported strong interest from both sellers and potential buyers, following the success of last year's sale, which averaged \$6,050 despite the uncertainty about milk price at the time.

A big crowd is expected at this year's sale, which will be held in the evening after Holstein Australia's annual general meeting.

"Holstein breeders from around the country will be in town for that meeting so there's bound to be strong interest in the animals offered. There'll also be people in town for the Holstein State Show the following day," Dale said.

The sale catalogue will be dominated by young animals, with exciting pedigrees, representing some of the best cow families from Australia and abroad.

"We have already confirmed members of Juleanwes' Dita family, Strongbark's Candy family and the Rissmore Sallys (who featured in the April May issue of the *Holstein Journal*)," Dale said.

The catalogue will include a descendent of Avonlea Fever Suzette EX-91-2E, Supreme Champion at Sydney Royal this year for the second time in a row. Also selling is an extremely stylish show quality direct daughter of Avonlea Stanley Cup Portrait-ET, third at IDW this year in the 4-year-old in milk class.

Another notable animal to go under the hammer is Wellerleigh Bankroll Arosia; her dam's full sister, Wellerleigh Atwood Ambrosia sold for \$22,000 at the 2015 WWS Evolution Sale. They descend from the world renown cow, EK-Oseean Ambrosia EX-2E, a notable daughter of Tri-day Ashlyn EX-96-2E.

Rob MacIntosh is offering Woodside Park Archrival Paradise, a heifer out of a VG87 Goldwyn granddaughter of Dryfield Dundee Paradise. Dundee Paradise descendants are highly sought after as she claimed multiple IDW titles in recent years. Another Goldwyn granddaughter of Dundee Paradise, Carisma Cairnhill Paradise EX-91 sold for \$90,000 to Darren Crawford in 2013.

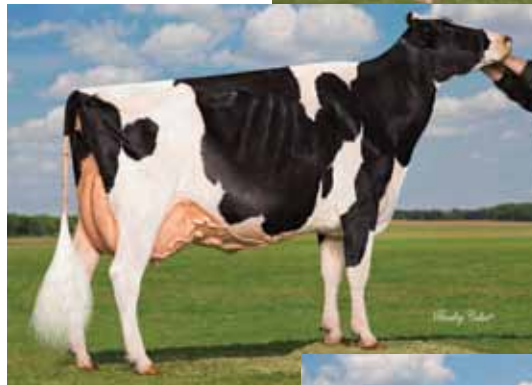
The catalogue will also include the daughters of Savage Leigh Licorice EX-92-1E, Raineridge Talent Barbara EX-95-3E, Blackn White Cecelia EX-92-1E, Shenandor Leader Franchise EX-92, Comestar Laurie Sheik VG88. Their sires include some of the most exciting modern day bulls such as Awesome Red, Brady, Crush, Solomon, Mayfield, Bankroll, Beemer, Archrival, Meridian and Sid.



LEFT: Wellerleigh Bankroll Arosia will be offered at the NSW State sale.



RIGHT: The catalogue includes some of Australia's best known cow families, including Juleanwes' Dita family. Pictured is Juleanwes Windy Dita.



LEFT: Carisma Cairnhill Paradise EX-91 sold for \$90,000 to Darren Crawford in 2013.



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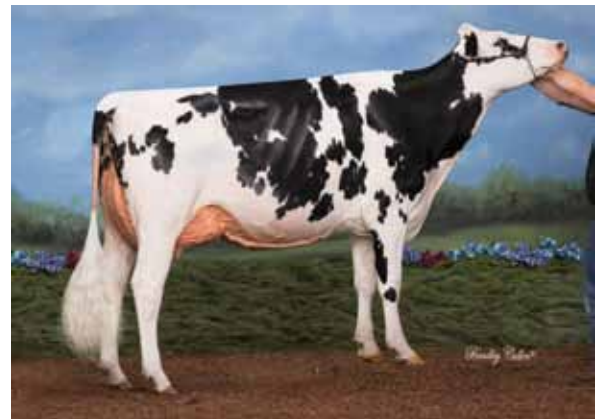


LEFT: The sale will include a daughter of Avonlea Stanley Cup Portrait-ET, third at IDW this year in the 4-year-old in-milk class.



Top 20 first lactation heifers

Every year across the country young heifers are presented to the classifiers for the first time. Every year some of these first lactation heifers gain score VG86 or better. To celebrate the success of these heifers and congratulate their breeders, the table below lists the top 20 first lactation heifers classified between January 2016 and March 2017.



Four of the top 20 stars. Upper left: Bluechip Goldchip Bonnie VG88; upper right: Eclipse Atwood Princess 6-ET VG87; lower left: Bluechip Golden S Whynot VG87; lower right: Murribrook Doorman Candace-ET VG87.

Top 20 first lactation heifer classifications 1 January 2016 and 31 March 2017

Herdbook No	Animal Name	Score	Date of Birth	Date Classed	Owner Name	Breeder Name
1772206	BLUECHIP GOLDCHIP BONNIE	VG88	27/04/2013	26/09/2016	JIM STRONG	BLUECHIP HOLSTEINS
1758155	ECLIPSE ATWOOD PRINCESS 6-ET	VG87	12/07/2013	9/05/2016	RICHARD HULL	RICHARD HULL
1772829	POOLEY BRIDGE LAVANGUARD VELVENE 49	VG87	24/11/2013	8/11/2016	LESLIE FARMS PTY LTD	LESLIE FARMS PTY LTD
1859883	BLUECHIP GOLDEN S WHYNOT	VG87	3/07/2014	10/10/2016	A T HOGAN, B & P MINOGUE	AVERILL LESLIE
1806402	INSTYLE LAUTHORITY AMY-ET	VG87	21/07/2013	31/08/2016	R J THOMAS	R J THOMAS
1735992	BLUECHIP ATWOOD PARADISE	VG87	7/10/2012	10/10/2016	JONES FAMILY	RICHARD HULL
1892938	WILLETTE FEVER HAY-ET	VG87	4/08/2013	15/05/2016	JONES FAMILY	L A & C M CHESWORTH
1758338	ECLIPSE ATWOOD PRINCESS-ET	VG87	1/07/2013	15/03/2016	RICHARD HULL, CHRIS & MARY GLEESON	RICHARD HULL
1834882	WYOMING DARYLRAE PONTIAC	VG87	24/01/2014	16/03/2017	RJ & JS & NM & CN & JM WENHAM	A S R SHEARER & SON
1764471	GLENALBAS AMAZING POSCH	VG87	19/07/2013	11/09/2016	A F GARRATTY P/L	A F GARRATTY P/L
1839313	MURRIBROOK DOORMAN CANDACE-ET	VG87	29/01/2014	16/09/2016	DECLAN L PATTEN	M J SOWTER
1744042	POOLEY BRIDGE PINETREESID MELLISA	VG87	17/03/2013	24/05/2016	LESLIE FARMS PTY LTD	W F & J G THOMPSON
1758157	ECLIPSE ATWOOD PRINCESS 8-ET	VG87	14/07/2013	9/05/2016	RICHARD HULL	RICHARD HULL
1751008	COWAROL WINDHAMMER DAWN	VG87	19/05/2013	17/03/2016	T J & V M TOUT	T J & V M TOUT
1807701	RISSMORE SEAVER CADDIE	VG87	19/09/2013	13/03/2017	W J MURRAY & SONS	W J MURRAY & SONS
1791714	AVONLEA GOLDWYN SALLY-ET	VG87	26/11/2013	27/10/2016	J H & C J GARDINER	J H & C J GARDINER
1758156	ECLIPSE ATWOOD PRINCESS 7-ET	VG87	12/07/2013	9/05/2016	RICHARD HULL	RICHARD HULL
1814497	BRUROB BROOKSY BETSYANN	VG86	18/05/2014	16/12/2016	J M HISCOCK & SONS	J M HISCOCK & SONS
1864569	WILLETTE DAMION ALISON 4-ET	VG86	22/02/2013	15/05/2016	ROBIN & LOWIS WHITE	L A & C M CHESWORTH
1808853	MOORAMBA CANBEE EVA	VG86	22/08/2014	17/10/2016	J & J PEDRETTI	ST & J A FLYNN

Huge week for Holstein

August 24 to 26 in Nowra promises to be an action-packed few days for Holstein lovers

Holstein Australia will hold the 2017 AGM and Awards Dinner at the Worrigeer Links Function Centre in Nowra. The NSW State Branch will hold their Show and Sale in conjunction. CEO Graeme Gillan reports healthy competition for the annual awards night to be held on Thursday 24 August.

"The awards night is all about celebrating members' achievements and this year we have strong contenders for



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all our prestigious competitions, breeding and service awards." Graeme said.

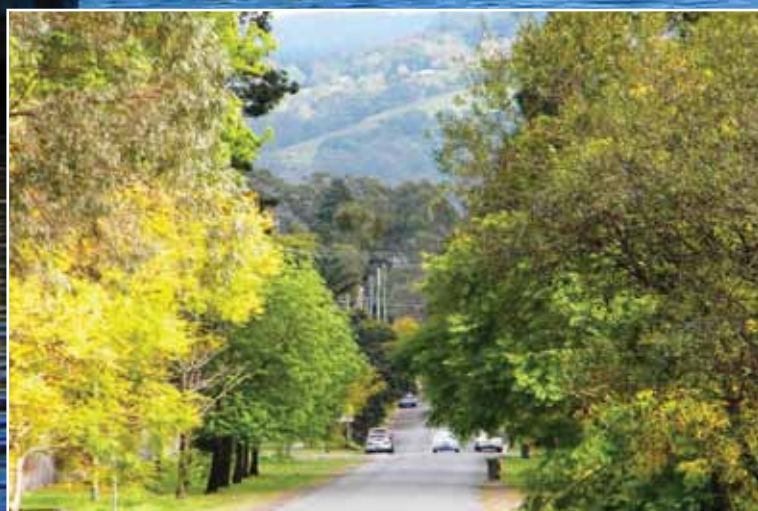
With Holstein Australia's new governance

structure now in place, the AGM format will be condensed into a half-day meeting on Friday 25 August. Our guest speaker will be Michael Bishop, global head of genomics in agriculture for Illumina.

On Thursday the newly formed Strategic Directions Committee will hold its inaugural meeting followed by the AGM on Friday.

It won't be all work and no play. Our hosts, at the South Coast and Tablelands Sub-branch have arranged tours taking in some of the spectacular sights of this beautiful area (see box).

This year's event extends into the weekend with the NSW State Holstein Sale on Friday night followed by the NSW Holstein show on Saturday.



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Program summary

Hosted by the NSW South Coast and Tablelands sub-branch.

Thursday 24 August

Afternoon Arrive in Nowra in time for the Awards Dinner
7.00 pm National Awards Dinner, Worrigeer Links – Jacaranda Room; predinner drinks from 6:00pm hosted by WFI

Friday 25 August

9.00 am – 12.00 pm Annual General Meeting and lunch or guest tour
1.00 pm – 5.00 pm Optional river cruise
6.00 pm Depart for Nowra showgrounds, BBQ dinner
7.00 pm NSW State Holstein Sale
9.00 pm Bus transfer back to accommodation

Saturday 26 August

9.00 am – 4.00 pm NSW State Show, Nowra Showgrounds
Transfers by bus from accommodation
7.00 pm Farewell Dinner, Worrigeer Links Function Centre

Accommodation

Available at Worrigeer Links Golf Course. For bookings, contact Laura or Colleen at HA, ph 03 9835 7600 or lcalder@holstein.com.au, cmuir@holstein.com.au.



Tour options

Two, half day tour options are being offered on Friday 24 August. You can join one or more.

Option 1: Half day tour: 9.30am – noon Tour Kiama/Berry area.

Tour includes visits to Kiama Blowhole and Harbour and the historic township of Berry

Option 2: Half day morning tour plus Shoalhaven River cruise in afternoon

Option 3: 1.00 to 5.30pm: Shoalhaven River Cruise

Includes transfers, tours and afternoon transfer to the Nowra Showgrounds for a BBQ followed by the NSW State Holstein Sale.



Reigning champion still supreme

BY JON HOLLAND

Holloddon, North-West Victoria

The 2017 Sydney Royal Easter Dairy Show was a star-studded line up of elite dairy cattle, featuring the return of past Royal Champions, daughters and granddaughters of Royal Champions, local Champions, interstate Champions and, of course, future Champions.

South Australian breeder Lisa Thompson presided over the Holstein section. Lisa, together with her husband Will McKay, run their stud Holsteins and Jerseys, Lindsand-SA, on their property in Allendale East.

Junior star with original origins

The Junior Dry Show began with a class of calves under 8 months, with a win to Jim Strong for his entry Strongbark Laramie Candy-ET over Eagle Park Brokaw Toni 4609, exhibited by Natalie Cochrane, Eagle Park Farming.

The 8-12 month class was one of the biggest of the show, with Lisa describing it as an extremely tough and competitive class. "My top heifer has the most style, she's the most correct overall and is showing more length and dairyness than my second place," she said.

The winner of the class was Wyoming Brazzle Mary, exhibited by the Shearer family, over the Walsh family's Waljasper Sid Suzette-ET.

It was sheer presence, style through the front end that placed Murrbrook Doorman Cassie over Diamond Atwood Dita in the 12-16 month old class, while in the 16-20 month old class, Cameron Yarnold's Arrallik Atwood Candy 2-ET used her advantage across the loin and rump region to take the blue ribbon ahead of the stylish Waljasper Byway Lola.

In the last class before the Championship, Tom Pearce took the prize with his entry Warwick Farm LauthORITY Gretchen, displaying a super frame and more drop to her rear rib than Ron Chittick's entry of Haven View Windbrook Coco in second.

The judge was clearly impressed by the standard of the Junior section.

"My junior winners today are heifers that I like to call 'ready', being very dairy, very angular, with very open mature frames," Lisa said.

"For my Junior Champion, I've gone with the heifer with the most correct frame, with her deep rib, softness and style," Lisa said before tapping Murrbrook Doorman Cassie-ET, exhibited by Murray Sowter and Sarah Potter, Murrbrook Holsteins, Moss Vale NSW.

"The more I see this heifer the more I like her. She has a lot of presence and style, depth through her chest and heart region, and uses her stronger front end and stronger pasterns to place above the other entries today."

Sired by the Canadian type leader, Val-Bisson Doorman, Cassie's dam is a VG86 point Gillette Windbrook daughter from a +80,000 lifetime litres, EX-95 mammary, Comestar Stormatic daughter, Murrbrook Stormatic Cassie-ET EX-90-2E 3xEP 1xM 1xP LIFE 2.

"The Cassies are one of the few remaining

cow families at Murrbrook that go back to an original old cow from the 1960s, Bedales Cluther Marie." Murray said.

After Cassie, Lisa named Arrallik Atwood Candy 2-ET exhibited by Cameron Yarnold, as her the Reserve ahead of Jim Strong's Strongbark Laramie Candy-ET as Honourable Mention.

Ready-made Champion

In milk classes began on day two with a quality line-up of junior milking 2-year-olds, led by Wyoming Jetair Pontiac VG85 ahead of second placed Tomargo Recluse Stanley Starbaby, exhibited by Stephen Chesworth.

Another Gillette StanleyCup daughter took out the senior 2-year-old class, in the Wenham family's Jacasha StanleyCup Dream-ET VG87, using her superior frame and bone quality to place over the best udder in the class, Murrbrook Atwood Valentine-ET.

The junior 3-year-old class provided a double for Murrbrook Holsteins, taking



Intermediate Champion Holstein and Supreme Intermediate Interbreed, Murrbrook Atwood Ivy VG89 led by Cameron Yarnold, exhibited by Murrbrook Holstein, Moss Vale NSW.



first and second place with Murribrook Atwood Ivy VG89 ahead of Murribrook Atwood Vienna-ET VG85.

"In the 3-year-olds, I've gone with the cow with the most length to her frame, and most dairyness throughout. The blending of the fore attachment, and balance between fore and rear udder gives my first place the advantage today."

Clearly impressed by the pair, Lisa went on to name Murribrook Atwood Ivy VG89 and Murribrook Atwood Venna-ET VG87 as her Champion and Reserve, with her junior 2-year-old, Wyoming Jetair Pontiac VG85, exhibited by the Shearer family, as Honourable Mention.

"This young cow has certainly made her presence felt on me this morning," Lisa said in praise of her Champion. "She is showing so much style and class today and was my best intermediate udder of show. You have to admire the style of her udder, and the venation in the fore and rear. She has the most definition of seam among her competitors. She has the most texture in the class and the best fore attachment in the class. She wins handily here today."

Atwood Ivy's dam, Murribrook Blitz Ivy-IMP-ET VG86 3xM 3xF 3xP LIFE 1, was a result of a package of imported embryos Murray purchased out of the famed Canadian show cow, Willsey Outside Ivory EX-91-5E 11*.

"The embryos were available at the right time at the right price," Murray said. "The Blitz cow herself is an old cow now with a lot of power and a great rump. She's about six weeks off calving again now to sexed Beamer."

Atwood Ivy progressed to the Intermediate Interbreed Championship, where, representing the Holstein breed, was the unanimous Supreme Intermediate Champion Dairy Female for the 2017 Sydney Royal Easter Show.

Atwood Ivy, along with her ET full sister are sure to create a lot of interest from prospective buyers looking for a ready-made show champion at the upcoming Murribrook Sale.



1st place Breeders Pen of 3 – Murribrook Holsteins, Murray Sowter and Sarah Potter, Moss Vale NSW.

In a league of her own

Murribrook's success continued into the senior in milk classes, taking out the senior 3-year-old class with their entry Murribrook Destry Velvet in first and Murribrook Sid Adeen-IMP-ET second.

The 4-year-old class was touted as the class of the day. After some deliberation, it was Strongbark taking first and second with their entries Strongbark Windbrook Candy 2nd VG88 ahead of Bluechip Atwood Whynot EX-90-1E.

"This was definitely a challenging class," the judge said. "You have to admire the balance of frame in my first-placed cow. You have to admire her udder attachments throughout, and she has an advantage in the pin setting and width of rump over my pretty framed cow in second place."

Windbrook Candy 2nd later went on to be awarded Best Senior Udder of show.

The 5-6-year-old class saw the return of the reigning 2016 Sydney Royal Supreme Champion Cow in the Walsh family's Avonlea Fever Suzette-ET EX-91-2E. She

didn't disappoint, winning her class ahead of the youthful Warwick Farm CB Allen Licorice-IMP-ET VG88, entered by Tom Pearce, Warwick Farms.

"My class winner here is in a league of her own," Lisa said. "On the move you have to admire her side profile, her very correct, square open frame. Then you look behind and see the tremendous venation through her rear udder, the capacity of her udder and the cleanliness of her bone. She is a super stylish cow."

A pair of imposing mature-aged cows ended the session, led by the Braedale Goldwyn daughter, Murribrook Goldwyn Vicky-ET VG87 of Murribrook Holsteins over the eight year old entry of the Chesworth family, Tomargo Recluse Dict Bessie VG89.

An outstanding line up of four breeder groups then put on a superb display, a testament to the teams' superior breeding ability and professionalism. The team of three exhibited by Murribrook Holsteins, won the class for their consistency, beautiful udders and hard frames over the Strongbark team.

ROYAL EASTER SHOW CHAMPIONS

Supreme Champion Dairy Female: Avonlea Fever Suzette-ET EX-91-2E, Waljasper Holsteins, Jaspers Brush, NSW.

Supreme Intermediate Champion Dairy Female: Murribrook Atwood Ivy VG89-ET, Murribrook Holsteins, Moss Vale, NSW.

Senior Champion Holstein: Avonlea Fever Suzette-ET EX-91-2E, Waljasper Holsteins, Jaspers Brush, NSW.

Reserve: Strongbark Windbrook Candy 2nd VG88, Strongbark Holsteins, Albion Park, NSW.

Honourable Mention: Bluechip Atwood Whynot EX-90-1E, Strongbark Holsteins, Albion Park, NSW.

Intermediate Champion Holstein: Murribrook Atwood Ivy VG89-ET, Murribrook Holsteins, Moss Vale, NSW.

Reserve: Murribrook Atwood Vienna-ET VG85, Murribrook Holsteins, Moss Vale, NSW.

Honourable Mention: Wyoming Jetair Pontiac VG85, Wyoming Holsteins, Singleton, NSW.

Junior Champion Holstein: Murribrook Doorman Cassie-ET, Murribrook Holsteins, Moss Vale, NSW.

Reserve: Arrallik Atwood Candy 2-ET, Arrallik Holsteins, Killawarra, NSW.

Honourable Mention: Strongbark Laramie Candy-ET, Strongbark Holsteins, Albion Park, NSW.



Senior Champion Holstein and Supreme Interbreed Dairy Cow, Avonlea Fever Suzette-ET EX-91-2E with Justin Walsh, Waljapser Holsteins; Semex General Manager Jim Conroy; and Holstein judge Lisa Thompson.

When the mature class winners returned to the stage to compete for the senior championship, Lisa, without much hesitation, pulled three cows forward.

"These three cows carry everything I look for in a modern dairy cow. They have tremendous angularity. They have tremendous width. They have tremendous texture and udders held right up into their bodies," she said.

"For my Champion cow today, I'm going for the cow with the most modern frame, the

most overall dairyness and angularity to her frame."

She congratulated Justin Walsh and his Champion Cow, Avonlea Fever Suzette-ET EX-91-2E. Jim Strong's Strongbark Windbrook Candy 2nd VG88 was her Reserve with Jim's other entry Bluechip Atwood Whynot EX-90-1E as Honourable Mention.

Bred by Master Breeder John Gardiner, and owned by Justin Walsh and his family, Waljasper Holsteins, Jaspers Brush

NSW, Suzette is a daughter of the Semex millionaire sire Crackholm Fever, with her international pedigree tracing to the 2007 Reserve All Western Canadian cow, Lakefield Chief Sally EX-95-2E 6*.

Suzette came to the Walshs when, as part of the managing team at the 2012 Global Fusions Sale, Justin spotted the then 12 month old heifer Suzette, and thought she was the best heifer in the sale.

She was purchased for \$6,000, which Justin now sees as being extremely cheap, with Suzette being named All Australian 2-year-old in 2014, before winning back-to-back Supreme Champion Cow at the local Holstein Feature at Berry in 2016 and 2017, and now back-to-back Champion Holstein at Sydney Royal.

Breaking a deadlock

The finale of dairy judging at the Sydney Royal Easter Show is the coveted Supreme Interbreed Champion Dairy Female.

The Holstein nominee, the Walsh family's Avonlea Fever Suzette-ET EX-91-2E had a tough battle defending her 2016 Supreme Dairy crown.

In one of the closest contests for the Interbreed title seen at the Royal, the panel of six judges were at a deadlock between Suzette and the 2016 Intermediate Supreme, the Jersey entry of Brad and Jess Gavenlock, Kathleigh Gun Grace. Long-serving member and respected judge, Lindsay Moxey, was invited to break the tied result.

Before making his decision, Lindsay praised his panel for the way they had appraised the quality line up of breed champions.

"We have two outstanding individuals of their breed here. When I break these two cows down, there are some great attributes between them. However, in a very, very close placing, I am going with the Holstein cow. I admire the height and width of her rear udder today. A cow that has a bit more maturity about her today. A cow that is in full flight. A cow that is in full bloom. A cow that is the epitome of a dairy cow."

For her owner, Justin Walsh, the championship was the culmination of a lot of hard work.

"This really came together thanks to a fantastic team," Justin said. "It took a fantastic effort over a long time to get this cow to look like this, so thank you to my team."



Supreme Champion Dairy Female, Avonlea Fever Suzette-ET EX-91-2E, led by Justin Walsh, Waljasper Holsteins, Jaspers Brush, NSW.

NEW GRADUATE WITH MILKING DAUGHTERS

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BPI	CELL COUNT	SURVIVAL	DTR FERTILITY
298 76%	177 69%	109 68%	109 65%



AUSTRALIA'S BEST GRADUATE



Sun slashes dairy bills

When the sun shines on Katandra West – and it often does – Gayle and Laurie Clark (Creamery Lane) kick their machinery into gear.

The Legendairy farmers from near Shepparton in Victoria's Goulburn Valley have installed a 30 kilowatt solar system on their dairy shed roof that allows them to run power-hungry appliances free of charge.

"We only get an eight cent tariff for feeding back into the grid, which is a poor return, so we try to use as much sunshine power as we can," Gayle said.

"During the day when it's sunny, I will operate the roller mill and in the summertime we use the power from the system to operate the recycled water pump."

Using solar energy to run irrigation pumps closes the loop on a system that uses water and energy extremely efficiently.

Paddocks are flood irrigated, with run-off feeding into recycled water dams. That

water is pumped – using solar energy where possible – back onto paddocks, rather than re-entering the local river system.

Effluent from the dairy is utilised in a similar fashion, with the nutrient-rich liquid pumped back onto paddocks to grow more grass for the cows.

"We use everything that we can," Gayle said.

The solar electricity system has slashed power bills by a third, from \$6000 a quarter to \$4000 every three months.

While it was an expensive system to install, it has been paid-off in just three years, rather than the six to seven years that the Clarkes had initially estimated.

With a lifespan of 25-30 years for the 117 panel system, the initial outlay is looking like an increasingly good investment.

"We could see the price rises coming, so when an interest free offer came along we took it. It took three years to pay it off and I'd certainly do it again," Gayle said.

ABOVE: Gayle Clark with some of the 117 panel solar that have been installed on the roof of the dairy at her Katandra West dairy farm.

For farmers like Gayle and Laurie, being responsible custodians of the land goes hand-in-hand with running a good farm business.

Gayle said every almost farm in the region now has recycled water systems, ensuring that a valuable commodity is kept on farm and no waste is sent into local waterways.

"I'm not sure our city counterparts realise how connected and how appreciative we are of our environment," she said.

"We are trying our very, very best to look after our environment"

For Gayle, installing solar panels to help power the farm is part of a philosophy of making the most of technology and innovation. "As I heard at a recent farmers' conference, 'some people say why, but other people say why not?'" 

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In the spirit of giving back to the industry

BY SOPHIE BALDWIN

Most Australian dairying areas have been affected by natural disasters in recent years, whether it be fires, floods or other forces of nature. Many Holstein Australia members have been grateful for the army of Blazeaid volunteers who help the recovery process.

HA Federal Honorary life member, Jack Bramley (Paravale, Yankalilla, SA) has been among the volunteers. Blazeaid is just one of many ways this retired dairy farmer gives back the industry he loves.

In 2015, fire devastated Roseworthy Agriculture College, where Jack had worked for 25 years. The Pinery Bushfire burned from 25 November to 2 December. It damaged 86,000 hectares of scrub and farmland. It rendered 91 houses uninhabitable, completely destroyed 388 non-residential structures, 93 pieces of farm machinery and 98 other vehicles. Two lives were lost and it caused significant damage to rural produce including 17,500 head of livestock. Up to \$40 million worth of fodder and unharvested grains were destroyed.

Jack spent 10 days fencing in the fire-devastated region as a Blazeaid volunteer.

"Many of the farmers were left traumatised by the event and many were wary of any offer of help; it was a difficult situation."

Jack said one farmer he knew had lost 37km of fencing alone in the blaze.

"There were lots of volunteers and a lot of them were grey nomads – we were split into teams. Experienced people were elected team leaders and they liaised directly with the farmer or a farming representative," he said.

The spirit of giving back has been a constant theme in Jack's retirement.

"I am still heavily involved with the South Australian youth team and helping Mandy Pacitti at International Dairy Week.

At 66, Jack has no plans to slow down. He is President of the Fleurieu Peninsula sub-branch and looks back fondly at all the opportunities dairying has provided him over the years.

"Through my involvement in Holstein Australia I have travelled the world. I have shown cattle and met so many fantastic people. I have loved my time in the industry and wouldn't have had it any other way."

Jack spent his entire working life involved with dairying. Born in the United Kingdom, he made his way to Australia in 1973 (his mother was from Melbourne.)

He went straight to work on a dairy farm in South Australia. In 1975, he started working at Roseworthy Agriculture College as a herdsman and manager.

"In the early Roseworthy days we started out with a Jersey herd, which we converted to a Holstein herd.

"As a college we did a lot of showing of cattle over those years, and with some pretty good cows too. One that sticks in my mind is Roseworthy Warden May – she was Supreme Junior Cow at Adelaide Royal Show 1989 and went on to be a great cow. She died at 17. She was classified Excellent.

"I do have a lot of great memories of my time at Roseworthy especially working and showing cattle with the students."

Jack's redundancy provided him with an

opportunity to buy his own farm which he did at Parawa, establishing Paravale Holsteins. He bought the farm walk-in, walk-out, including 150 cows.

"I have bought a lot of cattle over the years, including some from the Rockridge family owned by Peter Maxwell, who owned one of the most prominent dairy herds in South Australia."

Jack had success with Rockridge Ladino Shantell who was champion All Australian 3-year-old in 2007.

Jack officially retired from milking in 2010, having lost his wife five years earlier. When he sold the Paravale herd in a complete dispersal sale, Rockridge Ladino Shantell sold for \$25,000 which, at the time, was one of the highest prices paid for a dairy cow in South Australia. Selling the herd was hard for Jack and he wasn't able to cut ties all together; he still holds an interest in a few dairy cows that are milked at a friend's place. He is a big fan of the Roxy family and has over the years purchased a few cows, including some from Bluechip Genetics.

The sale of Paravale may have been the end of an era but Jack has continued to work in the industry he remains so passionate about.

"I think it is important because dairying can be a tough industry and some of the kids we help out actually don't have much dairy involvement at all - the youth team is not just about cows, its' about leadership and organisational skills which are all important skills needed later in life."

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Jack Bramley stewarding at the Mount Pleasant Autumn Fair with judge Jade Sieben.

Australia's top genomic females for fertility

This issue we bring you another list of top genomic females; this time ranked for fertility in the April ABV run.

The first thing we noticed was there's only one point difference in the Daughter Fertility ABV of the cows on the list. The



Cookiecutter Petron Halogen.

second thing we noticed was that Halogen sired seven of the 17 cows on the list; and his sire, Petrone, also sired one of the top females for fertility.

Top of the list is Winaview Halogen Alicia 2 ET, owned by Brendan Winter (Winaview, West Gippsland). She ranks # 1 for survival as well as daughter fertility.

Alicia 2's dam, M-Gee PS Anjelica-IMP-ET (VG88), was Brendan's first purchase. He bought her at the 2011 Leading Edge Genetics sale for \$12,000.

Brendan says he used Halogen on Anjelica with the aim of breeding some extremes on health traits. That's certainly worked. Her full sisters also perform well for health traits:

- Halogen Alicia 5 ranks equal 2nd for Survival, and 7th for SCC
- Halogen Alicia 4 is # 1 for SCC
- Halogen Alicia is equal 10th for SCC.

Anjelica has bulls in AI with Altaiota and Canbee sons at GAC and a Supersire son from the full sister to the Altalota at TLG.

Halogen

Tim Weller from WWS said Halogen and Petrone have both been the benchmark globally for fertility in recent years. In

Name	Herdbook Number	DOB	Owner	Sire	BPI	BPI Rel	ASI	Prot	Prot %
WINAVIEW HALOGEN ALICIA 2-ET	1849235	18/03/2015	WINAVIEW HOLSTEINS	HALOGEN	243	64	51	-3	0.24
EMU BANKS ROCKY 8271	1928660A1	10/05/2016	B J & J L DICKSON	ROCKY	230	62	144	16	0.34
COOMBOONA PETRONE ORANA	1942095	30/06/2016	COOMBOONA HOLDINGS GROUP	PETRONE	214	62	30	-2	0.09
MANDELLA DAWN HALOGEN	1963907	30/09/2015	R & R MORGAN	HALOGEN	181	63	76	4	0.2
DONOVANS PLAN 18280	1972147	21/04/2015	DONOVANS DAIRYING PTY LTD	PLAN	180	63	-32	8	-0.06
COOMBOONA SUPERSHOT MANDY	1952889	11/08/2016	COOMBOONA HOLDINGS GROUP	SUPERSHOT	160	60	29	15	-0.06
KIRK ANDREWS WYMAN LADYHAWK-ET	1750753	3/02/2013	ANDREW GREEN	WYMAN	308	70	220	20	0.57
ABS AUSMASSEY BLUEY-IMP-ET	1814855	24/04/2014	ABS AUSTRALIA	MASSEY	239	65	78	11	0.27
MANDELLA CHITA ARMANI	1963903	24/08/2015	R & R MORGAN	ALTAARMANI	236	63	123	12	0.31
MANDELLA OLIVE WRIGHT 3	1963931	10/09/2016	R & R MORGAN	WRIGHT	234	62	75	4	0.21
DILEE ROYALMAN 980	1937734	19/05/2016	K L & D M WHITE	ROYALMAN	233	65	111	8	0.28
WINAVIEW HALOGEN ALICIA 5-ET	1849238	21/03/2015	WINAVIEW HOLSTEINS	HALOGEN	224	63	34	-7	0.19
RED FIELD HALO FROUKJE 3295-ET	1901507	6/05/2015	K SMOLENAARS	HALOGEN	210	62	60	-4	0.22
CARENDA HALOGEN VERONICA-ET	1860801	1/03/2015	KITCHEN FARMS	HALOGEN	208	62	59	3	0.16
WINAVIEW HALOGEN ALICIA-ET	1849234	17/03/2015	WINAVIEW HOLSTEINS	HALOGEN	200	64	57	-4	0.22
CURRAJUGLE SALEEN GOLDEN 2183	1831022	22/12/2013	K N & S K JOLLIFFE	SALEEN	162	69	-35	2	-0.08
RED FIELD HALOGEN MARGE 3376	1901581	15/10/2015	K SMOLENAARS	HALOGEN	160	60	21	-1	0



Australia, Halogen currently ranks #2 and Petrone #3 for daughter fertility, and the top bull, Mystic is also sold by WWS.

"Halogen and Petrone have been very popular as many Australian breeders are looking to address fertility in high producing cows," Tim said.

"Petrone was our biggest selling young genomic sire in 2014 and Halogen was very popular with high-end matings and flushes due to his very elite ranking for GTPI. Halogen is still in strong demand. He now has 485 classified daughters and is +2.37 for udder composite, adding to his appeal.

"Keep an eye out for three Halogen sons that outrank their sire: Contribution, Heinz and Premier," he said. **HJ**

RIGHT: Brendan Winter (Winaview Holsteins, West Gippsland) and his partner Joise Garner with M-GEE PS Angelica-IMP-ET, dam of Australia's top genomic female for fertility, Winaview Halogen Alicia 2.



Milk	Fat	Fat %	Prod Rel	Over-all Type	Mammary System	Type Rel	Survival	Survival Rel	SCC	SCC Rel	Fert	Fert Rel	Feed Saved	Feed Saved Rel
-588	9	0.49	78	106	104	53	111	48	166	62	118	47	-56	29
-62	14	0.24	75	102	101	52	104	48	126	60	118	44	-93	29
-252	9	0.29	75	103	102	50	108	48	174	61	118	49	78	28
-241	13	0.34	78	102	102	52	106	49	136	61	118	47	-45	28
416	-25	-0.62	77	102	102	51	110	48	141	62	118	48	148	28
669	-4	-0.48	74	102	102	46	106	43	142	56	118	42	25	26
-386	26	0.61	86	97	95	62	105	57	158	66	117	51	-76	33
-139	-5	0.01	77	103	104	57	109	52	148	65	117	52	-59	30
-148	13	0.27	77	98	98	51	104	48	134	62	117	48	-33	28
-243	12	0.32	76	100	104	51	105	47	159	60	117	47	-21	28
-266	17	0.41	78	104	106	57	105	52	107	62	117	50	-42	31
-614	10	0.53	78	106	106	52	110	48	169	61	117	46	-53	29
-566	16	0.59	76	102	103	52	110	47	149	60	117	49	-123	29
-182	10	0.25	76	104	104	52	108	47	163	60	117	48	-6	29
-574	14	0.56	78	104	103	53	108	49	168	62	117	47	-32	29
237	-15	-0.36	84	100	97	57	108	52	141	67	117	54	39	31
-54	14	0.23	75	100	98	45	107	43	148	58	117	44	-22	26

Spoilt for choice for Holstein sires in 2017

When it comes to selecting sires to use over the herd each season, Australian Holstein breeders are spoilt for choice. The genomic era has seen increasing numbers of top quality bulls available on the Australian market from the key suppliers, as illustrated in the April 2017 ABV release.



This time last year there were no young, genomic Holstein bulls with a Balanced Performance Index (BPI) above 300 in the Good Bulls Guide. Now there are more than 25. In fact, the average BPI of the top 50 young bulls is now over 300, representing a more than 20% increase over the past year.

And there's no need to limit yourself to a single bull company. The April ABV release saw five companies will animals that made DataGene's list of top 10 young, genomic bulls. This is a stark contrast to previous years when the list was dominated by just one or two companies.

That's great news for Australian dairy farmers. Having access to more, better, young bulls means more choice. DataGene recommends always choosing bulls that carry the Good Bulls logo, so you can be confident your breeding choices will contribute to an overall improvement in their herd's genetic merit for profit.

The Journal invited Australian bull companies to submit their highlights from the April ABV release, with a focus on Australian Breeding Values (ABVs) and indices. You're sure to find it interesting reading.

Genetic merit summary of young Holstein dairy bulls in the Good Bulls Guide over the past four proof releases (based on genomic results).

ABV release	April 2016	August 2016	December 2016	April 2017
Young bulls >300 BPI(g)*	0	2	25	28
Average BPI(g) for top 50 young, bulls	254	268	295	307
Companies with young, genomic bulls in top 10	2	2	5	5

* BPI stands for Balanced Performance Index, an economic index of genetic merit that blends profit, type and health traits for maximum profit.



Hitest: The power of cow family

Australian Holstein breeders can expect outstanding components and long-lasting cows from elite GForce sire 14H007800 Hitest. Hitest ranks in the top 25 young sires on BPI at +302, with impressive scores for Fat kg, at +40kg ranking him easily in the top 10 genomic sires available, and a no holes proof makes him an easy option for Australian breeders this year. Including +0.30 Fat %, +0.19 Protein %, +108 Survival, +150 Cell Count, +107 Daughter Fertility and easy calvings at +100.

Like many of the great bulls' at WWS, Hitest is backed by an outstanding cow family and solid maternal line. He is sired by Silver and out of Cookiecutter Ssire Has-ET (VG-87 EX-MS). 'Has' is a Supersire daughter from Cookiecutter Mom Halo-ET (VG-88 DOM) and has proven to be an excellent transmitter. She has contributed many sons to AI, including fellow total-package genomic young sires full brothers to HITEST is 14H007770 Helix (+238 BPI) & 7H012901 Had Me (+260 BPI), maternal brother by Monterey 14H007798 Hammertime (+246 BPI), by Mogul son Jump is 14H007851 Hodor (+190 BPI), by another Mogul son Spring is 14H007801 HAROLDO (+237 BPI). At this time, Has has several sons being used as sire of sons around the world. In the top 10 bulls for Fat kg, three are grandsons of Has in Australia.

Hitest has some powerhouse cows back in his pedigree. At just 2-years-old, his dam has produced an impressive 17,554 kgM, 789 kgF and 568 kgP. His maternal granddam Cookiecutter Mom Halo VG88, is the dam of the former #1 GTPI bull Halogen, who still today is one of the breed's most extreme bulls for improving daughter fertility. Halo VG88, whose pedigree traces back to none other the famous Dellia family at Regancrest is better known for high type cows. She has a best record of 16,003 kgM 825 kgF, and 561 kgP. She was a full blood sister to popular sire He-Man (+114 BPI) whose oldest Australian daughters are calving this autumn. Halo has a huge impact in the current WWS Australia directory with a full brother, a son and eight grandsons. Those additional too Has's sons include 14H007789 Harrison (+292 BPI Monterey x Epic x Halo), 14H007657 Hawaii (+173 BPI Gambler x Superrsonic x Halo), Hang-Time 7H012602 (+230 BPI Montross x Supersonic x Halo).

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ABOVE: Cookiecutter Ssire Has-ET.



RIGHT: Cookiecutter Mom Halo-ET.



Viking sires - 'rock solid'

The sires Viking has been selecting for the Australian dairy industry are really starting to bear fruit. It We have never had a stronger team of sires with Australian data. Special attention now needs to be drawn to VH Miracle and VH Booth.

VH MIRACLE (Massey x Roumarex Calano) was Viking's flagship young genomic sire some years ago with an NTM of +40. He has risen to the cream of proven sires with very high Australian Indices. VH Miracle is now the No.4 Australian proven Holstein on BPI, which gives a lot of credibility to the genomics from the Viking NTM system and shows the Viking Sires adapt well to Australian conditions which has been proven with the Viking Reds for many years now. Reliability for Miracle has him No.1 in Australia. He has 146 daughters here and daughters in five countries, with more than 16,000 in Scandinavia! This gives him super reliability on his strong health traits for hoof health, mastitis treatments, metabolic and reproductive disorders, maternal calvings and young stock survival. These are on top of the excellent indices he has here for SCC 147, daughter fertility 110, survival 107, milking speed 105 and calving ease 102. Miracle really is a Miracle. A2/A2 sire.

VH BOOTH (Beacon x Planet x Shottle) has a 'jumbo solid' proof with 747 daughters and with genomics added is Australia's No. 1 Health Sire! VH Booth's No.1 position on the HWI index is a position we are proud to hold as we have been driving the worth of health traits for a number of years now. He is also No.3 on BPI and No.5 on the TWI index and ticks so many boxes for what Aussie Holstein Breeders are looking for. BOOTH daughters are medium for stature and frame with excellent temperament. Protein is high at +32kg, 920L, +0.15% P. Udders are nice with strong ligament and high and wide in the rear attachment. Daughter fertility is very good for a production sire at 107 and pin set is also a feature at 103. Booth has good scores for feet and legs, which is backed up by his good hoof health. A2/A2 sire.

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ABS's Balisto the highest-ranked Holstein bull ever in Australia



In the world of genetic science, little things matter. Chromosomes, invisible to the naked eye, taken from a tiny tissue sample, now produce a DNA profile that makes an accurate genomic prediction well before we have the confirmation of a daughter proof.

One bull that has paid his genomic promise back in spades is Balisto (De-Su 11236 Balisto). At 364 BPI\$, the highest score ever received on the Australian rankings, there is daylight between Balisto and the second-ranked sire at 333 BPI\$.

Not only is Balisto the best bull Australia has ever seen on the BPI\$ rankings, he is also ranked number one on both the Type Weighted Index (TWI) and Production Index (ASI 276). The next best bull on the ASI is at 227.

Now with more than 1500 daughters world wide Balisto has an exceptionally reliable proof, making him very desirable to Holstein breeders.

Balisto is one of three Bookem sons from De-Su Holsteins that received a very favourable genomic evaluation in June 2012. His pedigree is unique in that his sire, dam and maternal grandsire all carry the De-Su prefix yet they represent three different cow families. His sire is the well-known Planet son, Bookem, while his maternal grandsire, Watson, was from De-Su's famous Georgia cow family, and Balisto's dam is from the Rudy Missy family.

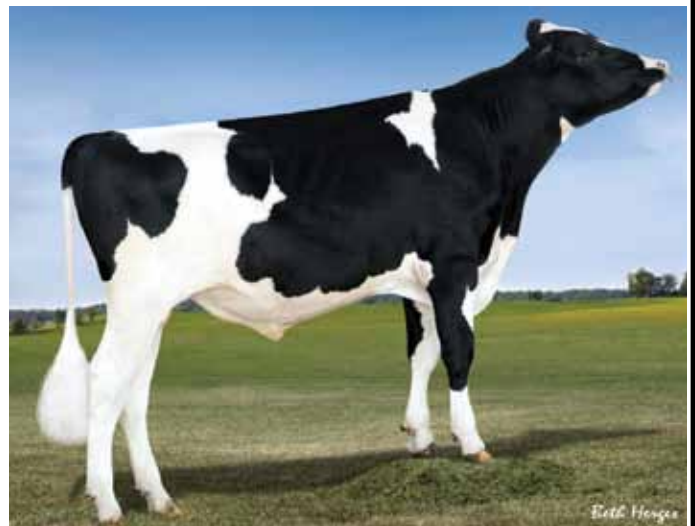
As international genomic test results were received, it became abundantly clear that Balisto ranked at or near the top of the genomic list in almost every country around the world. This propelled him to international fame and has resulted in daughters in many countries.

As his milking daughter information has come in, his genomic prediction of profitable high-component milk has been confirmed.

Cookiecutter Harper, a Balisto son, currently leads the elite group of Holstein genomic bulls in Australia. He comes from the outstanding "H" cow family led by Halo, the dam of Epic Hazel, which is the dam of Harper.

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Balisto stars in the Australian rankings.



Genetics Australia's Maebull: 90% reliability

The most exciting new Holstein is Maebull (s. *Palermo*). At 90% reliable for production traits he offers increases to protein and fat yield combined with moderate milk flow. With a BPI of \$298, his average sized daughters have shallow snugly attached udders and he excels for health traits with high ratings for Survival (109), Cell Count (177) and Daughter Fertility (109) making him one of the best bulls available for these important profitable traits. He is also Australia's highest standing bull for TWI at 304 and 267 HWI.

Maebull ranks just behind the number one daughter proven sire Geemcee [s. *MOM*] and has consolidated his position at the top of the list with an impressive BPI of \$304. This fertility, component and calving ease is a full brother to Wrangler, now \$260 BPI and he moves to 104 for Calving Ease, making both bulls ideal for maiden heifers.

Royalman (\$266 BPI) has delivered on his genomic promise. With 183 milking daughters, he boasts an impressive 96% reliability for production as well as good yields and components and 106 for mammary. He is also a strong health bull who shines for daughter fertility with an impressive ABV of 1.12.

On the local genomic front, ROWLING [s. *CASHCOIN*] leads the Genetics Australia team at \$327 BPI, ranks in the top 1% for BPI, HWI, TWI and ASI and offers outcross genetics. He is also the equal best sire for udders in the top 10 genomic sires.

Our International team features Mardi Gras (s. *Mogul*) with a TPI of +2425 based on 180 US milking daughters. MARDI GRAS daughters are cut from the same pattern as his sire Mogul, medium sized, wide chested and strong with well-attached udders and correct feet and legs. This modern sire transmits a balance of production, type and health traits.

More information on the April 2017 ABV release and copies of the Genetics Australia Australian or International catalogue are at www.genaust.com.au

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Calister Maebull 6657.



Vogue Lego joins Cogent team

Cogent Australia continues to release high-ranking sires from prominent world leading cow families backed with strong genomic numbers. To strengthen the Cogent offering and continue to provide diversity to the industry, in late 2016 Cogent formed a marketing agreement with Blondin Sires. This partnership has allowed Cogent to market leading genomic sires from dominant cow families including the famous Cheyanne and much loved Apple.

A new addition to Australia was an April graduate Vogue LEGO, a Silver x Numero Uno and brother to the much-admired Main Event Cogent sire O'Connors Vogue MAIN TIME. Both sires are from one of the more influential young cows in the breed at present the Snowman daughter Freurehaven FGS Lucy VG86 at 2 years. Lucy is a current genetic giant with already breeding nine offspring over 2400 GTPI and several sons in AI around the world.

Mr Blondin POWERFUL PP the #1 Homozygous polled sire in the world on TPI @ 2462 GTPI and also #1 polled sire in Australia at 252 BPI POWERFUL PP his half-brother Mr Sunjew Coin SUNFISH reside from the Supersire daughter Butlerview PIXIE SS57453 then the EX90 Butlerview Colt Pixie. With the interest in polled genetics increasing there are some new cow families sire leading genomic sires in the polled sires even more so.

Last December, Australian-bred sire Guye Holdings SAMITE was released to the Australian industry. The Monterey son from Guye Holdings Mogul Silk is backed by 11 generations of VG and EX Dams and remains Australia's highest standing GTPI sire. SAMITE's dam Mogul Silk 1356 was the record-priced animal at the International Dairy Week WWS Sale in 2015. SAMITE ranks in Australia at 267 BPI and 262 TWI along with 2605 GTPI, he brings many farmer admired traits with management ABV's calving ease 102, daughter fertility 111 and overall type of 104.

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Freurehaven FGS Lucy VG86, the granddam of Lego and Main Time.



Coomboona combines polled gene with top profit

At Coomboona Holsteins, the breeding philosophy over recent years has been to access the leading cow families globally through an extensive embryo transplant program in order to widen and deepen the Holstein genetic pool. All female and many male progeny are genomically tested and the genomic outliers are selected for Coomboona's own embryo flush program. This combination of imported embryos and embryos from Coomboona's own embryo flush program is yielding more than 600 high-indexed pedigree Holsteins each year.

The focus is not on high index alone. The objective is to produce balanced breeding that results in a long-lived, healthy and productive dairy cow.

Two specific features of Coomboona's breeding program have been to inject A2A2 and polled genetics into the Coomboona herd. The A2A2 program commenced in 2011 with the purchase of 192 sexed-semen A2A2 embryos from California's Ruann dairies. These resulted in 112 A2A2 female calves that have formed a core to the A2A2 herd that has been subsequently enlarged through natural breeding, use of A2A2 sires and specific selection and implantation of A2A2 embryos. Polled has been a more recent development. One job dairy farmers would like to eliminate is de-horning calves. While polled breeding offers the opportunity to eliminate horns naturally, polled sires have previously not ranked as highly as breed-leading horned sires. That has now changed with Coomboona Ocean Suits 1 - IMP - ET - POR (TLGSUITS) becoming the Number 1 sire standing in Australia with a BPI of 334. TLGSUITS - POR is not only polled but a red-carrier bull whose breeding goes back via his dam, Venture Uno Suits, to the Hickorymea herd; his sire, Ocean, also has Hickorymea breeding on both his dam and sire lines.

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Ventura Supersire Snow VG86, the sister to the dam of TLGSuits.



TLGSUITS tops the charts

Total Livestock Genetics (TLG) is excited to have in its bull team the #1 standing Australian sire that will be available this coming spring. TLGSUITS not only sits at #1 BPI he offers daughter fertility at 109 and sound type at 103 Overall Type. Never before has an extreme BPI bull standing in Australia also been polled.

The importance of cow families and meeting the Australian marketplace needs has remained a focus for TLG. The first Kingboy son that TLG added began to market in Australia was Coomboona Kingboy Seamus (TLGSEAMUS). He was an early Kingboy son from an imported Numero Uno from a Planet that stems back to the famous Gillette Blitz 2nd Wind. 2nd Wind is a 67 Star brood cow in Canada that has transmitted many sires into AI including the Australian standing TLGSEAMUS an extreme Daughter Fertility sire at 117 and 250 BPI in the recent April proof run.

Another new addition to the TLG bull team in recent months is the unique sire Coomboona Supershot Bouyancy (TLGBOUYANCY), a sire that offers diversity in his sire line and health traits along with being a polled red carrier. Originating back to the famous Baler Twine cow family TLGBOUYANCY is a Supershot son from a VG85 Earnhardt daughter then an EX90 Colt P and an EX 94 Shottle. With this sire line along with his balanced proof gives a twist of difference for the Australian dairymen.

In August 2016, Clydevale Medallion Cruiser (TLGCRUISER) sired by the popular Australian sire Medallion genomic proof was released and graduated as the #1 Australian Mammary sire at +112. TLGCRUISER has a sire stack filled with several highly regarded sires, Medallion from an VG85 Altalota, then an EX91 Mr Sam followed by a VG87 Goldwyn. TLGCRUISER pedigree has 9 generations on VG or EX dams. After three proof runs in April 2017 TLGCRUISER still remains the #1 Australian Mammary sire available.

Sires such as TLGSUITS-POR demonstrate that an extreme BPI sire can stand in Australia and be a pacesetter in infusing polled genes into the Australia Holstein dairy herd.

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TLGCruiser.



Semex genetics hand-chosen for Australia

Semex continues to deliver results to its clients in Australia, year after year. The backbone of these results is the genetic development strategy that places the clients' needs first.

"We've been focusing on identifying sires for Australia with strong production, high protein yield, lower stature, high health and reproductive traits from deep, proven cow families," Tyson Shea, Semex Australia Product & Operations Manager says. "We're excited to see three great young sires rise to the top of the BPIg rankings in April. Each underscores our commitment to delivering genetics to the Australian marketplace that drive profit back to our clients."

#4 BPIg +340: 0200H010777 Westcoast Perseus (Penmanship x Doorman x Robust) a HealthSmart A2A2 and GrazingPro and early son of Penmanship. Internationally popular, he's also the #2 genomic PLI sire in the UK and is +2694 GTPI. His combination of +108 Survival, +113 Daughter Fertility, and +167 Cell Count makes him valuable to all dairies everywhere

#10 BPIg +320: 0200H010220 Leothe Dark Vador (Enforcer x Sudan x Baxter) a HealthSmart Calving Ease, Robot Ready, A2A2 and GrazingPro sire offering a unique sire stack with high components +22kg Protein and +33kg Fat with +0.35 Protein% and +0.40 Fat %.

#14 BPIg +313: 0200H010258 Sandy-Valley Penmanship (Enforcer x Numero Uno x Planet) is a HealthSmart, Calving Ease and GrazingPro sire that is popular internationally and posts +108 Survival, +117 Daughter Fertility and +154 Cell Count.

Also ranking high on the BPI listing are extremely popular proven sires. Ranking high are: #13 BPI and Millionaire Sire HOMANIFOLD Mainstream Manifold a HealthSmart™ and Calving Ease sire with a +110 Daughter Fertility and +103 Calving Ease; #18 BPI 0200H007450 Amighetti Numero Uno, an Immunity+, HealthSmart™ and Calving Ease sire that also delivers solid +106 Overall Type, +109 Mammary, +110 Survival and +166 Cell Count; and #38 BPI 0200H003950 Richmond-FD El Bombero a HealthSmart and Calving Ease sire with +108 Survival, +163 Cell Count and +106 Overall Type.

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Westcoast Perseus is a Genomax™, HealthSmart™, A2A2™ and GrazingPro™ sire.



ABV and the continued rise of North American genetics

Alta Genetics again proves the value of a global approach when selecting the next generation of elite sires.

AltaBETTMAN has added reliability through the addition of more milking daughters in the US and by adding his genome to the Australian reference population. Good for #2 BPI, at \$333 AltaBETTMAN offers Australian farmers high component production (39kg F +0.63%, 17kg P +0.38%), improved fertility +110, positive workability ratings, improved survival and genuine calving ease. He also sires moderate frames and is Alta's leading short gestation length sire as well as being a ConceptPlus designated sire making him an easy fit for most dairying operations.

One of the most reliable daughter proven bulls in the system is Coomboona Superstition Regal-IMP-ET. With a BPI of \$257, this all-round improver now has more than 500 milking daughters globally (including 241 in Australia). Offering more than 700 litres Milk and 52kg CFP with 97% reliability, AltaRegal is also the #1 Somatic Cell Score sire that is plus rated for Milking Speed, he improves daughter fertility as well as offering great type with open dairy frames.

As part of our commitment to the Australian dairy industry we have added genomes from our bulls to the Australian reference population and have had some exciting results. With Alta's approach of a Global Commercial Cow that can perform under any management system some great new options are now available for grazing conditions. AltaPAINTER at 291 BPI(g) best illustrates the new generation of North American genetics available from Alta. This Davinci son offers improved production, great health and high type in one complete package. AltaWORMONT, a Supershot son has also debuted well on BPI(g) at 263. With more than 300 litres Milk, 25kg F +0.16% and 14kg P +0.09% produced from smaller frames (98 Stature), Wormont daughters can definitely convert feed into production better than most. Wormont is also an extreme health improver.

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Regal daughter, Alta Meli-View Regal 5251.

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Tasmanian Royalty

The influence of the Canadian Holstein sire Braedale Goldwyn on the global Holstein population is unprecedented. Since reaching number one on the Canadian LPI lists in 2005, Goldwyn has proven himself as an international type sensation with more than 7,000 Excellent daughters world-wide, including 64 Excellents in Australia, countless show champions, and Premier Sire titles at every major dairy show across the globe. Adding to his influence, Goldwyn has also sired index chart toppers on almost every international index. He is a respected brood cow maker, and arguably one of the most successful sires of sons of his generation.

In April 2017, one of the last Goldwyn sons ever to be tested, Hindlee Goldwyn OmanRoyal 121003-ET GP84 (ROYALMAN), debuted at No.9 on the Australian Proven Balanced Performance Index (BPI) list with a BPI+266. Bred by Master Breeders John and Vicki Lillico, Hindlee Holsteins, Tasmania, and owned by Genetics Australia, Royalman is producing the Goldwyn-like sleek, black, angular daughters with super silky mammaries, combined with the high components, fertility and longevity from his maternal line, the Lillico's remarkable home-grown Royal cow family.



ROYALMAN - Hindlee Goldwyn Omanroyal 121003-ET GP84 BPI+266, No #9 Australian Proven BPI list April 2017.

Royal beginning

The Hindlee herd is based at Smithton on the far north-west coast of Tasmania on a property John and Vicki bought in 1987. Moving away from John's family farm to be masters of their own destiny, the Lillicos built their herd from scratch, peaking at more than 800 cows then reducing to 620 to make it easier to manage through the recent industry downturn. The 525-ha property is in continual development, with a strong commitment for the past 10 years on biological farming principles, emphasising pastures, soil fertility and land management.

A firm believer in the BPI system and the science behind it, John's passion for

breeding led him to establish the Hindlee stud in 1983. With a focus on profitable cows with good functional type, the Lillicos earned Master Breeder status in 2013.

"I remember my parents farming with no pedigree records. So, when I was young I started writing out eartags and recording their pedigrees," John said.

John's cousin Bruce Robinson had started registering his cows. John saw it as a good way to add value to the herd, so started to register his cows as well.

The foundation cow of the Royals was one of the original Appendix 4 cows, Hindlee Royal 276, classified as a 14-year-old at VG85.



"She was a strong and very quiet cow that always carried that little extra weight," John remembers. "She was our first VG cow and a bloody good cow for a cow born in 1976."

Out of a grade cow, Royal got her name from her sire, Kenroy Royal Beau GP81, the Royal name retained 40 years and many generations later.

Royal pick

John's desire to accelerate his herd development led to embryo transfer work. Looking through the herd for the right cow to flush, John was drawn to his four Excellent Ked Juror daughters, before picking a Royal, and Hindlee's first Excellent cow, Hindlee Royal Juror 625 EX-3E STP 5* 1xEP 4xM 3xP LIFE 3 BPI+102.

Her pedigree was backed by two of Australia's all-time great sires in Woodbine Valiant Elmer (VALE) and Quietcove Elev Artist (QEAR). Vale and Qear were known for breeding big production cows with exceptional dairy strength, producing foundation brood cows that have had an enormous impact on the Australian Holstein breed.

Royal Juror 625 showed the tremendous broad, angular frame of her grandparents, with the exquisite texture of Juror, scoring EX-93 for dairy strength. With a frame built for production, she had a top lactation of 12,653 litres, 377kg protein, 453 kg fat PI 119, with a lifetime total exceeding 100,000 litres over eight lactations.

"Juror Royal was just outstanding and a beautiful cow to work with," John said. "Our goal with the ET was to hopefully replicate her and produce some more wonderful dairy cows."



Master Breeders, John and Vicki Lillico, Hindlee Holsteins, Tasmania.

The Juror was flushed to Pictson Shottle, producing Hindlee Royal Shottle 5400-ET GP83 4* BPI+208, who in turn produced two daughters by the French chart topper Roumare, Hindlee Royal Roumare 823-ET VG88 3* 2xM 1xF 1xP BPI +310 and Hindlee Royal Roumare 820-ET VG86 2* 2xM 1xF 2xP BPI+234.

Royal Roumare 820 was a solid performer, completing a top record of 12,206 litres, 3.1% 375 kg protein, 3.9% 476kg fat PI 108. Her daughter by Manna Farm Del Santo (DELSANTO) Hindlee Royal Delsanto 13032 VG86 BPI+277 produced more than 750 kg milk solids on her second lactation while also placing top five in her age group in the Tasmanian On Farm Challenge in 2015.

However, the superior genomic numbers belonged to Royal Roumare 823, and so it was 823 that received the opportunities as a flush cow.

Royal Roumare finished her first lactation with a remarkable PI of 123, and has since produced a top record of 12,076 litres, 3.0% 365kg protein, 3.7% 450kg fat PI 111 as a 5-year-old.

"Royal Roumare 823 is a really big powerful cow. We nearly lost her with an LDA on her 3rd calf, but she had the aggression and strength to pull through. She is a really special cow," John says.

At 100% GP or better progeny, she has VG daughters with BPIs above +250 by Delsanto, Schillview Oman Gerard and O-Bee Manfred Justice. Hindlee Royal Oman 1001-ET GP84 1xM 1xF 1xP BPI+264 is one of her highest-production daughters, with consecutive lactations exceeding 12,000 litres and +850 kg milk solids. Her ET full sister, Hindlee Royal Oman 1003-ET VG85 2* 1xM 1xF, is the Roumare's highest-ranking daughter, boasting a BPI+283.



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Hindlee Royal Juror 625 EX-3E STP 5* 1xEP 4xM 3xP LIFE 3 BPI+102, Hindlee's first Excellent cow.



Hindlee Royal Roumare 823-ET VG88 3* 2xM 1xP 1xP BPI +310, dam of ROYALPIC and granddam of ROYALMAN.

The combination of the Goldwyn son Crackholm Fever over Royal Oman 1003 produced Hindlee Royal Fever 13025 GP83, one of Hindlee's highest BPI cows. With a score of BPI+316, Royal Fever sits at No.22 on the Australian Top Holstein purebred females list for April 2017. However, it was the direct combination of Goldwyn over Royal Oman 1003 that produced the sire of the moment, Royalman.

Having faith

John's dedication to a regular flush program allowed his Royal family to develop and expand rapidly.

"We use mostly high BPI bulls and run them through the Genescreen program. I believe in the science more than the hype, and select a team I think will work. The Genescreen helps flag traits and

makes sure I don't make too many stupid decisions," John said.

"We couldn't have achieved what we have with the Royal family if it weren't for ET. It gives you more numbers which gives you more potential for an outlier. It also helps that the Royals are good flush cows and heifer producers too."

The next stage in the development was genomics, a tool that has put the spotlight on the home grown bloodline.

"We've always had a lot of faith in our Royal family, but no-one else was ever interested," John said.

That was until John and Vicki got a call from Genetics Australia's Northern Victoria Regional Sales Manager, Greg Tiller, who was looking for alternative cow families to increase their genomic data pool.

"Genomics were really taking off, and we were looking for new and different bloodlines to sample," Greg said. "So we cast the net wide in the hope of identifying some new cow families."

The Lillicos submitted some DNA samples from their favourite Royal family, including from a six month old Goldwyn son from Royal Oman 1003. At the time, paternal brothers like Crackholm Fever, Comestar Lauthority and Maple-Downs-I G W Atwood were already topping the proven lists, and being used extensively as sires of sons. In the fast pace of genomics it was unusual for an 'old' pedigree like Royalman to be tested. But for Greg, testing Royalman was a no-brainer.

"Genomics came at the right time for the Royal family," Greg said. "Goldwyn had daughter proven sons graduating



Hindlee Royal Oman 1003-ET VG85 2* 1xM 1xP BPI +283, dam of ROYALMAN.



Royal Ogold 12076-ET VG86, full sister to ROYALMAN.



LEFT: Hindlee Picola RoyalRoumare 1414-ET BPI +318 Australia's former No.1 BPI(g) sire April 2015.

everywhere around the world, including GA's Goldwyn son Buddha (Bushlea Perfector Bold) who was already grabbing lots of attention. But Royalman's genomic proof showed he was a complete package that excelled in daughter fertility, which at that stage was gaining real attention from dairy farmers."

John didn't need the genomic test to tell him Royalman was something special.

"I thought the Goldwyn over Oman was a nice mating. I liked using the highest APR bulls, and Goldwyn was the number 1 APR bull at the time and had phenomenal type. I was thinking the mating should produce something special."

When the first Goldwyn ETs hit the ground John was really happy with them, but the bull calf Royalman, was the stand out.

"He was tall and clean and black and a real good doer. He drank his first two litres of colostrum in seconds," he said.

In addition to Royalman, the flush produced three full sisters. Hindlee Royal OGold 12004-ET GP84 ranks the highest with a BPI+291, and has two sons by Country Road Roumare Canbee (CANBEE) that have entered Genetics Australia's young sire program in Hindlee Canbee Royal 14 5-ET (KINGBEE) BPI+184 and Hindlee Canbee Royal 14 6-ET (ROYALBEE) BPI+219 .

In April 2017, Royalman graduated with 183 daughters in his production proof, showing moderate milk with exceptional components, and a type proof highlighted by superior scores for rear udder height,

udder cleft and texture. Two Royalman daughters have already surpassed the BPI+300 milestone, with Country Road Royalmans Carol bred by Ross Cook at BPI+328, while Russ and Rebecca McMillan's Bronte Park Royal Ruby 2342 sits at BPI+312.

Although only recently graduating himself, Royalman already has high ranking sons available. Adlejama Royalman 9203-ET (BATTLESTAR) BPI+294 is an exciting Royalman young sire from the Alice family, boasting extreme components and quality udders. Half-brother from the Manna Farm 'D' family, Manna Farm Royalman 2762 (GAMECHANGER) BPI+248 is sure to gain popularity with his score of 112 for Overall Mammary, while also showing the high components and strong fertility traits of his sire.

"Royalman has the potential to be one of the most complete of the Goldwyn sons, and now with daughter figures, his proof stands up to expectation," Greg said. "Without genomics, there was a fair chance he would have been past-over as a well-bred bull born too late. His success shows it's not about the first but it's about best."

Genomic breakthrough

Since Royalman's breakthrough numbers, Genetics Australia has returned to the Lillicos repeatedly looking for more bulls from the Royal family to sample. In 2015, they hit the jackpot when Hindlee Picola RoyalRoumare 1414-ET (ROYALPIC) BPI

Royal family tree

Hindlee Royal 276 VG85 App4 05/04/1976
(Kenroy Royal Beau GP)



Hindlee Royal Artist 723 VG85 App3 BPI -136
21/05/1987
(Quietcove Elev Artist-TW VG)



Hindlee Royal Vale 024 GP80 9* App2 BPI -25
03/08/2014
(Woodbine Valiant Elmer EX)



Hindlee Royal Juror 625-ET EX-3E STP 5* 1xEP
4xM 3xP LIFE 3 App1 BPI +102 19/08/1996
(Ked Juror GP)



Hindlee Royal Shottle 5400-ET GP83 4* BPI
+208 08/12/2005
(Picston Shottle EX)



Hindlee Royal Roumare 823-ET VG88 3* 2xM
1xF 1xP BPI +310 28/03/2008
(Roumare)



Hindlee Royal Oman 1003-ET VG85 2* 1xM 1xP
BPI +283 16/02/2010
(O-Bee Manfred Justice-ET EX)



Hindlee Royal OGold 12084-ET GP84 BPI +154
11/08/2012
(Braedale Goldwyn GP)



Hindlee Royal Picola 14086-ET GP83 BPI +208
03/08/2014
(Adlejama Delsanto Picola-ET GP)

+318 reached the mantle of Australia's No.1 BPI(g) sire.

Despite being sired by the young sire Adeljama Delsanto Picola (PICOLA), RoyalPic was another 'old' pedigree, his dam Hindlee Royal Roumare 823-ET VG88 3* 2xM 1xF 1xP BPI +310 being the granddam of Royalman and already six years old at the time RoyalPic was born.

The high components of Picola matched with the high type and high milk yielding Roumare proved successful, with RoyalPic being one of Genetics Australia's hottest young sires in 2015-16. So hot that despite not yet having daughters in milk, RoyalPic already has young genomic sons being promoted by Genetics Australia, including Manna Farm Royal Pic 2789-TW (BUNGALA) BPI+279 from the Manna Farm 'D' family,

Australian Holstein Cow Family



Hindlee Royal Picola 14086-ET GP83, dam of genomic bulls ROYALCOLA and GIVEN.



Royalman daughter at Hindlee, Hindlee Royalman Irene 14189 GP83.

and Hindlee RoyalPic Su 1635-ET (SAMMOVAR) BPI+250 from the Lillicos branch of the Sonia family.

Also at Genetics Australia are the popular Royal genomic sires Hindlee Titanium RoyalPico 1625-ET (VLADAMIR) BPI+255 and Hindlee Titanium RoyalCola 1619-ET (THUNDERBALL) BPI+249. Both bulls are sired by the Dutch bull Delta Titanium, while their dams are the ET sisters Hindlee Royal Picola 14093-ET GP81 BPI+242 and Hindlee Royal Picola 14085-ET G78 BPI+183.

The sisters are the result of a remarkable flush from the full sister to Royalman, Hindlee Royal OGold 12084-ET GP84 BPI+145 to the then No.1 bull Picola, resulting in 10 progeny.

Two bulls from the flush, Hindlee Picola RoyalGold 1415-ET (CROWNJEWEL) BPI+178 and Hindlee Picola RoyalGold 1417-ET (ROYALGOLD) BPI+181 went straight to Genetics Australia for its young Horizon sire program.

The highest-ranking heifer of the Picola flush at BPI+242 was Hindlee Royal Picola 14093-ET GP81, the mother of Vladamir. Just behind her at BPI+208 is Hindlee Royal Picola 14086-ET GP83 whose ET sons Hindlee Xmas Royalpic 1631-ET (GIVEN) BPI+290 and Hindlee Xmas RoyalCola 1618-ET (ROYALCOLA) BPI+265 are the top-ranking sons of the locally proven Emu Bank Christmas (CHRISTMAS) BPI+256.

Creating excitement among polled breeders is Hindlee Powerball PlaneRoyal 161-ET-POC (REXX). With a sire stack of View-Home Powerball-P, Ensenada Taboo Planet and Delsanto, back to Roumare Royal 823, with a BPI +288 and 101 Overall Type and 102 Overall Mammary, this young sire is the highest ranking Australian polled Holstein available.

"We only got one calf from the flush, which was a bull, so I was pretty dirty I didn't get a heifer," John said.

"I used REXX's sire Powerball because I liked the combination of a Man-O-Man son over a Robust as they are bulls that have worked well in Australia with high BPIs, and the polled factor I thought would increase the potential. We will be using REXX in our flush programs this season to breed more polled."

The success of Royalman and the long list of high-ranking young sires has bought great satisfaction to John and Vicki, providing the drive to continue developing their herd, and their Royal bloodline.

"It's pretty special knowing a cow family of your own can produce the genomic results to match the most cutting-edge pedigrees," John says.

These results continue to reward John and Vicki's 40 years of breeding, building the strong foundations behind their Tasmanian Royal family. **HJ**

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SA Annual All Breeds Calf and Handlers Day

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Misty Brae

A total of 17 exhibitors and 38 young and enthusiastic handlers showing 81 entries competed at the 37th Annual All Breed Calf & Handlers Day at Murray Bridge, SA. Judge for the day was Steven Eagles, Paschendaele Ayrshires, NSW.

Junior champion heifer was awarded to the Ayrshire female owned by Boldview Farms, Boldview Dempstar.

The Seeliger family's Esjay Holsteins took out the Senior Champion prize with Esjay Pompeii Rosethorn, which also won the All Australian Holstein calf class.

The handler classes were hotly contested with the judge commenting on the high standards, capabilities and proficiency of the competitors.

Hayley Braendler, Boldview Farms, won the Junior Champion handler, with Heath Treloar, Edge Holsteins, in Reserve.

Tegan Afford, Billabong Holsteins carried on the tradition of the Afford family by being awarded Senior Champion handler after wins by elder sister Courtney (2016) and father Stephen (1980). Reserve Senior Champion handler was Jackie Davies, Zenith Park Jerseys.

The Novelty Calf Classic-Fancy dress class for calves and handlers completed the day's activities with much laughter and merriment.

Congratulations prize winners in this class, Samuel Schutz – Fire Chief, Chelsea Schutz – Flying Doctors and Georgia Atkins Medical Emergency.

Thanks to the Haebich family, Athol Farm, for their contribution to the ongoing success of the event as well as the many sponsors who supported the day.



Fancy Dress Winner Samuel Schutz, Fire Chief.



Fancy Dress Second Place Chelsea Schutz, Royal Flying Doctor Service.



Senior Champion Heifer: Reserve Werombi Vale Predator Viv, Hayley Braendler, Judge Steven Eagles, Jess Seeliger.



Junior champion handler: Reserve Champion Heath Treloar, Champion Hayley Braendler, Judge Steven Eagles.



Senior champion handler: Reserve Champion Jackie Davies, Judge Steven Eagles, Champion Tegan Afford, Brian Haebich.



Junior Champion Heifer: Honourable Mention Esjay Ryan Jarmilla, Georgia Atkins, Reserve Champion Billaview Dempsey Lola, Tegan Afford, Judge Steven Eagles, Champion Boldview Dempstar, Brittany Liebich, Julian Manowski from Lion Dairy & Drinks.



Judge Steven Eagles at work.



(Pictured left to right)

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A number of calf days were held by Victorian sub-branches during autumn. Here are some highlights from the Northern Victoria, East Gippsland and North-West Victoria events.





IN THE SHOW RING 

Mount Pleasant success for Esjay Holsteins

WORDS: GINO PACITTI *Misty Brae*
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Judge Simon Tognola, Victoria, was greeted by 62 entries at the 54th Annual Autumn Holstein Fair held at Talunga Park, Mt Pleasant, South Australia.

The juvenile classes saw many Bluechip Genetics bred animals being paraded by their new owners.

The Seeliger family Esjay Holsteins won the first of their two Champions for the day

with Bluechip Contender Cherrypop-ET-Red as Junior Champion.

In a select group of 2 and 3-year-old in-milk females, Intermediate Champion was won by Misty Brae Yorick Delilah-ET exhibited by Andrew Pacitti, Empire Holsteins. This animal continued a long line of successful show type females derived from Joyley Luckystrike Della-ET EX-94.

Senior Champion female was paraded by Esjay Holsteins, giving them their second champion for the day!

The Champion cow, Esjay Breakout Alex, was described as: "Stylish, well balanced, great capacity, tracked well on a fantastic set of feet and legs, showed cleanness of bone with her udder being high, wide, well attached and having great texture. These qualities made her an outstanding representative of the Holstein Breed."

Most Successful Breeder and Most Successful Exhibitor were awarded to Esjay Holsteins, completing a memorable day for the Seeliger family.



Junior Champion: Honourable Mention Esjay Walter Philana, Jess Seeliger, Reserve Bluechip Golddust Dancer-ET-Red, Bridget Liebelt, Mark Schubert, Champion Bluechip Contender Cherrypop-ET-Red, Luke Seeliger, judge Simon Tognola.



Senior Champion: Honourable Mention Esjay Shout Rae, Daniel Seeliger, Vaughn Johnston Semex Australia, Reserve Misty Brae Alen Della-ET, David Peglar, Champion Esjay Breakout Alex, and Steven Seeliger.



Senior Champion Udder line up: Champion Esjay Breakout Alex, Reserve Misty Brae Alen Della-ET, Honourable Mention Esjay Shout Rae.



Leader Holsteins

**Travis and Melissa Deans,
Oakey, Queensland
Master Breeders 2016**

The Farm: We are a family operation. My wife Melissa and I are equal partners and our kids Liam and Charli help us around the farm as well. We started Leader Holsteins in 1995 at Oakey which is a short drive West from Toowoomba in South East Queensland, on the Darling Downs.

I am the fourth generation involved in dairy, and have been involved in the industry all my life. We were originally from Maleny on the Sunshine Coast then we moved to the Downs in 1992. Melissa has also been in dairy all her life and is third generation. Melissa lived in the Gold Coast hinterland and moved to Oakey when we married 18 years ago. I started as a registered Guernsey breeder (Fern Hill), before becoming a registered Holstein breeder 20 years ago. Melissa was a junior Holstein member for a few years before we met and soon became part of Leader.

Leader Holsteins from its inception was always about striving to become an elite Holstein herd. The logo and name Leader was came from my uncle a retired advertising executive. We gave him a few journals from that time and a vision of what we wanted to be. After a few weeks he came back with the stud name "LEADER" and a logo.

The cow that started Leader Holsteins and really allowed Leader to become industry recognisable is Toolamba Broker Satin EX-1E 29*. Purchased in 1995 from one of our mentors Ray Teese, she became the cornerstone of our program. Little did we know back then that Satin would become a household name, and develop a family that is now spread right across the Eastern seaboard of Australia. The Satin cow family is synonymous with Leader Holsteins. Satin was Supreme Dairy Cow at The Ekka in 1997, All Australian 5-year-old that year, Queensland Cow of the Year and ultimately Australian Cow of the Year in 2005. Satin has also been a huge influence on how the herd is managed today. Her insatiable desire to milk, taught us how to feed and look after highly productive cows. Satin's best record was at 4-11 17028

Farm facts

Farm size: 272 Ha
Herd size: 75 Milkers
Calving: Year round
Herd production: average 10587 ltr
 3.1% 327Kgp 3.6% 385Kgf
Females bred: 686
EX: 43
VG: 171
SBC: 11 by 1*, 8 by 2*, 3 by 3*, 4 by 4*, 6 by 5*
STP: 17
Production awards: Milk = 113, Fat = 38, Protein = 88, Elite = 37
Lifetime production awards: 9 by Cat I, 3 by Cat II, 4 by Cat III (Silver), 1 by Cat IV (Gold), 1 by Cat V (Diamond)
Points required: 668
Points earned: 1556

litres 3.05 519p 3.64 620f 305 days. For most of the past 20 years the herd has averaged over 10,000lts with no TMR. We feed a tailored grain ration in the milking shed and graze as much as we can along with feeding large amounts of hay to our cows.

Breeding goals: Brood Cows!!! That's our aim in breeding the 'ideal' cow, because without them you have nowhere to go. So our ideal cow is a little stronger of her

bone than is fashionable. She must have balance, and an outstanding mammary system that can withstand producing 100,000lts lifetime production. We like cows that are quiet; our herd is known for its docility. Experience has taught us that unpleasant natured cows rarely develop to their true potential as they tend to constantly want to fight the system. Of recent years we have a preference for moderated stature in our herd; they last longer.

An animal bred that you are proud of: Leader Rudolph Satin EX-90-2E STP 12*. Rudolph Satin was Australian Cow of the Year 2011, as well as the Qld Cow of the Year 2005, and a two time All Australian finalist. She has left me with my best memory from my career in dairy cattle so far. In 2005 Rudolph Satin won eight Supreme awards in the one show at Gympie. That day she was 1st 7 years and over in milk, 1st best udder, Champion Cow, Supreme Champion Dairy cow, Supreme udder, Supreme Pen of 3 cows, Supreme Champion Type and Production, Supreme 305-day production award, Supreme Champion 24hrs Fat plus Protein and Milk on grounds (ground record 55 kg still stands) and Supreme pen of 2 cows 24 hours Fat plus Protein.



Leader Rudolph Satin ET EX-90-2E STP 12*, HA Cow of the Year 2011.



The Deans family, taken in 2010 with Leader Himetro Satin.

The award for Supreme Dairy Cow was a satin rug. As winner she was to lead the Grand Parade of the show. We were putting all 8 tri-colour ribbons on her rug for her to wear in the parade. As we came out of the shed our peers waiting to enter the parade gave Satin and I a round of applause. A proud and emotional moment for me personally knowing how hard Mel and I work to get the best out of our cows.

Leader Damion Cretonne EX-92-3E STP 3* is another cow that has become very valuable to our program here at Leader. She has a best record of over 13,000lts, was Supreme Intermediate Champion Toowoomba Royal 2010, and returned the following year as a 3yr old to win Supreme Dairy cow. She is one of the very few to have ever achieved this at Toowoomba Royal. Her daughter Leader Sanchez Cretonne ET was Champion Cow at Toowoomba Royal 2016 and another daughter Leader Laurin Cretonne VG88, sold for \$27,000 at our Legends of

Leader Sale 2010. We have several young daughters from Damion currently milking in the herd with more to calve in the future.

Important cow families: Obviously the Satins have been an incredibly important family for us. Two other prominent families are The Tammys originating from Tamrook Holsteins and the Cretonnes of Rockwood Park.

A few recent additions to the herd that are showing great promise at this early stage are two imported Fever daughters from the Shoremar S Alicia family: a Goldwyn from the Laurie Sheiks' of Cometar and a Goldchip daughter of Ernest-Anthony Aphrodite EX-95.

Bulls you are using now? Our current team of bulls are Goldchip, Bradnick, Solomon, Diamondback, Emilio, Chill, Callen and Crush.

Changes in breed that you've seen over your career? The biggest change I have seen over time in the Holstein cow is she

is losing her balance. She is becoming too tall and starting to lack spring and depth of fore rib. Mel and I were taught by our mentors early on about balance and the use of string to measure it. The breed is getting fewer cows today that have enough heart girth in balance to the rest of the cow.

Career highlights:

1. Legends of Leader Sale 2010 – Australian Record average \$8,563 single vendor auction with a top price of \$34,000 for Leader DD Satin EX-90-1E (5 generations EX).
2. Australian Cow of the Year 2005 – with our foundation cow Toolamba Broker Satin EX-1E 29*.
3. Australian Cow of the Year 2011 – Leader Rudolph Satin EX-90-2E STP 12*. The first dam and daughter to win the award and the first breeder to win the award twice. Her daughter Leader Durham Satin EX-91-5E has been a finalist the last two years making her the third generation to do so.
4. Supreme Dairy Cow at Brisbane Royal 2009 with Gayton Park Leader Bianca EX-94-7E at 12 years of age.
5. Most successful Breeder and Exhibitor All Australian Awards 2010.
6. The numerous Champion cow awards won at Toowoomba Royal. One year that stands out was in 2013 when Leader Mrsam Shania EX-91-2E won Champion cow making her the third successive generation to win the award with Leader Roy Satin EX-92-4E winning in 2012 and Leader Durham Satin EX-91-5E in 2008.

Advice to young people: Patience!!!! Breeding takes time; each generation that you breed is a stepping stone to the next. Start with a cow that has a strong family that has bred true for many generations. Think of what goals you wish to achieve before making your first breeding purchase. Sometimes a cow that appears expensive on a given day can end up being the cheapest investment you will ever make in your breeding career. **HJ**



Farm security

Safe is better than sorry

Farms can be vulnerable places, with equipment and stock often left unattended or out of sight. But taking some simple steps can assist you to deter thieves and vandals and give police some assistance in finding your stolen goods and those responsible for taking them.

TOOL TIME FOR THIEVES

High-value portable tools such as electrical, cordless and quality hand tools can be carried from your farm easily. Marking these tools is probably the only method of ensuring their identification.

Engraving and DataDot technology, when used in conjunction with the National Equipment Register, can provide police with a means of identifying stolen gear.

KEEP GOOD RECORDS

Vehicles, including tractors and machinery, carry a Vehicle Identification Number (VIN). These are located on a VIN plate fixed to the chassis or cast into the engine block.

Serial numbers are common for high-value electronic goods including GPS, UHF or radios. Serial numbers are important to keep for both insurance and theft recovery purposes.

Keeping a register of equipment make and model details with serial numbers and even photographs can also be helpful if the equipment is stolen.

MOBILE PHONES

Mobile phones have a serial number known as an IEMI (International Mobile Equipment Identity) which means they can be identified if recovered. With many farmers owning an iPhone, one feature which should be switched on via settings, location services (scroll right to the bottom) and "Find my iPhone". This feature allows remote tracking and deletion of all data off the phone if it is stolen.

FUEL

Fuel is difficult to protect but locking on-farm fuel storage outlets and fill-caps is a good start. Coded padlocks provide a quick means of accessing the bowser without having to find keys. But vigilance is often the best deterrent with fuel-meter logs being good practice. Cameras can also be used to monitor the storage.

Fuel storages should be located where they can be easily monitored but not easily seen from a road.

LOCKING GATES

A locked gate is one of the best deterrents for thieves. A good quality padlock connecting a length of hardened steel chain will

generally do the job. Make sure gate hinges are captive and not removable once the gate is in position to prevent the gate from being lifted-off at the non-locked end.

LOCKING SHEDS

Sheds should be locked where practical. Sheds with roller or sliding doors can be locked from the inside with pins or track locks allowing a smaller lockable door for regular access. Cameras can also be used to monitor your sheds.

DON'T LEAVE KEYS IN VEHICLES

Nothing is easier and more convenient for thieves as driving your machinery onto the back of a truck, or simply driving it off the property. Consider a coded secure key cabinet to store the keys of the tractor, harvester, quad bikes or other farm vehicles.

UNATTENDED FARMS

Thieves often strike when you are away from your property which can leave you with a nasty surprise when you return from holidays. If you are planning on being away for an extended period arrange for a friend or neighbour to do regular checks of your farm.

GPS TRACKERS

GPS trackers use a mobile phone network to transmit the GPS location of the tracker, and the machine it is attached to, to a website which the owner can log into and locate the item. The trackers generally require a data SIM card to transmit the location, accurate to about 5m, back to the website.

BE ALERT

Keep an eye out for unusual vehicles in the area, jot down licence plate numbers and talk to neighbours so you can keep an eye out for each other.

INSURANCE

Although these steps can help to secure your farm property, thieves and vandals can still strike. Adequately insuring your farm can help get you back up and running should the unthinkable happen.

If you would like to review your insurance policies contact your local WFI Area Manager on **1300 934 934**, or visit wfi.com.au.

Good people to know.



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1. Kondinin Group, 2013, Research Report: Farm Security, safe is better than sorry, www.farmingahead.com.au/articles/1/research-reports

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Clinton Park Zircon Aline

Awards: STP (Gold) LIFE 2

Birth date: 23/05/2001

Age: 15 when she died

Breeder: D & M Walker

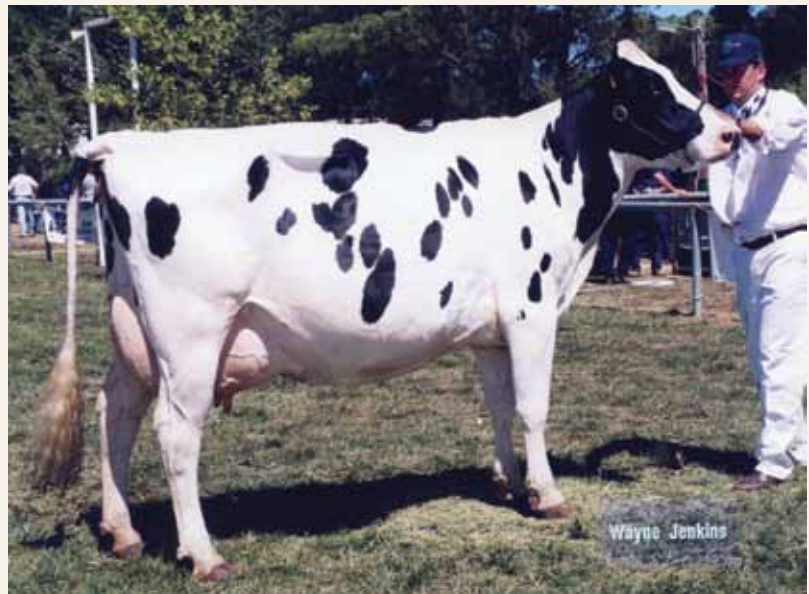
Owner: D & M Walker, Berry, NSW

Prefix: Clinton Park

Classified: VG88 – 03/2013

Classification breakdown: Rump: 85, Feet and Legs: 88, Mammary 87, Dairy Strength 93

Registered progeny: 2



RIGHT: Clinton Park Van Aline EX-3E, one of the Walker family's notable Alines. She was Champion Cow at the Canberra Royal in 2002.

Australian ABV (April 2017)

BPI	HWI	TWI	ASI	Milk	Fat	Prot	Fat %	Prot %	Prod Rel	Type Score	Mamm Sys	Type Rel	Somatic Cell	Feed Saved
-94	-50	-84	-136	-300	0	-24	0.19	-0.30	76	100	98	41	115	-15

Owner's comments (David Walker)

Like any cow that achieves Gold STP and Life 2, Zircon Aline excelled on multiple fronts. As well as consistently producing well, she had the features of a long-lasting cow: reliability in getting back in calf, a good temperament, strong feet and legs as well as good overall conformation.

One disappointment was that she produced a lot more bull calves than heifers. Her first calf was a daughter, Clinton Park Estimate Aline VG86. Her second daughter, Granit Aline was sold as an in-calf heifer to Shane Wright in Queensland.

Zircon Aline's grandmother, Clinton Park Gold Aline VG87, STP 3* and her great-grandmother, Clinton Park S.S. Aline VG86, STP both excelled in our herd. They were

both great all-rounders: they classified well, produced well and lasted for nine and 10 lactations respectively.

The Alines perform consistently well in our herd. They were introduced into our herd with Sunnyview Jewel Aline, a cow my family bought from the Whatman family in NSW. She traced back to a NZ cow imported by the Whatmans, Greylands Galina Aline.

We've got a couple of branches from the Sunnyview Alines; our Jewels, Mays, Prides, Robins and Charms who also trace back to the Aline family. But we have had some exceptional Alines, including five that classified EX. Two other notable cows from this family are Clinton Park Allen Jewel EX who placed second the 2010 NSW On Farm Challenge and Clinton Park Van Aline EX-3E who was Champion Cow at the Canberra Royal in 2002.

Family tree



Lifetime production April 2017

Lactations	Production litres	Protein kg (%)	Fat kg (%)
10	93,290	2,798 (3.0)	3,950 (4.23)

Superior Total Performance (STP)

The STP award recognises longevity. It is the most difficult award to achieve as it combines classification, production and longevity. These awards are applied for individually at classification. Cows must classify at least VG85 for type; have a mammary value of at least 85; have milked for at least six lactations and meet the minimum production requirements for the STP level. Refer to www.holstein.com.au for more information.

Superior Total Performance Award levels

	Lactations	Milk (L)	Fat (kg)	Protein (kg)
Standard STP	6	50,000	1,875	1,600
Silver	8	66,667	2,500	2,133
Gold	10	83,333	3,215	2,667
Diamond	12	100,000	3,750	3,200

Lifetime Production Awards

As the name implies, Lifetime Production (LTP) Awards recognise animals with exceptional production (litres, fat and protein) over their lifetime. There are five levels of LTP, with level 5, Diamond being the highest. It takes a truly exceptional cow to achieve a Diamond LTP. The LTP can be awarded posthumous. (NB life time 5 in database = Diamond)

LTP Awards recognise lifetime production in excess of ...

Level	Milk (L)	Fat (kg)	Protein (kg)
1	70,000	2,660	2,275
2	80,000	3,040	2,600
3 Silver	90,000	3,420	2,925
4 Gold	100,000	3,800	3,250
5 Diamond	110,000	4,180	3,575

2017 ON-FARM COMPETITION



Semex, in conjunction with Holstein Australia, is pleased to announce the Semex-Holstein Australia On-Farm competition 2017.

The competition is aimed at promoting and growing the registered Holstein by attracting and encouraging members to participate without the cost and time constraints of travelling.

As the competition continues to grow we are constantly reviewing the processes and implementing changes that will benefit all participants across all branches.

COMPETITION DETAILS

Animals entered must be registered Holstein or Grade Animals which have sufficient documented identity to qualify for the Holstein Australia Appendix registry under the current guidelines.

The classes for the competition are

2 Year Old	(born between 1/1/15 to 31/12/15)
3 Year Old	(born between 1/1/14 to 31/12/14)
4 Year Old	(born between 1/1/13 to 31/12/13)
5 Year Old	(born between 1/1/12 to 31/12/12)
Mature	(born on / or before 31/12/11)

- The competition is open to in milk animals only.
- There will be a limit of 10 animals per breeder.
- On the day of the competition animals are not to be fitted or haltered whilst being judged. It is at the judges or appointed sub branch delegate's discretion to reject or penalise any animal they believe to be in conflict of this ruling.
- Each sub-branch will conduct their own competition.
- Semex will then take first and second placegetters in each of the five nominated classes from which Overall Champions and Placegetters will be selected by the Over Judge.

All area and regional judging must be completed by 27th October 2017. The overjudging is scheduled to commence November 5th 2017.

For further details or entry forms contact your local Holstein Australia Sub-Branch or Semex Pty Ltd, Ph 03 9743 0344



Where there's a Will, there's a way ...

Will Miller has dairying in his blood and is "pretty good" at rugby as well!

The 23-year-old has put working at the family dairy farm on hold to chase his rugby dreams after accepting a short-term injury replacement contract with the Super Rugby side the Melbourne Rebels.

Will recently made his debut for the Rebels against the Durban Sharks in South Africa. The game was a draw but he impressed enough to keep his place in the squad.

The time zones between the countries didn't matter to Will who at the farm in Berry, New South Wales, starts milking at



A long way from the milking shed to Super Rugby pitch. Photograph: South Coast Register

4am on training days, tends to the herd, milks in the afternoon then drives to North Sydney for training with his Shute Shield club, Northern Suburbs, before turning around and driving the two hours home.

Last year was a stellar year for Will who co captained Northern Suburbs to its first Shute Shield premiership in 41 years and was also awarded the Ken Catchpole Medal after being named the 2016 Sydney Rugby Union's Player of the Year.

Will's family dairy farm at Berry under the prefix Broughton Mill Holsteins headed up by Will's father John who had a long rugby career representing Country NSW.

Will's grandfather Keith received Holstein Australia's highest personal accolade; Honorary Life membership.

His Northern Suburbs coach doubted that his professional break through would come unless he gave up one habit – milking dairy cows.

Will kept milking cows but it hasn't mattered; he still cracked the big time.

Meet Miranda Clark, HA Genomics Officer

As a child, Miranda Clark (pictured) dreamt of becoming a zoo vet, working with exotic animals. While completing a degree in animal sciences Miranda developed a passion for genetics and reproduction. Having grown up in regional Victoria she was naturally drawn to applying those interests to farm animals. Her change in direction may have been a loss to Australia's zoos but it was the dairy industry's gain.



Miranda Clark, HA Genomic Services Officer

For the past two years Miranda has been Holstein Australia's Genomic Services Officer handling and processing genomic samples, running genomic parentage and analysing parentage and genomic results.

"I really like the people I work with and I enjoy the challenges that my job presents. While members may be frustrated when parentage results aren't as expected, I see it as another puzzle to solve," Miranda said.

"I am lucky to have a job where I am constantly learning new things. Genomics is constantly evolving which keeps things interesting and means there's always new opportunities for the dairy industry."

One of Miranda's favourite parts of the job is on-farm visits. She only gets out on farm a couple of times a year, either for tail hair sample collection or discuss genomic and parentage results.

"I always enjoy meeting members and being able to put a face to the names and voices I deal with back in the office. I love to get my boots dirty and spend time with their animals. Every farm is different so field work is always interesting. I like the variety."

Miranda enjoyed attending Herd 17. "It's a great conference because I get to hear the latest advancements developments in animal genetics and breeding and also catch up with others in the industry with similar interests.

When she's not puzzling over Holstein genetics, Miranda enjoys travelling, reading, running, boxing exercise and catching up with friends. A natural organiser, Miranda's family and friends often find she's got parties, events or holidays arranged before they've had a chance to think about it.

Holstein Australia welcomes new members

23 February to 27 April 2017

South Coast and Tablelands, NSW

Natalie Shierlaw, Full, 31/03/2017, 0438 852 556, 452 Comerong Island Road, Terara 2540
Olivia Handebo, Youth, 6/04/2017, 02 4878 5425, 151 Woodlands Road, Woodlands 2575

Central & Western, NSW

Timothy Downie, Youth, 09/03/2017, 0448 635 887, Tarcoola, South Condoobolin Road, Jemalong 2871

East Gippsland, Victoria

Tiaki Farms, Full, 38/03/2017, 0455 661 121, 292 Bundalagwah Road, Maffra 3860

Western District, Victoria

Madison Clark, Junior, 9/03/2017, 0427 796 904, 20 King Street, Creswick 3363
John Jenkins, Junior, 27/04/2017, 03 5594 6247, 360 Gribbles Road, Jancourt East 3266

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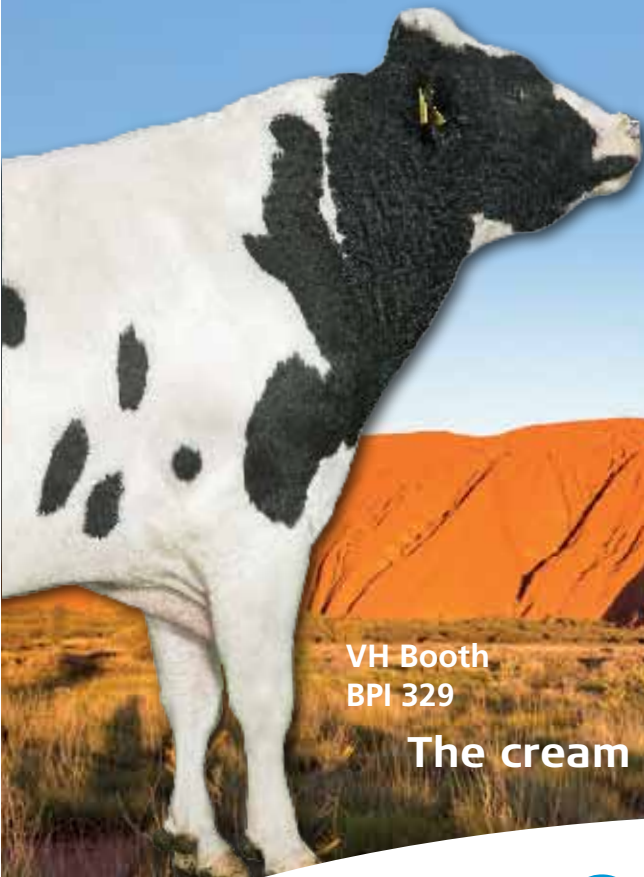
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Classification Tour Results

23/02/2017 to 30/04/2017

Central & Western NSW

D D CHESWORTH

VG86	Tomargo Daryl Cutie	1L 2.5Y
VG85	Tomargo Goldsbrax Gina	1L 2.8Y

S D & E G CHESWORTH

EX-93-5E	Tomargo Recluse Lartist Starbaby	7 Lact.
EX-92-2E	Glenerriffe Stormatic Micheala	5 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Belmont Promis Tricia 4	3 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Bunkers Hill Shottle Freya	4 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Tomargo Recluse Ladino Tina-ET	5 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Tomargo Recluse S Monique	5 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Tomargo Recluse Sanchez Joan	3 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Tomargo Recluse Stormatic Apricot-ET	5 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Tomargo Recluse Uelo Jillian	5 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Tomargo Recluse Wildman Lucia	4 Lact.
EX-90-4E	Tomargo Recluse Blitzzy Georgina-TWIN	6 Lact.
EX-90-3E	Tomargo Recluse Out Teehee-TWIN	7 Lact.
EX-90-3E	Tomargo Recluse Talent Audrey	5 Lact.
EX-90-2E	Tomargo Recluse Sanchez Supreme	4 Lact.
VG85	Tomargo Recluse Gold Starbaby	1L 2.5Y
VG85	Tomargo Recluse Golds Gretel	1L 2.7Y
VG85	Tomargo Recluse Narebeen Solo	1L 2.3Y
VG85	Tomargo Recluse Nickel Anne	1L 2.7Y
VG85	Tomargo Recluse Shottle Peeda	1L 2.10Y
VG85	Tomargo Recluse Wildthing Piebe	1L 2.6Y

MOXEY FARMS PTY LIMITED

EX-90-4E	Moxey Farms J Peach	9 Lact.
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SILVERMERE HOLSTEINS

EX-90-1E	Silvermere Talent Lucille	6 Lact.
VG86	Silvermere Seaver Malrosie-TWIN	1L 2.1Y
VG85	Silvermere Lavanguard Buttermaid	1L 2.1Y
VG85	Silvermere Mammoth Goldenroxy	1L 2.4Y

Dorrigo-Kempsey, NSW

B A & S E MCGINN

EX-91-2E	Coral Hill Alanta Lipstick	6 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Coral Hill Terra Traleta	6 Lact.
EX-90-3E	Coral Hill Model Rosebelle	6 Lact.
EX-90-2E	Coral Hill Ralstorm Columbia	5 Lact.
VG85	Coral Hill Ferrari Donna-RED	1L 3.1Y

M B & J G MOORE

EX-90-1E	Brushy Mountain Metro Christine	6 Lact.
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R J THOMAS

EX-92-4E	Instyle Icefyre Benita	7 Lact.
EX-91-2E	Instyle Shottle Tess	5 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Instyle Sanchez Sharee	4 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Instyle Sanchez Turnell	4 Lact.
EX-90-4E	Instyle Ice Lyn	8 Lact.
VG86	Instyle Buxton Polly	1L 2.9Y
VG86	Instyle Windy Shower	1L 2.8Y
VG85	Instyle Dorcy Amy	1L 3.0Y
VG85	Instyle Gillespy Amy 2	1L 2.7Y
VG85	Instyle Gillespy Lyn	1L 2.8Y
VG85	Instyle Windhammer Auromie	1L 3.6Y
VG85	Instyle Windy Jewel	1L 2.8Y

Far South Coast, NSW

B J & A M JESSOP

EX-90-1E	Smallridge Blitzzen Jo	5 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Smallridge Talent Liberty-IMP-ET	3 Lact.

PROGRESSIVE HOLSTEINS

EX-90-1E	Progressive Toystory Currency	4 Lact.
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A RICHARDSON-HOUGH & M R ROOD

EX-91-3E	Whitegold Blackie Till	7 Lact.
EX-90-2E	Whitegold Star Cutie	7 Lact.

Hunter Valley, NSW

WENHAM, COCHRANE, ALLEN

VG85	Sweet Deedee Mary-ET	1L 2.1Y
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D P & E ERNST

EX-90-1E	Shenandor Ice Barbara	4 Lact.
EX-90-4E	Shenandor Outside Fran 2	7 Lact.
EX-90-2E	Shenandor Comestar S Franchise-ET	5 Lact.
EX-90-2E	Shenandor Gibson Fran	8 Lact.

HASSETT FAMILY

EX-90-1E	Tomargo Recluse Talent Custard	6 Lact.
VG85	Halewood Fever Paris	1L 3.11Y

A S R SHEARER & SON

EX-90-1E	Wyoming Debbiejo Sally	5 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Wyoming Ladenzel Pontiac	3 Lact.
VG86	Wyoming Talent Daisy-RED	1L 2.10Y
VG85	Wyoming Aftershock Mary	1L 2.8Y
VG85	Wyoming Gilly Sally	1L 2.2Y
VG85	Wyoming Jetair Pontiac	1L 2.2Y

RJ & JS & NM & CN & JM WENHAM

EX-92-3E	Wyoming Abbeylee Blue	6 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Wyoming Sanchmark Daisy	3 Lact.
VG87	Wyoming Darylrae Pontiac	1L 3.1Y

Manning, NSW

K L & M A ATKINS

EX-90-4E	Budgereee Spirte Pearl	7 Lact.
VG86	Budgereee Mascalsee Tabby	1L 3.1Y

R H & C W BAKER

EX-91-1E	Hilford Ice Fiona	7 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Hilford Charge Lesley	10 Lact.

T M & J M BALE

VG85	Tijulen Snap Lilly	1L 3.0Y
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C F FORD & L B FRANCE

EX-92-4E	Maryland Fancy Nancy-ET	8 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Nutcroft Power Cressy	6 Lact.
EX-90-3E	Maryland Ding Fashion	7 Lact.
EX-90-2E	Maryland Samuelo Cressy 2nd	6 Lact.
EX-90-2E	Red Cedar Rouki Chellee	7 Lact.

P M HURRELL

VG86	Springwood Park Shadow Heidi	1L 2.9Y
VG85	Springwood Park Fever Belle	1L 3.6Y

KILLARRA PARK

EX-91-3E	Wyoming Blitz Nona	5 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Killararra Park Mm Fussy	3 Lact.

WOODLAND PARK

EX-90-1E	Cooltah Savard Gertrude-RED	4 Lact.
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A D & Z R POLSON

EX-93-5E	Oxley Vale Storm Fussy	10 Lact.
EX-90-2E	Oxley Vale Ladino Brema 2	7 Lact.
VG85	Oxley Vale Garratty Daphne	1L 3.2Y

MURRAY POLSON

VG85	Mario Park Apples Alicia-ET	1L 3.2Y
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CAMERON YARNOLD

EX-91-4E	Arrallik Policy Meg	6 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Budgereee Dol Paula	4 Lact.
VG85	Mario Park Mascalsee Alece	1L 2.8Y

Murrumbidgee, NSW

K N & S K JOLLIFFE

EX-90-1E	Currajugle Shottle Toyane 1650-ET	4 Lact.
VG85	Currajugle Altaembassy Patsy	1L 2.10Y
VG85	Currajugle Mascalsee Toyane 2141	1L 3.7Y

JW & S V O'SULLIVAN

EX-91-2E	Rosewood Ice Kaye	7 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Rosewood Hope Shelley 2nd	3 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Rosewood Latrobe Clover	5 Lact.

New England and North West NSW

ANGEL PARK HOLSTEINS

EX-91-2E	Cooltah Buckeye Pansy 2nd	5 Lact.
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W J & J L BROWN

VG85	Juleanwes Atwood Daisy	1L 3.2Y
VG85	Juleanwes Defiant Dita	1L 2.6Y

ANDREW GREEN

EX-90-1E	Kirk Andrews Wise T A Jackie	4 Lact.
VG85	Kirk Andrews M49 Janice 1617	1L 2.3Y

PEEL VALLEY A B CENTRE

EX-90	Foxleigh Triple Ace-IMP-ET (MALE)	5.0Y
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T J & V M TOUT

EX-92-4E	Cowarol Dolman Ltcdawn	6 Lact.
EX-92-3E	Blackn White Candice-ET	5 Lact.
EX-91-2E	Cowarol Jasper Cadie	6 Lact.
EX-91-2E	Cowarol Lheros Rocksan	6 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Cowarol Steady Rishabell	4 Lact.
EX-90-2E	Cowarol Advent Poni	6 Lact.
VG85	Cowarol Daryl Countess	1L 2.9Y

South Coast and Tablelands, NSW

BOSCAWEN HOLSTEINS

EX-92-4E	Boscawen Kendall Queen 3349	9 Lact.
EX-91-1E	Boscawen Maker Eager 3878	8 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Boscawen Ricecrest Queen 4149	6 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Boscawen Sanchez Queen 4881	4 Lact.

A & M BOXSELL

VG85	Willow Mist Gold Cup-IMP-ET	1L 3.2Y
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CRAWFORD FAMILY

EX-90-1E	Coolea Golden Debutante-ET	3 Lact.
EX-90-3E	Coolea Lheros Ami	7 Lact.
VG85	Coolea Carnival Redrose	1L 2.10Y

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EX-90-2E	Fernleigh Nuclear Bev	9 Lact.
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A F GARRATTY P/L

EX-90-1E Glenalbas Democracy Angeline 4 Lact.

KAMILAROI HOLSTEINS

EX-90-4E Kamilaroi Jasper Pippi-ET 6 Lact.

JOE MARTIN

EX-90-1E Happy Joe Stormatic Lenny 6 Lact.

MCINTOSH FARMING PARTNERSHIP

EX-90-3E Woodsidepark Supreme Lucente Sally 6 Lact.

W J MURRAY & SONS

EX-90-1E Rissmore Atwood Sally 2nd 3 Lact.

EX-90-2E Rissmore Soldier Snowflake 6 Lact.

VG87 Rissmore Seaver Caddie 1L 3.5Y

B M & R L O'SULLIVAN

EX-90-2E Sullys Gully Igniter Beatrice 6 Lact.

B R SNOWDEN

EX-90-5E Wyella Cascade Topsy 9 Lact.

VG85 Wyella Brokaw Lib 1L 2.5Y

JIM STRONG

EX-90-1E Bluechip Atwood Whynot 3 Lact.

D & M WALKER

EX-90-2E Clinton Park Lavish Rainbird 7 Lact.

C P & S J WALSH & FAMILY

EX-91-2E Avonlea Fever Suzette-ET 4 Lact.

C & W WATTS

EX-90-2E Pyree Ernesto Ethel 5 Lact.

South West Riverina

FLANAGAN FARMS

VG85 Wood Lawn Goldendreams Merle 5457 1L 2.10Y

G & H & S SPUNNER

EX-91-2E Ladino Park Crew Lulu 7 Lact.

EX-90-2E Sharett Park Jammer Lulu 5 Lact.

Fleurieu & Central South Australia

ESJAY HOLSTEINS

EX-90-1E Esjay Wisconsin Licorice-RDC 3 Lact.

EX-90-5E Esjay Allen Pixianne 8 Lact.

EX-90-3E Esjay Forbidden Beauty 8 Lact.

EX-90-3E Esjay Igniter Tobina 7 Lact.

EX-90-2E Esjay Popcorn Rumball 4 Lact.

EX-90-2E Esjay Ross Cassablanka 4 Lact.

VG86 Esjay Walter Mila 1L 2.6Y

VG85 Esjay Daniel Jelena 1L 2.6Y

VG85 Esjay Vaughn Mona 1L 3.6Y

South Eastern South Australia

S J EWING

EX-90-1E Gum Ridges Augusta Lovedelite 6 Lact.

EX-90-1E Gum Ridges Daffyd Mindapt 5 Lact.

EX-90-1E Gum Ridges Redesign Frantilly 4 Lact.

S J EWING & VIRGINIA EWING

EX-92-2E Edenburg Toystory Love-ET 7 Lact.

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WA 40th Holstein Autumn Fair

BY LACHLAN FRY
Katandra Park, WA

A stunning autumn day provided WA Holstein breeders the perfect opportunity to showcase Holsteins at the the 40th Annual Autumn Dairy Fair, hosted by the Northern Sub-branch at Harvey Showgrounds, on 29 April.

The Autumn Dairy Fair first started at the Waroona Showgrounds in 1977. Over the past 40 years it has changed venues several times from Waroona to Harvey, then Brunswick and back to Harvey again. It is now a permanent fixture in conjunction with the annual Harvey Agricultural Show. It qualifies as an All Australian show so the committee has always sourced high calibre judges from across Australia, US and Canada. This year the committee and exhibitors welcomed judge Vaughn Johnston (Ewen Pine, SA) to officiate the day's proceedings.

Grand champion of the day was awarded to the 1st place 4-year-old, Carenda Palermo Bunti, VG85, exhibited by the Kitchen Family, Boyanup. Bunti's cow family is one that is wrapped in purple, with her dam, Carenda Toystory Blink, EX-92, claiming supreme champion honours at the 2015 Busselton Show and then her grand dam, Carenda Raider Blackie, VG89, dominating the 1999 Fair as Champion Cow. The Kitchen Family also exhibited the Intermediate Champion and 1st place 3-year-old, Carenda Supersire Freaky.

Reserve Senior Champion cow went to Acero Palula, exhibited by Rodwell Farms. The EX-90-1E Palermo-sired cow is a daughter of one of Australia's most recent EX-94 classified cows, Acero Integrity Lulu, EX-94-4E.

The Junior classes attracted large numbers with Junior champion going to Logue Reginald GeeGee, a Reginald daughter exhibited by the Harvey Agricultural College and reserve going to the Fry family's, Katandra Park Contrast Connie.

A special thanks to all the sponsors and members for making the day a great success.

HJ



Senior and Grand Champion, Carenda Palermo Bunti.



Intermediate Champion: Carenda Supersire Freaky.

Results:

Judge: Vaughn Johnston, SA

Junior Champion: Logue Reginald GeeGee, Harvey Agricultural College

Reserve: Katandra Park Contrast Connie, DM & LM Fry

Intermediate Champion: Carenda Supersire Freaky, Kitchen Farms

Reserve: Nairobi Countess 102, DM & LM Fry

Senior & Grand Champion: Carenda Palermo Bunti, Kitchen Farms

Reserve: Acero Palula, Rodwell Farms



RIGHT: Russell Hall, Ray Kitchen (Carenda Holsteins) judge Vaughn Johnston (Ewen Pine, SA).



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Eyes firmly on a dairy future

Henry Bevan may only be 22 but he knows where his future lies and that is in the dairy industry.

His love of cattle has allowed him to travel to four states of the country and overseas to New Zealand where he has spent time both in the judging ring and fitting cattle.

Henry farms with his father John at Bevandale Holsteins Master Breeder herd on the Atherton Tablelands and, despite the isolated location, he certainly loves what he is doing.

He is the fifth generation of his family to travel down the dairying path and he went straight from high school to work on the family farm.

"I have always wanted to be a dairy farmer and I love the challenge of breeding a good cow. It is a fantastic industry to be involved in and it is pretty easy to make friends with people anywhere in the world who share the common interest of dairy cows," Henry said.

Henry has the sole responsibility for all the breeding on farm and he specifically targets longevity and type.

"Everyone is different to what they see as an ideal cow so I guess you just try to find something that is as close enough to your ideal. You want good angularity through the cow but nice flat bone, an udder well attached and with good texture and a good set of feet and legs."

Over the past 18 months the stud has made the switch to using 100 per cent genomic tested semen with a large percentage being sexed semen.

"The poor milk price hasn't allowed us to use a flushing program but I do love using sexed semen and I think aside from genomics, it has been one of the biggest improvements in the AI industry."

Henry originally had his own stud prefix but has since dropped that to concentrate on Bevandale Holsteins.



Henry Bevan

Bevandale began back in the mid 1970s when John bought some Holstein heifer calves from a neighbour down the road. The Jerseys were all joined to Holstein and so began the journey for the family. The Bevandale prefix has been showing cattle for the last two decades.

One of Henry's favorite cows is Wyoming Lillian Meg EX-91-3E who has been named as All Australian Cow finalist for the last two years.

The 21-year-old is the mother of seven generations of excellent daughters.

"Meg might not be doing much these days but she has earned the chance to live out the rest of her days here on the farm."

The family has also had success with the Wyoming Sallys – a cow family they bought into that Henry says has some really good looking young stock on its way into the herd.

"I am excited to see where this family will go and what will happen with them in the future."





The Bevan family – Justin, Lucy, Aila, Tara, Kate, Henry, John, Amy and Simon – celebrating success at the 2014 Malanda Show.

Living in Far North Queensland does make showing cattle a bit limited but they did have success at the Malanda Show last July with Bevandale Metalica Satin GP84, who won supreme intermediate champion. (Satin is due to calve in July to Cedarwood).

Henry enjoys fitting and clipping cows and attends the Christchurch show every year.

"The first time I went I didn't know much about the place but now I love it and I love the people. You can end up with contacts all over the world with people who have a common interest which is pretty cool."

In February 2017 Henry was chosen as the Youth Challenge judge at the New Zealand Dairy Event – an experience he thoroughly enjoyed and he has plans of doing more in the future.

Dairying in Far North Queensland does come with its own unique set of challenges which need to be managed including isolation. That's one of the reasons why Henry takes every opportunity he is given to get out and travel.

"There used to be 200 dairy farmers on the Atherton Tablelands and today there is only around 50 including the biodynamic farmers.

"We only have one processor up here now which is Lion so a lack of competition is another problem we have to deal with."

Climate is another. Longevity is an important trait for the Bevandale herd as they have to contend with 95 per cent humidity in the summer. To help tackle this, the family built a 97m long covered feed pad, designed to hold their target herd size of 260 milkers.

The herd is currently fed corn silage and cotton seed ration on the feed pad and grazing on tropical grasses.

They are looking at installing sprinklers in the future but the location of the feed pad is downhill from a wind farm and the breeze created from the wind farm keeps temperatures on a hot summers day at least 15 degrees cooler under the shed.

Looking to his future Henry is grateful that he will have the opportunity to take over the 160ha family farm.

"I am one of the lucky ones. I will get to take over the family farm one day but getting into the industry these days without family backing is a huge challenge. Ground in Atherton is so expensive and it is just much cheaper to lease than purchase." **HJ**

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Paraders show their skills at Easter

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Holloddon, North-West Victoria

An eager contingent of dairy youth took to the ring on Easter Sunday to compete in the 2017 NSW RAS Dairy Cattle Paraders State Final.

The judge, Patrick Buckley, is a classifier for Jersey Australia as well as running his dairy farm near Camden in NSW.

A passionate supporter of dairy youth, Patrick's enthusiasm for the paraders' competition was obvious.

"These guys are the future of our industry, and it's a credit to the exhibitors and members for supporting this competition," he said.

The final championship involved the first and second placegetters from respective age groups parading a dry dairy heifer of any breed. They were judged on presentation, ring etiquette, showmanship and professionalism, and their ability display their animal to its full potential. As an added challenge, the competitors were asked to swap animals, testing their ability to work with an animal they were not familiar with, all under Patrick's scrutiny.

The professionalism and skill shown by the young competitors was inspiring, and a challenge for the judge to split.

"They have all shown great competency in handling their animals, and were outstanding in the way they coped when their animals were switched. I've done quite a lot of judging in my time, but this is one of the toughest classes I've ever judged," Patrick said before calling forward his Champion Parader, Shayne Gee from the Hunter Valley. Stacey Anne Leppert, a Canadian student working with Brookbora Jerseys, Tennyson Victoria, was called into Reserve.

"My Champion here today showed exceptional calmness when parading her heifer, and truly showed the heifer to the best of its ability. She was outstanding in her ability to blend with a different animal, picking up very quickly on its weaknesses and showing off its strengths."



Shayne Gee, Charlie Lloyd, Zak Hackett. RAS Dairy Cattle Paraders Competition State Final.



Champion Parader - Shayne Gee, Rural View Holsteins, Jerrys Plains NSW.

Shayne Gee works with her parents Paul and Diane Gee, at Rural View Holsteins, at Jerrys Plains, NSW. The 17-year-old tries to get to the local shows when she can, and

was at Sydney helping out friends Brad and Jess Gavenlock, Cherrylock Cattle Co.

"I met Brad when he was working with Agri-Gen," Shayne said. "He saw I had an interest so invited me to come and help him at the show."

Shayne was also showing her own heifer at the Royal, Gorbros Shimmers Doorman-ET (Val-Bisson Doorman x Gorbros Sanchez O Shimmer-ET EX-92-1E), who she bought at the 2016 NSW State Show Sale.

"I was supposed to do my parading with Shimmer, but she was being a bit difficult so Brad offered me one of their heifers, Progressive Seaver Pin (R-E-W Seaver x Ryanna San Pin-IMP-ET GP84). I had led her before at IDW and hadn't seen her since, but she paraded really well which gave me an advantage," Shayne said afterwards.

"I really didn't expect this. Some people tell me I'm a real natural with the animals, but I think it's mostly a lot of luck." **HJ**

Dairy Cattle Youth Competition

10-13 Years: 1 Katelyn Atkins, Johns River NSW; 2 Anna Dickson, Terang Victoria; 3 Chelsea Atkins, Johns River NSW.

13-15 Years: 1 Jessica Eagles, Moto NSW; 2 Mali Dillon, Invergordon Victoria; 3 Mitchell Atkins, Johns River NSW.

15-17 Years: 1 Zak Hackett, Appin NSW; 2 Charlie Lloyd, Regentville NSW; 3 Lucy Edmonds, Naracoorte SA.

17-19 Years: 1 Shayne Gee, Jerrys Plains NSW; 2 Hannah Whatman, Gerringong NSW; 3 Sarah Mc Ilveen, Strathmerton, Victoria.

19-25 Years: 1 Stacey Anne Leppert, Tennyson Victoria; 2 Johanna Wubke Ahrends, Moss Vale NSW; 3 Kyle Barker, Riana, Tasmania.

Champion Parader: Shayne Gee, Jerrys Plains NSW.



Semex Dairy Youth Challenge

WORDS AND PHOTOGRAPHS: JON HOLLAND
Holloddon, North-West Victoria

Now in its 13th year, the Semex Dairy Youth Challenge is a highly anticipated event in the Sydney dairy youth itinerary.

Eight teams totalling nearly 90 participants took to the arena, dividing into their respective discipline, clipping, parading and judging. The prize on offer: the coveted Bruce Moxey perpetual trophy, named after a long-serving member and great supporter of dairy youth.

MC for the occasion, Semex Regional Manager David Ninness, entertained and educated the large crowd of spectators, interviewing some of the challengers and speaking of the great opportunities competitions like the Dairy Youth Challenge create for young members.

"Fitting dairy cows is becoming more professional and a real expertise," David said. "It gives young people the opportunity to travel the world, meet new people, have new experiences, and work with the world's very best dairy cattle."

Presiding over the event were two former participants and now respected judges, Ashleigh Wright and Jason Hayes.

"The clipping section can be a real challenge. The teams are working with heifers that have little experience in show preparation. Expecting to have them in show condition in 30 minutes is a real feat," Jason said.

"Today we are looking not just at their final presentation, but how they work together as a team, talking to each other, letting their mates know if they are moving around the heifer. We're looking at safety, and for patience and manners, with the animal and each other."

When appraising the paraders, Ashleigh was looking for efficiency, uniformity, teamwork and overall presentation.

"Their presentation includes how they are dressed, how the halters fit, how the handler matches their animal," Ashleigh commented. "As a team, the leader needs



Hurlstone Agricultural High School Dairy Youth Challenge Paraders Team, Luke Whale, Tiarna Scerri and Sarah Alderton.

to be able to react to any challenge, standing the group up swiftly and correctly. They must work as a team, moving as a uniform group, working calmly with their heifers and showing their animals off as best they can."

The junior judging was done as a team of three, with one from each to speak on their placings. The junior judges are assessed on their appraisal and placing of the animals, microphone techniques and overall presentation.

Two individual judging performances stood out in Mali Dillon from the Dairy Express team and Will Dudfield from the Genetics Australia team. "They were so natural, comfortable, keen and confident," Ashleigh said about her nominations for the junior judges' encouragement award, each receiving a scholarship to the All



Mali Dillon and William Dudfield. Winners of the Semex Dairy Youth Challenge, Bega Cheese Encouragement Award 2017.

Breeds Dairy Youth Camp, held in Victoria in January.

Leading into the final presentations, major sponsor, Semex General Manager Jim Conroy gave a short talk on teamwork and how skills learned in this challenge will be skills needed in future.

"This competition teaches the importance of being able to work as a team which is a critical part of life in the workforce," he said. "This is a wonderful event for our industry, with so many of our current industry leaders having come through events such as this."

The two judges were impressed by the skill shown by all teams, with a close placing deciding the overall winner, the Agri-Gene sponsored team from Hurlstone Agricultural High School, NSW, ahead of the Dairy Australia sponsored team in second place, and the Bradley Cullen sponsored team third.

Hurlstone's head agricultural teacher Karen Johnston was delighted by the win, and the hard work and teamwork showed by her students.

"Our kids have been at the showgrounds for the last couple of weeks, some working on cattle with others showing pigs, sheep, and poultry as well," Karen said.

"To make up the team we pulled in a couple of ex-students and a few ring-ins from among the exhibitors. Some of the kids were only told on the day that they were joining the youth challenge team and no idea what to do, but they worked as a team and all supported each other." **HJ**



Semex General Manager – Jim Conroy, Judge – Ashleigh Wright, the winning Dairy Youth Challenge Team – Hurlstone Agricultural High School sponsored by Agri-Gene, Bruce Moxey, Judge – Jason Hayes.

Action-packed WA Youth Camp

BY LACHLAN FRY
Katandra Park

The 13th Annual WA Youth Cattle Handlers Camp was held in April at the Brunswick Showgrounds, accompanied by absolutely magnificent weather. More than 90 keen young cattle enthusiasts from a range of backgrounds took part in a three-day action packed camp.

This year the committee welcomed Holstein Australia classifier Phil Hentschke as dairy over judge to pass on his skills and knowledge to the next generation, ably assisted by many of the camp's 50-odd volunteers.

Topics covered during the camp included parading, judging, clipping, public speaking and animal husbandry.

Participants also had the opportunity to engage with keynote speakers, who included Clint Gartrell, Elders, John Mitchell, Mitchells Transport, Steve Meerwald, Harmony Agriculture and Food Co, Leon Giglia, Landmark and Michael Rose Zoetis.

The camp continues to go from strength to strength and the committee thanks the numerous sponsors, volunteers and breeders who provide the young people with a fantastic networking opportunity.

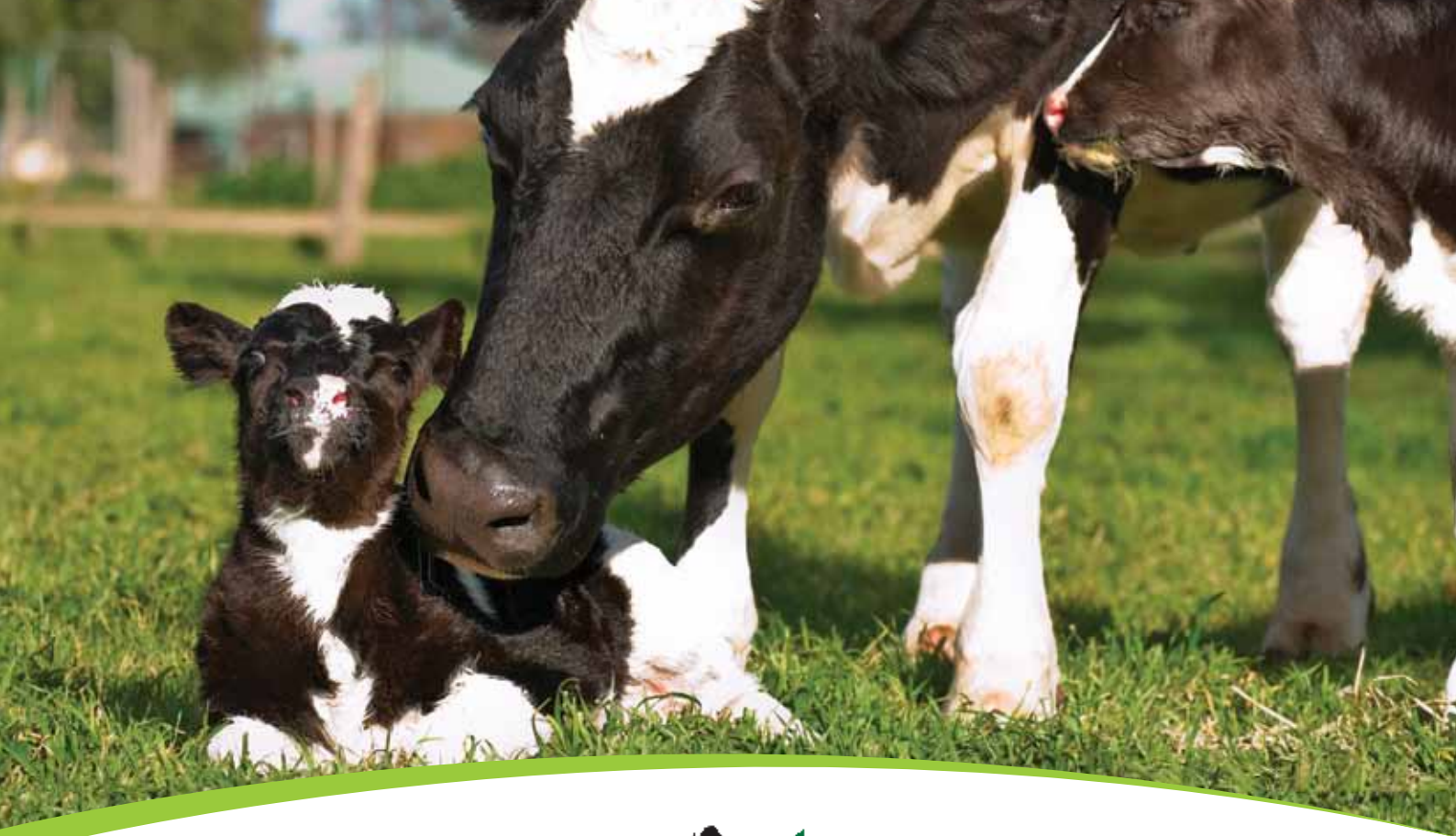
2017 Results:

Highest Dairy Achiever Award: Sam Hall, Harvey Agricultural College. Winner receives: A trip to the National All Breeds Dairy Youth Camp in January 2018, Victoria, sponsored by Holstein Australia.

Dairy Junior High Achiever Award: Angus Johnston, Brunswick Junction. Winner receives: Show box, sponsored by Katandra Park Holsteins & Jerseys.
Champion Overall Judge: Scott Jackson, Murdoch University
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WAYCHC volunteer, Victor Rodwell, Acero Holsteins (left) with Ashlynn Forrest.



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This year marked an important milestone for Australian dairy genetics, with Lightning Ridge Genetics exporting five live dairy heifers to North America, four of which were elite Holsteins.

Declan Patten (Lightning Ridge) said the venture began with the record-breaking sale at IDW in January of Lightning Ridge CMS Jedi Gigi to Sexing Technologies in Texas. She was joined by her full sister, Lightning Ridge CMD Jedi Google, the #3 GTPI heifer in Australia. She will be housed at Cutting Edge Genetics in Illinois for IVF and conventional flushing. The truckload also included Lightning Ridge Doorman Apple, a red carrier Doorman granddaughter to Apple. One of the highest PTAT red carrier heifers in the world, she will join Google at Cutting Edge. The third heifer making the trip was Lightning Ridge Archival Arianna, one of the highest PTAT heifers in the world at +4.02. She will undergo intensive IVF work for Lightning Ridge to potentially produce a high PTAT sire.

These heifers were all bred in Australia, from imported embryos. The fifth animal in the group was a Jersey, Lightning Ridge CMD Tequila Fernleaf, stemming from one of Australia's best Australian Jersey cow families, the Bushlea Fernleaves.

Declan said all animals were reported to settle well into their new homes, with the logistics of transport co-ordinated by export agent TLG.

With Australia's long history of importing Holstein genetics from overseas, this truckload of heifers represents the start of a new era. "It's a coming of age for Australian dairy genetics and open the door for more exciting opportunities in the future," Declan said.



The heifers on this truck represent an important milestone for Australian Holstein genetics.

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