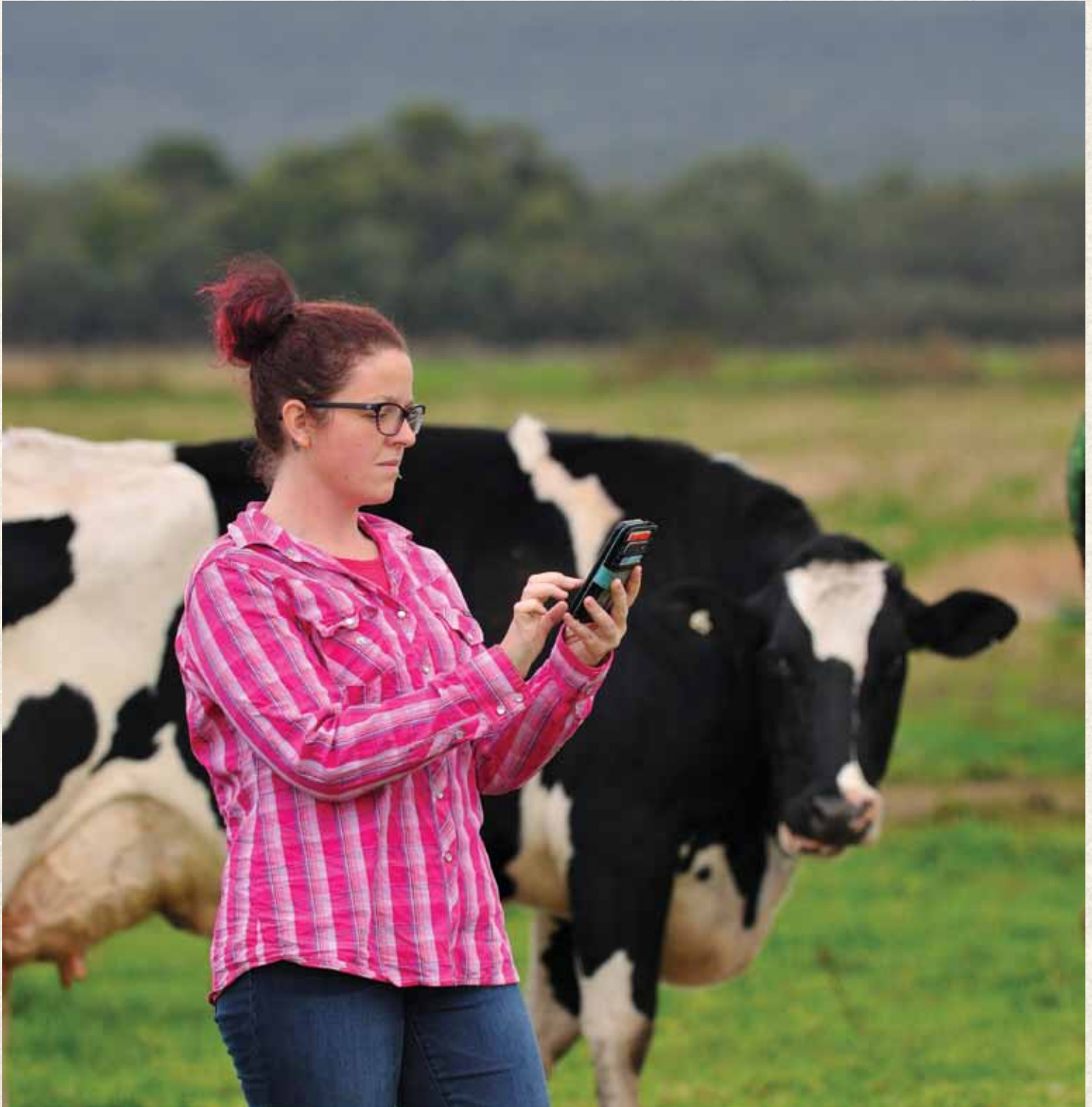


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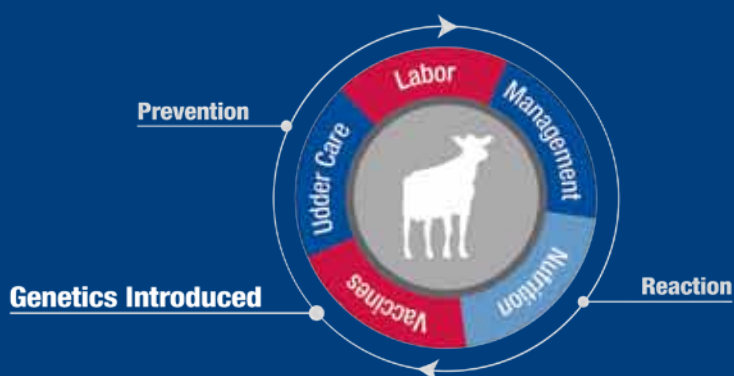
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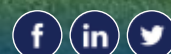
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CEO's Message

Graeme Gillan
CEO, Holstein Australia



New Governance rolling out

As you read this report many of the Governance changes will be in place and we will be leading up to the first AGM under the new Rules. Overall, the changes have been widely embraced, though I fully realise there will be a need over the remainder of 2017 to continue to communicate the many aspects of the changes that have been implemented to members and sub-branches.

State branches as we know them will no longer exist and they will be replaced by Regions. I have had the pleasure of attending two events held by NSW and Victoria to celebrate the contributions of their state branches and the people who have made a significant contribution to the breed. As an organisation, the on-going contribution of members at sub-branch level will still play a significant role in delivering activities at a local level and Holstein Australia overall.

Federal elections and the 2017 AGM

For the first time there will be a call to members to nominate for Board and BDCC vacancies and if required all eligible members will be invited to vote on a representative.

We look forward to robust participation in this very important activity.

The 2017 AGM held at Nowra in conjunction with the NSW State Show and Sale will see the first meeting of the

Strategic Directions Committee bringing together a diverse group of members to support the Board in the development of policy and the prioritisation of activities. I can wholly recommend attendance at the AGM to witness first-hand the changes in practice and to enjoy the hospitality of the South Coast and Tablelands Sub-branch.

The Awards dinner will again be a highlight as we recognise the outstanding achievements of members and the wonderful cows that contribute to the progress of the breed.

Financial year 2016/17 just ended

The Association's 2016/2017 Financial Year has ended and, in general, it has closely reflected the challenges experienced by members and the industry. The use of services has declined and overall revenue is down in response. There have been a number of actions taken to reduce expenses without compromising the level of service for members, sometimes a difficult balance. A full report will be presented at the AGM.

A highlight for the year has been the tremendous growth of genomic testing of Holstein females, somewhere in the vicinity of 40% increase in testing compared to the previous year.

There are now well over 50,000 Holstein females genomically tested in Australia. As the number of genomic tests continues to

grow we will see greater diversity at the top of the rankings for Holsteins and increased opportunities to market high genetic merit females.

NHD Victorian Winter Fair

The 2017 NHD Victorian Winter Fair recently held at Bendigo was again a wonderful success. The show allowed a wide cross-section of breeders and industry to view an outstanding group of Holstein females on parade. Congratulations to the participants and organisers. A full report is included in the Journal.

The year ahead

The 2017/18 year is already shaping as a very busy and important year for Holstein Australia as we focus on the delivery of the key aspects of our Strategic Business Plan. These include:

- Communications and Marketing
- Diversifying revenue streams
- Making better use of data
- Enhancing the benefit of genomics
- Ensuring the relevance of the Association to our members, the wider community of Holstein breeders and industry in general

Included in the 2017 AGM will be a number of presentations detailing the work being done by the Board and management.

I look forward to seeing you in Nowra. **HJ**

AGM REMINDER

Join us at Nowra on 24-26 August for HA's Annual Awards Dinner, AGM followed by the NSW State Holstein sale and NSW State Show.

Thursday 24 August: 7pm National Awards Dinner

Friday 25 August: 9am-12pm HA AGM 7pm NSW State Holstein Sale

Saturday 26 August: 9am-4pm: NSW State Show

Members buy cheese factory

The Cochrane family (Kevindale Holsteins) has bought Kenilworth Country Foods, renowned for its cheese and yogurt.

For the past three years, John and Margaret and their son Kelvin and daughter-in-law Ronnie, have been the sole milk supplier to the cheese factory from their farms at Amamoor, Kandanga and Moy Pocket near Gympie, Queensland. Buying the company was a natural progression for the seventh-generation dairying family which also owns real estate, butchery and hospitality businesses.

The Cochranes are excited about future developments. Kenilworth Country Foods is a local tourist attraction and its dairy products are sold from the factory in Kenilworth and through supermarket chains nationally. They aim to have milk in retail outlets within two days of leaving the farm. Achieving this will involve upgrading the infrastructure and investing in a new bottling plant.



Some of the Kenilworth range.

Pay matters

The Fair Work Commission has handed down its much awaited decision regarding part time and casual employment. The following is an extract from Dairy Australia's update:

Minimum engagement

As part of that decision the Commission rejected NFF's application for a 2-hour minimum engagement period to apply to casual and part time employees in the dairy industry.

The Commission did however reduce the minimum engagement period from 3 hours to 2 hours for junior employees who are school students and the parties have been asked to make submissions

as to how the award should be varied to accommodate this amendment.

Casual conversion

The Commission also determined to insert into all awards a provision allowing for casual employees who have been engaged as a casual for a period of time to apply to the employer to convert their employment to full time or part time.

This may also cause dairy farm employers some problems as overtime for part time employees is paid on all hours over the agreed part time hours but for casuals, is paid only after 152 hours have been worked over a consecutive period of four weeks. In other words, it will significantly affect flexibility.

More information: thepeopleindairy.org.au

Harvey and Hamilton join DLS

Dairy Livestock Services has appointed two new dairy specialists to be based in Northern Victoria: Michael Harvey and Shaun Hamilton.

Michael Harvey and his wife Fleur own Cherribah and Gapsted Holsteins. They have farmed at Katunga for about 10 years and before that Michael spent a large part of his working life in the Southern Riverina.

Shaun Hamilton (right) will be based at Rochester, working with his father, agent Lee Hamilton.



COMING EVENTS

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
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 (AGM): P: 03 9835 7600 E: enquiries@holstein.com.au
Details (sale): Dale Bryce, Elders, M: 0418 488 016 E: dale@pgls.com.au

26 August

NSW State Holstein show, Nowra Showgrounds, followed by a HA AGM farewell dinner.

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, Epsom Road, Ascot Vale, Victoria
Details: P: 03 9281 7444 E: customerservice@rasv.com.au, www.facebook.com/RoyalMelbourneShow

27 September

WestVic Dairy Innovation Day, Warrambool, Victoria
Details: Amanda at WestVic Dairy P: 03 5557 1000 E: amanda@westvicdairy.com.au

12–15 October

Royal Launceston Show, 1 Forster St, Inveresk, Details: P: 03 6331 6044 W: www.launcestonshowground.com.au/ www.facebook.com/RoyalLauncestonShow/

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19–22 October

Royal Geelong Show, 79 Breakwater Rd, Breakwater, 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, 2 Howard Rd, Glenorchy, TAS.
Details: P: 03 6272 6812 E: admin@hobartshowground.com.au W: hobartshowground.com.au/royal-hobart-show

29 October – 3 November

IDF World Dairy Summit, Belfast, Northern Ireland
Details: W: idfws2017.com

25 November

Dairy Australia AGM. The Atrium, Flemington Racecourse, 448 Epsom Road, Flemington, Victoria
Details: Inquiries (toll-free) 1800 004 377.

21–25 January 2018

International Dairy Week, Tatura Park, Tatura, Victoria
Details: W: www.internationaldairyweek.com.au

13–15 February 2018

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New faces at DataGene

DataGene – the dairy industry’s new organisation to drive herd improvement – has appointed two new staff.

Lucy Webb-Wilson (left) has joined the field services team as an extension officer. Lucy has previously had roles in live export with Landmark Australia and genetics extension with Signet Breeding Services in the UK. She’s also had on farm roles on cattle and sheep properties in Australia and the UK. Lucy moved from the UK to pursue her career in Australia’s thriving and exciting agricultural industry.

Erika Oakes (right) has joined the Genetic Evaluation team, supporting industry projects such as Improving Herds and MIRforProfit. She joins DataGene after four years with Dairy Australia’s animal health and fertility team. Having grown up on a dairy farm in Tatura, Victoria, Erika is passionate about dairying and ensuring farmers benefit from the outcomes of research.



Winter WarmUP sale success

Sailing into uncertain opening milk and water prices, the Winter WarmUP sale, held during the Victorian Winter Fair at Bendigo on July 5, achieved a top price of \$10,000 with cattle selling into four states.

The top-priced Lot 1, Glomar Jedi Lucky 5953-ET, was offered by Glomar Holsteins, of eastern Victoria. She was sold to Bryon Smethurst, from Wooriemungle in the Western Districts of Victoria. Lucky descended from 10 generations of VG or EX. Out of the No. 1 Genomic cow in Australia, she has four maternal brothers in AI centres, making the February 2017-born heifer an exciting opportunity.

Lot 3, Fleyas Doorman Lotus-ET, was only the third time Fleyas Holsteins, had sold at auction. The Val-Bisson Doorman daughter out of Fleyas Bradnick Lotto-Imp-ET-USA VG87-3YRS, sold for \$8,000 to Bluechip Genetics, Zeerust, Victoria.

Lot 6, Kearla Atwood Frosty-IMP, offered by Kevin and Carla Gass, sold for \$7,000 to a four-way Western Districts’ partnership of David Spokes, Jonathan Jennings, Tom Osborn and David Weel. Frosty is the granddaughter of the 2010 World Dairy Expo (WDE) Supreme Champion, Harvue Roy Frosty EX-97-3E-USA. Atwood Frosty sold due to calve in December to Kearla Lotus Atom-IMP-ET-RC.

Lot 8, Bluechip EV Awesome Destini-ET-Red was the top-priced Red and White Holstein. Offered by Bluechip Genetics, she sold to Michaela Thompson, of Rochester. Michaela had won Junior Champion of the heifer show that day with another heifer she had bought from Bluechip’s Big Bang dispersal last October.

Sale manager Dean Malcolm credited vendors for being realistic in their expectations. He noted that six animals were sold online through www.elitelivestockauctions.com.au for a gross of \$22,150. There were 19 people who bid online, with 73 people watching the sale online.

“I think if you look at the past sales, in the current climate, the result was solid,” Dean said. “When you are in and around opening milk prices everyone is vulnerable.

“I think everyone knew it wasn’t going to be a record-breaking

sale, but I think we had something for everyone and it was nice to see the top heifers ranged from \$10,000. Those sale-toppers were great individuals who deserved to make that sort of money.

“In saying that, there was also some really nice buying right down the line. An example was Fleyas Elaborate Leezet-ET [whose third dam was Winterbay Goldwyn Lotto EX-95, the 2010 WDE Grand Champion]. Chris and Mary Gleeson took her home, and that was very smart buying. I’m sure we’ll see that heifer again.”

Sale summary: 29 Holsteins grossed \$110,550, averaged \$3,812.



Glomar Jedi Lucky 5953-ET.

Gippsland genetics go to Portugal

In what’s believed to be a first, a Portuguese investor has bought Australian dairy genetics.

A 5-month old heifer, Lightning Ridge CMD Solomon Bamba sold for \$25,000, the top sale price at the Designer Series Sale hosted by Declan Patten in June. The heifer is out of an embryo that Declan bought in Canada and implanted in a surrogate on his Gippsland property.

Strategic Directions Committee ready to roll

With Holstein Australia's new governance structure based around regions across Australia, members were asked to nominate for the new national representative committee, the Strategic Directions Committee (SDC).

The SDC will consist of members from each of the nine regions as well as up to three positions from the general membership. Two board members and a Youth member nominated by the Board complete the working group.

The process of finalising nominations from the regions and the wider membership has concluded and the SDC has been functioning according to its terms of reference since 1 July. The two Board representatives and the Youth nomination were to be determined at the July Board meeting.

The Strategic Directions Committee will have its inaugural meeting prior to the 2017 AGM.

So members can get to know their representatives on the SDC here is an introduction and a brief insight about why they nominated and some of their aspirations for the new national committee.

New South Wales Southern region

Paul Condon, Sea Breeze Holsteins, Gerroa NSW

I believe it's vital to maintain a clear and uninterrupted pathway of communication to the Board for NSW sub-branches and members. The SDC provides that pathway.



New South Wales Northern region:

Marg Hinde, Brookvale Holsteins, Nemingha NSW

I aspire to be an easily accessible representative for Northern NSW



members to enable their views to be heard at SDC, Board and Head Office levels. Furthermore, I hope to ensure that basic member services such as registration and classification remain at affordable prices and that the Regional Coordinator roles are given the support and the status that members believed would be instilled in them when voting for the new structure.

Queensland:

Colin Daley, Ourway Holsteins, Millaa Millaa, QLD

I congratulate the Association on its new structure and would be honoured to represent Queensland.



Victoria Gippsland region:

Justin Johnston, Glomar Holsteins, Bundalaguah VIC

I am keen on developing new ways in the industry to keep up to date with the ever changing world. It would be my pleasure to represent Gippsland on the SDC and hear the concerns of the members from within my region and report to the SDC and deliver the outcomes back to my region.



Victoria Northern region:

Jon Holland, Holloddon Holsteins, Newbridge VIC

I have nominated for the SDC as a passionate believer in the Australian Holstein and its place in a global market. I want to be a part of the future development within Holstein Australia creating exciting opportunities for members while ensuring the upmost integrity of the breed.



Victoria Western region:

David Weel, Blueprint Holsteins, Simpson VIC

Being involved with the newly formed SDC is exciting for me as there aren't many younger ones pushing to be on committees, etc, like this one and I believe I can be a voice for the next generation ensuring the future is positive as HA moves forward with the new structure of the organisation. I hope to be a breath of fresh air as a proactive, passionate and positive voice to what may seemingly be an ageing industry.



South Australia:

Gino Pacitti, Misty Brae Holsteins, Myponga SA

It is so important to develop and promote the HA brand in SA and nationally. I hope to contribute through my role on the SDC to provide the voice of South Australian HA members to be heard in the development and direction of the Association and also to promote a social network among the SA members.



Western Australia:

Ray Kitchen, Carenda Holsteins, Boyanup, WA

I believe I can provide input and suggestions to most areas of Holstein Australia's roles and responsibilities from my long association with the breed organisations committees and services.



I look forward to exploring ideas that will add value to the registered animal.

Tasmania:

Shanae Perkins, Loxy Looloo Holsteins, LaTrobe TAS



Membership Position

Stephen Chesworth, Tomargo Recluse Holsteins, Dubbo NSW





Past presidents at the Victorian Branch Celebration Dinner: Jon Holland, Geoff Horrocks, Phil Malcolm, Graham McPhee, Gary McAinch, Ross Soares, Mark Flemming, Lawrie Flanagan, Liz Clowes (Branch Secretary), David Johnston.

Victorian Branch farewells an era

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About 60 past and present Holstein members attended the Victorian State Branch Celebration Dinner, held the evening before the Victorian Winter Fair in Bendigo. Victorian Branch President, Jon Holland (Holloddon, North-West Victoria), welcomed all to the evening and acknowledged the help and support that has been volunteered over the years.

Federal President, David Johnston (Segenhoe Park, Western Districts), reflected on the contributions and commitments that made the Victorian Branch of Holstein Australia what it is today. David shared his extensive knowledge of its heritage and some insights about where it all began. Throughout the decades there's been a constant theme: people passionate about breeding black and white cows.

"Over its 98-year history, the Victorian

Branch has had 45 individuals take the chair. Some of the names from the early years are still well known in the industry; names such as Hewitt, Turner, Smith and Gilmore," David said.

David noted that both world wars took their toll on the Association. "In 1919 (after the first world war) it was rather difficult to get a State Committee together. And in 1941 just five members attended the AGM held on the 5th floor in a building in Collins Street Melbourne. You think back to 1941, it would have been a long journey and transport fairly difficult. While the world was at war, some very committed people kept our Association going," he said.

David reflected that 90 years ago Holstein Friesians made up less than 10% of the dairy population. Fast forward to 2017, and the breed dominates the dairy industry with an estimated 70% of cows identified as Holstein.

"We really have to admire the vision that our foundation members had back in those early days, in an environment that was more challenging than today. Despite the months involved in physical shipping and transport, they imported both livestock and semen."

The inclusion of junior members assisted the strength and vision of the Victorian Branch.

"The youth of the dairy industry is vital to its ongoing growth and success and the Victorian Branch has had a strong focus on youth for many years. One of the most significant achievements is the IDW Youth Challenge, which was designed to help young people learn about cattle showmanship. With strong support from so many members it has created an opportunity for young people to come together to meet experienced cattle enthusiasts and in some cases provided future career pathways."

David added that Youth Exchange programs (interstate programs and overseas to New Zealand and Canada through Semex and now with Holstein UK) had offered young Holstein breeders opportunities to learn more about dairy farming. "Some programs date back 50 years, an impressive testimony to the passion of Holstein members to encourage younger generations."

David also acknowledged the importance of the Royal Melbourne Show to the Victorian Branch. "For many years, the Royal



Jamie Wilson, Pam Malcolm, Paringa Holsteins, Keren and John Fletcher.



Mark and Philippa Flemming, Philmar Dairy Company.



Karlee and Trav Gilmore, Ingolmore Holsteins.

Melbourne Show has provided an arena for Holstein breeders to showcase their herds," he said.

In closing, David paid tribute to the thousands of hours of time contributed by the volunteers who keep the association running. It is the generous gift of time that has allowed the Victorian Branch to achieve so much and this will be no different under Holstein Australia's new structure.

Guest speaker for the night was the very entertaining Libby Price, former host of the ABC Victorian Country Hour, and now editor of *The Benalla Ensign* newspaper.

A display of historic images and memories was a talking point for many who attended the evening. They enjoyed the opportunity to mingle and reminisce past times with friends and colleagues. **HJ**



Brent Mitchell, Mitch Holsteins and BDCC member Marcus Young, Datumvale Holsteins.

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Honouring Victorian Branch stalwarts

Liz Clowes (Lauriston Holsteins, North Vic) and David Johnston (Segenhoe Park, Western Districts) received HA Victorian Branch Honorary Life Membership at the Victorian Celebration Dinner, held in July. Both members were recognised for contributing above and beyond expectation over many years of involvement with the Association.

David Johnston

Many HA members will know David Johnston in his current role as Holstein Australia Federal President, but he has contributed to the Association in many different ways in the 40+ years since he first became a member.

Although David has contributed in many formal roles with Holstein Australia, local youth activities and community are perhaps closest to his heart. These were the words he used to describe his vision for HA when he took on the role of Federal President in 2015.

And his contribution to the Association over the years reflects these values. He is a driver behind the highly successful Western Districts Youth Camp, but won't take credit, instead acknowledging the team effort and generous sponsors. Never forgetting how much he benefited in his early dairying career from the encouragement of more experienced HA members, David has gone out of his way to 'pay it forward' to generations of Holstein Youth.

He is also proud of the contribution Holstein Australia makes to the broader dairying community by collecting and supplying classification and other data for use in developing Australian Breeding Values for various type traits; and providing input to DataGene for the evolution of breeding values, tools and policies.

David's involvement with HA began with the Manning, NSW sub-branch where he



New Life Members, David Johnston and Liz Clowes.

and Glenyce dairied for 14 years and with the Western Districts Sub-branch when they moved to Boorcan in 1988.

David has taken on responsibilities at the sub-branch, branch and federal levels. He was President of the Manning and Western District sub-branches and Victorian State President. Federally he has had numerous roles including a Victoria State Delegate, a representative on the Breed Development and Conformation Committee and the National Advisory Council. He has been on the HA board for 10 years, including the position of Federal Treasurer for six years and Federal President for three years.

In the past two years David has led the membership through major changes, in restructuring the Association's governance. He also represents the Holstein breed on the All Dairy Breeds Show Ring Committee which has taken a stronger stance on show ethics and animal welfare in recent years.

In nominating David for Honorary Life Membership, Western Districts Sub-branch Secretary, Libby Swayn (Jordney Park) said he was highly respected in the Holstein community for his positive attitude, friendship, easy-going nature, and commitment to the next generation of farmers.

Liz Clowes

Liz Clowes is perhaps best known for her passion for promoting the Holstein breed in a variety of roles over many years. She was a youth camp volunteer, always willing to share her knowledge and encourage young members. As a cattle photographer she was a regular face at sales, shows,

sub-branch events, supplying photos and articles for the media. She shared her skills generously, giving demonstrations at field days and industry events on how to photograph cows.

For many years she voluntarily supported Holstein Australia field officer Brian Vallenge with the Checkmate program and designing displays for field days. Eventually she took on the formal role of promotions officer, representing the Holstein breed at field days and industry events.

Liz has also been actively involved the Northern Victorian Sub-branch for more than 20 years. As Victorian Branch Secretary for the past 19 years she has co-ordinated countless events, meetings, youth exchanges and IDW Youth Challenges.

During the early 2000s Liz and Neil Tressider from WFI spent countless hours providing guidance and support to many Victorian dairy farmers facing great financial and emotional hardship, including delivering relief hampers to some.

In addition to organising the 2014 Victorian Branch celebration of the HA Centenary, Liz spent many hours researching the history of the association, the breed and its members, providing what is considered by many a highlight of their involvement in Holstein Australia.

In nominating Liz for Honorary Life Membership, Northern Victoria State Branch delegate, Geoff Horrocks (Foxleigh) acknowledged Liz' quiet and dependable contribution, a dedication he said arose from pure devotion and love of the black and white breed.

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Jessicas top BPI three years running

For the third year in a row, a member of Elmar's Jessica cow family has taken out the top BPI award at the Victorian Winter Fair, with this year's award going to Elmar Lauthority Jessica VG88, owned by the Hore family, Leitchville, Victoria.

The Balanced Performance Index (BPI) Highest Female Award was presented by DataGene in collaboration with Holstein Australia and the Winter Fair Committee.

Of all the females entered in the Winter Fair, Lauthority Jessica had the top BPI calculated by DataGene in its April 2017 genetic evaluations.

With a BPI of 271, Lauthority Jessica is well above the Holstein breed average, putting her in the top 1% of Australian herd recorded Holstein cows based on genetic merit for profit. She is also among the best in the country for health and type with a HWI of 188 and TWI of 309.

Highest BPI genomic heifer

This year saw the addition of a new award for the Highest BPI Heifer in the Winter Fair, which went to Emu Banks Christmas Jennifer 8550, owned by the Dickson family, Terang Victoria.

Not quite a year old when shown, Christmas Jennifer has a BPI of 254, HWI of 192 and TWI of 257, placing her in the top 1% of the country and well ahead of other heifers in the Winter Fair.

Dr Matt Shaffer from DataGene said Lauthority Jessica and Christmas Jennifer were the sort of cows many Australian dairy farmers aspired to breed.

"Most dairy farmers want to breed cows that will have long, productive lives in their herd. To do this they need a combination of traits for profitable production and strong conformation and the genes to produce the next generation of great cows," Matt said.

"We congratulate the Hore and Dickson families on their success in breeding outstanding cows and presenting them at the Winter Fair," he said.

DataGene is an initiative of Dairy Australia and the herd improvement industry. HJ



Elmar Lauthority Jessica received DataGene's award for the top BPI animal in the 2017 Victorian Winter Fair with Brady Hore (Elmar Holsteins) and Peter Williams from DataGene.



Emu Banks Christmas Jennifer 8550 received DataGene's award for the top BPI genomically tested heifer, presented by Lucy Webb-Wilson, DataGene to Rachel and Jo Dickson, Emu Banks Holsteins, Terang, Victoria.

Top BPI animals in the 2017 Victorian Winter Fair.

	Birth date	BPI	HWI	TWI	Owner
Cows					
Elmar Lauthority Jessica VG88	2/1/2012	271	188	309	Hore family, Leitchville, Victoria
Beclah Park Dempsey Nola-ET VG87	17/7/2012	269	212	281	Gordon family, Cohuna, Victoria
Gorbro Gypsy Fever-ET VG89	1/7/2012	268	208	313	Gordon family, Cohuna, Victoria
Heifers					
Emu Banks Christmas Jennifer 8550	28/7/16	254	192	257	Dickson family, Terang, Victoria
Fleyas Doorman Lotus ET	7/9/15	157	136	218	Fleming family, Gorae West, Victoria
Fleyas Malone Jayne-ET-Red	14/9/16	153	126	168	Fleming family, Gorae West, Victoria

Dee family takes supreme award

BY SOPHIE BALDWIN

It was an emotional moment for Adrian Dee and his family from Clydevale Holsteins, North-West Victoria, when 6-year-old Hullabaloo Bolton Sundae EX-90 was crowned Supreme Senior Champion at this year's National Herd Development Winter Fair.

The win came on the back of a tough year for the family after their wife and mother, Cheryl, passed away from complications from MS at the start of the year. "It was a team effort to get here and I am sure she (Cheryl) would be pleased," Mark Dee said.

Mark said the family came to this year's event expecting nothing from the cow the family purchased as a heifer from a North West sub-branch sale.

"She has been milking since November but she came to the fair as good as she has ever looked. She has won a couple of champions at small feature shows over the years but nothing big like this and we are just happy that she has finally delivered on the potential we knew she had."

Sundae is the top Production Index (PI) cow in the herd and, according to Mark, is an absolute dream to work with.

"She is just an eating and drinking machine and she also breeds well."

For senior judge Gerald Coughlin (Trent Valley Holsteins, Canada) and assistant Nicola Paulger (Adadale, Wide Bay Qld), Sundae was the best on the day.

"She has a terrific frame that starts at her muzzle and carries all the way through to the back and to her beautiful mammary system. She has a bit of extra length and she is just a lean and strong cow. She has beautiful bone quality and her mammary system and teat placement are perfect," Gerald said.

Winter Fair numbers were well up on last year.

"The quality was once again outstanding," Victorian Winter Fair Committee member Clare Modra said.

"We had exhibitors travel from New South Wales, South Australia and across Victoria.



Supreme Senior Champion and Senior Udder Hullabaloo Bolton Sundae Clydevale Holsteins with Mark Dee.

We had a huge turnout out in the junior classes with more than 110 dry heifers entered – our biggest class had more than 40 animals."

Brindabella Meridian Cheerleader owned by SD & JL Sieben, North-West Victoria, and led by Lincoln Sieben won Youth Junior Champion.

Cheerleader is a descendent from Hope View Leader Cherry EX-90, a cow they purchased from John and Sue Phyland (Aitkenbrae Farms).

"We paid \$11,000 for Cherry and she was the dearest cow we have ever bought. We had a bit of success with her including a

top 10 finish in Dairy Week and it is good to now have some success with her offspring," Jade Seiben said.

"This is the only show we take heifers to. It's a great place to see the potential of our young stock."

It was also a great Winter Fair for Judson Jennings (Rusty Red, Western Districts) with a win in both the Intermediate and Senior Red Classes.

"I have always liked the red cows and the Winter Fair provides me with an opportunity to promote the breed at what I think is one of the best shows in the country," Judson said.



Red Senior Champion Rusty Red Apple Red Becky Red owned by Judson Jennings with leader Ben Govett.

Judson said 6-year-old Rusty Red Apple Becky Red EX-90 who took out senior champion is a joy to work with.

"She is friendly, has a good attitude and just loves life. She is the granddaughter of the first cow I ever bought (he was just 12 years old at the time) and she has a banging udder. She has come fourth at IDW a couple of times and won reserve intermediate champion a few years ago at the Winter Fair."

Intermediate champion Bluechip EV Sweet Apple VG86 is owned in partnership by Judson, his brother Jonathon, Chris Hallyburton and Brett Salmon.

The partnership purchased the animal as a four month old at the Bluechip sale and said despite the rough start with her – she aborted her first calf – Sweet Apple has gone onto to do very well for them.

She has had a few class wins and the partnership is looking forward to seeing what she will achieve in the future.

John and Cherie Gardiner from Avonlea Holsteins were named Premier Exhibitor.

The couple were more than happy with their results, taking out supreme intermediate champion and champion udder with Avonlea Aftershock Dorinda GP83 and reserve intermediate champion with Avonlea Selector Figsie.

"It's always a thrill to win at a strong show. You hope to be competitive but you are never sure until they get out in the ring," John said.

John said he was particularly pleased with the way Dorinda came up after calving



Georgia and Lincoln Sieben with Junior Champion Brindabella Meridian Cheerleader.

twins only a month before the Fair.

"To see Dorinda in that form was quite an achievement. It was extremely satisfying for us and definitely the highlight of the day."

John said his team – Josh Norton and Kane Hildred – put a lot of work and dedication into getting the team ready for the event.

"The cows would have still been at home in the paddock if it wasn't for these boys," he adds.

Bluechip Genetics was named Premier Breeder and Elmar Holsteins won the highest indexed cow of the show with Elmar Lauthority Jessica HB with a BPI of 271.

Associate judge Nicola Paulger said it was privilege to have the opportunity to judge

alongside a high-calibre judge in Gerald.

"It has been an educational role but seriously, it has been awesome too," Nicola said.

"You get such a different perspective standing in the ring and it is a serious business because so many people have spent a lot of time and money to get here."

Nicola said she hoped to see more women step up into the ring and hoped to continue to improve her knowledge and skills and one day get the top job.

She said it was also great to see so many young kids involved in the show.

"The junior handlers have been fantastic; you won't find more passionate people than those who come to shows like this one." **HJ**

RESULTS

Pauls Youth Junior Champion: Brindabella Meridian Cheerleader; SD & JL Sieben; Reserve: Lightning Ridge Awesome Liza; Aisha Railton; **Honourable Mention:** Gorbro Octane Shimmer; Gorbro Holsteins.

Elders Red Junior Champion: Fleyas Malone Jane; A & E Cullen; Reserve: Eclipse BC Red August; Bluechip Genetics & R Hull; **Honourable Mention:** Sun Vale Lotus Emerald; Sun Vale Holsteins

National Herd Development Supreme Junior Champion: Bluechip Airlift Paradise; Sunrise Holsteins; Reserve: Bluechip Brady Becie; Bluechip Genetics; **Honourable Mention:** Horizon Bradnick Paradise 5; Darren Crawford.

Taylor Made Cows Supreme Intermediate Udder: Avonlea Aftershock Dorinda; JH & CJ Gardiner.

Elders Red Intermediate Champion: Bluechip EV Sweet Apple; Jennings, Hallyburton & Salmon; Reserve: Pardee Redrazzle Perfect 87; RG Malcolm; **Honourable Mention:** Wigley Absolute Jane; Jono Jennings.

National Herd Development Supreme Intermediate Champion: Avonlea Aftershock Dorinda; JH & CJ Gardiner; Reserve: Avonlea Selector Figsie; JH & CJ Gardiner; **Honourable Mention:** Wyena Lavanguard Rebecca; CP & MJ Gleeson.

Flanagan Marketing Services Supreme Senior Udder: Hullabaloo Bolton Sundae; Clydevale Holsteins.

Elders Red Senior Champion: Rusty Red Apple Becky; Judson Jennings; Reserve: Ourway Destry Jackie 321; A Johnston.

National Herd Development Supreme Senior Champion: Hullabaloo Bolton Sundae; Clydevale Holsteins; Reserve: Glenunga Wind Butterbrook; JH & CJ Gardiner; **Honourable Mention:** Woodlawn Spire Coconut; Woodlawn Holsteins.



Supreme Intermediate Champion and Supreme Intermediate Udder Avonlea Aftershock Dorinda owned by JH & CJ Gardiner. Judge Gerald Coughlin and assistant judge Nicola Paulger, with leader Alex Matthews from Dumbalk.

NSW State Branch celebration

ARTICLE: PAUL CONDON (*SEABREEZE, SOUTH COAST & TABLELANDS, NSW*)

President, NSW Branch

PHOTOGRAPHS: MAXINE CONDON

The final meeting of the NSW State Branch was held on 7 June at the Waterview Homebush Bay, Sydney.

The celebration was well attended by past and present State delegates and members including past presidents, treasurers and secretaries. The important final AGM went well with the transition to the new governance well underway.

The luncheon moved into celebration mode with our resident Holstein historian Ted Sedgewick giving a great account of the past NSW state politics and people. He told the gathering that the first meeting to form the NSW State Committee of the then Friesian Cattle Club of Australia was held at the RA Society Showground in April 1920.

There was plenty of accolades for the pioneers of our Holstein breed in NSW.

Past presidents in attendance talked about their personal journey and memories of being involved with the Association. Each shared genuine heartfelt memories. While this event marked an end of an era it is by no means the end of HA activities in NSW.



Bruce Beaumont and Malcolm McPhee.



NSW State Branch Past Presidents: Standing – Jenny Grey, Doug Polson, Ron Chittick, Wes Brown, Paul Condon, Brian Burgess, Ted Sedgewick, Phil Bruem. Front – Lindsay Moxey, Stephen Chesworth, Rob McIntosh.



From top:

- Ted Sedgewick, Stephen and Erica Chesworth, Edith Burgess, Anne Sedgewick.
- Don Spence, Norm Pearce, Neil Raphael and Gary Grey.
- Louise and Steve King with Amanda and Alan Garratty.
- Doug and Zandria Polson, Yvonne Barrell, Janelle Welham and Lindsay Moxey.

Below: Cathy and Barry Cooke.



First stage dispersal Sandara Holstein

5 June, Gippsland, Victoria

Dairy farmers from across Victoria were at the first stage complete dispersal sale of Sandara Holsteins, owned by Robert Hanegraaf and family of Yannathan, held at the Warragul Selling Centre. Sale top of \$4,400 was paid by Krishlaye Holsteins of Nerrena for Sandara Stanley Cup Juliet a VG87 4-year-old that completed five generations of VG. The same buyers paid \$3,000 for Sandara Talent Juliet 16 VG88. G & C Peatling, Katunga, Northern Victoria, selected several lots including Sandara Gillespy Felicity 35 a fresh calved heifer at \$3,200. Behmer Pastoral Company of Leongatha South purchased several lots including Sandara Gillespy Astra 15, backed by two EX dams at \$2,900. A & S Mackie of Meeniyah sold a select line of cows including Burn Brae Lavanguard Charisma a ninth generation EX & VG at \$3,700 to Belinda Harris of Pound Creek.

DLS reported: 78 cows grossed \$162,850, averaged \$2,088

Designer Series Sale

8 June, Gippsland, Victoria

The Designer Series Sale at Warragul, hosted by Declan Patten, offered a quality line up of Holsteins and Jerseys with buyers from all eastern states of Australia and overseas.

Top-selling lot at \$25,000 was the 5-month-old heifer Lightning Ridge CMD Solomon Bamba (Imp. ET). This one-off heifer is from Jacobs Sid Bamba VG87, a daughter of All Canadian winner Jacobs Goldwyn Britany EX-2E. She was purchased on-line by Miguel Matias Esliya of Portugal.

Next top of \$19,000 was paid by L & L Calder (Calderlea) for Lightning Ridge CMD Doorman Maika (Imp. ET). She is a granddaughter of Maya Goldwyn EX-95-3E, the World Dairy Expo Champion. Third highest lot at \$9,600 was Lightning Ridge Doorman Arianna (Imp. ET) a direct daughter of 3rd generation EX-94 cow BVK Atwood Arianna selling to Windy Vale Holsteins of Myponga, SA.

The top selling embryos, at \$1,200 each, was a package of Solomons from Pierstein Gold Chip Rockstar selling to D & J Watts (Stratherick) of Pyree, NSW.

DLS reported: 29 females averaged \$4,947; gour embryo packages averaged \$3,825. 33 lots sold to gross \$158,750, an average of \$4,811

Pardee Autumn-calved Holstein Dispersal

8 June, Shepparton, Victoria

Master Breeder, Robbie Malcolm and Allison McDonald (Pardee) attracted a large crowd to the Shepparton Selling Centre for their

Sales calendar

22 August: Complete Dispersal, Black & Gold Dairies, M&S ISON (Anne Well), Monto, Qld

25 August: HA NSW State Sale in the evening, Nowra, NSW

15 September: Complete Dispersal, a/c J & J Elliott (Hatali), Warrnambool, Vic

18 September: Milking Herd Dispersal, a/c Paringa Holsteins, On Farm, Invergordon, Vic

22 September: Legends of Leader 'The Final Chapter', on farm Oakey, Qld

25 September: Second Stage Spring Dispersal Sale, a/c R & A Jones (Church Farm), Koonwarra, Vic

17 October: Complete Dispersal Spring Calving Herd – Andes Holsteins, C & C Smith, On Farm, St Germans, Vic

23 October: Second Stage Spring Dispersal Sale, a/c R & J Hanegraaf (Sandara), Warragul SC, Vic.

24 October: Global Impact 111, Dedan Patten and Guest Vendors, Lardner Park, Gippsland, Vic.

16-17 November: Fairvale Holsteins Farewell Sale, On-farm at Bracknell, Tas.

autumn calvers sale. A top price of \$7,600 was paid by Oakwood Partnership for Pardee Iota Patricia 1-ET who recently classified EX-91-1E. This outstanding cow has a BPI of 302 and was producing 46 litres with a PI 114. These buyers also secured Pardee Aftershock Tindora 3 VG87 at \$7,500. This stylish 4-year-old, whose dam Pardee Drake Tindora classified EX-91-1E traces back to the 23 Star Brood Cow Lindenvale Kriss Teena.

J & J Pedretti (Jibantra Park) from Tallygaroopna paid \$6,900 for the freshly calved Pardee Magnetism Limosine.

Gary and Lee Hibberd (Corriemungle) from Timboon, Western Victoria, were strong bidders all day, paying up to \$4,400 for the 3-year-old, Supersonic daughter, Pardee Supersonic Perfect 68, VG85. The Hibberds also took home 11 quality young cows to \$3,100 each.

Regular Gippsland buyers Jim and Heather Harvey (Harveys Park) competed strongly all day, buying 11 head to average \$3,186. Their main purchase was Lot 34 Pardee Aftershock Daffy GP84 for \$4,000. This February-calved 3-year-old traces back to the US-based Pen Col D family.

John and Cherie Gardiner (Avonlea) bought two outstanding cows, including Pardee Supersonic Perfect 65 GP84 for \$6,400

The main buyer was John Edwards (Zella-View) from Leitchville who secured 39 head for an average of \$2,364. Allan Herbert from Yarroweyah was also a strong buyer securing 11 head for an average of \$2,872.

Flanagan Marketing SVS and Mulcahy Nelson reported: 115 head sold to average \$2,963 and gross \$340,850



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BPI **298** / 76%

Protein **20kgs** / +0.19

Fat **20kgs** / +0.05

Cell Count **177** / 69%

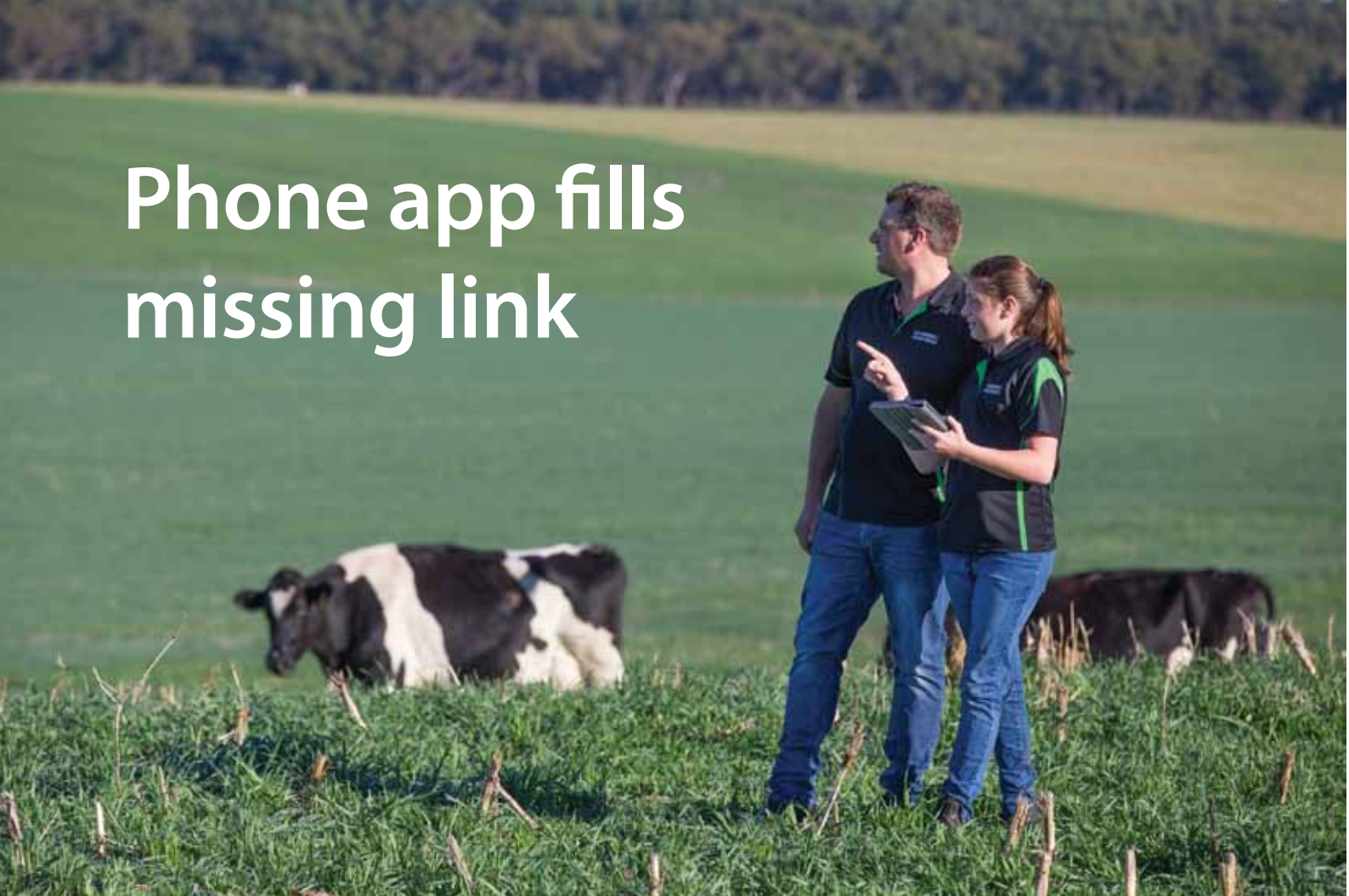
Survival **109** / 68%

Daughter Fertility **109** / 65%

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Phone app fills missing link



Mobile technology is making it much easier to keep track of cow records – just ask WA Holstein breeder Ken Ravenhill (Moonaralla Holsteins).

“We’ve gone from paper and pens, to laptops and now we are using the HerdData app on a mobile phone to access cow records,” Ken said.

“The technology is making it easier to keep good records and access them whenever you want, wherever you are on the farm.”

Ken and Bonnie Ravenhill, with their four children Heath 13, Georgina 11, Thomas 5 and Lola 3, farm at Narrikup, 25 kilometres north of Albany in Western Australia.

The family farm – which includes Ken’s parents, Graham and Jan – milks 1,200 Holsteins through a 60-stand rotary and has between eight and 10 full-time staff.

“It means we have a massive amount of records on cows including herd test data,

herd health records, calving and breeding records,” Mr Ravenhill said.

“With such a large number of cows we can’t remember them all, so it’s great when you can get an app on your phone that lets you access all that information.

Ken downloaded DataGene’s HerdData app as soon as it became available as a way of accessing herd information anywhere on the farm.

The app synchronises with the home computer program, EasyDairy, as well as DataGene’s and the herd test company Farmwest’s databases.

Ken uses HerdData to retrieve information such as cow IDs, cow status, sire and dam details on his phone. The app also allows him to view a range of records including herd test data and performance graphs.

“I can access the data on my phone even if there is no phone signal – and I probably

access the app two to three times a day to look up information,” he said.

“Having an app on the mobile phone saves having to print lists in the office then carry them around the farm with me – it really fills the missing link in our data system.

“It’s great. If I’m in the calf pens or out in the paddock and I want to look up an animal I can pull out my phone and look up an animal’s pedigree, BPI or ASI.

“I can check when a cow is coming into season, when a cow was last mated and when she is due to calve so I can identify cows for lead feeding.

“I can also look up a cow’s production and cell count and where she sits in the herd when it comes to making decision on which cows to cull.

“At this stage I’m just getting to know the app, but I can see it has enormous potential if we have a number of copies



available on the farm so a number of people all have the same data at their fingertips.

"It's great technology – an app on a mobile phone is now better than a computer was 10 years ago.

In the future Mr Ravenhill plans to use HerdData to enter herd records directly onto his phone when he is around the farm. The records that can be entered on the mobile phone include calving dates, AI dates and sires, heat detections, dry-off dates, pregnancy test results, sales, culls, health events and treatments.

Herd records entered during the day would then synchronise with the office computer to ensure no records were lost, even if the phone is lost or broken.

The HerdData app was developed by DataGene – an initiative of Dairy Australia and the Australian herd recording sector, with the assistance of participating herd testing centres.

The app is suitable for Android, and Apple tablets or phones and can be downloaded from IOS AppStore or GooglePlay.

The annual subscription is \$99 a year which includes data synchronisation and upgrades.

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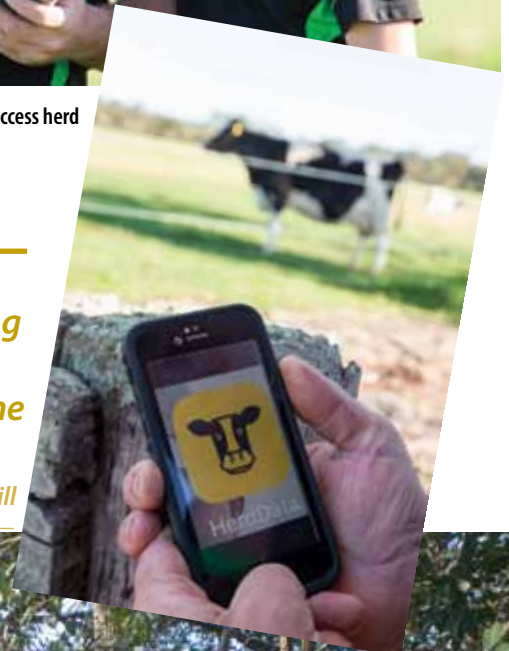


Above: Ken Ravenhill and his daughter Georgina access herd information in the paddock.

Below: Bonnie, Lola, Heath, Thomas and Georgina Ravenhill.

"Having an app on the mobile phone saves having to print lists in the office then carry them around the farm with me."

– Ken Ravenhill





Merrilyn MrSass Piper 3630 (GP81), Australia's top genomic female for feed saved, is a quiet achiever in the Bennett's herd.



Merrilyn MrSass Piper 3630 was bred from MrSass (pictured) as a progeny test bull.

Top genomic females for feed saved

This issue we bring you another list of top genomic females; this time ranked for Feed Saved in DataGene's April ABV run.

Rohan Butler, HA's Genetic Improvement and Research Manager, describes the top feed saved cows as 'silent heroes in the herd'. "These cows are very efficient converters of feed into milk and therefore cost less to feed but they are quite likely to go unnoticed in the herd. They do their job day in and day out without requiring special attention or treatment."

The list of top females for feed saved is a diverse one; it's not dominated by a particular cow family, sire or breeder. Rohan is not surprised by this. "Feed Saved is a relatively new trait and it generally takes time for breeders to work out how it fits within their breeding objective and start incorporating it into their selection criteria," he said.

Six cows on the list have been classified and as a group they classify well, with an

Name	Herdbook Number	DOB	Owner	Sire	BPI	BPI Rel	ASI	Prot	Prot %
MERRILYN MRSASS PIPER 3630	1883807	30/07/2013	J H, G C W & D M BENNETT, VIC	MRSASS	212	64	118	10	0.41
ILLAWAMBRA JURUS LUCY	1554418	4/08/2009	T J & L R PARRISH	JURUS	170	72	41	8	-0.03
COOMBOONA PETY JEAN	1946878	28/08/2016	COOMBOONA HOLDINGS GROUP	PETY	206	61	30	0	0.13
ILLAWAMBRA DYNAMITE CONNIE	1834793	4/02/2013	T J & L R PARRISH	DYNAMITE	170	67	54	14	-0.01
SHANNON TIERGAN 836	1946710	6/05/2013	J & M SHANNON PASTORAL COMPANY PTY LTD, VIC	TIERGAN	177	68	64	6	0.27
BRISAN LANCELOT 629	1554108	29/08/2009	BRISAN LODGE PTY LTD, VIC	LANCELOT	203	67	136	21	0.34
GALLRAE OMANOSCAR PIETJE 828 1651187 RHA-L	1651187	28/10/2010	GALLRAE HOLSTEINS	MANOSCAR	182	69	108	15	0.22
TIJULEN REDBADGER INKA	1692693	8/05/2011	T M & J M BALE, NSW	REDBAGER	164	65	112	6	0.36
EMU BANKS DELSANTO ANDORA 7612-ET	1803748	12/03/2014	B J & J L DICKSON	DELSANTO	161	69	90	18	0.11
CALISTER ND SHIMMER 6742	1883075	12/10/2015	CRAIG A LISTER	NARDOO	179	63	88	6	0.13



average score is 80.5; four are Good Plus. However their average stature score is six which is on the low side, suggesting they are likely to be high-producing, smaller cows in their herds. Because the Feed Saved ABV incorporates liveweight and residual feed intake, it can favour smaller cows but large cows can also be efficient," Rohan said.

Top cow

The top cow on the list, Merrilyn MrSass Piper 3630 (GP81), is owned by the Bennett family, (Western Districts, Victoria). She's the typical 'silent hero' described by Rohan.

The Bennetts were surprised to find they had Australia's top genomic female for feed saved. In fact, she's so unremarkable they had to delve into their herd records where they discovered she had a PI of 110 and will have her third calf within days of her fourth birthday.

Geoff Bennett said that even though 3630 had gone unnoticed in the herd, she was exactly the cow they aimed to breed.

"We aim to breed profitable, efficient cows that aren't too big and can walk reasonable distances. We want them to be healthy and get back in calf reliably and if they do that there's no real reason for them to come to our attention," Geoff said.

3630 was sired by MrSass as a progeny test bull. "We used a lot of progeny test bulls until the last couple of years when we've moved across to young genomic bulls. They offer good value for money which has been important with the low milk price," Geoff said.



Milk Quality Awards

Congratulations to the following Holstein Australia members who received Gold Awards in the 2017 Milk Quality Awards.

To qualify for a Gold Award, the herd must be among the top 100 suppliers across the nation with the lowest aggregate bulk milk cell count (BMCC).

Data for the Australian Milk Quality Awards is supplied to Dairy Australia by dairy companies across the country and to be eligible, dairy farms must have data for a minimum of nine months in a calendar year. Monthly averages are then used to calculate the annual average BMCC for each farm and the winners are those 5% of farms with the lowest BMCC.

Name	Prefix	Name	Prefix
Gippsland		Queensland	
Armstrong DW & CG	Thornhill Creek	none	
Cuthbertson JH Pty Ltd & Elliott B & T	Elliott (Bradence)	South Australia	
Harvey Jim & Heather	Harveys Park	DW & LE Golding & Sons	Coorumbena
Lockett GJ, MJ & L	Stanvale	RP Hermann & Co	Clarodale
New South Wales		Tasmania	
Borham PF	Adnamira	Fossil Park	Fossil Park
Thomas RJ	Instyle	Western Australia	
Wenham Russell & Janelle	Jacasha	WA College of Agriculture	Denmark Inletviews
Northern Victoria		Western Victoria	
Country Road Holsteins Pty Ltd	Country Road	Billing Partnership	Craiglands
Jenner Gary & Joy	Pine Drive	Finlayson PA & KM	Fire Lake
Mitchell BD & KL	Mitch	Kenna JD & AJ and Sharefarmer Kenna JW & LJ	Jakenna
Sloper NM & Wells SA	Corellin (Sloper)	McNamara G & J and Sharefarmer McNamara N	Mc Milk
Williams IR & DP and Sharefarmer Broad LA & Moffitt KM	Broadlin - Broad	Smart C & A	Carindalee
		Vogel H & S	Vogels

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
-433	2	0.3	80	95	97	51	101	45	120	55	112	45	195	29
364	12	-0.06	87	101	100	60	106	59	129	66	107	58	187	32
-243	2	0.19	74	102	105	50	109	45	137	60	111	45	185	28
529	7	-0.23	79	102	103	62	105	56	119	66	105	55	182	34
-319	-3	0.15	81	103	102	61	104	55	136	65	105	56	179	32
123	0	-0.07	81	100	97	56	103	56	94	66	106	56	169	30
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444	6	-0.18	82	101	105	63	102	58	108	66	102	58	162	33
-43	25	0.38	76	100	105	55	102	51	113	61	109	48	161	30

Informed decisions at Fleyas

Jessica Fleming (Fleya Holsteins) loves herd testing – not because of the work involved, but for the information it generates on the cows. So, getting extra information in the form of the DataGene Herd Test Dashboard free with the Fleming's May herd test figures was a huge bonus.

"If there is more information we can have on the cows – and it's free and involves no extra work – then I'm up for it," Jessica said.

"Every bit of information we get helps in our decision making. I love herd testing, because it produces up-to-date information on the cows.

"We've always herd tested but missed a year when we shifted dairies in 2009. The decision to skip herd testing seemed like the right decision at the time but in hindsight was a mistake because now we don't have the complete figures on some of the cows."

When herd test results come in via email they are uploaded onto the office computer's EasyDairy program which then sorts the cows into their groups, such as calving dates. The results are used to look at production and how individual cows are performing.

"We can't feed cows individually in the bale – all cows get 4-6 kg in the bale throughout the year – but it is interesting to see the variation in production and which cows can excel in our system."

When the Flemings received their May herd test results they also received an email offering them the Herd Test Dashboard.

"We were sent a Dashboard within 15 minutes of replying to the email," Jessica said.

The Dashboard report covers two pages on the individual herd and is accompanied by two pages that explain the terms, what levels trigger alerts and the action required to deal with alerts identified in the report.

The first page of the Herd Test Dashboard gives a herd overview. It sets out the overall herd cell count, the incidence of chronic and clinical mastitis, as well as the percentage of calving time mastitis in cows and heifers, the risk of acidosis and ketosis, recalving intervals at 365 and 400 days and the average cow yield.

Fleyas Holsteins

Jessica and Geoff Fleming milk between 220 and 260 cows on their 170 ha property at Gorae West, near Portland in Western Victoria. The herd split calves with 40 per cent in spring and 60 per cent in autumn.

The Flemings joined Holstein Australia in 2010 after purchasing nine registered animals from Tony Lenehan's Port Bridge dispersal in 2009.

Since then they have registered a large portion of their herd in the appendix system.

Their first embryo transfer calves were born in 2013 and the Flemings now implant 70-80 embryos a year into lower producing recipient cows.

They purchased their original farm in 2007 and have expanded the property in 2009 with the help of Geoff's parents.

The herd is milked in a 16-a-side double-up dairy with a rapid exit and herd tested every two months.



Quinn, Jessica and Cohan Fleming.

It also includes a herd profile with a breakdown of the herd size, including milking cows, fresh cows, drys, culls, sold cows, unidentified sires and the trends which are showing up between reports.

The second page features individual cows which are approaching trigger points for a range of parameters such as individual cell counts mastitis, acidosis, ketosis, recalving intervals and cow yield and can be used by a farmer to follow up with a vet or nutritionist.

"The Dashboard was very helpful – we had a heifer that wasn't doing well and she was flagged on the Dashboard as having acidosis and mastitis. It made the decision to cull the heifer very simple," Jessica said.

A number of high-producing cows were also flagged as having subclinical ketosis – and will now be monitored and followed in future Dashboard reports. A copy of the report was also sent to the Fleming's nutritionist.

"It is great to have a list of cows to look out for – and I'll be certainly following any cow flagged with subclinical ketosis to see if this is contributing to their fertility," she said.

"We can't change our bail feeding to match individual cows but it doesn't mean we can't use the information and make changes elsewhere."

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Fencing in dairy productivity in WA

BY ANNE CHAMBERLAIN

From Farmwest News May 2017

Fencing out kangaroos and emus from their pasture land has enabled the Mountford family at 'Rosa Brook' in the Margaret River region to increase herd numbers and given them the confidence to build a new dairy.

Five years ago, Ron and Heather Mountford and son Brad were milking 180 cows and considering their future in dairying. Ron and Heather discussed with Brad whether he wished to stay in the industry or get out. Sticking with dairying would mean developing the farm infrastructure to allow for expanded cow numbers.

"It was Brad's decision to stay dairying, even though it would mean carrying a debt," Ron said.

"His decision was made about June 2015 when the industry was seeking growth milk and the outlook was very positive. It then took 12 months dealing with the shire council over our proximity to the Mowen River and our future effluent handling. Building the new dairy began with earthworks in January 2016.

"Hopefully, the current industry upheaval will become more settled soon. But like every other milk producer we are feeling the uncertainty around ongoing contracts."

BELOW: Ron and Brad Mountford in the dairy.

The Mountfords dairy on their own 140 ha of mostly-pasture land, plus neighbouring lease land.

They considered installing a centre-pivot, but decided that wouldn't be profitable, with high numbers of roos and emus likely to be attracted to the irrigated pastures.

Their cattle run on close to 400 available hectares, but the country was also running around 250 emus and 500 roos. So, rather than installing irrigation, they took a punt on the expense of 4.7 kilometres of kangaroo fencing to exclude the roos and emus from their own 140ha. The owner of the neighbouring lease block also fenced them out of 60 ha – a total of 6km of kangaroo fencing.

Ron Mountford said that to their great relief the fencing worked, making more pasture available to run more cows.

"But that in turn meant the existing 16-a-side herringbone dairy was inadequate and too slow for milking 225 high-production cows. The old dairy, built around 1960, had gone through several renovations and expansions, but was getting run down and too slow. We decided to retain the existing milk room which was still adequate and to build a new milking area."

New dairy

Plans were put in place for a 24-a-side herringbone rapid-exit, and the herd was

first milked through the new dairy on 16 February this year.

Needing to switch from the old dairy to the new one within a day meant the installation of a new milking system – currently a 20-unit swing-over Wesfalia.

Features of the new dairy include a Dematron 70 providing information on milk yield and automatically removing teat-cups; auto iodine teat spray; and auto cup-flush between cows.

Between cows, clusters are cleaned by an ADF dipping and flushing system – with an acid rinse followed by five flushes of clean water – removing any traces of iodine that may remain from the iodine teat spray.

Rod Brasher from Farmwest – who described the Mountfords' new dairy as open, airy and ideal for Brampton Park's larger-than-average Holsteins – said the family's herd-recording results showed consistent, high-quality milk with good cell count.

"We do every little thing to avoid mastitis, trying to stay under 150, and we rarely get penalised," Ron said.

"As with any new milking system, there was a period of adjustment, which included a few higher-than-usual cell counts and a lower price per litre for March. Installing the ADF system made all the difference, with the iodine treatment of teats followed by a thorough cleaning of clusters.





Along with automated teat-cup removal and sanitising, the individual stall gates and rapid-exit features of the new dairy have streamlined milking, saving 1½ hours a day, even with an extra 40 cows.

"Individual stall gates are so much better than the previous pendulum gates where heifers in particular could turn around and get out. Now, once the cows are in place, they can't get out and settle in quickly.

"The rapid exit does what it says, moving all of the cows out at once, rather than slowly having to follow each other, single-file, out of the milking area. There's no time for them to mess up the dairy, so time is also saved in washing down manure during and after milking. The cows are more contented, which in turn means higher milk production."

Ron said there was no point milking low-production cows.

"It means the same amount of work for less milk and income. We milk for maximum production per cow, averaging 32-39 litres per cow per day year-round, and 2 to 3 cows every year have produced 70 litres per day.

"Average production is approximately 10,300 litres per cow per year. It was sitting above 11,000 litres per cow per year, but has dropped a bit as we build herd numbers, with 80-90 heifers a year coming into the herd."

He said WA processors were usually chasing summer milk, with demand dropping in spring when they have more than enough. The Mountfords use a nutritionist to ensure their herd is consistently fed year-round to their production potential.

"Ours is a completely dryland farm based on quality pastures – grazed and also fed as silage and hay. We crush our own grain mix of wheat, lupins and canola, mixed with added minerals, Rumensin, etc according to the nutritionist's recommendations, with milkers receiving up to 12-14 kg per day (in summer).

"Our long-term aim is a 225-cow herd of high-producing cows, producing a similar year-round daily milk production – currently 6,000 to 7,000 litres a day."

Early dairying days

Ron began his life in dairying around the age of 8 or 9, hand-milking on the family farm at Crooked Brook outside Dardanup, with milking machines introduced by 'the old man' in the 1950s.



Brampton Park CD Madeline, Champion Cow, Perth 1988, with Ron Mountford

"When Heather and I married in 1966, my brothers Fred and Cecil and myself started milking together at Waterloo, but the property was too small.

"In 1983 Heather and I, son Brad and daughter Shelley moved to a property with irrigation at North Boyanup. Then in 1995 we moved to our current Margaret River property to take advantage of the earlier seasons, rainfall and mild, cool climate. It's good, undulating country with no gravelly or white sandy soil. It's great pasture land."

Brampton Park Holsteins

The family began milking Holsteins in the 1970s and began registering under the Brampton Park prefix in the 1977, buying in quality registered stock rather than grading up.

Ron said from the outset he was not keen on the shorter-legged, stockier, New Zealand and British-style stock of the time, instead favouring a stretchy cow with good length, spring of rib and dairy character.

"One important purchase was a Whynot cow – Andes Mooreville Whynot VG86 (born 1976) – from Andes Pastoral Co. She was the start of a good cow family for us – the Brampton Park 'W' families including the Whynots, Wilmots, Winettes, Winniepegs etc.

"Probably the best purchase that had most impact on our herd was Andrew Cunningham's Blawearly B Maggie VG86 (born 1976) whose progeny and descendants were very stylish.

"Her first daughter Brampton Park WB Maggie (born 1980, by Wenron Barron) classified EX3E. She in turn produced Brampton Park CD Madeline (born 1983,

by Commodore) classified EX-5E, who in turn produced Brampton Park SB Madeline (born 1990, by Starbuck) also classified EX-5E.

"Andrea Shine once commented that you could put any bull over a cow from that family and produce quality stock.

"We had offers to buy some of these cows, but I was more interested in breeding daughters from them to have lovely cows coming through the dairy."

Brampton Park CD Madeline was 1988 Perth champion cow and a mature cow finalist in the 1988 All Australian competition. Other Perth champions for the Mountfords were 1992 champion Brampton Park PS Biddy EX-5E and 1994 champion Brampton Park QA Edith EX-2E. Once the family moved to the Margaret River region they discontinued showing at Perth due to the distance and time away from the farm.

Brampton Park Holsteins has also done well at WA regional shows.

"At one stage our whole herd was classified Good Plus or better. Now we are producing for the bulk milk tank."

Ron describes the Brampton Park cows as a larger Holstein.

"Once we started using Semex semen, our cows developed into a larger-than-average-framed Holstein. Even our 'shortish' vet reckons the cows are too tall for him."

The herd is AI-mated, backed up by quality bulls from WA Holstein breeders including Carenda bulls from the Kitchen family; Acero bulls from Victor Rodwell; plus some Damar bulls from the Huttons.

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Top 50 sires by progeny counts

	Herdbook Number	Name	Bull Id	Date of Birth	Number Female	Number Male	Total Regd Progeny Born 2016
1	CANM103631566	CRACKHOLM FEVER-BLF-CVF	0200HO05592	2/11/2005	513	41	554
2	1786521	ECLIPSE ATWOODS ARCHIVAL-IMP-ET	ARCHIVAL	2/02/2013	447	37	484
3	USAM72156794	SEAGULL-BAY SILVER-ET-BLF-CVF	29HO17573	10/04/2013	245	72	317
4	USAM137191143	FUSTEAD GOLDWYN GUTHRIE-ET-RDF-DPF-BLF-CVF-BYF	7H9420	7/02/2006	277	21	298
5	1676461	COOMBOONA ATWOOD ELIJAH-IMP-ET	ATELIJAH	5/08/2011	273	1	274
6	GBRM642262	HEAVENLY GOLDEN DREAMS-BLF-CVF	GOLDENDREAMS	19/06/2008	227	37	264
7	USAM66382657	MONUMENT IMPRESSION-ET-BLF-CVF-BYF	0200HO00560	8/09/2008	230	24	254
8	CANM107281711	VAL-BISSON DOORMAN-ET-DPF-BLF-CVF-BYF	0200HO06480	6/08/2011	142	93	235
9	1560937	EMU BANKS CHRISTMAS-ET-CVF	CHRISTMAS	21/12/2008	198	34	232
10	USAM69087180	VIEW-HOME MONTEREY-ET	29HO16955	21/01/2013	174	50	224
11	1721973	HINDLEE GOLDWYN OMANROYAL 121003-ET	ROYALMAN	7/02/2012	199	13	212
12	USAM69951907	SULLY HART MERIDIAN-ET-DPF-BLF-CVF-BYF	0200HO02770	11/12/2010	182	26	208
13	1527438	COUNTRY ROAD ROUMARE CANBEE-ET	CANBEE	3/08/2008	203	3	206
14	USAM71441918	ZAHBULLS ALTA1STCLASS-ET-DPF-BLF-CVF-BYF	011HO11425	1/02/2013	162	34	196
15	840M3009533335	OCD MAYFIELD DECEIVER-ET-DPF-BLF-CVF-BYF	7HO12115	20/06/2012	165	14	179
16	USAM71618865	SEAGULL-BAY MVP-ET	29HO16888	22/09/2012	167	11	178
17	1750185	HILL VALLEY SS NARDOO	NARDOO	22/04/2013	158	14	172
18	USAM71088720	BUTZ-HILL MEGASIRE-ET-DPF-BLF-CVF-BYF	MEGASIRE	20/11/2012	166	2	168
19	USAM62175895	PINE-TREE SID-ET-BLF-CVF-BYF	0200HO02137	3/10/2005	142	24	166
20	1738082	COOMBOONA MOGUL ARMEL-IMP-ET	ARMEL	15/02/2013	160	1	161
20	USAM62496439	REGANCREST REGINALD-BLF-CVF	0200HO05549	13/12/2005	147	14	161
21	DEUM1271464396	OCEAN PP-ET-BLF-CVF-POS	14HO07449	11/04/2013	75	78	153
22	NLDM755898903	COGENT SUPERSHOT	CBSUPERSHOT	14/03/2013	100	52	152
23	1770278	COOMBOONA SUPERSIRE JONAS-IMP-ET	22FFK03JONAS	10/09/2013	150	1	151
24	1377914	BUNDALONG MARKS MEDALLION-ET-DPF-BLF-CVF	MEDALLION	8/07/2005	145	1	146
25	CANM11775998	WALNUTLAWN SOLOMON-ET-RDF-DPF-BLF-CVF-BYF	0200HO10146	11/08/2013	111	31	142
26	USAM61898306	REGANCREST ALTAIOTA-ET-BLF-CVF	ALTAIOTA	12/06/2005	135	5	140
27	USAM58591942	LARCREST COMMANDER-ET-DPF-BLF-CVF-BYF	29HO16909	17/12/2012	125	14	139
28	ITAM17990915143	AMIGHETTI NUMERO UNO-ET-BLF-CVF-BYF	0200HO07450	15/07/2010	117	21	138
29	CANM105753020	COMESTAR LEMUST-ET-BLF-CVF-BYF	0200HO06183	5/07/2009	131	0	131
30	CANM11696704	STANTONS HIGH OCTANE-ET	OCTANE	20/02/2013	71	57	128
31	840M3010660326	SIEMERS MOGUL PETY-CNF-DPF-BLF-CVF-BYF	7HO12139	8/09/2012	118	8	126
32	840M3011789392	VIEW-HOME POWERBALL-P-ET-DPF-BLF-CVF-BYF-POC	JSPowerBALL	20/05/2013	64	56	120
33	1563547	HILL VALLEY NIELS-ET	NIELS	13/09/2009	116	2	118
34	USAM60996956	BADGER-BLUFF FANNY FREDDIE-BLF-CVF-BYF	BOSFREDDIE	31/10/2004	110	7	117
35	USAM73245145	SONNEK DOORMAN HEATH-ET-CNF-BLF-CVF	14HO07562	20/02/2014	108	7	115
36	USAM66625940	REGANCREST-GV S BRADNICK-ET-DPF-BLF-CVF-BYF	7H10999	16/12/2009	107	5	112
37	USAM65249839	MS ATLEES SHT AFTERSHOCK-ET-BLF-CVF-BYF	94HO14105	1/12/2007	104	5	109
38	1742809	GUYE HOLDINGS MOGUL BRASILIA 2-IMP-ET	TLGBRASILIA	21/02/2013	104	0	104
39	1785613	CARENDA REACTOR	REACTOR	25/03/2014	71	32	103
40	1695938	KAARMONA ATLEY-BLF-CVF	ATLEY	26/04/2012	97	3	100
40	CANM9669685	MISTY SPRINGS SUPERPOWER-ET-BLF-CVF-BYF	0200HO03735	22/07/2009	91	9	100
40	1703469	ADLEJAMA DELSANTO PICOLA-ET	PICOLA	17/04/2012	79	21	100
41	USAM64341514	HAMMER-CREEK O MAN KODY-DPF-BLF-CVF-BYF	14HO06263	27/01/2009	99	0	99
42	USAM71974211	CLEAR-ECHO LEXOR RACER-ET-BLF-CVF-BYF	14HO07296	11/09/2012	94	0	94
42	CANM107685055	NORCA SILKY ALONZO-ET-RDF-DPF-BLF-CVF-BYF	0200HO10140	31/07/2013	87	7	94
43	CANM103974966	COMESTAR LAVANGUARD-ET-BLF-CVF-BYF	0200HO05630	25/04/2006	93	0	93
43	GBRM598172	PICSTON SHOTTLE-ET-BLF-CVF-BYF	SHOTTLE	23/07/1999	88	5	93
44	USAM140610404	BUTZ-BUTLER ATWOOD BRADY-ET-BLF-CVF-BYF	BRADY	28/02/2010	88	4	92
44	1807176	HINDLEE PICOLA ROYALROUMARE 1414-ET	ROYALPIC	4/08/2014	82	10	92
44	CANM12042760	MAVERICK CRUSH	94HO17998	13/06/2014	81	11	92

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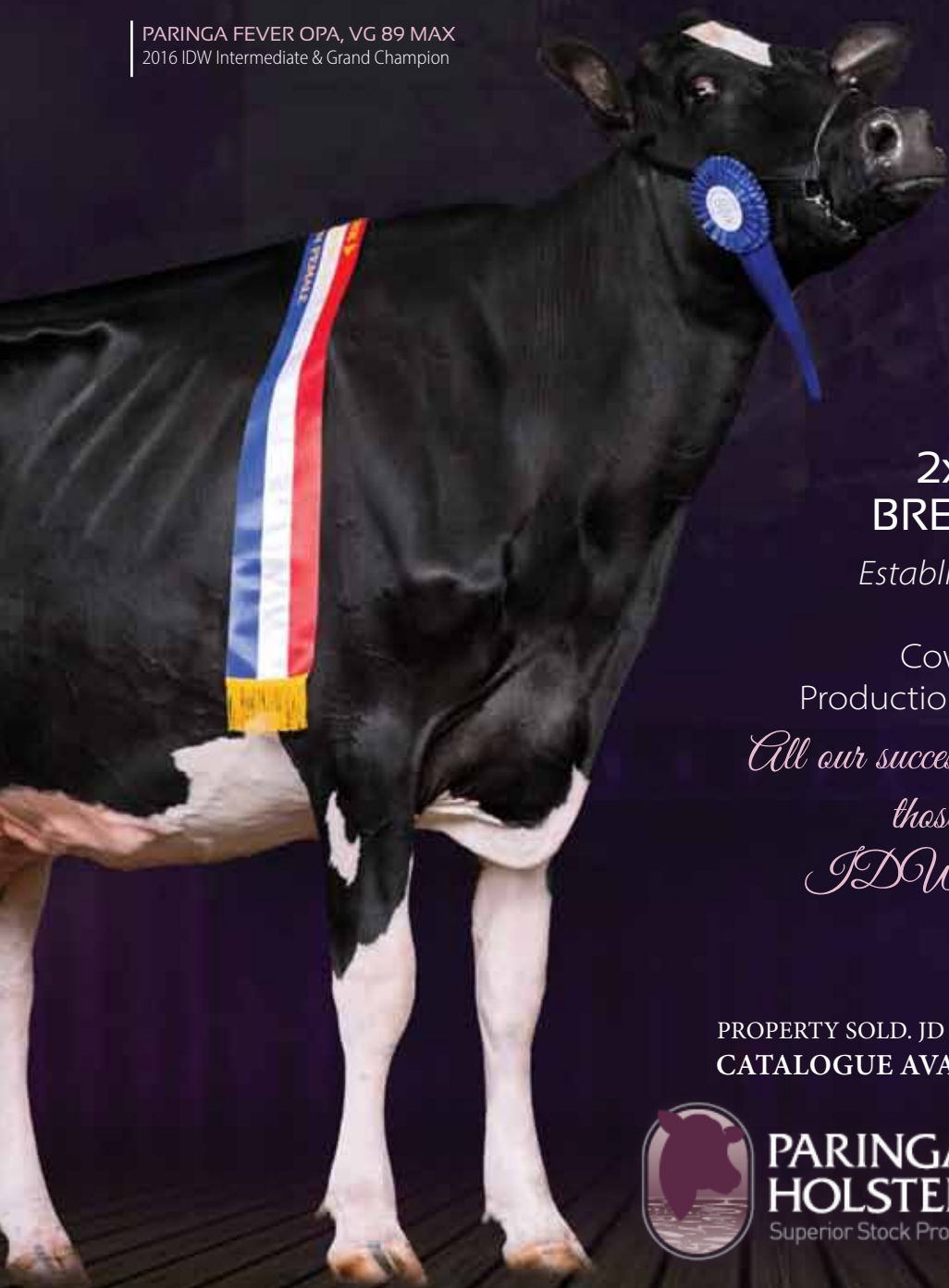
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3-7 305 10767 3.55 382 3.11 335

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MASTER BREEDER HERD

Juleanwes DITAs – an emerging family with a long history

BY JON HOLLAND

Holloddon Holsteins

Over the past 100 years of Holstein breeding in Australia, many individuals have had an enormous impact on the breed. Cows like Elmar Leader Jessica EX-3E 14*, Glenorleigh Dundee Piper EX-91-5E STP 2* 1xEP 1xM 1xF 1xP LIFE 3 and Chatsworth Diadema Dinah VG 86 1*, were dominant show cows of their time. They drew great publicity to the Holstein breed and inspired future breeders.

Ingolston Maryann EX-3E 1* born in 1958 from the Master Breeder herd of Thomas and Ken Gilmore, was Australia's first Excellent classified Holstein cow. She demonstrated the benefit of classification and breeding towards a true type, paving the way for elite multiple Excellent cows like Wandilla Stardom Tossette 130-ET EX-5E STP 10* 1xM 2xF LIFE 1 and Tui-Glen Tesk Dianna EX-6E 2* 1xM 1xF 1xP.

Orchard Vale Insp Polkadot EX-4E 22* 1xEP 2xM 2xP LIFE 2 remains one of the highest rated star brood cows in the country, and alongside cows like Lovedale Posh Dianna EX-3E STP 11* LIFE 2, are great examples of the power of a star brood cow, and her ability to transmit superior quality to the next generation.

Then there are cows like Glenorleigh Valiant Pauline VG87 STP 7* 1xEP LIFE 4, Caveview Emperor Dinah 2nd VG89 STP 9* LIFE 3, Craigmore Josie Pauline VG87 STP 5* 1xM LIFE 2, and Tui-Glen Warden Daphne VG89 STP 2* 1xF 1xP LIFE 2, who, with their extraordinary lifetime production records, demonstrated the ability of the Australian Holstein to produce large volumes over many lactations.

Most Australian Holstein enthusiasts would recognise the names of these impact cows.

But, something many wouldn't know is that all these cows descend from two maternal sisters, Ingolston Mooie Triumph, herdbook #3131, born 25 August 1926, and Ingolston Black Mooie, herdbook #3526, born 30 July 1929, bred by Thomas Gilmore, Ingolston Holsteins.



Master Breeders, Wes and Julie Brown, Juleanwes Holsteins, Tamworth, NSW.

The foundation behind these remarkable sisters was a cow imported from New Zealand by AJ Copping of Tasmania, Kellevie Aaggie Mooie-IMP NZ vol.14 herdbook #1296.

It would be impossible to cover every branch of this line in one article, so this story focuses on an emerging family line descending from Black Mooie. Rapidly gaining recognition among the Holstein fraternity, the Dita family, developed by Master Breeders Wes and Julie Brown, Juleanwes Holsteins, Tamworth, NSW, has featured prominently at shows and sales across NSW, and is now adding IDW and All Australian success to its list of achievements.

Dita family tree

Lovedale Julian Dita VG87 STP 3* 17/01/1980

(Andeswood King Julian VG)



Juleanwes Roxy D. Dita VG86 3* 31/03/1987

(Hanover Hill Roxy D VG)



Juleanwes Astre D. Dita EX-2E STP 9*
12/05/1995

(Duregal Astre Starbuck EX)



Juleanwes Zenith Dita VG88 1* 08/01/2004

(Ocean-View Zenith)



Juleanwes Damion Z Dita VG85 22/07/2010

(Erbacres Damion EX)



Juleanwes Fever Dita VG85 08/05/2013

(Crackholm Fever)



Juleanwes Field Dita 05/03/2016

(De-Su D Mayfield)

A love for breeding cows

Wes and Julie established the Juleanwes prefix in 1984 while farming in the New South Wales Manning Valley, developing their herd through the appendix system with a few purchases along the way. In 1995, the Browns moved to Tamworth, buying an 81-hectare lucerne farm on the Peel River and transforming it into a dairy.

One of the highlights of Wes's career in the dairy industry was receiving a Master Breeder Award during the Centenary Celebrations in Toowoomba in 2014.

"Getting the Master Breeder Award in the Centenary Year has absolutely special," Wes said. "I just love breeding dairy cows, and I can still remember my first VG cow."

Wes's love for breeding has provided opportunities to travel around the country judging the On Farm Challenge and various feature shows. Wes has sat as a board member for Genetics Australia, has been a NSW State Branch President, and is now focusing his attention on his role on the Breed Development and Conformation Committee (BDCC).

His Dita family, founded on the brood cow Lovedale Julian Dita VG87 STP 3*, is the bloodline Wes is most proud of.

"The Ditas are a family you can always rely on. They have good udders, balanced frames and the right quality of bone. And most importantly they are cows that breed on."

Julian Dita was one of the Browns' first registered cows, purchased in 1984 from the Schneider family at the Taree saleyards for \$2,200. Fresh on her second calf, Julian Dita was just the type of cow Wes loves.

"I remember I wasn't the only one who had



Lovedale Julian Dita VG87 STP 3* - foundation Dita at Juleanwes.

picked her out; Glen Yarnold was the losing bidder. She was a beautiful big cow with a massive wide muzzle. She was strong but with good dairy bone and looked like she'd make a good brood cow," Wes said.

Julian Dita was a granddaughter of Lovedale Posh Dianna EX-3E STP 11* LIFE 2, owned by Master Breeder Norm Frost, Tui-Glen Holsteins. An exceptional brood cow calving for the last time at 17 years, Dianna established a powerful branch at Tui-Glen boasting many high scoring lifetime producers, including Tui-Glen Warden Daphne VG89 STP 2* 1xF 1xP LIFE 2 owned by Donnybrook Holsteins, and granddaughter Tui-Glen Tesk Dianna EX-6E 2* 1xM 1xF 1xP.

Carrying the longevity of her grand dam, Julian Dita had her last calf at 16 years, with 10 recorded lactations exceeding 57,000 litres lifetime. Her daughter by Glen

Drummond Encore, Juleanwes Encore Dita EX-4E STP 1* LIFE 1, was Champion Cow at Tamworth in 1996, producing a lifetime record of 77,441 litres over nine lactations.

It was Julian Dita's daughter by Hanoverhill RoxyD, in Juleanwes Roxy D. Dita VG86 3* that provided the breakthrough with her daughter, Juleanwes Astre D. Dita EX-2E STP 9*, by Duregal Astre Starbuck.

"Astre D Dita was the cow that really put the Dita family on the map. She was Champion cow at Tamworth in 2000, but she got the most attention when she was Reserve Champion at the 1999 NSW State Show at Moss Vale," Wes said.

The increased attention on the Astre was not just for her show success, but for her rising success as a brood cow. In 2005, her Lystel Leduc daughter, Juleanwes Leduc Dita EX-91-4E STP 3* LIFE 1, won the 4-year-old class for the New England and North



Juleanwes Astre D. Dita EX-2E STP 9* - Champion Cow Tamworth Show 2000, Res Champion Cow NSW State Show Moss Vale 2000.



Juleanwes Leader Dita EX-90-1E STP 4* LIFE 2 - Reserve Intermediate Champion Tamworth 2003.

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Juleanwes Bolton Dita VG87 – 2nd 4-year-old New England and North West NSW Sub-branch OFC 2012.

West NSW Sub-branch On Farm Challenge (OFC), before being named Reserve Champion at Tamworth in 2007.

Another daughter, Juleanwes Leader Dita EX-90-1E STP 4* LIFE 2, continued the Dita success at Tamworth named Reserve Champion Intermediate in 2003. The powerful Comestar Leader daughter produced a top lactation of 11,841 litres, 3.2% 373 kg protein, 4.0% 466 kg fat 105PI with a lifetime record exceeding 88,000 litres.

The Leader was flushed to Regancrest Elton Durham, resulting the daughters Juleanwes Durham Dita-ET VG87 1* and

the stylish Juleanwes Durham Dita 2nd-ET EX-90-3E STP who was second in the mature class in the 2011 OFC. In the 2012 OFC, another daughter of Leader Dita, Juleanwes Bolton Dita VG87 was second in the 4-year-old class.

Still active in the Juleanwes herd today is the To-Mar Blackstar daughter of Astre D Dita, Juleanwes Blackstar Dita EX-90-5E STP 4* LIFE 4. The rising 16-year-old is still very fit and heavy in calf to the Val-Bisson Doorman son, Cycle Doorman Jacoby.

Scored EX-95 for dairy strength, the very open, angular and silky Blackstar daughter exceeded 10,000 litres for five lactations

in a row, peaking at 12,429 litres, 3.2% 392 kg protein, 3.3% 407 kg fat 124 PI in 305 days with a lifetime record-to-date of 120,317 litres, 3,715 kg protein, 3,805 kg fat from 11 lactations.

"Phil Hentschke was very excited by the Blackstar when he scored her EX-5E last class," Wes says.

The Blackstar was flushed to Braedale Goldwyn, producing five daughters. Juleanwes Goldwyn Dita 5th VG87 was sold to Wes and Julie's daughter Abbey and son-in-law Andrew Crawford, where she is still performing well with daughters by Doorman and Zani Bolton Mascalse. The highest scored Goldwyn, Juleanwes Goldwyn Dita 3rd-ET VG88 2xM has maintained the capacity and production of her dam, with a dairy strength score of EX-94, and a top lactation record of 11,483 litres and 768 kg milk solids.

Another big producer is the Blackstar's Durham daughter, Juleanwes Durham B Dita 2nd-ET VG87, peaking at 11,743 litres on her fourth lactation. B Dita 2nd has a 2016 born Eclipse Atwood Archival daughter the Browns hope to show at the 2017 Nowra State Show. Expectations will be high however, as she lives up to the standards set by her Royal winning sister, Juleanwes Windy Dita GP83, owned by Justin Walsh, Walstar Holsteins, Jaspers Brush, NSW.

A modern style cow

A massive fan of the Dita family, Justin has been following the line since his very early teens.

"I've been a fan of the Ditas ever since I saw Astre D Dita at the State Show at Moss Vale in '99," Justin said. "I love their consistency and quality over generations. They may not have always been extreme enough for the show circuit back then, but are a more modern style cow. They have more balance to their frame and strong udders that I think will be appreciated now the industry is looking for a more functional long lasting type."

Justin's first opportunity to buy into the family was in 2003 at the Berry Winning Formula Sale, when Wes offered the pick-of-the flush by To-Mar Blackstar out of his show Champion Juleanwes Astre D Dita EX-2E STP 9*.

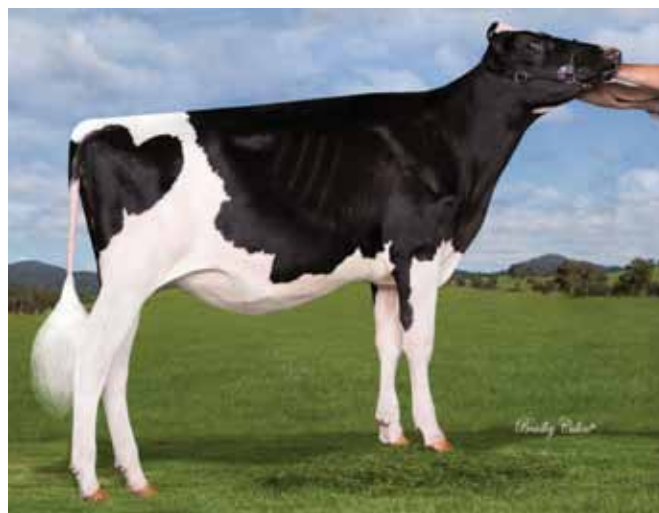
Paying \$1,700 for the pick, the flush resulted in only one heifer. Undeterred, Justin excitedly went on an eight hour road



Juleanwes Durham B Dita 2nd-ET VG87, dam of Juleanwes Windy Dita GP83.



Juleanwes Windy Dita GP83 - 3rd Senior 2-years IDW 2016, Reserve Intermediate Champion Sydney Royal 2016, Reserve Intermediate Champion Berry 2016.



Walstar Saviour Dita, Junior champion Berry Heifer Classic, 1st under 8 months Sydney Royal 2016, 1st 12-15 months NSW State Show 2016, All Australian finalist 2016.

trip to Tamworth with some mates to view his 'pick', Juleanwes Blackstar Dita 2nd-ET VG89.

A Hartline Titanic daughter of Blackstar Dita 2nd, Walstar Titanic Dita VG87 is now breeding well for Justin. Her Aquilla Patron Lucente daughter, Walstar Lucente Dita, sold at the 2012 Global Fusions Sale to Ken Osborne, Harrisvills Holsteins, placing top 10 2-year old in milk for her new owner at IDW 2013.

At the 2016 Berry Heifer Classic, a Ladys-Manor Saviour daughter of the Titanic, Walstar Saviour Dita, was named Junior Champion. An All Australian finalist in 2016, her success continued with victories at 2016 Sydney Easter Royal and NSW State Show, while Justin hopes to take her Archival sister to the 2017 NSW State Show in August.

Justin's next opportunity to purchase a Dita was at the Global Fusions 2.0 Sale in 2013, when a Gillette Windhammer

granddaughter of Blackstar Dita, Juleanwes Windy Dita, went to auction.

"Our Blackstar 2nd branch of the Ditas has performed really well for us. I don't normally buy into the same cow family twice, but the Ditas continue to impress me."

For Justin, Windy Dita was one of the standout heifers of the sale, paying \$5,000 for her in partnership with Matt Warnes and Phil Duncan, Diamond Genetics Australia.

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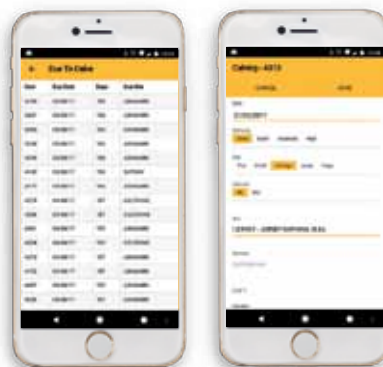
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"She had the right shape and wedge to her, you could see she would make a great cow in the future," he said.

Dita's success began with several high placings at local shows as a dry heifer. Then as Dita was freshening for her first calf, Justin was excited by her developing potential and decided to buy out his partners to take ownership outright.

Soon after calving with an Atwood heifer, Justin made the journey to Victoria to test his Dita on the national stage. She didn't disappoint, placing an honourable third in a high quality senior two-year old line up at IDW 2016. A few months later at the Berry Holstein Feature, Dita won her class and was Reserve Intermediate Champion, before again winning her class and taking the Reserve Intermediate title at the 2016 Sydney Easter Royal.

Her Atwood daughter, Diamond Atwood Dita has also proven herself as a future contender, placing second in her class at the 2016 NSW State Show and 2017 Sydney Easter Royal. The Atwood along with the Archrival Dita will be among a group of Ditas Justin hopes to take to the NSW State Show, while Windy Dita is pregnant, due in November in preparation for IDW 2018.

"It's been a long time since I've gone to a show without at least one Dita in my team," Justin said. "They are so consistent no matter what bull you use, and have a phenomenal strike rate for heifer calves. I do believe they are one of the most underrated cow families in Australia."

2017 State Sale

The Browns have sold a number of Ditas over the years that have consistently performed well for their new owners. At the 2016 NSW State Sale, a Regancrest Reginald daughter of Juleanwes Zenith Dita VG88 1* sold for \$5,000 to the Gee family, Rural View Holsteins, where she won Junior Champion at Singleton show within days of the sale.

At Nowra Show 2016, Andrew and Abbey Crawford won Supreme Champion Cow with their entry Coolea Aftershock Dita EX-90-1E. The very long and silky black Ms Atlees SHT Aftershock daughter out of Coolea Goldwyn Dita EX-90-1E originates from a Regancrest Dundee that Andrew had purchased from the Browns.

"Aftershock Dita is a beautiful cow, and her mother the Goldwyn has calved in again



Juleanwes Fever Dita VG85 (2 years), dam of Juleanwes Field Dita selling at NSW State Sale 2017.

recently and doing really well," Abbey says. "The Ditas are real 'dairy' cows that have done a great job for my mum and dad. You walk through their herd now, and straight away you start picking the Ditas."

Alongside Justin's Walstar show team, the Ditas will feature prominently in the upcoming NSW State Holstein Sale in August, held in conjunction with the NSW State Show and Holstein Australia's National Awards Dinner.

The Browns are offering a March 2016 born De-Su D Mayfield daughter of

Juleanwes Fever Dita VG85. The VG first lactation Crackholm Fever is backed by a VG first lactation Erbares Damion back to Juleanwes Zenith Dita VG88 1*. Still active in the herd at 13 years old, Zenith Dita was the last natural daughter of Astre D Dita, and has a lifetime record to date exceeding 68,000 litres.

"The Fever Dita is one of the most exciting young cows in our herd at the moment," Wes says. "The Mayfield heifer was always a really nice calf with real potential so I hope she finds a good home."

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Coolea Aftershock Dita EX-90-1E – Supreme Champion Nowra 2016.

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2016-17 Cow of the Year Finalists

Mario Park Goldwyn Alicia – IMP – ET

HdBk: 1516899

DOB: 19/2/2007

Owner: Murray Polson, NSW

Breeder: Shoremar Holsteins Canada

Classifications: EX-93-3E

Dairy Strength: 95

Rump: 91

Feet & Legs: 91

Mammary: 93

Awards: 6*SBC

Best Lact: Age 5-6: 11,750 litres

Progeny Performance:

20 Progeny: 18 Females (13 ET) (9 females classified 2 EX, 5VG, 2 GP); 2 Males (2 ET)

19 Grand Progeny: 16 Females (4 females classified 4GP); 3 Males

33 Great Grand Progeny: 33 Females (2 ET) (1 female classified 1VG)

Supporting comments:

When we received the nomination form we decided that it was probably her time to be entered. Alicia is currently in a flush program and we are trying to maximise the number of daughters we have while we can because they are so good both in type and production. She is a cow that does all the right things and for that we thought she would be a worthy nominee.

Alicia is on her way to becoming one of our greatest ever brood cows. Alicia and her daughters are having a great impact; not only through our herd but six other herds throughout the country.

Her progeny has been at the top of production, classification, sales and shows lists; a real achievement for a cow that only turned 10 this year.

One of the things we like best about Alicia is her fertility. We have flushed her extensively throughout her career, resulting in lots of embryos. This is made even sweeter when we go to mate her and she holds to first service every time. She is a pleasure to work with.



Judges' comments:

"Alicia stood out as a finalist early on in the judging. She has a great combo of type and production that is evident in her daughters and she is supported by excellent breeding values."

Leader Durham Satin-CVF

HdBk: 1203879

DOB: 5/07/2002

Owner: Leader Holsteins, Qld

Breeder: Leader Holsteins, Qld

Classifications: EX-91-5E

Dairy Strength: 94

Rump: 91

Feet & Legs: 85

Mammary: 94

Awards: STP (Silver), 12*SBC, LIFE 4, 2xM 1xP, HM All Aust 4-year-old 2006, HM All Aust 3-year-old 2005, Champ Toowoomba Royal 2008

Best Lact: Age 6-11: 13,498 litres

Progeny Performance:

25 Progeny: 19 Females (14 ET) (15 females classified 2 EX, 8VG, 5GP); 6 Males (4 ET)

145 Grand Progeny: 130 Females (36 ET) (53 females classified 1EX, 17VG, 29GP, 6G&F); 15 Males (10ET)

124 Great Grand Prog. 114 Females (7 ET) (37 females classified 4VG, 32GP, 1G&F); 10 Males (5ET)

28 Great Great Grand Progeny: 28 Females (2 females classified 1VG, 1GP)

1 Great Great Great Grand Progeny: 1 Female

Supporting comments:

Leader Durham Satin clearly stands above the rest of the Leader herd with her ability to transmit dominant traits of the Satin family through her descendants that leave a reliable group of cows to breed with in a highly productive environment.

Achieving Master Breeder in 2016, Leader Durham Satin and her progeny were significant contributors to the final tally of MB points awarded. The strong breeding performance of Durham Satin and her progeny prove what really matters to us; runs on the board generation after generation.

Our philosophy has always been about breeding brood cows and we believe Leader Durham Satin is a cow that is proven in production, the show ring and the All Australian.



Judges' comments:

"No doubt a worthy finalist ticking a lot of boxes. Durham Satin impresses with longevity, fertility, milk, type and daughter performance."

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Orchard Vale Informer Tiffany – ET (g)

HdBk: 1351855

DOB: 31/07/2005

Owner: RK & JR Gordon, VIC

Breeder: DJ & MW Orchard, VIC

Classifications: EX-91-1E

Dairy Strength: 90

Rump: 86

Feet & Legs: 90

Mammary: 94

Awards: 12*SBC, 1xEP

Best Lact: Age 3-9: 11,118 litres

Progeny Performance:

54 Progeny: 33 Females (32 ET) (28 females classified 16VG, 12GP); 21 Males (20 ET)

120 Grand Progeny: 90 Females (23 ET) (9 females classified 4VG, 5GP); 30 Males (17 ET)

61 Great Grand Progeny: 56 Females (2 ET) (6 females classified 6GP); 5 Males (2 ET)

4 Great Great Grand Progeny: 3 Females (1ET); 1 Male

Supporting comments:

Informer Tiffany exhibits great type and outstanding production in her daughters that have an unbelievable will to milk. Informer Tiffany was identified as truly a special cow while she was on her 3rd lactation, after she won the Semex State On Farm Challenge. She classified EX91 and produced 10,853 ltrs; 526kgs fat at 4.85%; 419kgs protein at 3.86% on 305 days with a PI 138.

Informer Tiffany was dried off at the end of that lactation and entered an extensive flush program to try to maximise as many daughters from Tiffany as we could.

Tiffany's daughters have herd recorded production that includes best lactation PI averaging 120.4 with 24 daughters averaging BPI +201.

Her daughters are always in high demand regularly exceeding \$10,000 at auction including IDW, Stars of the Future and Melbourne Show and Camperdown Summer Selection sales.



Judges' comments:

"This finalist rightfully identified at an early age for a flushing program; Tiffany has produced of lot of progeny that milk well, classify well and sell well."

Mangoola Thunderstorm Meg

HdBk: 836752

DOB: 15/08/1997

Owner: Somerelle Holsteins, Vic

Breeder: J & G Simmons & G & S Simpson, VIC

Classifications: EX-92-4E

Dairy Strength: 92

Rump: 91

Feet & Legs: 91

Mammary: 95

Awards: STP (Silver), 6*SBC LIFE 1,

Best Lact: Age 7-9: 8,401 litres

Progeny Performance:

9 Progeny: 8 Females (3 ET) (8 females classified 3EX, 5VG); 1 Male (1 ET)

22 Grand Progeny: 17 Females (6 ET) (11 females classified 4VG, 6GP, 1G&F); 5 Males (3 ET)

11 Great Grand Progeny: 4 Females (1 female classified 1GP)

1 Great Great Grand Progeny: 1 Female

Supporting comments:

Thunderstorm Meg is not only a lovely individual but has the ability to so consistently transmit her extreme type and functionality to her daughters and descendants.

Her daughters have classified very well with a number of daughters going EX and all achieving VG (2xVG89; 1xVG88) and are breeding on nicely. Her daughters have sold to \$6,000.

A beautifully natured cow who is enjoying retirement at almost 20 years of age. Thunderstorm Meg produced nearly 80,000 L over 9 lactations and added to her amazing breeding consistency; particular with quality udders that has set a base for our herd that continues to develop this great Australian cow family.



Judges' comments:

"A well credentialed finalist; Meg is a brood cow that has achieved Silver STP, 6*SBC and Lifetime production recognition."

2016-17 Holstein/Semex All-Australian Finalists

Quality comes in all sizes

The quality of this year's All Australian entrants was right up there with the best, according to the judging panel – Steve Chesworth (Tomargo Recluse, Dubbo NSW), Wes Brown (Julieanwes, Tamworth, NSW) and Rob Walmsley (Robsvue, Mt Gambier, SA).

Rob said the panel found it reasonably quick to identify the finalists, but the first and second places were very close in most classes. "Splitting them involved detailed analysis and discussion by the panel," he said.

"The panel approach comes into its own when the top contenders are very close. It's really good to have three judges to discuss the finer points to separate the placings. Once we'd had the discussion we were unanimous in our decisions," he said.

This year had 136 entries, down from last year's 200 entries but this was expected because 2015-16 competition included two Winter Fairs and 2016-17 missed a Winter Fair as it was held in July this year.

This year, for the first time, heifers were split into two classes: Junior Dry (15 months and under) and Senior Dry (16-24 months). Wes Brown said this made it a lot easier to judge young animals fairly. "Having two classes gave every heifer entry a better chance. There were 21 entries in the Senior Yearling Dry and 25 entries in the Junior Dry. Plus there's a big difference in size and development in those first two years so judging them in a single category as we did in the past was very challenging," Wes said.

Wes acknowledged the quality of photography in this year's entries. "As a photographic competition, successful entries are a credit to the people behind the breeding, preparation and photography that combines to showcase an animal at its best. It was great to see a relatively new name on some of this year's photos – Mike Henstske, from South Australia, joining regulars such as Bradley Cullen, Ross Easterbrook, Dean Malcolm and Simon Tognola.

Judging the milking classes is always a highlight for Steve Chesworth. This year's biggest in milk class was the 3-year-olds

with 20 entries. "It's always a pleasure to judge top quality animals. The All Australian's qualification requirements mean we are comparing the best of the best from all over the country and it's a pleasure to judge such exceptional animals," he said.

This year completes Steve's three-year term on the All Australian judging panel. It has been an experience he won't forget. "It's a real honour to judge the All Australian competition," Steve said.

"It has been a thoroughly rewarding experience and a fantastic opportunity to develop my skills as a judge. A judging panel is very different to judging in the show ring. The two-day judging process is unusual in offering the opportunity to collaborate with very experienced judges. I've learnt a lot and the experience has developed my skills as a judge. I encourage anyone who is passionate about judging to apply for the All Australian judging panel. It's a unique experience."

Excellence in conformation and showing

The Holstein Australia/Semex All-Australian Competition is a national photographic competition recognising excellence in conformation and showing. It is open to all Holstein Australia Herdbook and Appendix 1, 2 and 3 females that have been successfully shown at nominated qualifying shows throughout Australia each year. The three-member judging panel selects both the finalists and the top three places in each class.

The following pages feature the finalists in each class. The winners will be announced at the National Awards Dinner at Nowra, with the placings reported in the October–November issue of the *Journal*. **HJ**

BELOW: The judges at work – Steve Chesworth (Tomargo Recluse, Dubbo NSW), Wes Brown (Julieanwes, Tamworth, NSW) and Rob Walmsley (Robsvue, Mt Gambier, SA).



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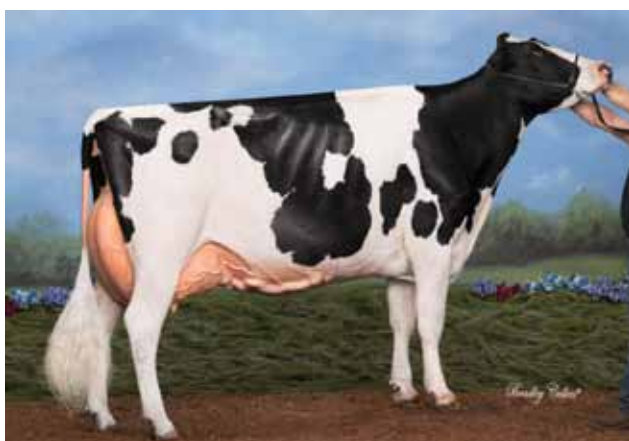
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J H & C J GARDINER, VIC
3rd IDW



B MISSY MOO LADINO CATHY-ET
OAKWOOD PARTNERSHIP, NSW
5th IDW



C CORAL HILL ROY MIDAS
DIAMOND GENETICS AUSTRALIA, NSW
1st NSW State Show



D ELM BANKS BREAKOUT ODESSA
CHRIS & MARY GLEESON, VIC
1st IDW



E THE POINTS ERNESTO PAM
S S & C L MODRA, VIC
4th IDW



F FAIRVALE BAXTER JOSIE 64-ET
G B & M M ANDERSON, VIC, & FAIRVALE
HOLSTEINS, TAS
1st IDW

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5 YEAR OLD



A HULLABALOO BOLTON SUNDAE 7282-ET
CLYDEVALE HOLSTEINS PTY LTD ATF DEE FAMILY TRUST, VIC; 1st Cohuna



B LUCCOMBE GOLDWYN EVA-ET
ROBIN & LOWIS WHITE, NSW
1st Finley



C WANDILLA LAUTHORITY PORTRAIT 3RD-IMP-ET
R J & W M CHITTICK, NSW
1st Camden AA



D AVONLEA FEVER SUZETTE-ET
C P & S J WALSH & FAMILY, NSW
1st Sydney Royal



E FAIRVALE TALENT TARA 114
L THOMPSON & W MCKAY, SA & L R & S J THOMPSON, TAS & B A, K A & M J GOSS, TAS,
4th IDW



F GORBRO SANCHEZ O SHIMMER-ET
R K & J R GORDON, VIC
1st NSW State Show

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4 YEAR OLD



A GORBRO GOLDCHIP PERFUME
R K & J R GORDON, VIC
4th IDW



B RUSTY RED LINER GEORGIE-RED
J W JENNINGS, VIC
2nd IDW



C POOLEY BRIDGE BRAXTON PAM-IMP-ET
LESLIE FARMS PTY LTD, VIC
5th IDW



D AVONLEA STANLEYCUP PORTRAIT-ET
J H & C J GARDINER, VIC
3rd IDW



E PARINGA BRAXTON PARRY
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1st IDW

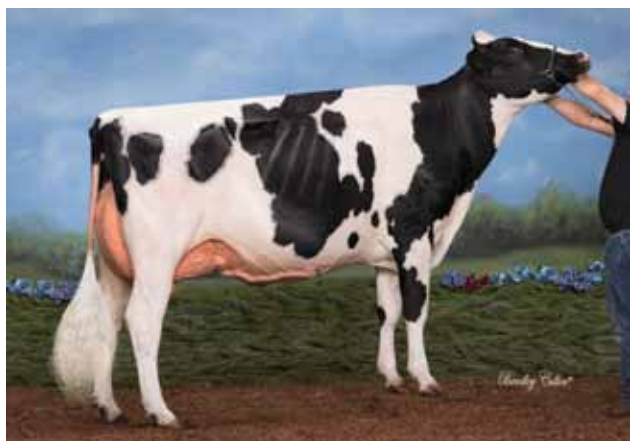


F ELM BANKS SEAVAR DONNA-ET
CHRIS & MARY GLEESON, VIC
2nd IDW

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3 YEAR OLD



A MACKERDOO GOLDCHIP LUCY
MACKERDOO PASTORAL, VIC
1st Kyabram



B EDGE DESTRY LARA
EDGE HOLSTEINS, SA
2nd Adelaide Royal



C MITCH AFTERSHOCK IRENE
MITCH HOLSTEINS, VIC
1st IDW



D ECLIPSE GOLDCHIP TIFFANY
CHRIS & MARY GLEESON, VIC
2nd IDW



E MURRIBROOK ATWOOD IVY-ET
SAMURAH PTY LTD TA MURRIBROOK HOLSTEINS,
NSW & A F GARRATTY, NSW
1st Sydney Royal



F KATANDRA PARK STEADY PERFECTION
D M & L M FRY, WA
1st Brunswick

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2 YEAR OLD – IN MILK (OVER 30 MONTHS)



A MURRIBROOK DOORMAN CANDACE-ET
DECLAN L PATTEN, VIC
1st IDW



B THORNHILL CREEK MASCALESE JOSIE
D & C ARMSTRONG, VIC & C & V GARDNER, VIC
1st Warragul



C POOLEY BRIDGE GOLDENDREAMS FELICIA 72
LESLIE FARMS PTY LTD, VIC
2nd IDW



D LINSAND-SA ATWOOD CAMY-IMP-ET
L THOMPSON & W McKAY, SA
5th IDW



E BLUECHIP GOLDEN S WHYNOT
A T HOGAN & B & P MINOGUE
4th IDW



F MURRIBROOK ATWOOD VALENTINE-ET
SAMURAH PTY LTD TA MURRIBROOK HOLSTEINS, NSW
2nd Sydney Royal

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2 YEAR OLD – IN MILK (30 MONTHS & UNDER)



SEMEX



A KATANDRA PARK REGINALD MEL
D M & L M FRY, WA
2nd Harvey



B GORBROW ATWOOD BALERTWINE-ET
R K & J R GORDON, VIC
4th NSW State Show



C BRINDABELLA GOLDCHIP NATALIE
JADE & SCOTT SIEBEN, VIC
3rd IDW



D SUN VALE REAL SALLY
G B & M M ANDERSON, VIC
1st IDW



E MITCH CHIPPER BEAUTY-IMP-ET-RED
MITCH HOLSTEINS, VIC & MOUNTAIN T & P, VIC
2nd Echuca



F BENLARGO SNAP ROSEBLOOM
BENLARGO HOLSTEINS, SA
1st Adelaide Royal

2016-17 Holstein/Semex All-Australian Finalists



SENIOR YEARLING DRY (OVER 15 MONTHS)



A BLUECHIP MH HERO MARION
FRANK & DIANE BORBA, USA
1st IDW



B SUNRISE DETOUR WHYNOT
MICHAELA THOMPSON, VIC
2nd IDW



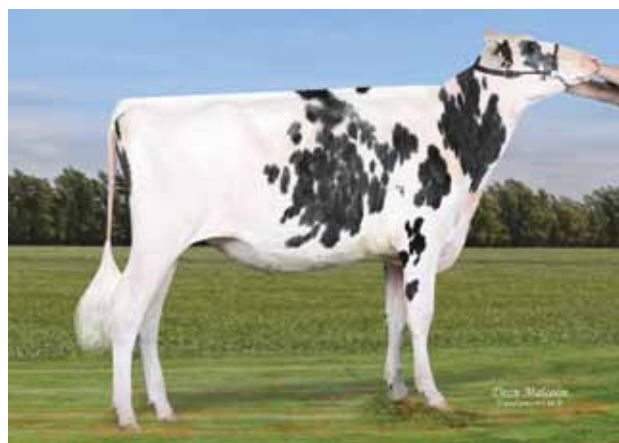
C ESJAY WALTER PHILANA
ESJAY HOLSTEINS, SA
2nd IDW



D BRINDABELLA KINGPIN CHEEKY
JADE & SCOTT SIEBEN, VIC
1st Cohuna



E MURRIBROOK DOORMAN CASSIE-ET
SAMURAH PTY LTD TA MURRIBROOK HOLSTEINS, NSW
1st Sydney Royal



F BLUECHIP TT GOLDDUST FROSTY-ET
G B & M M ANDERSON, VIC
1st IDW

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SENIOR YEARLING DRY (UNDER 15 MONTHS)



A **SUN VALE COLT45 DANCER**
G B & M M ANDERSON, VIC
1st IDW



B **WALJASPER SID SUZETTE-ET**
C P & S J WALSH & FAMILY, NSW
1st NSW State Show



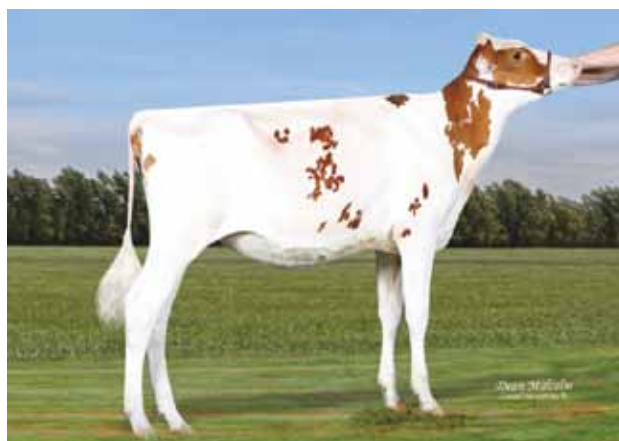
C **DATUMVALE CONTRAST TAMMY-ET**
DATUMVALE HOLDINGS PTY LTD, TAS
1st Devonport



D **GORBROY DOORMEZ SHIMMER-ET**
R K & J R GORDON, VIC
2nd IDW



E **GORBROY SOLOMON ROBIN-ET**
R K & J R GORDON, VIC
1st IDW



F **SUN VALE LOTUS CARAMAC**
G B & M M ANDERSON, VIC
1st IDW

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ALL-AUSTRALIAN HOLSTEIN YOUTH CALF



A WYENA B MAC CABOOSE
DONNA EDGE, VIC
2nd Heytesbury
Handler: Matt Swayn



B ARABELLA DOORMAN DING
ARABELLA FARMING COMPANY, QLD
1st Brisbane Royal
Handler: Delanie Holmes



C EDGE BOZEMAN SWEET-POR
EDGE HOLSTEINS, SA
3rd Adelaide Royal
Handler: Heath Treloar



D ROCKSTAR DOORMAN CRANBERRY 5-ET
CHRISTOPHER ALLEN, NSW
2nd Bega Show
Handler: Lucy Allen



E GORBRO DOORMEZ SHIMMER-ET
R K & J R GORDON, VIC
2nd IDW
Handler: Jed Young



F GORBRO SOLOMON ROBIN-ET
R K & J R GORDON, VIC
1st IDW
Handler: Ella Young

Classification Tour Results

01/05/2017 to 21/06/2017

Central & Western NSW

CUMBEROONA HOLDINGS PTY LTD

EX-90-1E Cumberoona Sanchez Apricot-ET 6 Lact.

Far North Coast NSW

T K & L M NORTHFIELD

EX-91-2E Kaloola Damion Bobbie 6 Lact.
EX-90-1E Kaloola Alanta Bunty 6 Lact.
EX-90-3E Kaloola Best Meg 8 Lact.
EX-90-2E Kaloola Champion Rae 9 Lact.
EX-90-2E Kaloola Mrburns Blackrose 5 Lact.

T K & T J WANT

EX-90-1E Clarendon Star Pearl 10 Lact.
EX-90-2E Clarendon Tawny Pride 7 Lact.

Murrumbidgee, NSW

S R & P A CLARKE

EX-90-1E Kyeamba Spire Marlene 4 Lact.

South Coast & Tablelands, NSW

SAMURAH PTY LTD TA MURRIBROOK HOLSTEINS

EX-90-1E Murrubrook Windbrook Reba-ET 3 Lact.
VG87 Murrubrook Atwood Valentine-ET 1L 2.11Y
VG86 Murrubrook Acme Devine 1L 2.8Y
VG86 Murrubrook Atwood Satine 1L 3.2Y
VG86 Murrubrook Goldsun Toni 1L 2.9Y
VG86 Murrubrook Windhammer Dana 1L 2.7Y
VG85 Murrubrook Aftershock Callie 1L 3.2Y
VG85 Murrubrook Aftershock Lynley 1L 2.11Y
VG85 Murrubrook Aftershock Milly 1L 3.5Y
VG85 Murrubrook Brokaw Toffee 1L 2.7Y
VG85 Murrubrook Snow Dee 1L 3.2Y
VG85 Murrubrook Snow Sizzle-ET 1L 3.5Y

South-West Riverina

LE & KL CULTON

VG85 Ellamatta Shout Susie 1L 2.9Y

KIT DAVIDSON

VG85 Kit Dreams Katie 1L 2.3Y

P W HENTSCHE

EX-94-4E Snowdale Lustre Jewels 6 Lact.

CALLUM MCPHEE

EX-90-1E Murrubrook Isaac Victory 5 Lact.

G G & J D MCPHEE

EX-90-1E Hillview Park Wildman Trix 6 Lact.
EX-90-2E Hillview Park Design Fantasy 5 Lact.
EX-90-2E Hillview Park Lheros Petal 6 Lact.
VG85 Hillview Park Baxter Quality 1L 3.3Y

W E & I T SHAW & SONS

EX-93-2E Hawova Denison Kiwi 4 Lact.
EX-91-1E Hawova Firestone Velvet 4 Lact.
EX-91-1E Hawova Pvhersake Lindy 7 Lact.
EX-90-1E Hawova Damion Maid 3 Lact.

EX-90-1E Hawova Steady Queen 4 Lact.
EX-90-2E Hawova Redesign Jacobonia 4 Lact.
VG86 Hawova Magnus Kathleen 1L 3.2Y
VG85 Hawova Braxton Corsaro 1L 3.1Y
VG85 Hawova Pine Rowena-TWIN 1L 2.3Y
VG85 Hawova Rsb Jean 1L 2.11Y

ROBIN & LOWIS WHITE

VG85 Luccombe Sanchez Fonda 1L 3.4Y

Burnett, Queensland

M & S ISON

EX-92-4E Anne Well Blitz Fairy 8 Lact.
EX-90-2E Anne Well Outside Nancy 5 Lact.

I C & C J SCOTT

EX-90 Glenerriffe Hurricane (MALE) 4.1Y

Darling Downs, Queensland

E B & P J & N K CRANK

EX-90-1E Minash Allsport Nita 2nd 5 Lact.

GIANNA KELLY

EX-90-2E Minash Export Breeze 8 Lact.

LEADER HOLSTEINS

EX-90-1E Camlou Goldwyn Sheik-IMP-ET 3 Lact.
EX-90-2E Leader Fever Superb-ET 4 Lact.
EX-90-2E Leader Shottle Tamatha 5 Lact.
VG85 Camlou Goldchip Aphrodite-IMP-ET 1L 2.11Y
VG85 Leader Guthrie Sahara 1L 2.4Y

Moreton, Queensland

DENNIS FAMILY

EX-90-4E Kaloola Mtoto Rae-IMP-ET 11 Lact.
EX-90-4E Leader Roy Tammy 8 Lact.
EX-90-2E Leader Fortune Roxy-ET 7 Lact.
EX-90-2E Wivenhoe Luckystar Essie 4 Lact.

Wide Bay, Queensland

S J & M I J COCHRANE

EX-90-2E Green Shadows Mtoto Lindyloo-TWIN 10 Lact.

PAULGER PARTNERSHIP

EX-90-1E Bevandale Talent Nona-TWIN 5 Lact.

Fleurieu & Central South Australia

G W LIEBELT

EX-91-1E Grantley Damion Flo-ET 4 Lact.
EX-91-3E Grantley Mtoto Jade-ET 9 Lact.
EX-90-1E Grantley Damion Fanny-ET 3 Lact.
EX-90-1E Grantley Damion Flora-ET 3 Lact.
VG85 Grantley Reginald Sky 1L 3.8Y

C J & K A ROYANS

EX-92-1E Windy Vale Shottle Tina 2nd 4 Lact.
EX-90-1E Windy Vale Breakout Kate 4 Lact.
EX-90-1E Windy Vale Spirt Luna 6 Lact.
EX-90-2E Windy Vale Dundee Judy 6 Lact.
EX-90-2E Windy Vale Sinatra Ding-ET 5 Lact.

North-Western Victoria

CLYDEBANK HOLSTEINS

EX-91-3E Clydebank Allen Rosebell 7 Lact.
EX-91-3E Clydebank Limit Genie 5 Lact.
EX-90-1E Clydebank James Lisp 5 Lact.
EX-90-3E Clydebank Cs Rosebliss 7 Lact.
EX-90-2E Clydebank Ladino Whisp-RED 5 Lact.
EX-90-2E Clydebank Lheros Quantum 5 Lact.

CLYDEVALE HOLSTEINS PTY LTD ATF DEE FAMILY TRUST

EX-91-1E Clydevale Proshot Imperial 4 Lact.
EX-91-3E Clydevale Redesign Pampari 5 Lact.
EX-90-1E Clydevale McCormick Parish 4 Lact.
EX-90-5E Clydevale Ladino Primavera-ET 7 Lact.
EX-90-3E Clydevale Baxter Poetry-ET 6 Lact.
VG85 Clydevale Instruct Pound 1L 2.8Y

MATHEW DENNIS & ALLEN & LOIS DENNIS

EX-90-2E Philynga Redliner Bambi-RED 5 Lact.

J & L EDWARDS

EX-90-2E Zella-Ville Carla 3746 9 Lact.

ELMAR HOLSTEINS

EX-93-2E Elmar Ice Jessica 4 Lact.
EX-91-1E Elmar Ridley Farwina 11 7 Lact.
EX-90-1E Elmar Donante Farlex 6 Lact.
EX-90-4E Elmar Goldwyn Jessica 5-ET 7 Lact.
EX-90-2E Elmar Goldo Farlex 3 6 Lact.
VG85 Elmar Aftershock Farwina 1L 3.2Y
VG85 Elmar Gutler Jessica 1L 3.0Y

ELMAR HOLSTEINS & R J & L E BLACKBURN

EX-91-3E Rockridge Ladino Sharp 6 Lact.
EX-90-2E Paravale Dundee Maizie 7 Lact.

J K & D E GILMORE

EX-91-2E Ingoldale Lj Cyprus 9 Lact.

T D & K J GILMORE

EX-90-1E Warwick Farm Allen Licorice 2-IMP-ET 3 Lact.
T D & K J GILMORE, M J & L J HATELEY & JENNA HATELEY
EX-91-5E Serendipity Goldwyn Petrelle-IMP-ET 7 Lact.

C B & K E GORDON

EX-90-1E Somerelle Icejack Thumbelina 6 Lact.

R K & J R GORDON

EX-91-1E Gorbros Aftershock Slave 4 Lact.
EX-90-1E Gorbros Atwood Logan 4 Lact.
EX-90-1E Gorbros Goldears Robin-ET 3 Lact.
EX-90-4E Rockridge Allen Slave-ET 7 Lact.
VG85 Gorbros Atwood Balertwine-ET 1L 3.2Y
VG85 Gorbros Razor Rolettha 1L 2.7Y

BEN GOVETT

EX-90-1E Tandara Royaume Skybelle 26 4 Lact.

J E HARROWER

EX-91-1E Maxmount Farmdealer June-RED 3 Lact.

J M & N L HOLLAND

EX-90-1E Holloddon Samuelo Corrine 2137 4 Lact.

MITCH HOLSTEINS

EX-90-2E Mitch Outside Toni-ET 7 Lact.
EX-90-2E Mitch Ps Belle-ET 5 Lact.
VG85 Mitch Goldwyn Berri-ET 1L 2.2Y

S S & C L MODRA

EX-90-1E The Points Ernesto Pam 3 Lact.

R J & R N ROBINS

EX-90-1E Kayton Indecisive Fleur 5 Lact.

JADE & SCOTT SIEBEN

EX-91-1E Brindabella Tailor Topsy 3 Lact.
EX-90-1E Brindabella Dundee Nana 7 Lact.
VG85 Brindabella Mccutchen Nan 1L 2.5Y

W L & J A STEWART

EX-90-1E Allanjay Informer Missmas 4 Lact.

**BRADLEY & LEESA WINDRIDGE**

EX-90-4E	Windy Ridge Ladino Bawbaw	9 Lact.
EX-90-3E	Windy Ridge Goldbullion Berry	9 Lact.
EX-90-3E	Windy Ridge Tko Astra	6 Lact.

Northern Victoria**P R ALLOTT**

EX-91-3E	Granel Leman Paulette 2	8 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Waltopso Reginald Laurel	3 Lact.
EX-90-3E	Waltopso Jacko Farwina	8 Lact.
EX-90-2E	Waltopso Fustead Tulip-ET	5 Lact.
VG85	Waltopso Imp Joanne	1L 2.7Y

G B & M M ANDERSON

VG85	Sun Vale Jerut Jodie-RED	1L 2.7Y
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BECLAH PARK HOLSTEINS

EX-92-1E	High Green Roy Perfection	4 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Gorbrow Planet Patrice-ET	6 Lact.

BLUECHIP HOLSTEINS

VG85	Bluechip Mh Hero Marion	1L 2.4Y
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DARREN CRAWFORD

VG85	Horizon Gc Barbilicious-IMP-ET	1L 3.4Y
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S R & K L DALITZ

EX-90-1E	Clarinda Drake Esma-ET	6 Lact.
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NEIL W GOODFELLOW

EX-91-2E	Gowerville Marc Dorothy-ET	5 Lact.
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J M HISCOCK & SONS

EX-90-1E	Brurob Lancelot Petite	4 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Brurob Mrsam Princess	6 Lact.

HORROCKS PARTNERSHIP

VG85	Foxleigh Kd Jacobonia	1L 2.8Y
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G R JOINER

EX-90-1E	Coldara Emory Sapphire-ET	7 Lact.
EX-90-2E	Coldara Garri Calais	6 Lact.
EX-90-2E	Coldara SvB Brookelle	7 Lact.

LAWLORS LEGENDS

EX-90-1E	Lawlors Legends Shout 471	3 Lact.
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ROBBIE MALCOLM

EX-91-1E	Pardee Iota Patricia 1-ET	4 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Pardee Roy Daffy	8 Lact.

ROBERT & RAEWYN MARSHALL

EX-90-1E	Tomargo Recluse Terra Starbaby	5 Lact.
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H & K MEYLAND

EX-90-1E	Ashen Plains Ernesto Queenie	6 Lact.
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PARINGA HOLSTEINS

EX-90-1E	Paringa Parity Penelope	5 Lact.
EX-90-2E	Paringa Baxter Anastasia	5 Lact.
EX-90-2E	Paringa Mustang Winnie	8 Lact.
VG86	Paringa Aladdin Mellabell	1L 3.2Y
VG86	Paringa Arrow Fabia	1L 2.8Y
VG86	Paringa Fever Opa	1L 2.4Y
VG85	Paringa Alanta Flirta	1L 2.4Y
VG85	Paringa Destry Zikes-BR	1L 2.5Y
VG85	Paringa Crusader Moove	1L 2.2Y
VG85	Paringa Reddestin Emmy-BR	1L 2.5Y

SOMERELLE HOLSTEINS

EX-91-1E	Somerelle Aladdin Star	5 Lact.
EX-91-3E	Somerelle Terrason Classic	12 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Somerelle Ladino Lassly-ET	7 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Somerelle Laser Gallery	5 Lact.
EX-90-2E	Somerelle Ladino Lactose-ET	9 Lact.

M J & J M WILLIAMSON

EX-90-1E	Humevale Park Toystory Anthea	5 Lact.
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M J & C A WINZER

VG85	Fountaindale Park Capitalgain Liberty-IMP-ET1L 2.3Y	
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B J & L M WREN

EX-90-2E	Wrenmac Ladino Jetblak 28	7 Lact.
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South Gippsland, Victoria**A J & S D MACKIE**

VG85	Burn-Brae Fever Melissa-ET	1L 3.3Y
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West Gippsland, Victoria**LORIS GOODFELLOW**

VG85	Bulngower Red Carnation-RED	1L 3.0Y
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Western District, Victoria**B & D ANDERSON**

EX-91-3E	Blossomvale Allen Janet	9 Lact.
EX-91-2E	Blossomvale Wildman Ellie	6 Lact.

P J & C A CASTLES

EX-90-3E	Fraser Lheros Kay	9 Lact.
EX-90-2E	Hill Valley Ante Graceful	8 Lact.

BRETT CIRILLO

EX-91-4E	Ambrewlea Bossiron July	10 Lact.
EX-91-3E	Moonshay Park Aurhide Ireane	8 Lact.

CHRIS & MARY GLEESON

EX-92-5E	Elm Banks Designer Peach	7 Lact.
EX-92-4E	Elm Banks Laddy Maddie-ET	8 Lact.
EX-92-3E	Elm Banks Damion Shari	5 Lact.
EX-92-2E	Elm Banks Athur Emily	4 Lact.
EX-92-2E	Elm Banks Lauthority Night	4 Lact.
EX-91-1E	Elm Banks Athur Crystal	4 Lact.
EX-91-4E	Elm Banks Roy Satin	8 Lact.
EX-91-3E	Elm Banks Dundee Imelda	5 Lact.
EX-91-2E	Elm Banks Damion Delila	4 Lact.
EX-91-2E	Elm Banks Damion Precious	5 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Elm Banks Blitz Odelia	5 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Elm Banks Braxton Donna	3 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Elm Banks Ddee Lulu	4 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Elm Banks Deano Lassie	3 Lact.
EX-90-4E	Elm Banks Lady Doctor	8 Lact.
EX-90-4E	Elm Banks Red Donnatta-RDC	7 Lact.
EX-90-3E	Elm Banks Damion Polly	5 Lact.
EX-90-3E	Elm Banks Lulus Roy	8 Lact.
EX-90-2E	Elm Banks Bolton Shari	5 Lact.
EX-90-2E	Elm Banks Cool Lady	7 Lact.
VG85	Bluechip Ev Sticky Apple-IMP-ET	1L 3.4Y
VG85	Elm Banks Acme Tress	1L 2.10Y
VG85	Elm Banks Attorney Delila	1L 2.6Y
VG85	Elm Banks Dempsey Kiara	1L 2.3Y

B F & G P & J HAND

EX-90-1E	Windywarra Goldwyn Poppy-ET	6 Lact.
VG85	Sweet Atwood Pasta-IMP-ET	1L 2.8Y

D W & G L JOHNSTON

EX-90-1E	Segenhoe Park Co Lorraine-RDC	6 Lact.
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I J & K R MCKIE

EX-93-4E	The Points Bossiron Marg	11 Lact.
EX-90-1E	The Points Toystory Pam	7 Lact.
EX-90-3E	The Points Dundee Botha	9 Lact.

B & Y MCIVILLY

EX-92-2E	Windy View Hojames Gerry	9 Lact.
EX-91-1E	Windy View Powerplay Rose	4 Lact.
EX-91-1E	Windy View Windbrook Grace	3 Lact.
EX-91-5E	Barostin Goldkite Pauline 713-ET-RED	8 Lact.
EX-91-4E	Windy View Broker 5665	11 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Barostin Olympic Pammy 938	6 Lact.

OAKDENE HOLDINGS PTY LTD

EX-91-2E	Den-Cal Windbrook Connie	4 Lact.
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EUGENE REA

EX-90-1E	Childers Cove Altaice 1720	5 Lact.
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S & R RICHARDSON

EX-90-1E	Weeona Wildman Caramel	6 Lact.
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Classification tours**September**

Far South Coast NSW

South Coast NSW

Hunter Valley NSW

October

Queensland, Far North NSW

Tasmania

Western Australia

North Victoria

North-West Victoria

Far North Queensland

November/December

Gippsland, Victoria

Riverina

North-East Victoria

December

South Australia

P & W ROSS

VG85	Kelenmar Aftershock Tiffany	1L 2.5Y
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B L & M M SMITH

EX-91-3E	Ebony Park Gold Toni-ET	8 Lact.
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ST CLAIR HOLSTEINS

EX-92-5E	Wellstrand Buckeye Mercedes 3rd	7 Lact.
EX-90-1E	St Clair Mrsam Chardonay	6 Lact.
EX-90-1E	St Clair Stormatic Candida	7 Lact.
EX-90-2E	St Clair Talent Astrid	8 Lact.

N & M WILKIE

VG85	Crookslea Brooksy Starlit	1L 2.7Y
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Northern Western Australia**RICHARD HULL**

VG86	Eclipse Snowman R Rae-IMP-ET	1L 3.9Y
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Holstein Australia welcomes new members**28 April 2017 to 22 June 2017****Atherton & North Queensland**

Angus Fraser, Junior, 15/05/2017, 0437 226 778, PO Box 903, Malanda, 4885, QLD

Burnett, Queensland

Jacklyn Bradley & Bryan Noakes, Youth, 14/06/2017, 0439 023 422, 1103 Wondai-Proston Road, Wondai, 4606, QLD

Fleurieu & Central SA

Jessica Seeliger, Youth, 3/05/2017, 0422 014487, 295 Seven Steps Road, Flaxman Valley, 5235, SA

Northern Victoria

Ella Goldsmith, Youth, 31/05/2017, 0498 760 003, 136 High Street, Cobram, 3644, VIC

South Gippsland, Victoria

Ashlea Hughes, Full, 29/05/2017, 0400 233 106, 230 Egans Road, Koonwarra, 3954, VIC

South-West Riverina

Cinnamin Partners, Full, 10/05/2017, 0400 495 069, 18214 Riverina Highway, Blighty, 2713, NSW



1st Award: 1973 – 1992

2nd Award: 1993 - 2012

Willette Holsteins

**Lloyd and Cathy Chesworth, Willette
Holsteins, Tocumwal, NSW**

Master Breeders 2016 and 1992

**Information supplied by Lloyd
Chesworth**

Farm: We are a family operation. Cathy and I have a partnership with our son Andrew and his wife Kirstie (Foxdale Holsteins). We have one permanent and one or two casuals per day as needed. Andrew and Kirstie own 400 hectares and all the machinery. Our operation is pasture based, supplemented with silage and grain. We do not use total mixed ration. Since 2007 we have reared 350 calves per year on auto feeders.

My parents owned a grade dairy farm (no black and whites). In 1966 I bought two registered Holstein Friesian calves from Elmhill in the Hunter Valley. At the same time I joined the Friesian Cattle Club of Australia. In 1971 we bought our first farm as it was going cheap! We obtained 100% finance subject to Mum and Dad going guarantor. It was 20 ha near East Maitland in NSW on the flood plain. By this stage we already owned some cows and machinery. In 1977 we sold Maitland and 40 cows, moving 700 km north to Beaudesert in Queensland where we bought a 120 ha property, not an ideal farm but out of flood (!) and the next step. By 1984 we were ready to move again; we sold everything except 14 cows. We went back south

Farm facts

Farm size: 500 ha, 360 ha irrigated.

Herd size: 700 cows.

Split calving: autumn and spring

Herd production: 7 million L for 2015-16

Females bred: since 1993

EX: 37

VG: 478F 5M

SBC: 67

STP: 15

Production awards: 365

Lifetime production awards: 59

Points required: 1974

Points earned: 2928



Lloyd and Cathy Chesworth with their Master Breeders award.

1400 km to Tocumwal in NSW where we are today. To start with we bought a 129 hectare property with secure access to irrigation water. That was prior to the disastrous Murray Darling Basin plan!

Breeding goals: We target cows that compete in a large herd without special care, with shallow udders and correct feet and legs. Our cows often walk more than 10 kilometres per day (our farm is quite scattered). They need to be fast milking with a good temperament and naturally resistant to mastitis. We have not used Inter-mammary since 2000 except dry cow treatment. As our cow numbers have increased, coupled with the fact that our cows are milked by unskilled labour, we have found that cows sired by the top ranked bulls, either domestic or overseas, no longer deliver the best cows in our system. This makes sire selection for us even harder than ever before. We still do use some of these bulls to benchmark our approach and make sure we don't have our head in the sand.

Animals you bred that you are proud of:

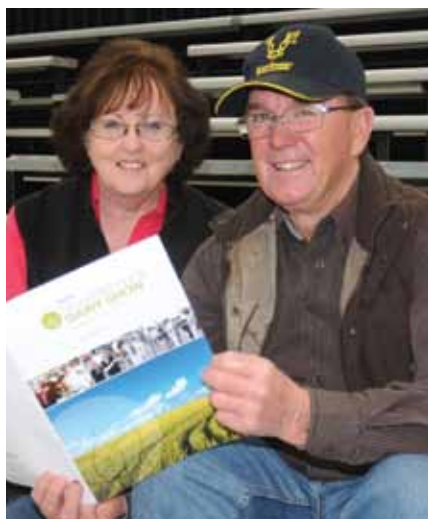
Our Alison cow family, classifies well, with three EX-93, three EX-92, numerous EXs, countless VGs, and many have placed in On Farm Challenge Finals. In very limited showing, an Alison has reached as high as Reserve All Australian in 2015 and Honourable Mention at Brisbane. This family's longevity is demonstrated by



Willette Wyngail Alison 5086.



Willette Goldwyn Alison 4 EX-92.



Lloyd and Cathy Chesworth at the Royal Melbourne Show 2012.

Champions in milk at Deniliquin AA Show and Finley All-Australian Show in 1980s and 1990s. Willette Fitlist Alison 6 went EX-93 by her seventh lactation. She has recorded 70,548 litres with 4.13% fat and 3.71% protein. Her offspring include one EX, one VG 89 and three GP 2-year-olds. Also of note is an Alison bull, Willette Kimar, with seven daughters in the top ten ABVs in 2011.

Notable cow families: Our Foxdale Lilas are another notable cow family. They have classified to EX and placed in On Farm Challenge Finals, and fourth placed in the All Australian. Our Hays from the Blackstar family classifying to EX, and our Kewpies family also do well. We have introduced International families, the Caernarvon J family, and from the Klaske family. The latest are the Roxys with five granddaughters from Scientific Dana Rae, who was the Reserve Champion at Madison World Dairy Expo. Two imported embryos have both classified EX.

Bulls we are using: Only ET donors individual mated. Other cows are joined to AI with our bull. We are currently using Unix, Flame, Eudon, Meridian, Brokaw Supersire and Megasire.

What do you enjoy about dairying and breeding in particular? The fact that families can work together and achieve their business goals. Breeding Holsteins is exciting. We love seeing our breeding decisions work, it also gives you a chance to meet and enjoy people from all over Australia and the world. When milk prices challenge our resolve, registered cows give the lift to keep us going. Without registered Holsteins our family would not have what it has today.

What are the big changes in breeding that you've seen over your career? There have been a few. The relaxing of colour restrictions for registered Holsteins, the acceptance of reds and appendix; the arrival of North American genetics, with live imports. Embryo transfer - our first in 1978 was surgically implanted through the flank! The arrival of Index breeding. And now genomics coupled with sexed semen has been revolutionary.

Career highlights: The highlights include this, our second Master Breeder award in one generation; Supreme Champion Cow Brisbane Royal in 1980; Reserve All Australian 5-year-old 2015; and the recognition of our home-developed Alison family.

Thoughts or advice to young people entering the industry: At the end of your breeding career, whether five or 50 years, you will be judged by the quality of the cows you bred and your integrity. You don't want to be remembered for the things you did or tried to do to win!



Do you have an anecdote or two to share? There are a lot, but here are a couple.

In 1979 the Queensland branch held its State Feature Show at Rockhampton. The Southern Breeders decided to support it by sending a combined team, which they would then sell, so 28 head were loaded onto the train in Brisbane. In those days the Government gave free train travel to cows en route to a show. I had the pleasure of Errol Sellin of Pasture Glen Studs for company on that trip, as we shared the 'drover's box'. This box had no door. It was a three wall room with space for one swag, day light with the choice of sitting on the floor or the 'loo with a view'. The trip took 30 hours – so you could fly to UK with time to spare. That experience is etched in my memory!

In 1981 Bob Brown of Greenelms Echo Christina fame (All Canadian Cow and dam of Browndale Commodore), judged Brisbane RNA and liked our winning 3-year-old Willette Ulti Alison. He went on to name her Honourable Mention for Champion Cow. This was innocent enough, but in those days this award was not in the schedule! Being excited, after the show we advertised our result, and to our surprise we were disciplined by the Holstein committee and told never to mention it again. How things change for the better!**HJ**



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North-West Victorian Cow of the Year

It's been a big year for Master Breeders, Jon and Nadine Holland, and their 5-year-old Champion, Holloddon Dealer Corrine 2153 EX-91-1E. After successive Champion titles at Echuca's 2016 North West Spring Fair and the 2017 Great Northern Show at Rochester, the silky Manna Farm Dealer daughter has been awarded the North-West Branch Senior Champion Cow before being named North West Victoria's Cow of the Year for 2017.

Corrine began gaining notoriety after winning the 4-year-old class in the 2015 North West On Farm Challenge (OFC), going on to place fourth in the State Finals. Encouraged by her OFC success, the Hollands asked friends and local breeders Brent and Kim Mitchell, Mitch Holsteins, if they could take Corrine to the 2016 Autumn Feature where she not only won her 4-year-old class, but also an Honourable Mention in the Senior Championship.

A few months later, Corrine calved again, classified EX-91-1E on a third lactation with an EX-92 mammary, and returned for the 2016 OFC competition to win the 5-year-old class, and again place fourth in her age group at State level.

Corrine soon returned to the Mitch

BELOW, left to right:

Intermediate Branch Champion 2017 – Mitch Aftershock Irene VG87, bred by Brent and Kim Mitchell, Mitch Holsteins.

Junior Branch Champion 2017 joint winner – Gorbroy Archout Kassie, bred by Gordon Family, Gorbroy Holsteins.

Junior Branch Champion 2017 joint winner – Clydevale Archival Paige, bred by the Dee family, Clydevale Holsteins.



North West Vic Cow of the Year 2017 – Holloddon Dealer Corrine 2153 EX-91-1E bred by Jon and Nadine Holland, Holloddon Holsteins.

Holsteins team in preparation for her success at the Echuca Spring Fair, where she was highly praised by judge Ben Govett, Tandara Holsteins.

"My Champion is a wonderful, balanced dairy cow, clean right through out. She's wide through the chest, open through fore and rear rib, a perfect balance of dairy strength. Just a wonderful dairy cow, well deserving of the champion ribbon," Ben said.

Jon said the family hadn't planned to do any shows for the season, but with their favourite cow in such good form, they had to get her out.

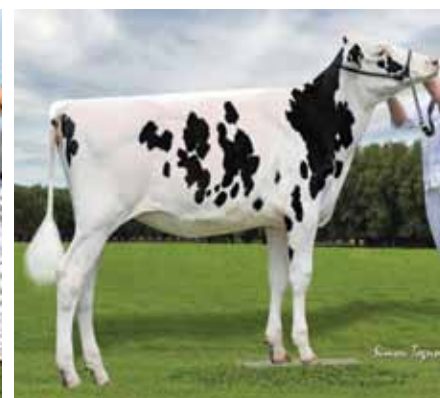
"She has amazing openness and spring and such an appetite, you could throw a cardboard box in front of her and she'd eat

it. She's such an easy cow to work with, we knew she wouldn't be a hassle for Kim and Mitch, and Simon Tognola did an awesome job getting her ready," Jon said.

Corrine stems from one of Holloddon's most prized cow families, founded on the Laura-Le Speckles (LALÉ) daughter Wandalea Corrine VG86 STP 6* Life1.

"The Corrines have been a wonderful family for us. Not only sentimental favourites for their gentle nature, they have had brought us so much success from shows, sales, SBC and STP Awards and even sent bulls to AI," Jon said.

Due again to calve in November to the popular Semex sire JK-Eder Control, Corrine will miss the upcoming OFC and spring shows, but Jon and Nadine are



looking forward to seeing her develop further, and have also begun working with the next generation.

Corrine's yearling daughter by Mal-Crest Altarazor (Holloddon Razor Corrine 2494) is showing great promise, while her first milking daughter, Holloddon Shadow Corrine 2275 GP84, by B-Crest Shadow, recently completed a first lactation of 9,672 litres, 3.3% 317 kg protein, 3.3 321 kg fat, 120 PI, with a BPI+205, and due to calve again in the spring.

The North West Intermediate Branch Champion Cow went to Mitch Aftershock Irene VG87, an MS-Atlees Sht Aftershock daughter bred by Brent and Kim Mitchell. Irene won the 3-year-old class and Overall Champion in the 2016 North West OFC and third in the State Finals, Reserve Intermediate Champion at the North West Spring Fair and Reserve Champion Two-Year Old All Australian for 2016. However it was on the national stage in January where Irene showed her best form, being named Intermediate Champion Holstein at International Dairy Week 2017.

"This past year has been such a thrilling ride," Kim said in accepting the Intermediate award. "When she won at IDW, we achieved something that we had previously only dreamed about. It has been a culmination of all the knowledge and support we have received over the years from sub-branch members, for which we are truly grateful. It has been a real team effort."



North-West Victoria 2017 Premier Breeder & Exhibitor – Brindabella Holsteins.

The Junior Branch Champion title was a tie result between two Eclipse Atwood Archrival daughters, in the Gorbroy family's Gorbroy Archout Kassie, and Clydevale Archrival Paige bred by Master Breeders, the Dee family.

The overall Premier Breeder and Exhibitor for the North West for 2017 was won by the Sieben family, Scott, Jade, Lincoln and Georgia, Brindabella Holsteins.

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Victoria's North West celebrate their 2017 youth

Victoria's North West Sub-branch celebrated its youth at its 2017 Annual Dinner and Awards Night, held at the Gunbower Sporting Complex in June.

It's been a big year for the local junior members, with continued success on the industry's biggest stage. In a fantastic team effort, the North West team backed up their success from 2016 to finish an honourable Runner-Up in the IDW Youth Challenge in 2017.

"It was great to see the kids take on different roles in the challenge this year,"



North West Sub-branch Youth Excellence winner 2017 – Hannah Dee.

President Mark Dee said. "The sub-branch is very grateful to the kids for their efforts and for the members and parents who helped out at IDW and on our training days."

On an individual level, the sub-branch acknowledged the success of members at the 2017 IDW Youth Show, with April Wishart winning the Sheri Martin Memorial Youth Showmanship Junior Champion Handler Award, and Georgia Sieben winning Senior Champion In-Milk Heifer – Junior Leader and Reserve Grand Champion with her heifer Brindabella Woody Kay.

The major prize for the evening, the North West Youth Excellence Award, supported by the Sheri Martin Youth Fund, went to Hannah Dee. Throughout the 2016/17 show season, Hannah has demonstrated her passion and skill in the show arena with continued success in the handler and junior judging classes, as well as winning Senior Champion heifer with her calf Clydevale Superstyle Peninsula at the North West Calf Show, and Junior Champion with her heifer Clydevale Archrival Paige at the North West Spring Feature in Echuca.

The North West Encouragement Award went to Georgia Sieben. The Encouragement Award is selected by

the judges and committee members on participation, enthusiasm and development throughout the year. Georgia's efforts this year have been outstanding, in particular, her encouragement of the younger members at the sub-branch calf show.

The sub-branch is proud of the achievements of its young members and grateful to the industry for continuing to offer opportunities that support the youth.



Youth Encouragement Award winner 2017 – Georgia Sieben with her 2017 IDW Youth Show Reserve Grand Champion Heifer, Brindabella Woody Kay.

Passion for dairy burns in the west

The Western Australian dairy industry maybe contracting but Russell Hall (Haldervale Holsteins, Boyanup) is determined to change that.

Russ is a man with a passion for cows who grew up working on his family's dairy farm at Harvey in WA.

His love of the industry has seen him spread his wings and spending time farming on a large-scale dairy farm in northern Victoria.

These days though, he is back in his home state working for Carenda Holsteins owned by the Kitchen family, and enjoying the challenges of dryland farming with a high genetic merit, 400-cow herd.

Russ loves nothing better than to breed and show good cows and it is a love that he hasn't been afraid to pass on and share to the next generation, through his involvement in WA's Youth Handlers camp.

"I have been helping with the camp for the last three years. I have been taking heifers and helping the kids out," Russ said.

"For myself, I just love cows. To pass the opportunity on to others and teach them techniques on how to handle and classify cows is very rewarding. Having more people involved at a grass roots level, means more people in the industry."

Russ said that while opportunities in the Western Australian dairy industry were limited at the moment, he would jump at the chance to get more involved.

"At the end of the day I want to own my own farm and it is just a matter of how I get there.

"There are limited share farming opportunities in WA and the industry is quite spread out between the north and south, which makes it a challenge for a young farmer like myself to make my passion my career. I am also involved with Western Dairy's Young Dairy Network to try and enhance communication, and get a few more events going.

It was back in 2012 when Russ had the opportunity to experience a classification tour with Richard Anderson that opened his eyes up to the industry outside of WA. He spent time extensively travelling through Victoria and parts of South Australia.

"I left my family farm so I could get out there and experience the Australian dairy industry and it was one of the best things I could have done."

Russ said he has experienced many different styles of farming including irrigation, annual and perennial pastures, TMRs and learning to feed cows to their genetic potential, but through it all his love of a good cow has remained.

"I started showing cows when I was six and I still love it today. I love showing an animal that I have worked hard to prepare and my love of showing has also taken me to a lot of great places."

Russ first worked at IDW when he was 17, which he said that was an eye-opening experience.



Russ presenting an award at the youth cattle camp.

"It was so good to be surrounded by a group of people who share the love of breeding good cows and that was awesome and it was one of things I have been really pushing for since I returned to WA."

In 2017, he was offered the opportunity to prepare cattle for the World Wide Sires heifer sale at IDW.

"It provided me with an opportunity to work alongside some really good fitters and I learnt a lot. It was a pretty big moment for me and I would jump at the chance to do it again."

Russ has a few cows registered in his own prefix, Haldervale Holsteins, and plans to expand his genetics. He has his eye on a few other cow families.

Russ has purchased a heifer from Carenda Holsteins and he has bought into the Faith family.

"The Faiths are my sort of cow: stylish and classy. She is only a heifer and is joined to sexed semen but I have plans to flush her in the future and hopefully end up with a strong line of good cattle."

He also has three cows that remain in Victoria, currently running in the herd of Andrew and Robyn Tyler from Tongala.

"They are descendants from the Patsy family of Ray Blackburn's Burnvale Holsteins. I am hoping to run a flushing program for them and get some embryos sent back to me here in WA."

"I love the Bubbles family too, which was introduced to me by Richard and I would love to get one of those in the future.

"I think the dairy industry is a great thing to be involved in and while it can be challenging at times, there is nothing else I want to do."



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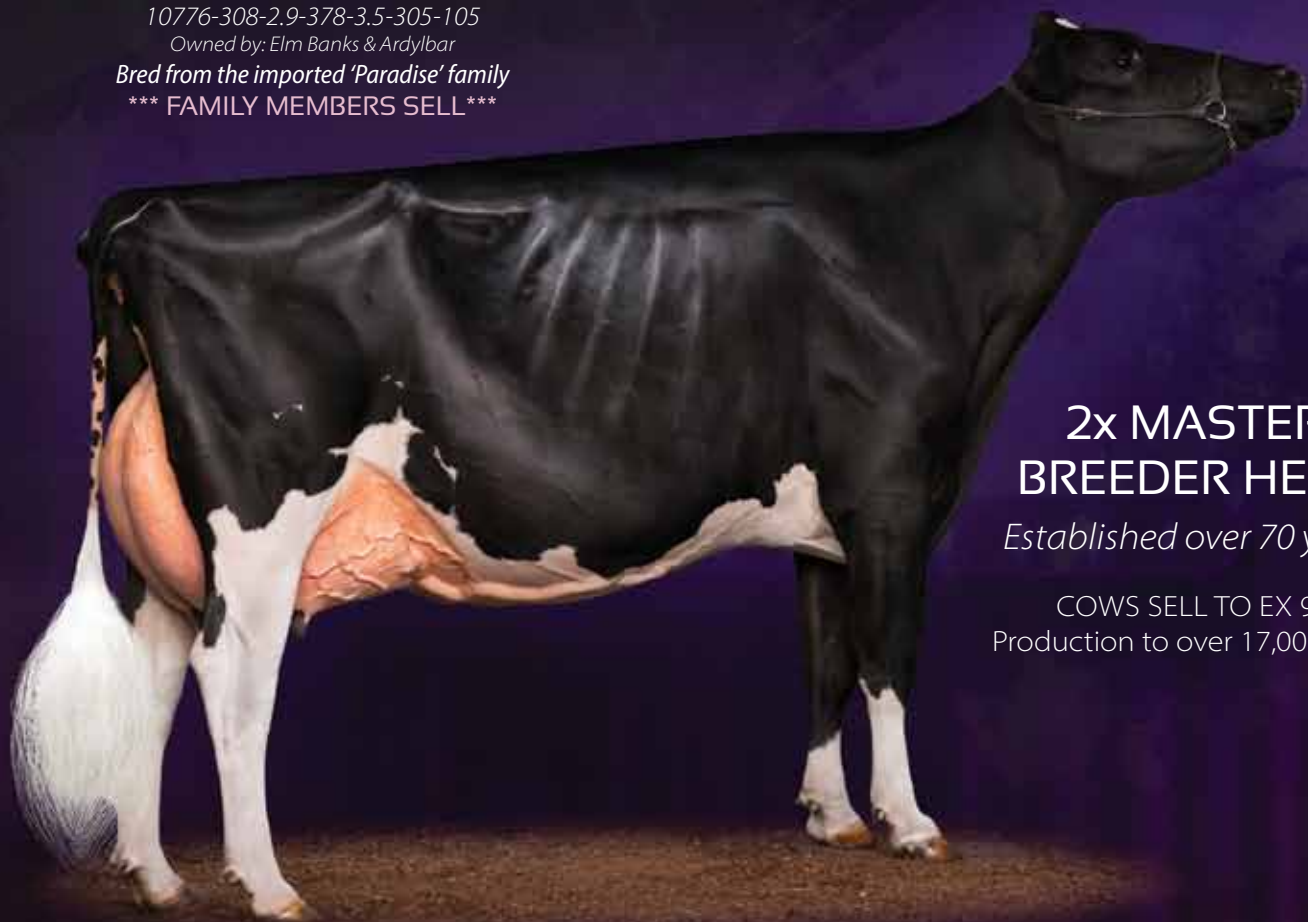
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Clothes from cow dung

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Mestic was one of five winners of the 2017 Global Change Award for its new fashion collection made from its cellulose (viscose) derived from cow dung.

The company will use the prize money to develop a prototype plant as the next step towards scaling up production. **HJ**



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