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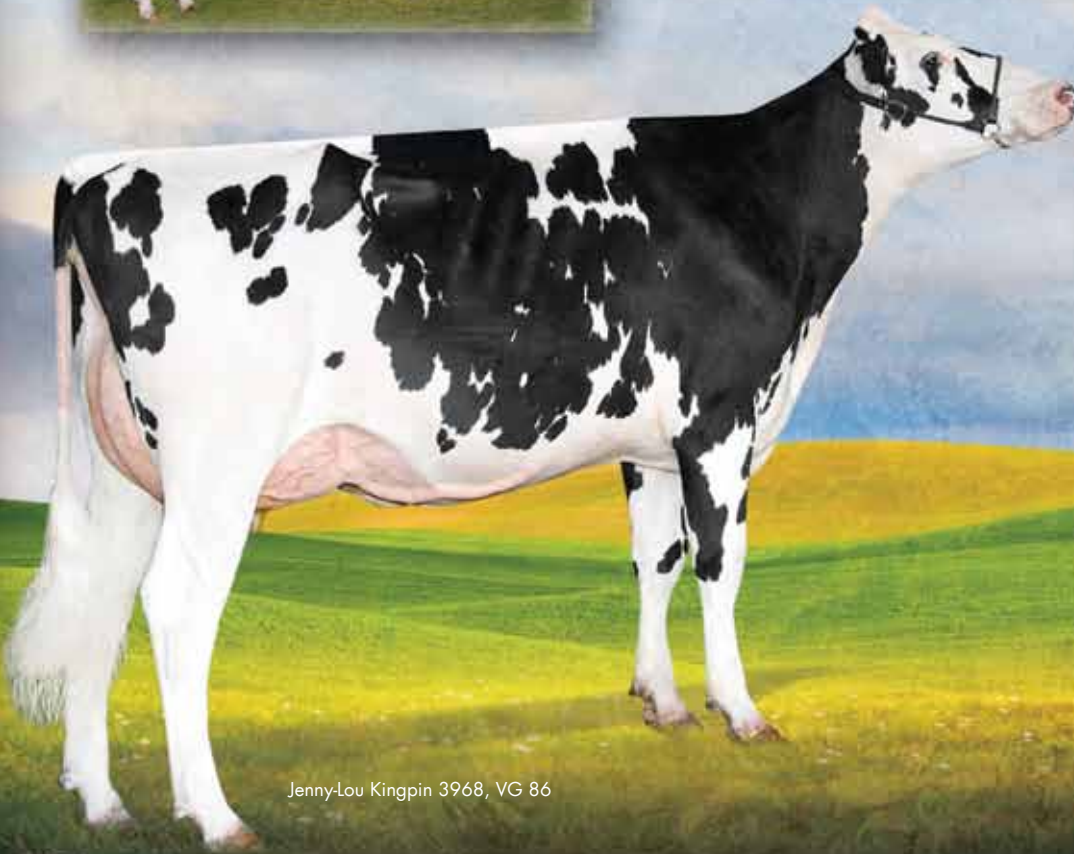
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A year of change ahead

My first report to members as President provides me with the opportunity to review the 2017 year and highlight the priorities for 2018. It has been a year of consolidation for the dairy industry and of change for Holstein Australia; both have had their share of challenges.

In the first five months of the current financial year we have seen the members' use of services increase, with the biggest improvement in classifications (almost 50% up on the same period last year). Herd book registrations are also well above last year, a reflection of members catching up on their registrations from what has been a very tough year or two.

We have had the exciting news of Australia's first 97 point cow; Fairvale Morty Lady 51 (see page 9). Congratulations to the owners and breeders of this absolutely wonderful cow. Interestingly, Morty Lady can be directly traced back to Volume 1 of the Herd Book, highlighting the value and importance of pedigree records.

In July, almost three years of investigation, planning and member communication culminated in the implementation of the Association's new Governance. Members and sub-branches are now communicating directly with management, the Board and their Strategic Directions Committee (SDC) regional representatives in a way not previously accessible.

Within the new Governance structure, there are two vital aspects that have not so far been at the forefront of the changes: the role of sub-branches and youth development. The sub-branches represent our community, where members communicate, share knowledge and promote the breed within their regions. Youth are our future and for 2018 the development of a youth structure to better support their network will be a priority.

The first priority from the 2020 Strategic Business Plan was to improve the way we communicated with members and the overall industry.

The first step has been to increase electronic communication and better utilise social

media to broaden our reach. One initiative I'm sure you are enjoying is Holstein Dispatch, our new e-newsletter that delivers Holstein news in an easy-to-access, user-friendly and cost-effective manner.

In the background we have been investing on two fronts: the new website and engaging with social media more often and across more mediums.

The website, to be launched in January 2018, will provide a more integrated and user friendly experience and increase the traffic to, and value of, our website.

We have lifted social media participation on a number of platforms and already our visibility has lifted considerably. The best example has been the posting of Australia's first 97 point cow, Fairvale Morty Lady 51, where our social media platforms far exceeded our wildest expectations. It proves that using social media can introduce outstanding cows to Holstein enthusiasts around the world.

Our next focus will be around the *Holstein Journal*, a publication with a successful track record that is enjoyed by members across Australia. An ongoing challenge has been to level out the rising cost of production. This is not easily overcome, with so many competing alternatives for members to spend advertising dollars to promote their herds.

The *Journal* has been Holstein Australia's primary investment in the way we communicate but now it's time to review what the *Journal* will look like and the means by which it is delivered. Further details will be made available in early 2018.

New services in the wings

The second priority of the 2020 Strategic Business Plan has been to develop new services to offer Holstein breeders. There are tremendous opportunities for the Association as about 5,000 Australian dairy farms milk Holsteins yet only around 1,250 are members. Background work is under way on a number of projects focusing on ways that identify the value of genetics in a breeding herd. We believe Holstein

Australia can leverage the skill set of the classifier team and our database to deliver value-added services to our members and the wider industry. The concept is being road-tested with a breeder focus group to help shape what has the potential to significantly improve a herd's value.

Speaking of the value of genetics, I had the pleasure of attending the Gorbro Invitational sale in November. This was an outstanding sale based on outstanding cow families that were registered, classified, herd recorded with breeding values, and put under the hammer after a well-executed marketing plan. Congratulations to the Gordon family and the invited member vendors on achieving a wonderful sale average of \$7,850. Well done!

The sale confirmed my long-held belief that registered Holsteins with productive pedigrees command far more value in the market place than unregistered cattle.

The new year won't be without its challenges. Over the past 10 years, export revenue has contributed substantial funds to the Association's operations. To help offset this dependence, the Board earlier this year set a 3-5 year goal to fully fund operations from services and utilise revenue from export for research, projects and investments. This will be brought forward as we are experiencing a significant slowdown in exports to China. The emergence of the bluetongue virus in Northern Victoria has further destabilised trade.

At its December meeting, the Board will undertake a full review of services, fee levels and activities as we look to proactively manage what will be a significant revenue shortfall for the current financial year. The Board will report directly to members on the outcomes of these considerations.

All responsibilities come with challenges and I look forward to being able to lead Holstein Australia through the current situation and help identify and implement the opportunities that will arise. I also look forward to personally catching up with as many members as possible in 2018. **HJ**

ST genetics invests in Cogent

US-based ST Genetics has become the majority shareholder in the UK's largest bull stud, Cogent Breeding Limited.

Cogent will provide ST with a strong platform in the UK and Europe providing new routes to market and a creating a powerhouse of industry knowledge, technology and resources.

ST genetics will provide world class bull power including the number one PLI bull in the UK; new generation sexed semen machines and processes; genomic testing and mating programs and access to new and innovative bovine reproduction technology.

The two companies have a longstanding relationship as Cogent pioneered the commercialisation of sexed semen and was the first licensee of ST's sexing technology. Whilst there is a change in ownership, Cogent will continue to operate as a separate business maintaining its own proud identity, brand and culture.

Hats for hope

The Power of Women in Dairying (POW) has announced it will run a country-based version of Hats for Hope at Tatura on Tuesday 23 January 2018 (IDW week). Hats for Hope is an annual fund-raising fashion parade featuring vintage Christian Dior hats from a private Melbourne collection. The Tatura function will raise funds for suicide prevention projects at Orygen, the national Centre of Excellence in Youth Mental Health as well as funds towards the POW scholarship.

The evening will also include guest speaker, Di Schubert, who will share her experiences about the highs and lows of dairy farming, including the excitement of their IDW Champion Cow, Braeford Vale Twilight and the despair of losing a third of their herd to botulism.

For more information, Jade Sieben 0407 377 114 or Robyn Barber 0418 656 082.

Farewell Fever

Semex announced the passing of Fever, its thirteenth millionaire sire. Debuting as the #2 Conformation sire in August 2010, Fever quickly became a stand-out in a sea of Goldwyn sons, and was dubbed the 'Longevity King,' as his proof grew stronger



Fever fans were saddened to hear of the bull's recent passing.

as he added daughters in each proof round. In August 2013, he was named the #1 second crop conformation sire. With his great health traits and exceptional fertility he quickly became an international sensation, garnering his own searchable hashtag on social media... the #feverfanclub that is still active today. "Fever was a truly exceptional bull," said Paul Krueger, Semex Vice President Global Marketing. "He stood out from all other Goldwyn sons because he offered high conformation along with desirable health traits. We're extremely proud of the success he has had on dairies worldwide."

New LPA requirements

Dairy farmers who want to maintain their accreditation under the Livestock Production Assurance (LPA) Program will need to complete an assessment to demonstrate they understand their food safety, animal welfare and biosecurity responsibilities. The additional requirements came into effect in October 2017. LPA accreditation is needed to use the National Vendor Declaration which is needed in most cases to trade or market cattle such as at saleyards, to slaughter houses or a store buyer.

For more information visit MLA.com.au

Aussie behind new world record

Richard Hull (Eclipse Holsteins) is part owner of the highest-selling bull in the world, Mr Frazzled Aristocrat, who sold at the World Classic Sale for \$620,000US in October. It was Richard's turn to choose the sire to put over AI-Lew Monterey Ashley, a \$185,000 cow he owned in a US-based syndicate.

"It was a strategic decision to use Melarry Josuper Frazzled over her. But it was a stroke of luck that we had a bull calf to sell as we'd used sexed semen," Richard said.

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Supporting mental health in rural Australia

HA members are among those farmers who have combined with Zoetis to donate \$100,000 to *beyondblue*, to support the mental health for regional Australians.

The money was raised through a \$5 donation by Zoetis from each sale of cattle, sheep, pig, poultry and goat vaccines and drenches. It is put towards maintaining the *beyondblue* 24/7 support service.

The service is desperately needed in rural areas where the rate of suicide is about 50% higher than in major cities.



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They ended up with the highest net merit bull in the world, based on the US proof system. Mr Frazzled Aristocrat's proof includes NM\$1011, TPI 2935, PTAT: 2935, calving ease 6.6% and protein 64.

"He inherited his dam's strengths in type and health traits and his sire's strengths in type and health," Richard said.



ABOVE: Mr Frazzled Aristocrat set a new world record when he sold at the World Classic Sale for US\$620,000.



The four farming families behind Mountain Milk Co-op Sarah and Stuart Crosthwaite, Kerrie and Patrick Glass, Belinda and Scott McKillop, and Alice and Ian Holloway, with dairy consultant Patten Bridge.

DataGene hits the ground running

DataGene – the dairy industry's organisation to drive herd improvement – has hit the ground running in its first year, reported Chairman, Ross Joblin at its recent annual general meeting (9 November 2017).

Mr Joblin said DataGene's first six months of operations combined the start-up phase of a new company with the acquisition and integration of Mistro Centre and the Australian Dairy Herd Improvement Scheme (ADHIS). The start-up phase included appointing a board and recruiting industry members, of which there were now 22, representing most of the major players in Australia's dairy herd improvement sector.

DataGene delivered two new tools for farmers during the year – the HerdData App and the Herd Test Dashboard. Both products are delivered via herd test centres with rapid uptake by farmers. Use of the Good Bulls App continued to grow throughout the year and is now used widely by farmers, breeding advisers and semen sellers.

Genetic evaluation is one of DataGene's key roles and this year saw the introduction of a public ABV run in December, in addition to those in April and August. DataGene continues to work with DairyBio researchers to develop new and more reliable breeding values, several of which are scheduled for release in 2018, including new Heat Tolerance and Gestation Length traits.

DataGene is working with industry partners on two major R&D projects: ImProving Herds and MIRforProfit. Both projects are scheduled for completion in 2018 after which the findings will be integrated into industry extension programs. ImProving Herds will demonstrate that genetics and herd testing improves profit on farm and MIRforProfit will lay the groundwork for new management tools from herd test samples.

Members take control of their destiny

Four NE Victorian dairy farmers – including two HA members – have formed a milk marketing co-op to gain more control over their destiny in the wake of the Murray Goulburn price milk collapse.

Mountain Milk Cooperative has been founded by Patrick and Kerrie Glass (Kerrick Park), Ian and Alice Holloway (Gundowring), Stuart and Sarah Crosthwaite and Scott and Belinda McKillop. They believe their collective approach will give them greater control, less risk, more choice and better value.

Between them, the families produce 18-20 million litres a year and plan to have their first milk in the shelves by mid-2018. They want to showcase their shared values in dairying: a deep commitment to caring for their animals, sustaining the environment and creating jobs in their local community.

The group received a grant of \$140,000 from the Farming Together program to investigate different business structures and has hired a consultant to help them with this process. They are looking to establish partnerships with milk processors. Once this is bedded down, they will explore options for growth.

More information: Patten Bridge 0418 308 414.

Cow of the Year reminder



It's time to start thinking about your entries for the Cow of the Year. Entries close 31 May 2018. The competition recognises all-round excellence in production, classification, breeding and overall contribution to the Australian Holstein breed.

Contact: Holstein Australia, ph 03 9835 7600; email enquiries@holstein.com.au

COMING EVENTS

January 4, 5

2018 Western District Camp Out, Noorat, Victoria.
Details: Fiona Hanks 0438 146 361

21 January

IDW Youth Challenge, Tatura Park, Tatura, Victoria.
Details: P: 03 98357600 E: enquiries@holstein.com.au

21-25 January

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

13-15 February

Australian Dairy Conference, Pullman Hotel, Albert Park, Melbourne, Victoria, and visiting farms in Gippsland.
Details: www.australiandairyconference.com.au

15 March

Tasmanian Dairy Conference and Dinner, Launceston, Tasmania.

Details: Nicki Hayward M: 0477 334 080 E: admin@dairytas.com.au P: 03 6432 2233

23 March – 3 April

Sydney Royal Easter Show, Sydney Show Grounds, Olympic Park

Details: W: www.rasns.w.com.au/sydney-royal-competitions/competitions/cattle/general-information/; P: 02 9704 1159 Fax: 02 9704 1122 E: cattle@rasns.w.com.au

Email details of coming event to: journaladmin@holstein.com.au. For regular updates, visit www.holstein.com.au and click on the events calendar.

3-5 July

Victorian Winter Fair, Bendigo
Details: Clare Modra M: 0419 200 981 W: victorianwinterfair.webs.com E: victorianwinterfair@gmail.com + Facebook

18-21 October

Royal Geelong Show, 79 Breakwater Rd, Breakwater, Victoria.
All Australian Classes, Red and White and Black and White Holstein
Details: Neville Wilkie M: 0428 572 508, Don McDonald M: 0412 306 678 E: info@royalgeelongshow.org.au

August 2018

Holstein Australia Annual General Meeting, Hobart, Tasmania
Details: P 03 9835 7600 E enquiry@holstein.com.au

Fairvale Morty Lady 51 sets a record

Fairvale Morty Lady 51 (pictured) jointly owned by Lisa and Will McKay of Linsand-V Holsteins, Victoria, and Lindsay and Sandra Thompson, Linsand Holsteins, Tasmania, has been recognised by Holstein Australia as the highest classified cow in Australia, achieving EX-97 points (EX-97-5E).

Purchased from breeders Ross and Leanne Dobson (Fairvale Holsteins) as a 2½-year-old, 12-year-old Fairvale Morty Lady 51 is in her 7th lactation and has twice been International Dairy Week Champion (2011 and 2014).

Lisa McKay said the reaction to Morty Lady 51’s classification had been incredible: “We’ve had hundreds of calls and messages from all round the world. She is a very special animal. With most dairy cows reaching their peak at between 4 to 6 years old, not only did she win IDW at the age of 9, but has gone on to achieve Australia’s highest-ever classification at the age of 12.”

Holstein Australia uses the internationally recognised Linear Evaluation System to provide an objective, consistent and accurate method of conformation assessment. Twenty-two traits are compiled into four composite scores: Mammary system, Feet and Legs, Dairy Strength and Rump. These scores are combined to calculate a conformation score out of 100, with each composite weighted according to its significance in predicting productivity, longevity and lifetime profitability.



Classification Supervisor at Holstein Australia, Leanne Summerville, said: “She is without doubt the best cow I’ve seen in Australia. She just takes your breath away. Great capacity, outstanding udder and real strength with dairyness, and she just keeps getting better with age.”

Graeme Gillan, Holstein Australia CEO, believes Fairvale Morty Lady 51 represents the pinnacle of the breed.

“This cow comes from generations of high performing cows and has been exceptionally well managed over the years,” Graeme said.

“To achieve EX-97 points as a 12-year-old is incredible, and given her history, underlines the fact that cattle of a better conformation have proven to be more productive, less demanding and longer living. The beauty of this animal now is the progeny she can produce and the herd improvement role she can play.”

New herdbook codes for polled gene

It is an exciting time for polled breeding in the Holstein population: the increasing quality and quantity of true polled males and females gives breeders the opportunity to breed out the need to dehorn without compromising overall genetic merit.

Holstein Australia has changed the way polled animals are identified within the Australian Holstein Herdbook. Holstein Australia has adopted the system used by Holstein USA, as it is already used for most AI sires and high-ranking North American females. However, animals with the World Holstein (WHFF) codes may still be seen from time to time.

Inheritance of the trait for horns or no horns (polled) involves relatively simple genetics. The gene for polledness is dominant (P). This means that a calf that inherits a poll gene from either parent will not require disbudding. They are referred to as heterozygous polled (Pp).

Animals with two copies of the polled gene – one from each parent (PP) – are referred to as true polled or homozygous.

Horned animals receive the horn gene from each parent. They are referred to as homozygous horned – pp).

About the US and HA codes

There are four codes on the US/HA system: PO, PC, PP and PF (see table).

PO (Polled Observed) means that the breeder has observed that the calf is polled but no genetic testing has been done to confirm this. Breeders will be able to accurately identify calves that are born polled and to help maintain the integrity of the PO status HA will fully subsidise the cost of testing for 1 in 50 calves that breeders identify this way.

PC (Polled Confirmed) means the animal has been DNA tested and confirmed as having one polled gene.

PP (the two Ps Indicating two polled genes) means the animal has been DNA tested and confirmed as having two polled genes.

PF (Polled Free) refers to animals with polled parents but is either observed by the breeder as having horns or identified through DNA testing.

Description	Genetic term	Genetic makeup	US and HA codes	WHFF codes
Polled – observed	Heterozygous (Pp)	1 copy of the polled gene	PO (breeder observed)	POR
Polled - confirmed	Heterozygous (Pp)	1 copy of the polled gene	PC (DNA test confirmed)	POC
True polled	Homozygous polled (PP)	2 copies of the polled gene	PP (DNA test confirmed)	POS
Horned	Homozygous horned (pp)	No copies of the polled gene	PF (polled free)	POF

Breeding for type lifts class scores

The Overall Type ABV is strongly correlated to final score classification results and will lead to more cows being classified Good Plus (GP) and better. HA's Genetic Research Manager, Rohan Butler, pictured, reports on an investigation he conducted with Dr Jennie Pryce (Victorian Government) as part of the ImProving Herds project.



Selecting for improved conformation using the Overall Type ABV will lead to more daughters classified GP or better and gains in daughter final classification score.

In Australia, the overall type ABV is expressed as a percentage, with a mean of 100 (which represents the average of the current milking population). Holstein bulls with an ABV of 111 are in the top 1% of the Holstein population and an ABV of 107 translates to the top 10%.

We looked at the relationship between Overall Type ABVs and daughter classification scores. Graph 1 shows they are strongly correlated and the increase is linear. Using the best estimate (shown by the dashed line), the daughters of bulls with Overall Type ABVs of 100 would have an average final classification score of 80.1. In contrast, the daughters of bulls with an Overall Type ABV of 110 would have an average classification score of 81.8 (a difference of 1.7 points). A one standard deviation change genetically is 5 ABV units and would lead to an improvement in final score of 0.85 points.

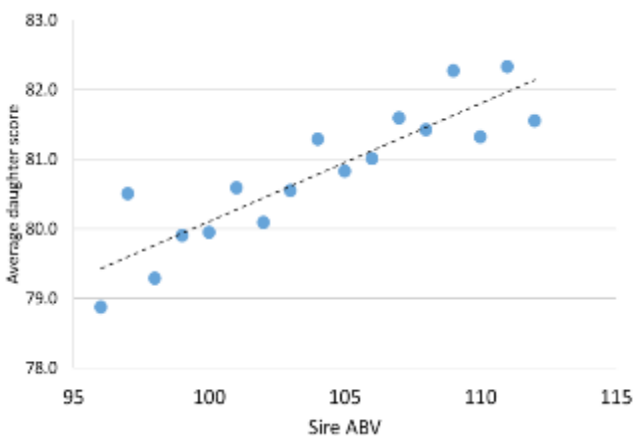
We also looked at the percentage of daughters that are Good Plus (GP) and better. Using a bull with an Overall Type ABV of 110 will result in about 22% more daughters classified GP and better than if a bull with an Overall Type ABV of 100 is used (Graph 2). However, the relationship is not linear and actually flattens out above a score of 108. In fact bulls with scores of greater than 105 have similar proportions of GP and better daughters.

Increasing the proportion of cows that are GP and better is expected to reduce the number of candidates to cull based on poor conformation and open up the opportunity to cull for other reasons.

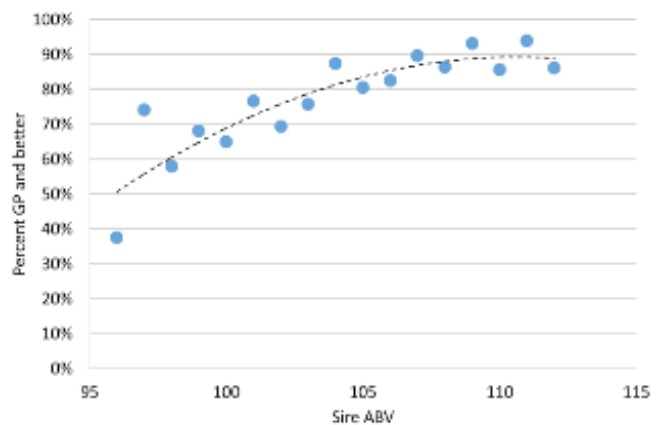
Selecting for improved conformation using the Overall Type ABV will lead to more daughters classified GP or better and gains in daughter final classification score.

For more information about classification, contact Leanne Summerville, 0458 931 061 or lsummerville@holstein.com.au.

Improving Herds is a Gardiner Foundation project led by the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resource and supported by Holstein Australia, Dairy Australia, DataGene and National Herd Improvement Association.



Graph 1. The relationship between daughter final score classification results and sire Overall Type ABVs for bulls with >20 classified daughters in 10 herds for bulls born after 2005 with classification results after 2009.



Graph 2 The relationship between percent GP and better and sire Overall Type ABVs for bulls with >20 classified daughters in 10 herds for bulls born after 2005 with classification results after 2009 (source: Rohan Butler, Holstein Australia).



A helping hand for cows in the heat

Dairy farmers can now breed for greater heat tolerance in their herds.

DataGene's December release of Australian Breeding Values (ABVs) includes the world-first Heat Tolerance ABV.

Australian dairy farmers are familiar with the impact of hot, humid weather on their herds. Now they can add breeding to their toolbox of ways to help cows handle the heat.

Dr Matt Shaffer, DataGene CEO, said that although environment and management conditions had a big impact on a cow's response to the heat, genetics also played a role.

"Advances in genomics allowed the DairyBio team to identify gene markers for heat tolerance. The Heat Tolerance ABV allows farmers to identify animals with greater ability to tolerate hot weather with less impact on production," he said. Dairy Bio is a joint venture between Agriculture Victoria and Dairy Australia.

To breed for improved heat tolerance, look for bulls with a high Balanced Performance Index (BPI) and a Heat Tolerance ABV of greater than 100. Use a team of bulls to allow for the lower reliability

The reliability of the Heat Tolerance ABV is 38% which is in line with the newer generation of genomic-only traits. Like all new ABVs, reliability is expected to improve with time, as more data becomes available.

Heat tolerance is favourably linked with fertility and unfavourably with production. This means a strong focus on heat tolerance bulls may improve fertility but compromise production.

"If breeding for heat tolerance, look for the exceptional animals that are strong for both BPI and heat tolerance," he said.

While not all dairy farmers will want to include heat tolerance in their breeding priorities, some are keen to get started.

The Heat Tolerance ABV was developed with funding from the Australian Department of Agriculture and Water Resources.

More information: DataGene 03 9032 7191 or enquiries@datagene.com.au or www.datagene.com.au

Trevor Parrish (Illawanbra), Kangaroo Valley, NSW: "Now when I get a list of bulls I'm going to be looking for bulls which combine increased production and increased heat tolerance – they are going to be the ones who buck the trend," Mr Parrish said.

Trevor's family milks 160-240 cows year round and sells bulls to semen companies and other dairy farmers.



Ray Kitchen Carenda Holsteins, Boyanup, WA: "Having a Heat Tolerance ABV will mean we can breed cows with a greater ability to tolerate hot weather and be better suited to our farming environment. We will be looking for the bulls that pull together production and heat tolerance."

Ray's family milks 400 cows year round and sells bulls to semen companies and other dairy farmers.

Registration as easy as snap, click, send

BY SOPHIE BALDWIN

You are never too old to embrace technology. Dairy farming grandmother Lynette Greenwood (Alnor Holsteins, Western Districts, Vic) will attest to that.

Lynette has been using EzeGene, Holstein Australia's smart phone app to register her calves with Holstein Australia for the last couple of years and there is no way she would return to the paperwork trail she once used to have.

She simply takes her phone with her out into the calving paddock, snaps a pic of the newborn, adds the details, hits send and the job is done.

"In the old days I used to have to find time to sit down in the office, look through all the information and then spend hours going through all the rigmarole to register our stock. That process is gone now and thankfully I have EzeGene; it is an amazing tool to have and to work with out in the field," Lynette said.

"I think we were among the first businesses to use EzeGene and it really is an easy program to work with. I am not that good with technology myself but I have found it very easy to navigate and work my through."

The Greenwood family has been registering stock with Holstein Australia for more than 30 years.

Lynette loves the breeding side of the industry and the fact that registering stock adds value to herd.

Every year she registers around 250 heifer calves - the time she now saves through using EzeGene is quite significant.

"Today, for example, I had three new calves in the shed. I took their photo, loaded the data and it was done straight away, I didn't have to think about anything else."

Lynette said it no big deal if some detail is unknown, it can just be added in at a later date.



Lynette Greenwood (Alnor Holsteins, Western Districts, Vic) says there's no way she'd go back to the paper process she once used.

"Sometimes I might not know the sire but I just add in what information I have and save it for later. Because I carry my phone around, it is simply just a matter of adding in what I am missing when I go back to the dairy. The only hard bit I find is getting the right bull codes loaded at the start of each season but once you have that, it really is very simple."

While taking photos of animals is optional, Lynette said it is a feature she always uses. She likes that every animal in her prefix has photo identification associated with their registration.

"I just take the picture and upload it straight away with the other data. If the heifer happens to lose its identification before it is freeze branded, it is only a matter of looking back through the photos to help establish the identity."

Lynette said once she has about 30 or so animals ready to register she just hits send and the batch goes through to Holstein Australia.

"It really is that quick and simple and it is all a paperless process," Lynette said.

Because Lynette is in charge of the stock, she is the only one on her farm who



knows how to use the app but she said it wouldn't take much to show others.

"I think my grandchildren could use it, it really is that simple."

Holstein Australia Chief Operations Officer, David Jupp, said the app was developed in response to member requests for a quick and easy way to register their stock.

"Our priority was to deliver a user-friendly tool to aid in animal data management. It can accommodate multiple prefixes, which makes it easy for families with more than one stud name to register their stock," he said.

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Rising to the challenge

BY LEE-ANN MONKS

Patrick Glass (Kerrick Park, Gundowring, Vic) has never been afraid of challenges, and his first term as Holstein Australia President is already presenting some very real challenges.

"Holstein Australia needs to evolve with its members and its industry if it is to remain relevant and add value to our members' businesses," Patrick said.

While Patrick acknowledges the immediate challenge of bedding in the association's new corporate governance structure, he is also aware of the need to appeal to a broader membership base and generate new income sources. He talks about this in more detail in the President's report earlier in this issue.

"I'm passionate about helping to shape Holstein Australia's role for future generations. For more than 25 years, HA has had an important role in our farming operations, our business and our family. We've benefited enormously from our involvement and I want others to have the same opportunities," he said.

Patrick and his wife, Kerrie, have been active members of Holstein Australia since 1992. They built their herd and their business from the ground up, starting out

working for wages for four years on a dairy farm in north-west Victoria. They share-farmed for seven years; leased a farm for another three and then bought the farm they'd been leasing. In 2005, they moved to north-east Victoria having bought 140ha. Since then they've progressively bought additional land.

They currently own about 285 ha and lease another 285 ha. They milk about 550 cows, calving in the autumn, and aiming for about 600 kg milk solids/lactation. In recent years, Patrick and Kerrie sold half the herd to their son, Brendan and his wife Sarah, who now share-farm 50:50.

"We are proud of achieving farm ownership and it was important to us to be able to create a pathway to ownership for Brendan and Sarah too. Over the long term, the dairy industry has been good to us for wealth creation, even though not every year is positive for cash flow," he said.

The family first became involved with HA when they went share-farming and bought some cows.

"We quickly realised the value of stud animals and the integrity of pedigree and performance recording through HA. We put most of the herd through the

appendix system as a way of building the asset value of our herd," Patrick said.

These days the whole herd is registered, genotyped and classified. "We started classifying in 1993 and have rarely missed a year since. We don't usually have surplus heifers so we mainly use genomics to confirm parentage but it's worth the cost for that alone."

Patrick and Kerrie have always been regulars at HA sub-branch meetings.

"The fellowship and knowledge sharing have been equally valuable to us. People were so welcoming, and generous with their experience. In those early years in the north west, we were made to feel part of the family by the Somervilles, the Dees, the Prouts, Hores, Gilmores; I could go on and on. I learnt so much from the discussions about cows after meetings."

Mutual respect, built on a shared love of Holsteins, grew into life-long friendships.

"Our breeding focus is very much around profit which is different to some members but it never mattered. We dabbled briefly in flushing and we only showed when the kids (and now grandkids) were little, but we've always been part of the HA family," he said.



For more than 25 years, HA membership has been an important part of Holstein Australia President, Patrick Glass's herd, business and family (pictured with his son, Brendan and granddaughter Isabella). Photograph: *Improving Herds project.*



When the Glasses moved to the north-east, the sub-branch was inactive so they set about reviving it with help from Liz Clowes and Mark Fleming.

There's barely been a year since that Patrick and Kerrie haven't had formal roles with the sub-branch, although in recent years they've tried to step back and allow a new generation to take the reins.

Over time, Pat's involvement with HA extended beyond the sub-branch to state and federal roles. He was an inaugural member of the Breed Development and Conformation Committee (BDCC), including its Chair for six years and has been on the board for nine years (three as Vice President).

Breeding priorities

Pat and Brendan both take a lively interest in researching bulls to use over the herd, trying to consistently select for traits that contribute to profit

"Production is important to us, but profit is affected by longevity in the herd so our breeding decisions also take into account type and health. We want to breed medium stature cows that are positive for protein percentage and have large capacity and good feet and legs. Some of our cows walk up to 10 km a day so breeding for feet and legs is important."

All the family are avid keepers of records; not just those in the HA system, but also herd testing, herd health and financial records. While their motivation was to have information about their herd to make better decisions, it's also given them the opportunity to give back to the industry that's been so good to them. The family has been involved in a number of industry projects including Ginfo, the genetic reference pool, Improving Herds and as a North-East Victoria focus farm.

Like most Australian dairy farmers, the

Glasses have been concerned about milk price uncertainty of the past 18 months. They've decided to take steps to regain some control over their destiny, joining with three other local dairy farmers to form a milk marketing cooperative, Mountain Milk Co-operative (see separate report in this issue).

"It's a new challenge; outside our comfort zone, but just like Holstein Australia, we dairy farmers need to evolve with the times to ensure we have a relevant place in the market," Patrick said.

HJ



The same, only different!

Holstein Australia UK exchange winner, Emma Algie, reflects on her recent UK exchange visit.

My feet hardly touched the ground during my exchange visit, from a behind-the-scenes late-night look at UK Dairy Day and The National Holstein Show within hours of arriving to spending the night before flying home camping with Staffordshire Holstein Young Breeders Club at the All Breeds All Britain Show.

My overriding impression was how differently Holstein breeders in the UK go about their business to the way we do, but achieve the same result.

Geography and climate play a big part. Australia has about 1.6 million dairy cows and the UK 1.9 million. That's a lot of cows in not much space. Much smaller farms closer together are the norm.

Then there is the climate. On every farm I visited, cows are in sheds most of the year, only going out for long periods if the weather is good and the pasture dry.

It's a totally different way of farming. From daily washing, dipping and wiping the cows to weaning calves, which are reared individually in their own pens.

We might complain about our weather, but I reckon we have it easy with our climate and land size.

Animal welfare

Animal health and bio-security are major considerations for UK farmers, particularly with regard to Bovine TB (bTB).

Most dairy farms have mandatory annual testing of all cows, which is incredibly stressful for farming families. If bTB is found in an animal it has to be destroyed, the farm is quarantined for 60 days and neighbouring farms are tested too.

What surprised Emma in the UK

- Widespread milking three times a day with around 10% greater production
- The fact we all use the same bulls the world over
- Raw milk can be sold direct to the public from farm gates
- Many farms have their own milk brand, with the farmer marketed as the hero
- How open and visually exposed the industry is to the general public
- Sauce on pizza! Yes, in the UK they eat pizza with sauce on the side...

The cows can catch TB from badgers, a protected species, that get into feed storage sheds. Since 2008 more than 250,000 cows have been culled in the UK due to TB, and more than 9 million were tested in 2016 alone.

Have passport, will travel

All cows in the UK and EU have a unique number, on a cattle passport showing birth-holding, date of birth, ear tag number, breed, sex and mother's ear tag number.

The passport must remain with the animal at all times, with severe penalties if this doesn't happen. At one of the shows I worked at, the truck hauling the cows left without just one of the cow passports and had to return to collect it.

Every cow also has a primary large yellow plastic ear tag in one ear and a secondary tag in the other. Each tag carries the animal's passport number, with the secondary tag often carrying an RFID chip and barcode.

This system is rigorously enforced. The tags are never removed, even for show cattle. From birth all the way through an animal's life there is 100% traceability on an animal's movement and health.

The Holstein community

I was amazed at how welcoming everyone was. The Holstein community in the UK is very tight-knit, partly because your farming neighbours can be right on your doorstep.

The UK Holstein Young Breeders (HYB) association is also really organised. Of course, it's all about the cows, but also about so much more.

There is a real focus on social events and networking, with HYB providing a sense of community and belonging in the same way cricket and footy clubs do in Australia.

The work, effort and camaraderie at the shows was amazing, from The National



Emma Algie on the move in the UK.

Holstein Show with Knowlesmere Holsteins to the All Britain All Breeds Youth Show, where the focus was on performing well and having fun in equal part.

Focus on genetics

Everything seemed more genomics and data driven in the UK. I don't know if this is because genetics is more valued, or if it is simply bigger than here. Each cow family seemed to be selling semen through a company and almost every person seemed to have some involvement with genetics.

I've always wanted to breed my own cows and build up a really nice herd. As a result of the trip, my focus now is on utilising genetics to breed and sell, making a living from the cows rather than milking. I want to breed with integrity, improve the breed and keep it going. And I know it's possible.

I think my family have got the message. It was my 21st birthday recently, and not only did I get two AI guns from my dad, but my mum persuaded my (non-farming city-living grandmother) to give me a semen thawer! I guess I'm in business. **HJ**

Holstein Australia thanks the team at Holstein UK, Knowlesmere Holsteins, Logan Holsteins, Ards Holsteins, Carrymoor Holsteins, Panda Holsteins, Huw Evans, and Elizabeth Hull for making the Holstein Australia UK exchange possible, and for hosting Emma.

A UK Holstein Young Breeder member will be visiting Australia in January 2018. Details of Holstein Australia's 2018 UK Exchange program will be available in mid-2018.

Keep kids safe on farms

Children get great enjoyment from farm life but they can be exposed to a variety of hazards not present at most homes. Children are at greater risk of injury or death on farms than adults. Common hazards include drowning in dams, tanks and creeks, injury from guns or chemicals, accidents with tractors, motor bikes, other machinery, falls and animals. Children naturally gravitate towards animals and need to be taught the dangers of being around livestock and other animals.

For younger children, a 'safe play area' supported by family rules and supervision is the most effective way to prevent serious injury and death to small children on rural properties. It should:

- be located where children can be easily observed (e.g. from the house veranda or kitchen).
- be completely surrounded by a secure fence with suitable gate
- be free of moveable structures that can be stacked to climb over the fence
- exclude drowning hazards, vehicles, machinery, work sheds and chemicals
- provide interesting, safe play equipment.

Older children can be taught farm safety but still need to be supervised.

Here are some tips for keeping kids safe on farms:

- Consider children when identifying farm risks and hazards, developing farm safety procedures and when inducting new employees.
- Have clear rules and regular reminders about areas that are out of bounds without an adult, e.g. dams, pools, effluent ponds, motor bikes.
- Provide appropriate training and supervision when learning to ride motor bikes and horses; enforce rules for wearing helmets and sturdy shoes and provide properly fitting helmets.
- Prevent children riding as passengers on tractors, ATVs and mobile plant.

Useful information: Farmsafe.org.au, thepeopleindairy.org.au.

Children growing up on farms are exposed to a variety of hazards not present at most homes. Have clear rules and regular reminders about out-of-bounds areas, wearing helmets and activities requiring adult supervision.





Fairvale tops \$24,000

17 November

A huge crowd of Holstein breeders from throughout Australia was at Bracknell, Tasmania, for the sale of the highly regarded Fairvale herd of Ross and Leanne Dobson. A sale top of \$24,000 was paid by the Perkins family (Calthorpe) from Latrobe, Tasmania, for the rising five year-old Fairvale AJ Nola 28 EX-92-1E with EX-95 mammary classification.

The next best price of \$16,000 also stayed in Tassie when Fairvale Dempsey Butter 274 VG88 on 2nd lactation, that completes 12 generations of EX and VG sold to Green Glory Holsteins, Broadmarsh, Tasmania.

Third highest seller was Fairvale Bradnick Josie 118 VG85 on 1st lactation who sold to Bluechip Genetics and Fairvale for \$12,500. She is a daughter Baxter Josie 64 EX-94-2E the IDW winning aged cow in 2017. The same buying partnership also paid \$9,000 for Fairvale Goldchip Josie 117 VG87 on 1st lactation.

Fourth sale high at \$12,000 was Fairvale Dazzler Repa 57 EX-91-2E selling to K & H Jones (Cypress Grove) of Foster, Victoria. Fairvale Goldchip Butter 287 VG86 on 1st lactation sold for \$10,000 to Elm Banks Holsteins, Victoria. Fairvale Fever Repa 56 EX-90-1E also sold for \$10,000 to T & J Clark of Nerrena, Victoria.

Other noted sales included Fairvale Goldchip Butter 291 VG86 at two years for \$9,500 to G & M Anderson (Sun Vale), Yarroweyah, Victoria. Fairvale Dempsey Melody 775 VG85 sold for \$9,500 to C & F Bills (Hearts Ridge) of Drouin, Victoria who selected many lots.

The second last lot, Fairvale Damion Melody 747 VG88 also sold for \$9,500 to T & K Hogan, Victoria. Fairvale Damion Bonnie 224 EX-90-1E sold for \$9,000 to R & J Gordon (Gorbro) of Victoria.

DLS reported: 170 lots were purchased by Victorian buyers. The sale averaged \$3,885 with a gross of \$660,450.

Gorbro Invitational Sale

3 November

A large crowd attended with 68 registered buyers. The catalogue offered 38 lots from Gorbro and 14 invitational lots from well-known studs. The \$10,000 price was reached 12 times during the sale.

The top price was \$25,250 for Gorbro Attwood Shimmer VG88. This outstanding Atwood daughter is backed by six generations of Excellent, and won her class at the recent Victorian Winter Fair. She was purchased by local breeders Brody McGillvray and Ben and Wally McInnes.

Elmar Jessica was another highlight with the 3-month old Solomon daughter of Elmar Goldwyn Jessica 11-ET EX-91-2E selling to Gorbro Holsteins for \$18,600.

Lot 1 Gorbro Atdoorman Tiffany-ET VG85 sold to Jim Strong from Moss Vale, NSW for \$12,250. This outstanding 2-year-old had recently won the NW Victoria Sub Branch Semex On-farm Challenge 2-year-old class. Local breeders, Rick and Tina Wishart and family, won a spirited bidding battle to secure another Atwood daughter from the renowned Baler Twine family for \$15,100.

Other notable sales included Gorbro Solomon Robin-ET a Solomon daughter from Gorbro Goldwyn Robin-ET EX-91-1E, who was bought by the Oakwood Partnership for \$12,500. This promising heifer was All Australian yearling in 2017 and won her class at IDW 2017.

Mario Park Doorman Aleece, a 6-month old calf by Doorman from the renowned Alicia family, was bought by Mitch Jones for \$9,900. Parrabel RS Doorman OKinki-ET, a daughter of the twice All World champion Decrausaz Iron O'Kalibra, was bought by Hawthorn Glen Holsteins from Katunga Victoria. Other strong buyers included John and Cherie Gardiner who purchased Gorbro Atwoodbrax Tiffany for \$11,000 and Gorbro Kassie Atwood for \$9,100. Andrew Freemantle from Calivil, Victoria purchased Gorbro McKutch Shimmer for \$10,800. Shimmer is from an EX Goldwyn daughter due in February to Crasdale Chill. Craig Bills from Gippsland bought Gorbro Unbelievable Atwood VG 1st lactation for \$10,300. This promising young cow also from the Baler Twine family currently has a production index (PI) 111 and calves to Chill in April 2018.

Nick Flanagan from Flanagan Marketing Services (FMS) said the sale surpassed expectations.

FMS reported: 54 head sold, to average \$7875, with a gross of \$216,625.

Pardee Holsteins

10 November, Shepparton

The top price was \$4,500 for Lot 6a Pardee Gonzo Perfect ET VG85 (@ 2yrs) with a production index (PI) of 121. This outstanding young cow from the Perfection family was purchased by Gary and Lee Hibberd and family from Corriemungle from Victoria's Western District. The Hibberds purchased seven head at an average of \$3,551 per head.

John Edwards from Leithville, Victoria bought 35 head averaging \$2,784 per head. The Edwards were strong buyers at the autumn stage dispersal and showed confidence in the Pardee breeding program once again.

Other strong buyers included Ross and Jade Easterbrook and family from Tatura who took home two outstanding young cows, lot 11 Pardee Haley Perfect 73, a 10,302 litre 2-year-old with a PI of 118 for \$4,100 and lot 13 Pardee Paulo Perfect 100, a freshly calved 2-year-old for \$3,800.

Jim and Heather Harvey from Yarragon, also return buyers, purchased three head averaging \$3,166, including Lot 45 Pardee Haley Maple 12 a 53 litre, second calver from the Craigmore Marlene family.

Selling Agents Flanagan Marketing Services (FMS) and Mulcahy Nelson representative Lawrie Flanagan said despite uncertain times in the dairy industry, quality well-bred cows in form always command a premium price.

FMS reported: 68 head sold (full clearance), to average \$3,186, with a gross of \$216,625.

Global Impact 111

25 October, Camden, NSW

This was a well-attended sale of Holstein and Jersey cows, with a Jersey selling to an Australian record of \$50,000.

The top-selling Holstein at \$15,000 was lot 1 Lightning Ridge Solomon Angel (Imp.ET) a daughter of the famed EX-96 Ashlyns Angel. She sold a/c Declan Patten to M. Matias of Portugal.

The double Master Breeder herd of J & C Gardiner sold Avonlea King Alana, a 6-month-old granddaughter of the EX-96 MS Goldwyn Alana at \$9,000 to R Philipzen of Paytens Bridge, NSW.



Other noted Holstein sales included Haven View Goldchip Portrait (ET) a/c R & W Chittick at \$8,000 to R & A Crawford. Lightning Ridge WH Made You Think at \$7,500 to Todd Biffin of Cawdor. Windy Vale Roses Diamond, sold a/c Windy Vale Holsteins, SA to Bluechip Genetics, Vic at \$7,000.

DLS reported: 21 Jerseys and Holsteins av \$7,819. Four embryo packages sold to average \$4,625. In total 25 lots averaged \$7,308, with a gross of \$182,700.

Sandara tops \$7700

23 October, Warragul, Victoria

Dairy farmers from Victoria, Tasmania and NSW bid on the outstanding spring-calved Holstein dispersal of the Robert Hanegraaf and family's Yannathan Sandara Holstein herd.

Sale top of \$7,700 was paid for Sandara Stanley Cup Astra 13 VG85. This beautiful-uddered 4-year-old was backed by three EX and VG dams and sold to N & M Staley of Yarram, Victoria. These buyers also selected Sandara Iota Swan 26, a GP83 2-year-old backed by a VG Shottle and VG Ladino dam and grand dam at \$4,300. Second high seller at \$4,500 was another outstanding first lactation heifer in Sandara Iota Felicity 37 bred from eight generations of EX and VG dams. She sold to Smethurst Park, Athlone Victoria.

Other noted sales included Sandara Talent Felicity 24, VG86 at \$4,100 to Charisma Holsteins of Leongatha, Victoria. Sandara Destin Nancy 4, VG87 also sold at \$4,100 to K & H Jones of Foster and Sandara Iota Bambi 6 at \$4,000 to D & E Fleming of Hiamdale, Victoria.

DLS reported: 69 Holsteins sold to average \$2,641.

Andes Holsteins

17 October, Germans, Victoria

The first stage complete dispersal sale of the long established Andes Holstein herd of Charles and Carolyn Smith, saw strong demand from dairyfarmers from Victoria, South Australia and southern NSW.

Sale top of \$10,500 was paid for Andes Aftershock Glamour GP84, a 4-year-old backed by the USA Glo family. She was purchased by J & C Gardiner of Avonlea Holsteins, Cardinia, Victoria. They also bought Andes Damion Iris and Andes Million Daphne at \$4,200 each. Second high seller at \$10,000 was Rockwood Park Glauco Spottie VG86, backed by generations of high production, selling to RB & JM Templeton of Tarwin, Victoria.

Next high seller at \$8,750 was the deep pedigree cow Andes Shottle Whynot 2 VG88, selling to N, M & J Staley (Aylesbury) of Yarram, Victoria. M & L Fisher of Nathalia, Victoria (Rustique) purchased the classy heifer Rockwood Park Maxwell Papoose GP84, at \$5,000 and Andes Glauco Colonial VG85, at \$4,200. Local breeder, Josh Romano, paid \$4,600 for Andes Damion Rascal VG85. She is bred from the famed Spring Farm Rose family.

Other noted sales included Andes Rich Rose 3 GP82, at \$4,100 to K Trimby (Kenaryswood) of Katamatite. Andes Game Rosemaid VG85, sold at \$4,000 to T & K Hogan. Andes Pontiac Lime VG88, also sold at \$4,000 to C & F Bills (Hearts Ridge) of Drouin South.

DLS reported: 118 Holsteins sold to average \$2,967, 23 Jerseys sold to average \$1,957. 141 cows sold to gross \$395,050 with an average of \$2,801 for a complete clearance.

Caldermeade Farm

6 October, Koonawarra, Victoria

Dairy farmers from throughout Victoria attended the complete dispersal of the Caldermeade Farm herd of the Jelbart Family.

Sale top of \$3,900 was paid for an outstanding 3-year-old Gold Crown daughter. She was selected by Cope Farming of Fish Creek, Victoria. They were strong buyers throughout the sale also buying the top-selling 2-year-old, a Dotson heifer at \$3,400, a Gold Crown 3-year-old at \$3,100 and a 4-year-old by the same sire at the same figure. Other strong buyers included R Mortlock of Foster, Victoria who paid second high of \$3,600 for a 4-year-old Gold Crown and \$3,200 each for four 3-year-olds by Gold Crown.

There was strong demand for the Medallion and Delsanto cows on second and third lactation and the complete line of 2-year-olds.

DLS reported: All lots were autumn calved; those in calf averaged \$2,035.

Paringa tops \$17,000 twice

18 October, Invergordon, Victoria

A large crowd was at Invergordon for the on property 1st Stage Complete Dispersal Sale of the dual Master Breeder herd, Paringa of Pam Malcolm. The sale top of \$17,000 was reached twice.

Paringa Destry Apple (ET) VG87 (second lactation) sold to J & C Gardiner (Avonlea) of Cardinia. This outstanding uddered cow is backed by a VG86 dam then eight generations of EX including the world famous Regiment Apple-Red EX-96. The other top price was for Paringa Aftershock Stacey VG87 (second lactation), a ninth generation VG from the noted Supreme family. She was purchased by the Dee Family (Clydevale) from Macorna, Victoria.

Paringa Steady Micka VG86 shared the next highest price of \$14,000. This close-to-calving cow from the long established Marlene line, was bought by Avonlea Holsteins.

Also at this price was the sixth generation EX cow Paringa Damion Nico (ET) EX-91 who sold to D Patten Sale Victoria.

Following on at \$8,000 was the classy red cow, Paringa Barbwire Flare VG88, bought by L Webb (Hillbilly) of Camperdown, Victoria.

At \$7,900 was the top young cow Paringa Fever Emelda (ET) VG85 bred from the Canadian Baler Twine family selling to R & J Easterbrook of Tatura who also selected Paringa Fever Elixir at \$5,200.

N & M Staley of Yarram paid \$7,200 for Paringa Windbrook Alcatraz (Imp. ET. USA), a 2-year-old fresh calved heifer bred from a VG dam then 15 gens of EX.

The well-known Clydebank herd of R & L Somerville of Timmering selected Paringa Dolman Emerald EX at \$6,700.

Other sales include Paringa Corvette Roxy a fancy young cow sold at \$6,100 to Hillco P/L of Cudgewa. Paringa Fever Evenne VG86 sold at \$5,500 to B McVilly of Timboon. Paringa Impression Elka VG86 sold at \$5,200 to B Glass of Gundowring and Paringa Destry Zikes VG88 sold at \$5,200 to K & H Jones of Foster.

DLS reported: An average of \$3,360.

Sales calendar 2018

2 March: West Gippsland Sub-branch 'Genetic Jackpot' Sale, Warragul Showgrounds, Vic

20 March: Leading Edge Genetics Elite Sale, Warragul Showgrounds, Vic



Amelia Park

Athol and Birute Hyland of Amelia Park Holsteins, Euroa, Victoria.

Master Breeders 2017

Information supplied by Athol Hyland

Farm: I was raised on a dairy farm at Mt Hicks in Tasmania. In 1975 I moved to Victoria, working in beef, sheep and orchard before returning to dairy. To begin with, I share farmed in Toolamba. Around 29 years ago I started Bessland Holsteins after buying my first cow from Rockwood Park. I met my partner Birute in 1992, we continued to share farm and in 1993 started Amelia Park Holstein. Birute and I married in 1994.

One of the best things I did was a dairy farm management course at the Victorian College of Agriculture and Horticulture, and both of us did AI courses in 1996. To start our herd we bought a few good cows from Rockwood Park, Wiabuna, Moravale, Fairstar, Hartwould, Deaninga, and also bought 15 Canadian embryos.

We found and bought our own piece of farming heaven at Stanhope, part of the Goulburn valley in June 2000. Little by little we forged ahead by improving our herd and the farm infrastructure. The fine sandy loam soil was excellent. We lasered leveled for one hectare bay flood irrigation, and over-sowed as required with four to five varieties of subclover and ryegrass. We worked hard and only took days off when our daughters, Cindy and Veronica, and later on our grandchildren would give us a weekend off! Veronica's two children, Nathan and Cassie have used the after school milking experience to advantage and are both now working in the dairy industry. We think Nathan will in the future take on the Amelia Park prefix with animals of his own. Our footpath to retirement, started when in 2014 we bought our future home at Kelvin View which is about an hour away towards the Victorian Alps. In late 2016 we held our first dispersal sale with the second in March 2017 where

Farm facts

Farm size: 56 ha
Herd size: 140 milkers
Females bred: 722
EX: 16F, 3M
VG: 171F, 1M
SBC: 16
STP: 9
Production awards: 78
Lifetime production awards: 16
Points required: 722
Points earned: 796



Athol and Birute Hyland.

we attracted a fair few repeat buyers. We retained about 100 heifers and will be dispersing these as they reach calving. Our Stanhope farm sold in June 2017.

Breeding goals: My ideal cow has plenty of capacity, strength and dairyness, with good feet and legs. The ideal cow has probably only changed by getting taller and milkier.

Standout animals: Amelia Park Grandslam Veronica EX-90-3E; The Tweeny Bees from the Rockwood Park cow we bought; The Tamaras and the Tammys.

Bulls you are using now: Beemer, Awesome Red, First Grade, Chief, Megasire, Mainevent and Diamond back.

Breeding tools: Herd testing, classification and using bulls with type.

What do you enjoy about dairying?

Watching heifers calve and hoping they all classify VG. We also enjoyed and put a lot of effort into growing good pasture. We had a simple motto, "No grass, no cow, no milk".

Changes in breeding over the years:

The biggest changes I feel is in genetics. The understanding and use of genetics is becoming better and better.

Career highlights: Meeting my partner and wife Birute and her loving dairying as much as I did. Dairying is a great lifestyle. The big bonus was breeding good cattle I am really proud of. Reaching Master Breeder status is great too.

Future of dairy farming: We think dairy farming is like politics. Nobody knows where we are headed from one year to the next! If you are happy with what you are doing the rest will take care of itself and bigger is not always better.

A family poem from the Hylands:

*Early rise and late to bed,
Gee I love the milking shed.*

*When boiling hot or freezing cold,
We continue to milk and make white gold.*

*The girls they come to have a feed,
Then off they go with Patch in the lead.*

*Move a fence or feed some hay,
The sun has risen; what a glorious day.*

*Inside I go and have a scrub,
Before I eat the good wife's grub.*

*A little nap I'll try to sneak,
Before she says "You're antique".*

*Mate the heifers and feed the calves,
Sow the lucerne so the girls don't starve.*

*At 4 o'clock it's cuppa time,
before back to the shed to milk a line.*

*Hose the yard and shut the gate,
Inside I head and it's not too late.*

*Another day ends for me and the wife,
Who wouldn't want this great life.*



Competition the biggest in Australasia

ON-FARM REPORTS BY DI MALCOLM (BLUECHIP)

The Semex/Holstein Australia On-Farm competition is the biggest dairy competition in Australasia.

This year's competition involved close to 2500 Holsteins, and 357 farms across the country, led by Victoria and South-Eastern South Australia (1,248 entries from 153 breeders), followed by NSW (582 and 115), then Queensland (284 and 37), South Australia (144 and 21) Tasmania (93 and 11) and Western Australia (83 and 10).

The cows are judged for their conformation at home on the farm.

The first and second placegetters in each class within the HA sub-branches move to the state finals, where they are re-assessed by a fresh over-judge to find the state champions.

Numbers were slightly down this year, reflecting the number of dairy farmers who have left the industry in the past 12 months.

One of these farms is the double Master Breeder herd of Fairvale Holsteins, owned by Ross and Leanne Dobson. The couple held their first stage dispersal on November 17 – but not before Fairvale became the most prolific name in the country for On-Farm glory.

Fairvale won six of the eight Champions and Reserve Champions in Tasmania, and then sold their entire On-Farm team in Fairvale's Farewell sale. Fairvale may be the most anointed prefix at International Dairy Week (IDW) – breeding and rearing five champions for three different exhibitors between 2005 and 2014. But, the reality is that it has never shown at IDW in its own right, and it is separated from the mainland by 240 kilometres of ocean.

For the past 15 years [since Fairvale's final show], the On-Farm competition has been the only showcase Fairvale has had for

its cows outside the exposure its cattle achieve when they are classified, sold, or shown in partnership.

This year, it was interesting to note that two Fairvale-bred animals (aged 12 and 11 years respectively) won a mature championship in two different states.

Fairvale Morty Lady 51 EX-97-5E is the cow everyone was talking about after the Champions were released. Owned and developed by Will and Lisa McKay (Linsand-V Holsteins, Victoria) and Lindsay and Sandra Thompson (Linsand Holsteins, Tasmania) she became Australia's highest classified cow at EX-97-5E just before the former two-time International Dairy Week Champion [2011 and 2014] was recognised as the Champion mature cow in the biggest state final of the competition – the Victoria and South-Eastern South Australia final.



Victorian over-judge, Nick Flanagan, Woodlawn Holsteins, Finley, NSW).

Tasmania's Mature Champion was the 11-year-old freshly EX-94-4E classified Fairvale Reg. Josie 34 (with a 96 MS and 96 DS).

On-Farm's incredible credibility

For others, like South Australia's Stephen and Helen Treloar and Colin and Glenda Dohnt, winning the 3-year-old with the same cow that won Grand Champion Holstein at the Adelaide Royal gave them further validation on a young cow that is rattling cages.

"For me, the standard in the On-Farm Competition is higher than at the Adelaide Royal," Stephen Treloar said. "Because guys like Magpie (Geoff Hutchinson, Windy Vale Holsteins) don't show at Adelaide, but they have outstanding cows, and they do enter the On-Farm."

"And, the successes like the On-Farm just keep you going. It's a great way to get positive again, because without those little things, it is very tough in the industry. These competitions are so important for us all, and we are grateful to Semex, Holstein Australia and all the volunteers who make it happen."

On-Farm vital

The underlying and resonating message is that the On-Farm has become a vital, vast and easy alternative marketing platform for anyone who milks cows.

Semex's Vaughn Johnston, speaking at the nation's biggest state final held in Melton recently, said the On-Farm had never been more relevant.

"Shows globally are getting harder and harder to get the numbers, and it's a high-cost operation," Vaughn said. "So, for many, this competition is the country's No. 1 contest for the year. It's very important we continue it, and make the effort." **HJ**

Two families combine to dominate SA

Stephen Treloar and Colin Dohnt grew up two blocks from each other in Adelaide city without meeting. Today, they work side-by-side on a farm which Stephen and his wife, Helen, lease at Victor Harbour, milking 140 head. Colin and his wife, Glenda, are the owners of the reigning Grand Champion Holstein from the Adelaide Royal Show.

And now, the Treloar and Dohnt names have together dominated the South Australian Semex-Holstein Australia On-Farm competition – winning three of the five classes between them, and scoring a Reserve Champion in one of the country's most competitive and passionate Holstein strongholds.

This year's South Australian competition included 144 entries from 21 herds, and it was judged by the owner and breeder of the first Ayrshire to win Supreme Champion at the Adelaide Royal in September – Scott Braendler. Scott farms at Jervois, near where the lower Murray River empties into South Australia's Lake Alexandrina.

Stephen and Helen (Edge Holsteins) lease 120 hectares where they milk 140-head, and they lease a 240 hectare run-off property 5kms from the dairy at Waitpinga. Colin, 65, works with Stephen. Together with Glenda, they run 140 of their own cows (which carry the Mooway prefix) within Stephen and Helen's herd.

It's a combination that has worked well for many years and is gathering momentum. In September, Colin and Glenda's entry at the Adelaide Royal, Mooway Destry Carmel VG88, won Grand Champion under Canadian judge Brian Carscadden, from the Semex Alliance. She has now backed up her show performance, winning this year's 3-year-old class in South Australia's On-Farm Competition.

Carmel is not new to the winner's circle in the On-Farm Competition. Last year she won the 2-year-old class. It puts her into special territory as a back-to-back State Champion. Judge Scott Braendler said she was a no-brainer for him.



2-year-old winner – Edge Gerold Marissa – S & H Treloar, Edge Holsteins (Victor Harbor).

State Over-Judging: SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Judge – Scott Braendler (Jervois, SA)

Entries: 82 (2015 - 147); Farms: 11 (2015 - 20)

2-year-old – 1st – Edge Gerold Marissa – S & H Treloar, Edge Holsteins (Victor Harbor); 2nd – Esjay Walter Philana – SJ & V Seeliger, Esjay Holsteins (Flaxman Valley)

3-year-old – 1st – Mooway Destry Carmel, Glendalin Pty Ltd, Mooway Holsteins (Victor Harbor); 2nd – Esjay Heztry Tigris, SJ & V Seeliger, Esjay Holsteins (Flaxman Valley)

4-year-old – 1st – Mooway Smokin Mermaid, Glendalin Pty Ltd, Mooway Holsteins (Victor Harbor); 2nd – Glenunga BB Dolly, A & A Koch, Glenunga Proprietors (Moculta)

5-year-old – 1st – Rockwella Farm Medallion Belle, the Hurrell family, Rockwell and Merrijae Holsteins (Yankalilla); 2nd – Edge Destry Lara, S & H Treloar, Edge Holsteins (Victor Harbor)

Mature – 1st – Windy Vale Shotal Toni-ET, CJ & KA Royans, Windy vale Holsteins (Myponga); 2nd – Glenunga Destry Gianna, A & A Koch, Glenunga Proprietors (Moculta)

“She looked awesome on the day of the on-farm,” Scott said. “There was nothing that could get close to her in that class. Her mammary is just awesome, she has such a neat frame, a perfect rump, and great feet and legs. She has a super future in front of her, if all goes well for her.”

Colin said they were thrilled to win, adding it is those moments along with the enthusiasm of Stephen and Helen's eldest daughter, Casey, that pushes them to show and market.

“It's been very good to work in together with Stephen and Helen, because the industry has been so tough,” Colin said. “That's what's sort of kept our enthusiasm up, or why do we bother really? I know it's not putting a lot of dollars in our pocket, but there is some satisfaction in winning these competitions, and you've got



3-year-old winner – Mooway Destry Carmel, Glendalin Pty Ltd, Mooway Holsteins (Victor Harbor).

to get some satisfaction out of what you're doing, or you're wasting your time, to my mind."

He said Carmel was due to calve in February and they were considering preparing her for their first outing at the Victorian Winter Fair in July at Bendigo.

Mooway also owned the winning 4-year-old. Mooway Smokin Mermaid GP84. She is out of a VG88 Talent and her second dam is a big hitter. She is the EX-93-4E Senior Champion Holstein from the 2011 Adelaide Royal, Koolah Luckystrike Mermaid. The year Luckystrike Mermaid won at Adelaide was Colin and Glenda's debut. It means they have achieved two Holstein Grand Champion titles at the Adelaide Royal in a seven-year show career.

Edge Holsteins shone in the 2-year-old class and won Reserve Champion in the five-year-old. The 2-year-old Champion, Edge Gerold Marissa, is sired by a Schillview Oman Gerard son from one of Elmar Holsteins' famous Jessica family – Elmar Goldwyn Jessica 4 EX-93-3E. Jessica 4 was Honourable Mention Senior Champion at IDW in 2015 to two family members.

Judge Scott Braendler said Marissa won the class fairly comfortably. Marissa also has the distinction of the same family tree as Mooway's winning 4-year-old.

"She was a really big upstanding and robust-framed heifer," Scott said. "Her mammary was awesome, and she had great depth of rib, overall strength with refinement."

The Reserve five-year-old goes back to the famous Lara family from Tahora Holsteins, in New Zealand. Edge Destry Lara VG85 is backed by a VG89 Dundee x a VG89 Lindy son from Glenmar Holsteins. Her Dundee dam is a former Reserve Champion 3-year-old in the On-Farm Competition. Destry Lara struggled last year after having twins and still finished second 4-year-old at the Adelaide Royal, and Honourable Mention All-Australian for her age. Stephen said Lara was too fresh to be competitive for Adelaide this year, but they were hoping she would update her classification score on the next visit.

Stephen candidly shared that he almost exited the industry 10 years ago – selling half his herd at that time. It has been moments like winning the On-Farm



4-year-old winner – Mooway Smokin Mermaid, Glendalin Pty Ltd, Mooway Holsteins (Victor Harbor).



5-year-old winner – Rockwella Farm Medallion Belle, Hurrell family, Rockwell and Merrijae Holsteins (Yankalilla).



Mature winner – Windy Vale Shotal Toni-ET, CJ & KA Royans, Windy vale Holsteins (Myponga).

competition, having Colin working with him, and Casey that have kept him in the industry.

"After I sold those cows, one of the ones I had left became my first homebred EX cow," Stephen said. "Then we got the opportunity to lease this farm, and next thing that cow is 7E, and she's got eight daughters – one is EX, six are VG and one is GP84-2yrs.

"Those little successes just keep you going. Maybe that's a bad thing, I don't know," he smiled. "But without those little things, it is very tough in the industry. To have our 2-year-old and the five-year-old get up there in the On-Farm competition is a great way to get positive again. These competitions are so important for us all, and we are grateful to Semex, Holstein Australia and all the volunteers who make it happen."

He said the timing of the On-Farm is also important for South Australian competitors – because some of their spring calvers were too fresh to excel at Adelaide.

"Half our herd calves in the spring," he said. "To have the chance to settle those spring calvers down for the On-Farm Competition and to be able to compete against the other guys who have got great cows, but don't show is very gratifying. For me, the standard in the On-Farm Competition is higher than at Adelaide because guys like Magpie (Geoff Hutchinson, Windy Vale Holsteins) don't show, but they have outstanding cows, and they do enter the On-Farm."

And, Windy Vale did enter this year, winning the Mature class with Windy Vale Shotal Toni-ET EX-91-1E. The 6-year-old, who had had four calves was milking round 45 litres a day when the competition was judged. She is owned by the Myponga partnership, which includes Geoff and Louise Hutchinson, and Chris and Karen Royans.

Toni has a blueblood pedigree that most Australian breeders with any interest in Holsteins would recognise. She goes back to a cow which Murrumbrook Holsteins (Moss Vale, NSW) imported live from Canada in 1988, Walkerbrae Triple T Toni-Imp-RDC EX-1E. Since then the family has spread throughout Australia and New Zealand, and it continues to impress in 2017.

Windy Vale bought a Blackstar Toni as its own family foundation member, and today roughly 50 members of the Windy Vale herd trace to the Tonis. Sired by Mr Regalcreek Shot AI, from the US – Toni is believed to be one of the first IVF calves to be born in Australia. She also has four generations behind her that are either classified EX, or they carry maximum classification scores (for age). Toni's Luckystrike dam was max-scored for age at VG89. Her great granddam, Windy Vale Raider Toni-ET VG86 (also maximum score for age at that time) topped the Windy Vale sale in 2001 at \$12,500. Her EX-1E Storm granddam topped a Windy Vale sale at \$8500 in 2008.

Windy Vale do show in partnerships, winning Senior Champion Holstein at International Dairy Week in 2016, with Windy Vale Contender Rose EX-94-1E in partnership with Bluechip Genetics (Victoria) and Frank and Diane Borba (USA).

However, getting to the Adelaide Royal is more challenging when they have so much also going on at home within their bustling processing business, Fleurieu Milk Company, combined with the current build on a new 18-a-side Rapid Exit Double-Up Herringbone dairy. Fleurieu Milk Company has had the contract

to supply all the milk for the Adelaide Royal Show for the last two years, and Geoff said the time lag for showing cattle at Adelaide make it tough for them to consider it. It was Toni's first appearance in the On-Farm competition.

"It usually comes down to one word why we don't get to Adelaide," Geoff said. "Laziness. She's always been a good animal. It's just comes down to time really.

"Thanks to Murrumbrook this family has had an outstanding impact on Australia and New Zealand. A lot of my herd is based around that one cow that I bought, and it's just a great cow family that you can open up the field to today's sires because they have that bit of strength."

The 5-year-old Champion was an important acknowledgement and their first On-Farm Champion for Wes and Rita Hurrell, of Rockwell Farm Holsteins, from Yankalilla.

Rockwella Farm Medallion Belle VG87 was also the highest pointed animal for South Australia.

"We usually enter and sometimes get a minor placing, but to win is pretty special," Wes Hurrell said.

"She's a cow that's always been a bit of an eye-catcher. We don't show, and that's where the Semex competition is such a good platform to show your animals off, without the extra time commitment that showing takes."

Belle is jointly owned by Wes and Rita, together with their 18-year-old daughter, Sherrie, and 15-year-old son, James. Belle completed her 4-year-old production with 11,112 litres, 352 kg fat and 378 kg protein. She is out of an 89-point Toystory x VG85 Auldreekie Basar Glee daughter x VG89 Belt x VG89 Quitecove Elev Artist daughter (who had 99,000 litres and 8500 kg milk solids lifetime).

Wes and Rita milk 425-450 cows, which are averaging 10,500 litres with 700-720kg Milk Solids. They milk through a 20-a-side Rapid Exit herringbone and they have an undercover feed pad, which they use to feed a TMR [Total Mixed Ration] for half the year, and a PMR [Partial Mixed Ration] for the other half. Rockwella Farm is Australia's No.48 equal BPI herd and it is run on 728 hectares – mostly dryland, with minimal irrigation to start and finish the season.

"I like high-producing cows," Wes said. "We produce and grow most of our own feed, with the exception of quality lucerne and vetch hay."

For judge Scott Braendler to be asked to judge was an acknowledgement he didn't miss.

"I suppose some of these things seem to come out the blue a bit. And because we're in a different breed we don't get the time to mix a real lot with some of the Holstein breeders. So, it was good to get our relationship into a different context. It was a full-on couple of days, but it was great.

"I always knew the quality was going to be good because I knew some of the farms I was going to be going to, and they were either at the top end of the show string or they were guys I knew that didn't show that have top quality cattle. So, I knew there was going to be really good quality all the way through, and that's what I saw."

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Tassie winners move to new homes

Six of the eight Champion or Reserve Champions in Tasmania's 17th annual Semex-Holstein Australia On-Farm competition – all bred by Fairvale Holsteins – are now owned by someone else. Historically the strongest competitor in Tasmania, Ross and Leanne Dobson, of Fairvale Holsteins at Bracknell, again dominated, winning 75% of the titles with animals from its double Master Breeder herd. The titles were released right before Fairvale's Farewell first stage dispersal sale, which was held on-farm on November 17.

Fairvale is the most anointed prefix at International Dairy Week (IDW) – breeding and rearing five champions for three different exhibitors between 2005 and 2014. This is despite the fact that it's never shown at IDW in its own right, is separated from the mainland by 240 kilometres of ocean, and the first entries wearing a Fairvale prefix didn't debut at IDW until 1998.

This year, Fairvale again won a windfall of titles in the Apple Isle's On-Farm Competition, under north Queensland judge Henry Bevan, from Bevandale Holsteins.

Before their sale, which lightened the Dobsons' daily workload by 275 milkers, Ross and Leanne were milking 450 cows through a 30-a-side swingover dairy with Automatic Cup Removers, and shipping more than four million litres a year off their 400-hectare property. Judge Henry Bevan said the consistency in the Fairvale herd's udders and framework – which had been heavily influenced by Semex sires – left a lasting impression on him.

"The Dobsons put up an outstanding group," Henry said. "I visited them first, and after that I was working hard to find something to beat them."

Fairvale had a clean sweep in the 2-year-old and mature cow classes – winning all four titles. It also won the 4-year-old class with Fairvale AJ Nola 25 EX-92, in addition to winning Reserve Champion in the 5-year-old class.

Three of its six Champions or Reserve Champions were won by animals from their celebrated Josie family. It meant 50% (of Fairvale's titles) and 38% (of all the Tasmanian titles awarded) were won by a Josie family member. The Josie family was among the first families Leanne's parents bought into when they started dairying for \$70/head from brothers Stump and Hughie O'Halloran in 1976. Its origins have since been traced as far back as 1926.

Ross Dobson said they debated whether to enter this year's competition so close to the sale.

"It was a question, 'do we throw down the gauntlet?'" he said.

"It was pretty stressful at the time because we had herd testing, the On-Farm Competition and classification all going within four days.

"We pushed on because the On-Farm Competition has been our only way of getting our cows out into the arena, unless someone else has bought them or we have shown them in partnership with

State Over-Judging: TASMANIA

JUDGE – Henry Bevan, Bevandale Holsteins, Ravenshoe, QLD

Entries: 93 (2016 - 114); Farms: 11 (2016 - 21)

2-year-old – 1st – Fairvale Goldchip Butter 291, R & L Dobson, Fairvale Holsteins (Bracknell); 2nd – Fairvale Goldchip Josie 125, R & L Dobson, Fairvale Holsteins (Bracknell)

3-year-old – 1st – Dial View Aftershock Mustang, M & R Radford, Dial View Holsteins (Riana); 2nd – Datumvale Absolute Kylie, M & J Young, Datumvale Holdings Pty Ltd. (Ridgley)

4-year-old – 1st – Fairvale AJ Nola 28, R & L Dobson, Fairvale Holsteins (Bracknell); 2nd – Guthrie 322, J & A Evans, Krisamdon Holsteins (Caveside)

5-year-old – 1st – Murribrook Windhammer Candace-ET, GW & BJ Carpenter & family, Garerley Holsteins, (South Riana); 2nd – Fairvale Damion Josie 92, R. & L. Dobson, Fairvale Holsteins (Bracknell)

Mature – 1st – Fairvale Reg. Josie 34, R & L Dobson, Fairvale Holsteins (Bracknell); 2nd – Fairvale Spirte Melody 622, R & L Dobson, Fairvale Holsteins (Bracknell)

Bluechip [Genetics, in Victoria]. In the end, the results were an added bonus for us just before the sale."

Ross could have been forgiven for saying that his favourite was Fairvale AJ Nola, who carried a max-scored EX-95 mammary into the sale ring. She sold for the top price of \$24,000 to another Tasmanian double Master Breeder Calthorpe Holsteins.

However, it was the winning mature cow, Fairvale Reg. Josie 34, EX-94-4E (96 MS, 96 DS), who had just turned 11, and who sold for \$7000 to Ulverstone dairyman Daryl Cole and Judith Coutts, that Ross singled out. The Reserve Champion in the mature class, Fairvale Spirte Melody 622, also got a nod of respect from her former owner. The eight-year-old sold for \$3500 to Garry and Bev Carpenter (Garerley), of South Riana. Daryl has confirmed that Reg. Josie is being prepared for IDW 2018.

"Reg. Josie has always been a favourite," Ross said. "She dawdled along beside me every night when I brought the cows home. I love those old cows, because that's what we breed cows for.

"We're breeding cows to breed heifers, and if you're going to cull them after their second calf you'll be lucky to get a heifer calf from them. If they're still going in a 400 plus herd, walking with that herd all the time at 12 to 14 years of age, you've hopefully got a number of heifer calves. Reg Josie's last four calves have been heifers (by sexed semen)."

Leanne felt the same way.

"Reg Josie is 11-year-old with six lactations and I've got such a soft spot for her," Leanne said. "We've just had her for so long, and she's such a personality. To be honest, as a young cow, I didn't think she'd still be here and look that good at 11 years of age. The classifier had her stuck on VG89 for so long, and then, all of a sudden, she was EX-92 and bang she's EX-94. She just looks better

than she ever did. The Josie family is just so consistent, and they just don't stop putting out the good ones."

She said she was pleased they entered the On-Farm this year, despite it being so close to the sale.

The 2-year-old Champion and Reserve Champion from Fairvale were both bought by Sunvale Holsteins, in Victoria for \$9500 and \$8750 respectively.

Notably, Fairvale's prefix also rose to the top in one of the other state finals – when

one of the two-time IDW Champions it bred, Fairvale Morty Lady 51 (owned by Will and Lisa McKay and Lindsay and Sandra Thompson), classified EX-97-5E the week of its sale and went on to win the mature class of the Victoria and South-Eastern South Australia finals (aged 12 years in her seventh lactation) in the state which included 1248 entries from 153 breeders.

Tasmania's 3-year-old, Dial View Aftershock Mustang, is owned by Matthew and Rachel Radford, who run a busy enterprise at Riana. Matthew and Rachel Radford farm

in partnership with Matthew's brother, Andrew, milking 300 cows on 100 hectares. The family partnership also milks 300 cows on a second 300-acre property (which is sharefarmed by Matthew and Lyndal Luck). The family partnership has also teamed with Matthew and Lyndal Luck (in partnership) on a 120-hectare leasehold farm milking 200 cows.

Judge Henry Bevan said Dial View Aftershock Mustang was a balanced young cow, with no holes. He said the class was a little more challenging because it included heifers on their first and second lactations. Mustang was on her second.

Matthew Radford said they had bought the foundation animal from Paringa Holsteins, who was now 10 years old, and still in the herd.

"The On-Farm is our outlet for the good cows now because we have limited time these days," Matthew said. He said Mustang was a trouble-free cow who had given them a heifer this year. With better milk prices this season, the tempo of the operation was more positive than the forgettable year that was 2016.

For the Carpenter family, it was Jayde Lee (nee Carpenter) who would take the family's glory this year.

Jayde bought her five-year-old Murrumbidgee Windhammer Candace-ET EX-91 at International Dairy Week from Murrumbidgee Holsteins (Moss Vale, NSW) for \$14,000 as a yearling heifer. Candace classified EX-91 shortly after judging – becoming Jayde's second EX cow and her first On-Farm Champion.

Judge Henry Bevan said she was well-balanced with a great udder and 'nothing much you'd like to change about her'.

Jayde moved to Melbourne with her husband, Will, and young family for her career in 2016, and since then, it has been her parents, Garry and Bev, who have continued to develop Candace on Jayde's behalf at their South Riana property.

Jayde said that Candace had calved in with a bull calf this season and was 'absolutely firing'. She was milking herself three times a day through one of the family's robotic farms, and averaging around 40 litres. They have one VG85 and two GP84 milking daughters from her, in addition to an exciting 18-month-old High Octane heifer.



2-year-old winner – Fairvale Goldchip Butter 291, R & L Dobson, Fairvale Holsteins (Bracknell).



3-year-old winner – Dial View Aftershock Mustang, M & R Radford, Dial View Holsteins (Riana).

“The On-Farm competition is really good for us, because we don’t show since I’ve moved away,” Jayde said. “We just don’t have the time.

“So, anytime someone can come and look through our cows, we love it.”

Jayde said whenever she gets home, she goes straight to the farm, and she spends 90% of her visit among the cows with her parents.

The Carpenters are forging ahead. They have three operations on different farms. With the support of an investor – who has bought the land for two of their more recent operations – they pushed “go” on their third (and their second robotic) dairy in March.

The home farm – which the Carpenters own – is currently milking 500 cows through a 26-aside double up herringbone with staff. A second herd is being milked by three robots at Gunns Plains, 10 minutes from the home farm. The Carpenter’s third farm includes four robots (plumbed for eight), also at Gunns Plains.

Staff have been the main challenge on the home farm, which is 20 minutes from Garry and Bev’s base and the family decided to send the more commercial end of the herd to the home farm. The couple oversee and manage their better registered cows through the robotic farms.

“The show cows love the robotic farms,” Jayde said. “I think it’s the best set-up because when they’re pumping out the litres they don’t have that stress and strain on their udders. They can come through the dairy of their own free will three or four times a day. They never have their udder at maximum capacity, and there’s no forcing them on laneways. The lifestyle is just a lot more laid back and easier on the cows and the people.

“I can see that Mum and Dad are enjoying it again because they can take that time, and pay attention to the cows and the calves. The last year or two has been much easier. We are looking to put another couple of robots in moving forward.”

Jayde was in Tasmania recently for the Fairvale sale where her family bought 24-head.

“I have learned so much from Leanne over the years,” Jayde said. “I wouldn’t have missed their sale for the world.”

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4-year-old winner – Fairvale AJ Nola 28, R & L Dobson, Fairvale Holsteins (Bracknell).



5-year-old winner – Murrubrook Windhammer Candace-ET, GW & BJ Carpenter and family, Garerley Holsteins (South Riana).



Mature winner – Fairvale Reg. Josie 34, R & L Dobson, Fairvale Holsteins (Bracknell).

1,200-cow herd rewarded in WA

When the Ravenhill family entered last year's Semex-Holstein Australia Western Australian On-Farm Competition, after an absence of close to seven years, it was an addition that spoke to the soul of the contest.

Two years on, and Moonaralla Holsteins, run by Ken and Bonnie Ravenhill (with the support of Ken's parents, Graham and Jan), is a confirmed force after this year's judge, Marcus Young, shared his decisions.

The couple milk 1,200 cows in three herds through a 60-stand rotary dairy near Albany – the port city in the Great Southern region of Western Australia, 418 km south-east of Perth.

Succession planning, a busy farm and four young children had taken all of Ken and Bonnie's energy until last year. However, when two of their four children, Heath, 13, and Georgina, 11, started to show an interest in showing, the On-Farm competition seemed the perfect place to start. While Ken said they had always focused on using functional high-type sires, it wasn't until they entered the competition that they could get a real feel for where their herd stood against their peers.

Last year they won the 4-year-old and the mature class. This year, Moonaralla won Champion and Reserve Champion in the 5-year-old class with two Regancrest Reginald daughters. Of their eight entries, six placed in the top five in the state. They had two finish 4th and 5th in the 2-year-old class, a 4th in the 3-year-old, no entries in the 4-year-old, they won the 5-year-old quinella, and achieved a 3rd in the mature class.

"The On-Farm has definitely been good for us and good fun to put cows up that you like," Ken said. "It's not much work at all. I think picking them out is the hardest thing."

The 5-year-old Champion, Moonaralla Reginald 4484, is on her fourth calf, giving the family a Eudon heifer this year. Ken said she had settled back in-calf for next season. Her last completed lactation was: 11,668 litres, 394 kg protein, 461 kg fat in 305 days



2-year-old winner – Katandra Park Mitchell Jana, DM & LM Fry, Katandra Park Holsteins, (Brunswick Junction).

State Over-Judging: WESTERN AUSTRALIA

JUDGE – Marcus Young, Datumvale Holsteins, Tasmania

Entries: 83 (2016 - 98); Farms: 10 (2016 - 18)

2-year-old – 1st – Katandra Park Mitchell Jana, DM & LM Fry, Katandra Park Holsteins, (Brunswick Junction); 2nd – Nairobi Melva 89, DM & LM Fry, Katandra Park Holsteins (Brunswick Junction)

3-year-old – 1st – Carenda Colt45 Verene-PO, Kitchen Farms, Carenda Holsteins (Boyanup); 2nd – Logue Marbri Elana, Harvey Agricultural College, Logue Holsteins (Harvey)

4-year-old – 1st – Treeton Iota Cherry, GA & LE Jenkins, Treeton Holsteins (Cowaramup); 2nd – Acero Explode Lulu, VR Rodwell, Acero Holsteins (Boyanup)

5-year-old – 1st – Moonaralla Reginald 4484, KW & BL Ravenhill, Moonaralla Holstein (Narrikup); 2nd – Moonaralla Reginald 4914, KW & BL Ravenhill, Moonaralla Holsteins (Narrikup)

Mature – 1st – Katandra Park Shottle Odamay, DM & LM Fry, Katandra Park Holsteins (Brunswick Junction); 2nd – Angelis Ignite Linda 747, Angi Bros, Angelis Holsteins (Yarloop)

with a PI of 124. She had calved in close succession every year. Starting at 2.4 years, she re-calved at 3.3 years, 4.3 years and 5.4 years.

"So, she's doing everything a good cow should do. Good cows get back in calf," Ken said. "She's a spring calver, she always been a spring calver, and she produces more than 10,000 litres."

Reginald 4484's herdmate, Moonaralla Reginald 4914, has taken her profile further than the On-Farm Competition. She is this year's reigning Supreme Champion from the Brunswick Royal, and last year's Honourable Mention Grand Champion at the same show. She was on her third calving, because she had been in a flush programme. This year she calved in with twin heifers, sired by a homebred high-type bull.



3-year-old winner – Carenda Colt45 Verene-PO, Kitchen Farms, Carenda Holsteins (Boyanup).

"I suppose it's good to see your breeding working through those cows that are doing their job as they get older, because breeding cows isn't an overnight thing," Ken said. "To be honest, there's not too much difference between the two 5-year-olds. The cow that won has a bit more power and strength with a tremendous fore-udder. She's a great herd cow – although, in saying that, it's just about worth putting a halter on her."

Judge Marcus Young, from Tasmania, who was on his first state judging gig, said to see the size of the operation that the pair of 5-year-olds Champions came out from was fascinating. Moonaralla Reginald 4484 was his highest pointed cow in the competition.

"There weren't a heck of a lot of farmers in Western Australia," Marcus said. "But the ones that are there are looking at ways to hold their positions even though milk prices have affected everyone. The Reginald 4484 was quite comfortably my highest pointed animal. She had beautiful style, she blended right through, she had plenty of front end and the way her fore-udder blended onto her body wall was outstanding."

Ken said Reginald had worked well across the Moonaralla herd.

"I used him as a generalised bull, and he's just clicked," Ken said.

"We've got 10 Reginald daughters and we've definitely got four or five outstanding cows from those joinings. There's really not that much between them. Hopefully they'll breed on, which is the main thing."

The Moonaralla herd is split three ways – into autumn, spring and summer calving groups. They had had an "above average" season with a dry start and wet finish with plenty of silage in the bunker. Moonaralla supplies one of Western Australia's most recognised household dairy names — the 130-year-old Brownes Dairy, which was sold to a Chinese firm Shanghai Ground Food Tech in November. Ken said their payout was averaging 45.5 cents per litre this season, and they were waiting to see what the new company would look like.

Another herd to feature more than once was Katandra Park Holsteins and Jerseys, owned by the Fry family, from Brunswick Junction. They won the 2-year-old and mature age class. The 2-year-old Champion, Katandra Park Mitchell Jana, is sired by one of Semex's genomic sires, Sandy-Valley Mitchell. The first-calved 2-year-old had twins, but Lachlan Fry said she was starting to fire when the competition was judged, and she was milking 35 litres a day. She is out of a VG85 Regancrest Reginald dam, and then an EX Dundee.



5-year-old winner – Moonaralla Reginald 4484, KW & BL Ravenhill, Moonaralla Holstein (Narrrikup).

"The On-Farm has definitely been good for us and good fun to put cows up that you like. It's not much work at all. I think picking them out is the hardest thing."

– Ken Ravenhill

Their mature winner, Katandra Park Shottle Odamay, is an EX-90-1E six-year-old Picston Shottle daughter. Her 5.2yrs production was 13,168L 3.0% 400KgP, 3.8% 505KgF with a PI of 118 in 305 Days.

"We really love the cow," Lachlan said. "She's just a really good herd cow, from a really nice family that Mum and Dad [Don and Lorelle] bought from Dad's great uncle's [Sam Fry] dispersal [Bushlands Holsteins] sale back in 1990 for the top price that day. She went EX this calf, gave us a nice Fitz heifer calf [Semex sire - Toc-Farm Fitz] and she's confirmed in-calf to Solomon."

The 'Omo' family's foundation cow was Bushlands Roybrook Omo, VG-87 145BC.

Don Fry added: "It's a family that has done really well for us, and we just love the type and production dual-appeal it has continued to bring."

Katandra Park Holsteins and Jerseys is today run by brothers Lachlan and Corbin, with their parents Don and Lorelle in support in between their own roles with Elders Real Estate at Bunbury.

The 140-head herd is an even split between the Holstein and Jerseys. They run at a 9500-litre and 6800-litre average (Holsteins and Jerseys respectively). They are handling a challenging milk pricing period by using the skills Corbin has refined working in the US contracting during harvest. Corbin runs a hay and silage contracting business in peak times, in addition to seeding work.

The 3-year-old winner had a unique point of difference that no other Champion could boast. Carenda Colt45 Verene-PO is polled. She is owned by Kitchen Farms at Carenda Holsteins in Boyanup. The family partnership that includes Ray and Donna Kitchen and Mal and Lesley Kitchen milks close to 400 cows and it is one of Western Australia's highest profile herds, with a number of proven sires in AI, including several young sires now that carry the homozygous polled gene. Carenda now has roughly 50 polled animals on-farm.



Mature winner – Katandra Park Shottle Odamay, DM & LM Fry, Katandra Park Holsteins (Brunswick Junction).

Carenda Colt45 Verene-PO also has the distinction of coming from one of Carenda's strongest maternal lines. Her dam is a VG88 Regancrest Reginald daughter, which is preceded by her EX-90-2E 1SBC Summershade Igniter granddam. Her Reginald dam remains in Carenda's herd, and her granddam achieved 116,000 litres lifetime production, in a herd which averages 10,000 with an average 4.0% fat and 3.4% protein.

Ray said the move to include polled genetics had been deliberate. "Fortunately, Verene did inherit the polled gene," Ray said. "We've got quite a few polled females now and we will continue to work towards breeding more polled animals from those animals that will be sired by some of the better polled bulls in the breed."

Carenda run a pasture-based system through the winter and spring, supported by 4-6kg grain per cow per day. In the summer and autumn (on the shoulders of the season) it feeds a TMR ration (using silage made on-farm) and hay. The daily grain amounts at those times ranges from 5-11kg (target-fed) per cow.

The 4-year-old Champion came out of Geoff and Lorraine Jenkins' family herd at Cowaramup, which lies between Busselton and the Margaret River, in the heart of Western Australia's wine country. The family calved down 294 cows on a total of 333ha (250ha milking platform) and last season shipped more than 3 million litres. Their sons, Bryn, and David, are also involved.

Treeton Iota Cherry VG89 is out of a VG88 Goldbullion, and sired by a bull which Geoff Jenkins has significant time for, Treeton WinLuke

Aladdin. Aladdin was from an embryo by Southwind out of Hill Valley Mascot Alice-ET, and he graduated from Semex's young sire program as HoTreeton.

"Sadly, his timing wasn't great because he followed a year after Luckystrike and Ninefold and they had similar breeding," Geoff said. "But, I believe he left us a lot better type than Luckystrike. He didn't leave high pins and he was one of the best bulls I've used for body depth and capacity. I bred three EX cows by him from random breedings, and I'd have 40 cows in the herd sired by him. At least 35 of them are scored VG."

The Cherry family is a maternal line the family has fostered since 1978. Now on her third calf, Cherry is a young cow they think a lot of.

The On-Farm competition has been a welcome reprieve from the Jenkins' family's fight for milk price since April after Parmalat bought Harvey Fresh and then told Western Australian suppliers that they were oversupplied by 12 million litres. Geoff said that was after the company had paid 85 cents a litre through the summer, it had naturally encouraged more production. Their proposal to charge farmers to take their milk to the eastern markets (or risk not being picked up) was one that Treeton resoundingly rejected.

"I had to employ a farm consultant and a liaison committee to negotiate with them," Geoff said.

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A first-time Champion in NSW with a rich pedigree

The New South Wales Semex Holstein Australia On-Farm Competition final had something for everyone.

There were first-time Champions, seasoned winners, and exhibitors who had bought animals and had their investments validated when Victorian judge Mark Patullo delivered his final placings.

NSW is a hotbed of powerful and established breeders who are consistently in the news when it comes to their achievements with Holsteins. This year's results, however, included some fresh names in a competition that covered 3,500 km from Wagga Wagga to Tamworth and everywhere in between. This year NSW attracted 582 entries from 115 breeders.

A first-time Champion, and a classic example of the value of the On-Farm Competition, was Brett and Anne Jessop, from Cobargo. The couple won the 4-year-old class with Smallridge Shadow Rainbow. Sired by B-Crest Shadow, Rainbow is part of a 250-cow herd milked through a 20 a-side swingover herringbone dairy on 800 acres (including 200 acres which are leased).

Rainbow was the result of the couple buying a line of heifers from Craig Whatman, from Robertson. One of those heifers Rainbow's Dundee dam, who is backed by her VG85 Ultimate Park Go second dam, and her third dam (sired by Covista Bewdley).

Brett, who spent a year working at the well-known Canadian Holstein herd, Ferme Gillette, in Ontario when he was younger is fully aware of his herd's potential. But nowadays when showing is lined up against daily chores, daily chores wins.

The On-Farm has allowed him to continue to achieve profile for the Smallridge Holstein prefix. Rainbow was shown as a dry heifer, but she hadn't calved at the right time for the shows before this year. This season the second-calved 4-year-old calved in March with a Crotau Lesperron Unix heifer in perfect time to hit the NSW



2-year-old winner, Instyle Atwood Satin, RJ Thomas, Instyle Holsteins (Deervale).

State Over-Judging: NEW SOUTH WALES

JUDGE: Mark Patullo, Walmar Ayrshire & Holsteins, VIC

Entries: 582 (2016 – 677); Farms: 115 (2016 - 114)

2-year-old – 1st – Instyle Atwood Satin, RJ Thomas, Instyle Holsteins (Deervale); 2nd – Mario Park Atwood Midas-ET, Murray Polson, Marion Park Holsteins (Oxley Island)

3-year-old – 1st – Coolea Goldie Debutante-ET, Crawford Family, Coolea Holsteins (Numbaa); 2nd – Wyoming Darylae Pontiac, Wenham Family, Jacasha Holsteins (Singleton)

4-year-old – 1st – Smallridge Shadow Rainbow, BJ & AM Jessop, Smallridge Holsteins (Cobargo); 2nd – Kamilaroi Goldsun Satin-ET, Snowden Family, Kamilaroi Holsteins (Mittagong)

5-year-old – 1st – Windy Vale Windbrook Frosty-IMP-ET, RJ Thomas, Instyle Holsteins (Deervale); 2nd – Oxley Vale Damion Fussy 6-ET, AD & ZR Polson, Oxley Vale Holsteins (Oxley Island)

Mature – 1st – Pooley Bridge Fever Rose 94, Moxey Farms, Moxey Farms Holsteins (Gooloogong); 2nd – Murrubrook Fever Tia-ET, Murray Sowter, Murrubrook Holsteins (Moss Vale)

State Show in-form. However, Brett said he now relies on Chris (Rocky) Allen to show cattle for him, and when it didn't happen he didn't give it another thought.

He said Rainbow was easily on track to achieve 10,000 litres this season, in a herd which averaged 9,600 litres. The farm has enough water for irrigated pasture to be available at least once a day and the feed gaps are filled with either a Partial Mixed Ration or a Total Mixed Ration, depending on the season. His main priority is to know the herd is fully fed.

Brett said he was confident in Rainbow on the day of the final judging, saying she was 'firing' that day and it was gratifying to achieve the win.

The only breeder to win two Champions in NSW, was Instyle Holsteins, which is owned and operated by Rod Thomas, his son, Brenton (and Brenton's partner, Ellie Smith) at Deervale in Dorrigo. The trio milk 140 cows, who last season averaged 9213 litres, with a 3.1% 285kg protein and a 3.9% 357kg fat in 305 days.

Instyle won with their 2-year-old Instyle Atwood Satin, who is classified 84 points. They also won the 5-year-old with a purchase they took a punt on, Windy Vale Windbrook Frosty-IMP-ET VG88.

Atwood Satin traces back through Leader Holsteins' Satin dynasty. She may be new to state honours, but her family has already covered a lot of ground. She is out of Instyle Laurin Satin-ET VG86, who was born from an embryo being carried in a cow Instyle bought from Leader Holsteins. The second dam is where it gets really interesting. Leader Durham Satin EX-91-5E was named as Holstein Australia's 2017 Cow of the Year at its Annual Awards Night, held in Nowra in August. The award recognised all-round excellence in production, classification, breeding and overall contribution to Holsteins. This year, it also created a precedent:

Durham Satin was the third generation in succession win the Cow of the Year award (the Durham's dam Leader Rudolph Satin EX-90-2E won it in 2011, and Rudolph Satin's dam, Toolamba Broker Satin EX-1E won in 2005).

Rod Thomas said they had showed Satin as a heifer for a blue ribbon at a calf day. They would have also considered entering her

for their local show as an in-milk exhibit if she wasn't a challenge to handle.

She calved in this year with a Beamer heifer and her lactation to date has been made in 169 days continuing. It is 6132 litres, 3.1% (188kg) protein, and 3.8% (231kg fat).

"She doesn't love the one-on-one attention, but she's a great shed cow and she's always there in the first run," Rod said.



3-year-old winner, Coolea Goldie Debutante-ET, Crawford Family, Coolea Holsteins (Numbaa).



4-year-old winner, Smallridge Shadow Rainbow, BJ & AM Jessop, Smallridge Holsteins (Cobargo).

The Windbrook Frosty 5-year-old also came with a story about smart investments. Rod paid \$8000 for her when she was stale and short-bred in the Big Bang dispersal at Bluechip Genetics last October.

"I first saw her as a 2-year-old, and I loved her then and when she was in the sale I took the punt, buying her even though she was stale," Rod said.

"I'm really happy with the way she's turned out. She's just a bigger version of the 2-year-old I saw. On the day of judging I don't think she could have looked any better.

"She calved in September with a Devour heifer. On her last herd test she produced 47 litres, with a 4.9% fat. She just hasn't put a foot wrong. We showed her at Dorrigo and she was Reserve Champion Holstein. A few people have asked me if I'm going to take her to IDW. I'll have to think about it. It's a long way to Tatura (Victoria), and the hotter climate down there worries me a little bit."

One of the names not new to Championship honours was the Crawford family, at Numbaa.

This is a busy operation that milks 1,000 cows – starting at 2.30am every morning. Run by Andrew and Abbey Crawford with the support of parents Rod and Jenny. Between them they handle 450 hectares acres on the home farm and 690 hectares at Cootamunda (3½ hours away).

The Crawford family won the 3-year-old with Coolea Goldie Debutante-ET VG86-2YRS.

It was a sweet moment for Jenny, who was the one who initially stuck her neck out and bought Debutante's fifth dam in 1986 for the top price of \$6,500 at a sale for Alex and Claire Fraser, near Pakenham, in Victoria.

"I bought three Debutante animals that day – two in-milk and one heifer. When I brought the Telmatt Debutante home everyone wondered why," Jenny said.

"But I flushed her and I got 12 embryos, 11 pregnancies and nine heifers. There was no sexed semen then, of course, so I was off the hook and the noose was loosened. I guess that's where my boys get the passion to buy cows."

Sired by Goldchip, Debutante's EX91-3E Comestar Outside dam was the South

Coast and Tableland's sub-branch's Cow of the Year in 2010.

Jenny said the On-Farm competition was great for exposure for their cows without them having to invest a lot of time.

It was worth noting that the Polson family was on the ownership of two Reserve Champions and one of them had a special story. The Polson family are milking 320 cows at Oxley Island and the team includes Murray and Jane with the recent inclusion of a new staff member, Adam Gavenlock. Murray's parents, Doug and Zandria, are also in support.

Their Fussy family is underpinned by the 2009 On-Farm competition's Mature winner, Oxley Vale Jed Fussy EX92-3E. Last year the Jed was the granddam of the Mature class winner, Oxley Vale Regancrest Fussy VG89. This year she is the dam of the Reserve 5-year-old, Oxley Vale Damion Fussy 6-ET VG85.

The Mature Champion, Pooley Bridge Fever Rose 94, came out of a 500-cow group within the 6,000-cow operation that is Moxey Farms, at Gooloogong, in NSW. The operation is part of Australian Fresh Milk Holdings and one of Australia's largest single-site dairy operations with close to 200 staff.

Moxey Farms has maintained its passion for good cows, and this year bought around 250-head from Pooley Bridge Holsteins at Kialla, Victoria.

Rose Philipzen, of Moxey Farms, confirmed that the 6-year-old Rose 94 – sired by Crackholm Fever – and now classified EX91 on her third calf was well in gear after calving down at Leslie Farms and arriving after the rest of her herdmates. Tellingly, her dam was the 2008 International Dairy Week Grand Champion Holstein, Pooley Bridge Terrason Rose 52.

Fever Rose 94 was milking around 70 litres a day at the time of judging. Her second-placed finish in the sub-branch round of judging was switched to Champion for the State final, signaling her rising form as she moved through transition and into full milk.

About seven of Moxey Farms' staff members attended the local sub-branch dinner (with three attending the state final) – in line with the Moxey's deliberate effort to include their team in all aspects of the farm.

"We all enjoy the On-Farm," Rose Philipzen said. "It's great because lots of people at the farm can get involved and everyone can see the cows, and see them judged and be included in the process."

"And everyone on the farm loves Rose. She's a really cool cow, and she was a standout from the day she arrived. We're pretty excited about her future." **HJ**

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– Rose Philipzen



5-year-old winner, Windy Vale Windbrook Frosty-IMP-ET, RJ Thomas, Instyle Holsteins (Deervale).



Mature winner, Pooley Bridge Fever Rose 94, Moxey Farms, Moxey Farms Holsteins (Gooloogong).

Live streaming puts Queensland in the spotlight

Time and distance has always been the enemy when it comes to introducing Queensland's On-Farm Champions to the rest of the country. This year, the next generation met the challenge in a fresh way that promises to gain traction for the Sunshine state.

When South Australia's Rob Walmsley, of Robsvue Holsteins, was nominated to judge, he knew the five days away from his Mt Gambier share-farming position milking 330 cows was going to be a push and he would need to head home quickly. So, instead of holding a presentation dinner, the organisers decided to livestream Rob's explanations for his final placings on Facebook, using Owen Daley's mobile phone.

Last year, just 10 breeders attended the awards evening because of the distances to reach a common meeting place. This year, in less than 24 hours, 778 people had viewed the Facebook post.

"We only thought of it an hour before we did it," Rob said.

"With a bit more organisation and planning, it could be a pretty cool concept."

Rob said judging was "pretty full on" getting around all the farms, but he had a great time. He wasn't afraid to make his own fun either. One night he stayed in a pub equidistant from being picked up and dropped off by the breeders who had volunteered to ferry Rob between farms. "I ended up out with the locals until 2.30am," Rob said. "It was a pretty good night."

There were 284 entries this year from 37 breeders, which was down by 47 animals and 12 breeders.

Rob said the 3- and 5-year-old classes were the strongest for him, and if he was to pick a cow to take home it would have been the 5-year-old Champion, Burnleigh Dempsey Buttercup EX-91-1E, from Peter Rough's Burnleigh Holsteins, at Kenilworth. Buttercup's breeding goes straight back to Anne Well on the second dam with a VG88 Jenny-Lou Mrshl Toystory, then a VG88 Leader Salty and an EX-2E A Mark CJ Gillbrook Grand. She was one of two animals with Anne Well breeding to win a class this year. Anne Well is owned by Max and Sue Ison and Alan Little and Leesa Ison, who dispersed their milking herd in August.



2-year-old winner, Anne Well Guthrie Ding, Clinton Keir (Gold Coast).

State Over-Judging: QUEENSLAND

JUDGE: Rob Walmsley, Robsvue Holsteins, Mt Gambier, SA

Entries: 284 (2016 - 331); Farms: 37 (2016 - 49)

2-year-old – 1st - Anne Well Guthrie Ding, Clinton Keir (Gold Coast);
2nd - Adadale Sid Felicity, Paulger Partnership, Adadale Holsteins (Kenilworth)

3-year-old – 1st - Arabella Aftershock Sunrise, Arabella Farming Co.,
Arabella Holsteins (Brookstead); 2nd - Clarkdale Defiant Bronze, Clark Partnership, Clarkdale Holsteins (Caniaba)

4-year-old – 1st - Camlou Sid Roxy-IMP-ET, Wild Oats Holsteins (Kenilworth); 2nd - Ourway Atwood Jackie 348, CJ & SJ Daley, Ourway Holsteins (Millaa Millaa)

5-year-old – 1st - Burnleigh Dempsey Buttercup, Burnleigh Holsteins (Kenilworth); 2nd - Glencrest Spirte 842, GS & RW Teese, Glencrest Holsteins (Beaudesert)

Mature – 1st - Kaloola Baltimor Betty, TK & LM Northfield, Kaloola Holsteins (Tatham); 2nd - Grantley Allen Flora, A & S Barron, Ardylbar Holsteins (Cambooya)

"The 5-year-old was a cow that really took my eye," Rob said. "Even though she was a little stale in her lactation, she was a cow that you could still really see a lot of good quality in."

"She had that beautiful openness through her front-end with width of chest and depth of fore and rear rib. She had a beautiful clean bone, and real capacity about her. She also had a real neat square balance to her udder, and a really soft texture to her udder."

"She got the advantage over a really nice cow in second [Glencrest Spirte 842 owned by Rodney Teese at Beaudesert] for her overall capacity, additional volume through her front end, more width of chest, and little more depth of fore-rib. My Reserve Champion was the first cow we saw on the tour. She also had a really clean and flat dairy bone and she was a cow that you had to love the style of, and her really neat snug udder. She used that and her overall blending of parts and the length of her fore-udder to place over a really dairy cow in third."

In the mature class, Rob pushed the Brisbane Royal Show's reigning Grand Champion Holstein Grantley Allen Flora EX-90 [owned by Adrian and Sheryl Barron, at Combooya] into Reserve, behind a six-year-old from Tatham breeders Tony and Leesa Northfield. Kaloola Baltimor Betty VG88 is sired by Regancrest Baltimor. Her second dam is a Comestar Stormatic, who is followed by her EX-91-6E Rich-Ro Mark Sam third dam.

"She [Betty] won the class fairly easily," Rob said. "She wasn't the most stylish cow, but she was certainly a very balanced cow, and she was in the best form. She had the most bloom to her rear udder, and overall bloom."

"She was very correct when I broke her down, and really, she was hard to fault. She used that overall form and bloom to her rear udder to place over the big, black cow in second [Grantley Allen Flora]. I loved the frame on the cow in second. She also had a lot of



3-year-old winner, Arabella Aftershock Sunrise, Arabella Farming Co., Arabella Holsteins (Brookstead).

balance to her and she was very correct, with great feet and legs, which carried her over third."

Camlou Sid Roxy-IMP-ET rose to the top of a quality 4-year-old class. She is owned by Wild Oats Holsteins – a partnership between Kelvin and Ronnie Cochrane and Chad and Carita Parker) at Kenilworth. Camlou Sid Roxy-IMP-ET VG87 is sired by Pine-Tree Sid and then backed by a EX-2E Pennview Income x VG Summershade Igniter x EX-1E Oliveholme Aeroline out of Canada at Suntor Holsteins. The Reserve Champion is now a back-to-back Reserve Champion after she finished Reserve 3-year-old last year. Ourway Atwood Jackie 348 is VG87 and she is owned by Ourway Holsteins, at Millaa Millaa in North Queensland.

"It was close between first and second," Rob said. "Both were really similar, but the Sid won on overall form on the day, and bloom to her udder. The second-placed cow was an autumn calving cow, and not far off going dry again."

The Champion 2-year-old Anne Well Guthrie Ding, proved a smart buy by the Gold Coast's Clinton Keir. Ding was sold through the Black & Gold Dairies dispersal on August 22.

"She was a really nice heifer, and she had the edge in her capacity and overall form," Rob said. "For me, she was also the most complete 2-year-old and she had the most balance and blending of parts. She had more bloom about her, and she was in a bit better milking form than second and third."



5-year-old winner Burnleigh Dempsey Buttercup, Burnleigh Holsteins (Kenilworth).



4-year-old winner, Camlou Sid Roxy-IMP-ET, Wild Oats Holsteins (Kenilworth).

"Second [Adadale Sid Felicity] was a cow that I really admired, and I'd really love to see this young individual fresh and in-form. She had that beautiful openness of rib, really nice angularity, and her fore-udder attachments were welded on, with great veination and a balanced rear udder. It was her width of pin, her slope to rump, her thurl width and thurl placement that took her over third. Although, I will grant that third had a super udder."

The 3-year-old included the 2016 2-year-old Champion, Clarkdale Defiant Bronze, owned by the Clark partnership, at Caniaba. This year Bronze finished Reserve Champion on her second calf. The Champion 3-year-old was Arabella Aftershock Sunrise, owned by Arabella Holsteins at Brookstead. The family won Supreme Intermediate Champion at the Brisbane Royal Show in August, but their On-Farm Champion was a new name to come out of the busy family enterprise.

"The young cow at the top of the class was a fairly easy winner for me," Rob said. "She was the cow that was in-form on the day. She had a beautiful open frame about her; she had that clean flat dairy bone and a lot of front end, and she was really well balanced."

"She had the most bloom throughout her mammary system, including the height and width at the top of her rear udder, definition of seam, and the capacity throughout her udder to place over the really nice young cow in Reserve. My Reserve matched the first cow really well. I loved her openness, and a really clean, flat bone." **HJ**

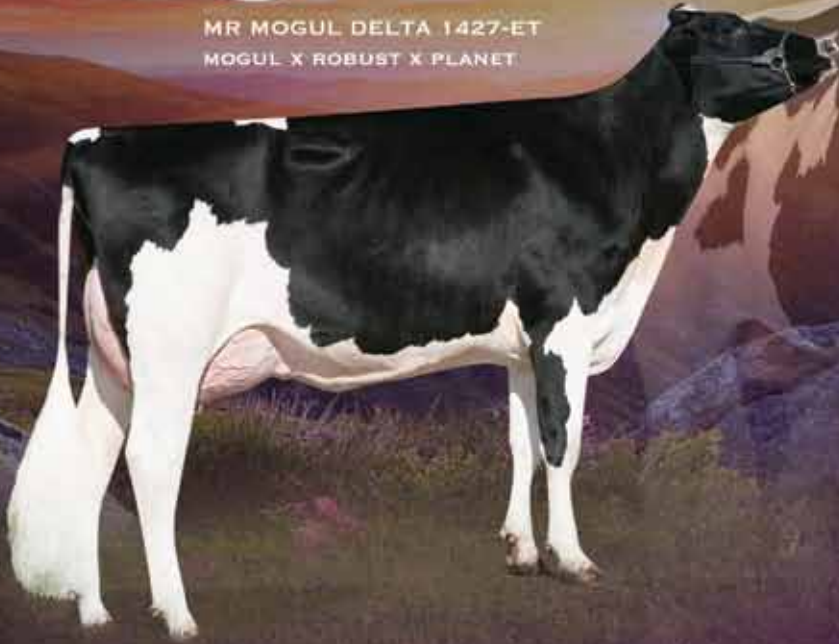


Mature winner, Kaloola Baltimor Betty, TK & LM Northfield, Kaloola Holsteins (Tatham).

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Morty Lady 51 reigns supreme in Vic.

A Holstein – plucked from a 300-cow herd in Tasmania 10 years ago – ticked another box in her unparalleled career at the Semex-Holstein Australia final for the Victoria and South-Eastern South Australia On-Farm Competition, judged by Nick Flanagan (Woodlawn Holsteins, Finley NSW).

Fairvale Morty Lady 51 EX-97-5E – the two-time International Dairy Week (IDW) Champion (2011 and 2014) – became the first cow to classify 97-points on the same day she was judged for the state final of the On-Farm Competition and is now also the Supreme Champion of the biggest on-farm state competition in the nation. Lady 51 topped 1,248 entries from 153 farms – after first having to win her local competition, ahead of 247 entries from 37 farms.

Now aged 12 with seven calves, the Stouder Morty daughter, who is owned by the Thompson and McKay families of Linsand-V Holsteins at Irrewillipe, near Colac in western Victoria, has nothing left to prove.

It's been a long time since Lisa Thompson stood mesmerised by a GP83 2-year-old in Ross and Leanne Dobson's Fairvale herd at Bracknell, Tasmania. Today Lisa is married to Will McKay, and it was fitting that it was Lisa who accepted Lady's award during the 17th annual luncheon at the Witchmount Estate winery at Melton recently.

Having recently shifted farms it was the family's first On-Farm final.

"It's an honour to be a part of this competition, and it's an even bigger privilege to be recognised," Lisa said. "I can't thank Nick enough for appreciating her as much as we do. It's hard to believe I've had her for 10 years now. We decided to breed her back last year in an attempt to freshen her to flush her again.

"She's very spirited and strong and you'd never know she's 12. She had her calf [a Dempsey heifer] and kept going, and looks better than you'd ever imagine. A lot of people have asked me what she



2-year-old winner – Gorbros Atoutside Meg-ET, RK & JR Gordon, Gorbros Holsteins (Cohuna).

State Over-Judging: VICTORIA / SOUTH-EASTERN AUSTRALIA

JUDGE: Nick Flanagan, Woodlawn Holsteins, Finley (NSW)

Entries: 1248 (2016 - 1285); **Farms:** 153 (2016 - 187)

2-year-old – 1st – Gorbros Atoutside Meg-ET, RK & JR Gordon, Gorbros Holsteins (Cohuna); 2nd – Luccombe Damion Eva, R & L White, Luccombe Holsteins (Finley)

3-year-old – 1st – Corra Lea Windbrook Fanny, JL & PL Prout, Corra Lea Holsteins (Kerang); 2nd – Avonlea Reginald Jacobonia, JH & CJ Gardiner, Avonlea Holsteins (Cardinia)

4-year-old – 1st – Lightning Ridge Goldsun Jane, Darren Crawford, Horizon Holsteins (Invergordon); 2nd – Willette Fever Hay-ET, Jones Family, Cypress Grove Holsteins (Foster)

5-year-old – 1st – Hawova R Reginald Tamie, Shaw, Clark & Sieben (Torrumbury); 2nd – Gorbros Goldwyn Robin-ET, RK & JR Gordon, Gorbros Holsteins (Cohuna)

Mature – 1st – Fairvale Morty Lady 51, Thompson & McKay, Linsand-V Holsteins (Irrewillipe); 2nd – View Fort Trekka Stylish, Matthew Templeton, View Fort Holsteins (Tarwin)

Supreme Champion – Fairvale Morty Lady 51, Thompson & McKay, Linsand-V Holsteins (Irrewillipe)

looks like, and it's hard to explain because when you're that old you don't believe they can look as good – or if not, better than they have before. She's just a freak and we're so lucky she looks so good. What she's done for us ever since we've owned her is amazing. We're blessed."

Lisa acknowledged that her desire to show cows had dictated some of Lady's career. She also confirmed that they were not going to try and prepare her for a tilt at her third International Dairy Week crown in January.

"I've always been a die-hard show person, and I guess – because of that – breeding from her has taken a bit of a backward step. But



3-year-old winner – Corra Lea Windbrook Fanny, JL & PL Prout, Corra Lea Holsteins (Kerang).

we're at the stage now that we'd really like to get some progeny. People who show cows know that it takes a lot of work and a lot of prep, and when it comes to the On-farm Competition, I've come to appreciate it a lot more now that I have to milk seven days a week, twice a day.

"When the On-farm Competition comes around the cows that you choose are the cows that look good all the time; cows that don't take a lot of work, cows that everyone appreciates every day.

"For Lady to win this competition as well as IDW gives her so much credibility. And I thank Semex and Holstein Australia for appreciating this cow as much as we do."

Judge Nick Flanagan said Lady was an easy decision. He praised the Thompson and McKay family for Lady's management.

"This is what most of us aspire to achieve," Nick said. "She's 12 years old with seven calves, her udder is still perfect, and her frame is incredible. I'm not sure there are a lot of areas you'd try and change that cow. I'm not even going to try and name them, because that would be disrespectful.

"She is a marvellous example of what Holstein cows can be. This cow has been incredibly well managed and even though she's spent her career crossing the Bass Straight, she just handles it. She looks amazing."

A 10-year-old entry with eight calves, View Fort Trekka Stylish, finished second in the mature class. Judge Nick acknowledged that anyone involved in showing cattle, would know that Stylish's owner Matthew Templeton, of View Fort Holsteins in Tarwin, had also played a significant role in Morty Lady's early career, and her first IDW title.

Another partnership had a sweet moment, coming in as Reserve Supreme to Morty Lady was Hawova R Reginald Tamie – owned by the partnership which includes Grant and Christine Shaw (Hawova), Peter and Charlotte Clark, and Scott and Jade Sieben from Brindabella at Torrumbarry, near Echuca.

Tamie was found two years ago by Jade Sieben, while she was judging the On-Farm competition.

"I think Tamie is the perfect example of what this competition does – it uncovers new talent," Jade said. "Tamie was found out of a big 600-cow herd. I made her Champion Cow up there, as a 3-year-old, and Pete [Clark] helped me negotiate the deal that would see her shift to our place and for us all to form this partnership.

"From there, she had a bad bout of mastitis, we got her through that, got her broken to halter, and got her to IDW. She was Reserve Intermediate in 2016, and we thought she was preg-tested in calf six weeks at that time. She lost it, the milk price crashed and we couldn't afford to flush her. I told the partners she was open, and that they could flush her if they wanted to.

"They said, 'you paid for IDW, we'll pay for the flushing'. From that flush we got two bulls and a Doorman heifer, and I re-bred her to Solomon. She calved 10 days early this year with a heifer, the day the cows went to the Victorian Winter Fair. She hasn't skipped a beat since then, and we've just been letting her do her thing. She's done everything right so far. She was classified EX-92 on this calf."

Grant Shaw accepted the award, telling the audience that they had been working with Tamie's pedigree since the 1950s.

Judge Nick Flanagan said it was a tough class to win, and Tamie did it easily.

"When the On-farm Competition comes around the cows that you choose are the cows that look good all the time; cows that don't take a lot of work, cows that everyone appreciates every day."

– Lisa Thompson

"It was certainly the strongest class of the week," he said. "We had an outstanding winner, and a cow you just have to admire for her lovely combination of strength and dairyness. She's an extremely long cow, who is also extremely clean with incredible openness and amazing udder attachments. It is the height and width at the top of the rear udder, and also the balance in the floor of her udder, that places her over another tremendous cow in second."

The 2-year-old and 3-year-old Champion also came from the North-West sub-branch in a nod to the strength of its members, and the job the sub-branch judge Lachlan Fry, from Western Australia, had done.

The 2-year-old Champion was Gorbros Atoutside Meg-ET, owned by Gorbros Holsteins, at Cohuna, who were one of six breeders who had multiple finishers in the top-five. The Reserve Champion, Luccombe Damion Eva, owned by the White family at Finley, also had two finish in the top-five.

"For me, in this class my Champion was a real 'come and get me' winner," judge Nick said. "She's an extremely long, lean and clean heifer with a lovely long neck and a sharp shoulder. She had an outstanding mammary with incredible texture, she was hard-topped, and I love the slope to her rump and her great feet and legs. She's everything you want in a 2-year-old, and she was just a baby-two."

Glen Gordon, of Gorbros, said Meg was classified VG85, and her second dam was the EX-92 Mangoola Thunderstorm Meg, who was nominated for Australia's Cow of the Year.

"It's certainly a privilege to be invited here today," Glen Gordon said. "I guess we're all winners just to be invited. To Lachie Fry [North-West sub-branch judge] and Nick [Flanagan], thanks for appreciating the cow."

In the 3-year-old class, Leigh Prout, of Corra Lea Holsteins at Kerang, won with Corra Lea Windbrook Fanny. It was his first of two top-five finishes on the day. Adam Dee accepted the award on Leigh's behalf.

"Leigh put five in our local competition and they all made top-10," Adam said. "Two won, one got second, and one got third. This is a really good young Windbrook. Leigh runs a big farm and milks about 120 cows. He hasn't got a worker, and so he was an apology today. He loves his cows and he's breeding really good ones. He'll be absolutely stoked with this."

"This was an interesting class with lots of cows at different stages," Nick said. "This white cow (Windbrook Fanny) was the second last cow we saw for the whole competition. She is really well-balanced – with a lot of openness, particularly through her front-end. She is wide-chested with an open fore and rear rib. I must admit I'd like to change the way she breaks away in her crops, but she was certainly a very well-balanced cow. She gets the advantage on the width and openness of her front-end. The second placed cow has the best rear udder in the class, but I would give the winner

the advantage in the way her foreudder blends on to her body wall, particularly on that right-hand side. But Reserve was the best-rumped cow with the best rear udder in the class."

The 4-year-old, Lightning Ridge Goldsun Jane VG88, is owned by Darren Crawford, at Horizon Holsteins in Invergordon, 30 minutes north of Shepparton. Reserve was bred by Willette Holsteins, and owned by the Jones family at Foster.

Darren was a first-time finalist, having moved from Numbaa in NSW in 2012.

"For me, I'm a first-time attendee," Darren said. "So, it's a real honour to get a win. Jane arrived at our place three days before she was born.

"Declan [Patten, Lightning Ridge Holsteins] needed somewhere for Jane's Advent dam to be milked, and he sent her our way. Twelve months ago, he offered me the chance to buy him out and I took that opportunity. She's always been a nice cow to work with. She was an 85-point 2-year-old, and she's really developed out into a really nice 4-year-old on her second calf."

Nick said her width and power, combined with her clean bone and exceptional udder got her to the top of the class.

"You can see the length of her neck, but she's also got that width and openness that you need to have in modern-day large herds," Nick said. "I would like to change the way she tracks on those rear feet and legs just a little. But she's an outstanding individual and an easy winner for me."

To get to the state final is an achievement in itself. To have more than one place in the top-five is exceptional. This year, that list included Corra Lea Holsteins (Kerang), Avonlea Holsteins (Cardinia), Viewfort Holsteins (Tarwin), Luccombe Holsteins (Finley) and Bryne Lea Holsteins (Drumbrog). Gorbrog Holsteins (Cohuna) had the distinction of three top-five finishes.

Judge Nick Flanagan acknowledged the power and the reach of the competition in his closing remarks. "I had a tremendously enjoyable week judging one of the most significant days on the Holstein calendar. Over the 17 years, I know we've certainly looked forward to it at our place," he said.

"To witness first-hand the amount of time and finances the Semex crew put into is incredible. And to be asked to judge is something that I hold in very high regard, and consider a tremendous privilege." **HJ**



4-year-old winner – Lightning Ridge Goldsun Jane, Darren Crawford, Horizon Holsteins (Invergordon).



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Leven Valley Shamrocks – will to milk

BY JON HOLLAND, HOLLODDON,
NORTH-WEST VICTORIA

Before their Leven Valley Holsteins dispersal in 2000, Master Breeders Athol and Avalyn Kaine milked 80 registered Holsteins on their farm at Gunns Plains in the valley of the Leven River, on the north-west coast of Tasmania. Regular winners of local and state production awards, their Shamrock cow family was their most dominant line, establishing a reputation for being super sleek, clean-boned dairy cows with a 'great will to milk'. Stud bulls and surplus heifers were keenly sought after by local breeders, however the Shamrocks remained mostly on their island state. That was until the Leven Valley dispersal, which saw Holstein breeders from around the country cross the strait, seduced by the opportunity of taking a Shamrock to the mainland.

Picking a Cloverleaf

The foundation for Athol's commanding cow family was Conmurra Idena Cloverleaf-TW VG89 STP 4* LIFE 1. Cloverleaf was the first cow Athol ever bought, picking the Suttonhoo Idena Dividend daughter of Rosebay Shamrock, from the 1974 dispersal sale of Latrobe



Conmurra Idena Cloverleaf-TW VG89 STP 4* LIFE 1, foundation cow of the 'Shamrocks'.

breeder Dr Quartermass as a rising 3-year-old.

"She's the one I picked out at home," Athol said, "but my dad said I'd never get her." Athol did get her and Cloverleaf moved to Gunns Plains where she developed into the Top Production Cow in Tasmania in 1984, and had 14 registered progeny, including the Linmack Kriss King daughter, Leven Valley Shamrock VG88 STP 5* LIFE 1.

Leven Valley D.C Shamrock VG87 STP 5* LIFE 4, a Dalesend Cascade daughter of the Linmack, produced a lifetime record of 107,038 litres from 13 lactations, at the time making her the highest milk and protein cow in Tasmania.

One of Athol's all-time favourites was a daughter of the Linmack by Glenhafton Enhancer. With scores of EX-96 dairy strength and an EX-93 mammary, Leven Valley G.H Shamrock EX-2E 7* was an imposing individual, becoming Athol's first Excellent cow, and the cow Athol is most proud of.

"Excellent cows were hard to get, but GH Shamrock was the best cow I've ever seen. She was just a beautiful cow- a beautiful deep open dairy cow," Athol said.

"I used to love the classifier coming. It was the best day of the year."

G.H Shamrock had four daughters at Leven Valley. Her most famous was a daughter by Hanoverhill Inspiration, Leven Valley I. Shamrock-ET EX-8E STP 2* LIFE 4. In 2005 the Inspiration set a new Australian record when she classified Excellent for the eighth time. Aside from her superior confirmation, I. Shamrock also carried her family's 'will to milk', with a top lactation of 12,045 litres, 2.9% 343 kg protein, 3.4% 411 kg fat, 127 PI at 14 years old, and a



Leven Valley Shamrock VG88 STP 5* LIFE 1.



Leven Valley G.H Shamrock EX-2E 7*, Leven Valley's first Excellent cow.

lifetime record of 122,178 litres, 3,647 kg protein and 3,777 kg fat.

The Hanoverhill Stardom sisters, Leven Valley Star Shamrock-ET EX-5E 2* and Leven Valley Star Shamrock 2nd-ET EX-1E, were an impressive duo. Scored EX-93 for dairy strength and EX-91 mammary, Star Shamrock was a major drawcard for Athol's milking dispersal.

Another daughter of the Enhancer, and one of Athol's greatest brood cows, was Leven Valley G.D Shamrock VG89 STP 9* 1xM LIFE 2. Descendants of the Glen Drummond Encore daughter were keenly sought after, and are now having a major impact on many Master Breeder herds across the country.

Saturated in Shamrock blood

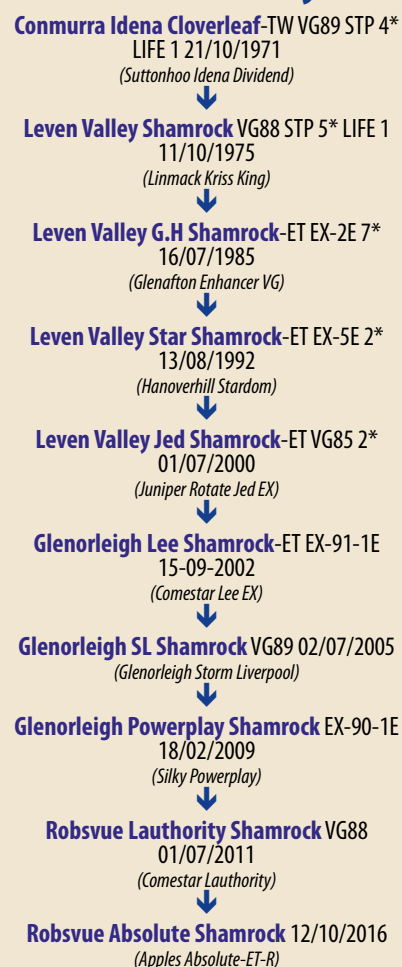
Just outside Shepparton in Northern Victoria, Master Breeder Pam Malcolm established a branch of the Shamrocks at Paringa Holsteins, founded on Leven Valley T.L Shamrock EX-1E 2*, a Townson Lindy daughter of G.D Shamrock, and a Ked Juror granddaughter, Leven Valley Juror Shamrock EX-90-1E STP 1xEP LIFE 4.

Juror Shamrock completed a lifetime record of 101,157 litres, 3,430 kg protein and 4,387 kg fat, and had two daughters at Paringa, both classified Excellent, and both extraordinary production cows. Paringa Rubin Ullisa EX-90-1E 2xEP completed two Elite Production level lactations, while her maternal sister, Leven Valley CO Shamrock



Leven Valley Star Shamrock EX-5E 2*, sold for \$10,000 at the Leven Valley dispersal.

Shamrock family tree



EX-90-2E 3* 1xEP 2xM 2xP 2xP LIFE 2, completed four consecutive lactations exceeding 12,000 litres, with a lifetime record of 89,661 litres.

Of the original pair, T.L Shamrock had the show style, claiming Intermediate Champion at the Northern Feature at Tatura in 2000 and 2001. The Lindy also carried the Shamrock 'will to milk', with her Robthom Integrity daughter, Paringa Integrity Udelle VG89, becoming one of Paringa's highest ever production cows, peaking at 15,971 litres in 305 days.

Not far from Paringa, at Marungi in Northern Victoria, Master Breeder Max Hall, Wallaroi Holsteins, bred three Excellent sisters by Comestar Export out of Leven Valley Sam Shamrock VG88 2* 1xM 1xP. One of the Exports, Wallaroi CE Shamrock-ET EX-90-3E 1xM LIFE 3, is now owned by the Daniel family, Cleveland Holsteins, where she still adding to her lifetime total of 96,000 litres.

Another Northern Victorian Master Breeder developing a line of Shamrocks

Australian Holstein Cow Family



Leven Valley I. Shamrock-ET EX-8E STP 2* LIFE 4, Australia's first EX-8E cow.

is Scott and Nirrelle Somerville, Somerelle Holsteins. At the dispersal, Scott was after a young cow with no holes in her pedigree, selecting Leven Valley Raider Shamrock VG87, a Hanoverhill Raider daughter of I. Shamrock. At Somerelle, the Raider has produced an Excellent Regancrest Derry daughter, Somerelle Derry Shamrock EX-90-2E STP(Silvr) LIFE 1, as well as VG88

daughters by Summershade Igniter and New World Empire.

Back in Tasmania, Master Breeders Ross and Leanne Dobson, Fairvale Holsteins, have also had success with a Raider daughter. Leven Valley Raider Shamrock 3rd-ET VG89 STP 10* 1xM LIFE 3 made a lifetime record of 101,388 litres, while

establishing a remarkable brood of massive lifetime performers, including a +70,000 litre LIFE 1 Ked Juror, a +80,000 litre LIFE 2 Ked Juror and a +80,000 litre LIFE 1 Summershade Igniter.

The Raider's MarkSam daughter, Fairvale Sam Shamrock 5 EX-5E STP(Silvr) 1xEP 5xM 5xF 5xP LIFE 5 recently became a third generation +100,000 litre cow, with a top lactation of 15,376 and 1,040kg milk solids, with a staggering lifetime record of 134,875 litres!

A Ladino Park Talent daughter of the MarkSam, Fairvale Talent Shamrock EX-93-4E 1* 1xEP 4xM 3xF 4xP LIFE 2, is now the highest classified Shamrock to date at EX-93-4E, and is still active at +80,000 litres lifetime, with the potential of becoming a fourth generation +100,000 litre cow.

In South Australia, Master Breeders, Bill and Jo Thompson were introduced to the Shamrocks during a discussion with Pam Malcolm at their local Mount Gambier Fair.

"We were talking to Pam about families to buy into when she recommended we talk to Athol and Ayalyn about their Shamrocks," Bill said. "Meeting Athol and Ayalyn was one of the greatest things. We met two marvellous people and have been friends ever since."

Commitments on the farm meant Bill and Jo were unable to attend the Leven Valley milking dispersal in 2000, however at the Kaine's 2001 heifer sale, they selected two Shamrocks, Leven Valley Jed Shamrock-ET VG85 2* and Leven Valley CL Shamrock VG85.

CL Shamrock's dam, Leven Valley S.B Shamrock VG89, was a daughter of G.D Shamrock, and sired by the Hanoverhill Starbuck son of the foundation cow Idena Cloverleaf.

Bill had tremendous respect for the breeding techniques used by the breeds founding members, using line-breeding of strong maternal bloodlines to exaggerate superior traits. When he saw the double cross of Cloverleaf in the pedigree of CL Shamrock, he was immediately hooked.

"There were lots of great cows in those times that were linebred to strong cow families," he said. "The Shamrocks were cows with a great will to milk, and CL Shamrock's dam was saturated in Shamrock blood which really excited me."

At Glenorie, CL Shamrock produced a top lactation of 12,384 litres, 358 kg 2.9% protein and 371 kg 3.0% fat P1115.

Where the Shamrock story began

The Shamrock story can be traced back to 10 October 1914, to the birth of Dominion Violet Fobes, imported from New Zealand by Flack and Sewell, Berwick, Victoria. Her daughter, Domino Fobes of Yarra Brae, is the seventh dam behind Athol Kaine's first Shamrock.

Violet Fobes' descendants formed some of the most recognised names in the breed.

The great Noni cow family, famous for the former Australian No.#1 ABV Cow, Fernyhurst Raider Noni VG85 5* 2xM 2xF 2xP BPI+305, and the 2010 IDW Intermediate Champion and 2012 IDW Grand Champion, Page House Shottle Noni EX-92-4E 6* 2xM 2xF 1xP LIFE 2, can be traced to a daughter of Violet Fobes, the 1926 Royal Melbourne Champion Cow, Burnbank Inka Sylvia Violet.

The sire Clydevale Lord Presto (LORDPRES), bred by Master Breeders the Dee family, is one of the most prolific Australian Holstein sires to date with over 15,000 recorded milking daughters. A son of the 19 Star Brood Cow, Clydevale Pandora VG85 19* 1xM 1xP, Lordpres is

a member of Clydevale's Penny family, which descends from another influential daughter of Violet Fobes, Burnbank Pietertje Violet.

A full sister to Violet Fobes, Dominion Sergis Fobes, was also imported from New Zealand, by the Victorian Department of Agriculture. Sergis Fobes was Champion Cow at Royal Melbourne in 1922 and was the foundation cow behind the famed Irene cow family. The Irene's have been a household name for generations. Recognised by cows like the 4-time Royal Adelaide Champion Cow 1963-66, Watsonia Irene VG87 5* and the 22 Star Brood Cow Parrabel Warden Irene VG86 22*, the Irene's have again been in the spotlight with their 2017 IDW Intermediate Champion, Mitch Aftershock Irene VG87.

The modern day Shamrocks, Pennys, Nonis and Irene's share more than a common distant relative. They are all commonly recognised today as great herd cows, great brood cows, and cows with a great will to milk!

Her most prominent daughter, Glenorleigh Raider Shamrock EX-90-3E STP LIFE 2, was also a production powerhouse exceeding 10,000 litres for five consecutive lactations.

"The Raider was a beast of a thing. She had some spunk, and you knew never to get in her road. I even remember when she was born, when I lifted her leg to check what she was, she booted me," Bill said. "But she was a magnificent cow and magnificent uddered cow."

Boasting an EX-94 mammary system, the Raider finished with a lifetime total of 88,475 litres from eight lactations.

The Thompsons' other purchase, the Juniper Rotate Jed daughter of Leven Valley Star Shamrock EX-5E 2*, was immediately flushed to Comestar Lee, producing two Excellent daughters, Glenorleigh Lee Clover-ET EX-91-1E and the striking Glenorleigh Lee Shamrock-ET EX-91-1E.

"I always loved that cow," Bill said about his Lee Shamrock. "She was a big black cow with beautiful rib to her."

While Lee Shamrock had some success in the show ring and On-farm Challenge, it was her granddaughter, Glenorleigh Powerplay Shamrock EX-90-1E who took centre stage.

Powerplay Shamrock

Powerplay Shamrock first gained attention in 2011, winning Intermediate Champion at Adelaide Royal and Supreme Champion at the Royal Melbourne All Breeds Youth Show. As a 2-year-old she was named first in the South East State OFC Finals 2011, before repeating the feat in 2012 as a 3-year-old, and placing second in her 3-years in-milk class at IDW 2013.



Glenorleigh Lee Shamrock-ET EX-91-1E.



Glenorleigh Powerplay Shamrock EX-90-1E, Intermediate Champion – Royal Adelaide 2011, back-to-back winner SE State Finals Semex OFC 2011-12.

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In March 2013, Powerplay Shamrock was the star attraction at Bill and Jo's Glenorleigh Holsteins Celebration Sale, selling to Trevor and Kerry Henningsen, Teka Holsteins, for a second top price of \$16,000. At her new home, the Powerplay was flushed extensively, with daughters by Crackholm Fever, Comestar Lauthority and Gillette Windbrook to calve over the coming years.

Another fan of Powerplay Shamrock was Bill and Jo's former herd manager, Rob Walmsley. Rob began working for Bill and Jo after moving from his family's dairy farm in New Zealand in 2009. Rob's passion for breeding was quickly noticed by the Thompsons, and it wasn't long before Rob was making many of the breeding decisions at Glenorleigh.

"He had great aptitude and we trusted his judgement," Bill said.

Rob with his partner Bec Hehir currently manage a 330-cow share-farm operation at Kongorong, South Australia. Having always admired the Shamrocks for their silky hides and no-nonsense attitude, the Powerplay Shamrock really took Rob's fancy.

"I saw the Powerplay as a baby calf when I first started at Bill and Jo's," Rob said. "She was so silky and deep in her rib. I wanted to buy the Shamrock, but Bill said I could breed her to something of my choice, and if it resulted in a heifer I could have it."

Comestar Lauthority was the hot bull of the time, and had the extra stretch and stature Rob was looking for. In 2011, Robsvue Lauthority Shamrock VG88 was born.

With her EX-92 mammary system, the Lauthority has been a dominant competitor at the local South-East Autumn Fair, named



Robsvue Lauthority Shamrock VG88, 3rd lact - 17,600 litres and 1,214 kg milk solids 305 days, Reserve Intermediate Champion Royal Adelaide 2014.

first senior 2-year-old and Reserve Intermediate Champion in 2014, first senior 3-year-old and Intermediate Champion in 2015 and first five-year-old and Reserve Senior Champion in 2016.

In 2013, Rob took his Lauthority to the Royal Adelaide Show, winning her junior 2-year-old class on her first lactation. Then in 2014, fresh on a second calf, she won the 3-year-old class and named Reserve Intermediate Champion.

But the Lauthority hadn't just inherited the Shamrock stylish sweeping rib, she's also inherited their will to milk.

As a 4-year-old on her third lactation, on a full TMR diet and 3x day milking, she produced an astonishing 17,600 litres and 1,214 kg milk solids with a PI 143! Completing her last lactation on a pasture based 2x day milking, the extraordinary performer still managed a 305 record of 15,455 litres, 3.1% 473 kg protein, 3.7% 569 kg fat, 150PI.

"The Lauthority was a big long black calf with legs six feet long when she was born, but she developed into a gob-smacking production cow!" Bill said,

Rob's Shamrock has been flushed a number of times, with frozen embryos by Stantons Expander to be implanted soon, as well as five embryos by the five-time Premier Sire at World Dairy Expo (2003-2007), Regancrest Elton Durham.

"I wanted to use a sire to give her more width and square her off a little more," Rob said about his breeding choice.

"We still had a dose of Durham in the tank, and I thought I needed to either use it or sell it. So I thought 'what the hell?' let's see what happens!"

An Apples Absolute-R daughter of the Lauthority is currently in Rob's group of yearlings set for mating for spring 2018 calving. "The Shamrocks have the production behind them to carry a bull like Absolute, and I thought I'd do something silly and try and breed a red one," Rob says. "She'll hopefully make a nice junior 2-year old for the shows next year."

The Lauthority is now heavy in-calf to the young Morningview MCC Kingboy son, Larcrest Kenosha, and Rob and Bec are excited about their cow's future potential when she calves in again. **HJ**

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Best still to come for North West Champion

BY JON HOLLAND, HOLLODDON, NORTH-WEST VICTORIA

When Justin Walsh, Walstar Holsteins NSW, named Murribrook Goldsun Robina VG87 Supreme Champion at the North West Spring Feature at Echuca he commented that her best days were to come.

The 4-year-old Toc-Farm Goldsun daughter, exhibited by Colin and Sue Steel, Dryfield Holsteins, had won her class in the lead up to the Senior Championship.

"She's clean and sharp through her bone, and has fantastic texture throughout," Justin said.

Justin placed Robina as his Senior Champion ahead of the Sieben family's mature cow Bluechip Redesign Elly EX-92-2E in Reserve. Brent and Kim Mitchell's 5-year-old Clydebank Shottle Leona GP83 was Honourable Mention.

Robina was one of the star attractions at the 100 Years of Excellence Sale in Bendigo in 2014, selling for \$7,000 to Colin and Sue, in partnership with friends Micheal and Fleur Harvey, Gapstead Holsteins.

The Steels currently have a Ms Atlees SHT Aftershock yearling daughter of Robina at Dryfield, and are preparing to breed her to sexed Val-Bisson Doorman later this spring.

Imposing Intermediate Champion

With her imposing dairy frame and superior dairy strength, 2-year-old Brindabella McCutchen Nan VG87, exhibited by Scott and Jade Sieben, Brindabella Holsteins, had a clear advantage in the Intermediate Championship. Nan was 2017 Reserve Senior In-Milk Champion at the Royal Melbourne Show.

Sired by De-Su BKM McCutchen, Nan descends from one of the Sieben's all-time greats in Judel Skychief Nan EX-90-5E 1xEP 2xM 2xF 2xP LIFE 5, owned in partnership with Jade's sister, Rebekah Mathers.

The winner of the junior 2-year-old class, and Reserve Intermediate Champion was Mitch Guthrie Irene GP84 exhibited by Mitch Holsteins. A daughter of the 2017 IDW Intermediate Champion, Mitch Aftershock Irene VG87, she placed ahead of the Steel family's Dryfield Goldwood Paradise VG85 as Honourable Mention.

Junior Champion delivers

The Junior Championship was a tight contest, with the classes featuring quality down the line. "The heifer show has been even across the board," the judge said. "There was hardly a 'tail end', with quality from the top to the end of each class."

In a close decision, it was a pair of heifers entered by the Dee family, Clydevale Holsteins, taking Champion and Reserve, with Gobro Archout Kassie having an advantage with her extra rib and overall correctness ahead of Clydevale Easyboy Imperium in Reserve. Mitch Holsteins received an Honourable Mention for their heifer Mitch Sabathia Bella.

"I have a great pair of heifers at the top today, but I've gone with



Colin and Sue Steel, Dryfield Holsteins, Numurkah, Supreme Champion Holstein – Murribrook Goldsun Robina VG87 led by Adam Ross.

the heifer that's a little more correct and balanced throughout," Justin said. "Particularly from behind my Champion is a little better on the move than my very clean Reserve."

A granddaughter of Moolang RO Kassie EX-93-4E STP 3* 1xM, Kassie was purchased at the recent Gorbro Invitational Sale. Having won Junior Champion at the 2017 Cohuna Autumn Feature, Kassie had already established a fan base, including the Master Breeders at Clydevale.

"We really liked Kassie when we saw her at Cohuna, so we thought we'd have a go at her at the sale," Mark Dee said. "We got her at a pretty good price, and now with her winning Junior Champion, she's really delivered for us."

Kassie was mated shortly before the show to Walnutlawn Solomon, with the hope of calving down in preparation for a milking show campaign in the spring of 2018.

Claudia Ross won the handlers competition over sister Sienna Ross in the mini handlers, while Mikaela Daniels won the junior handlers ahead of Sarah Lloyd. For the senior handlers, Kaitlyn Wishart won over Lincoln Sieben, with Mikaela Daniels winning the overall Supreme Handler title.

Mikaela also took out first prize in the senior section of the junior judging, while Sienna Ross was first in the under 12s judging.

Mitch Holsteins, Brent and Kim Mitchell were awarded the Premier Breeder and Exhibitor. HJ



Intermediate Champion – Brindabella McCutchen Nan VG87, exhibited by Scott and Jade Sieben, Brindabella Holsteins, Torrumbury, Vic.



Royal Melbourne Supreme Champion Dairy Exhibit – Glomar McCutchen Anney 5506, exhibited by Glomar Holsteins. Justin Johnston - Glomar Holsteins, Roy Schers NLD, judge Matthew Templeton, Andrew McCrae.

Glomar Anney makes a clean sweep at Royal Melbourne Show

BY JON HOLLAND, HOLLODDON, NORTH-WEST VICTORIA

With a long and proud history of promoting the dairy industry to metropolitan Victoria, the 2017 Royal Melbourne Show saw the return of milking dairy cattle with two junior in-milk classes added to the all breeds dairy schedule.

Under the scrutiny of judge Matthew Templeton, View Fort Holsteins, South Gippsland, the entry of Robert, Lynette and Justin Johnston, Glomar McCutchen Anney 5506, was crowned Dairy Show Supreme Champion.

The Johnston family run Glomar Holsteins at Bundalagwah, north of Sale. The Johnstons regularly compete at local shows throughout Gippsland, however it was the first time they have taken cattle to Melbourne Royal in 20 years.

“We saw the Royal was going to have some milking classes again, and thought it might be worth taking a young milker,” Justin said.

Anney hit Melbourne in striking form, sweeping the milking section with her long and angular frame and snug mammary, claiming the award for Best Vessel in show, Senior Champion Heifer in-milk and Supreme Champion Dairy Exhibit.

“I really like the long clean neck and open rib on this heifer,” Matthew said when he placed Anney at the head of the Under 3-year-old in-milk class ahead the Sieben family’s Brindabella McCutchen Nan.

“She has the most spring and openness to her rib in this class today. She is longer through the neck and has more balance throughout, and she holds her udder right up into her body wall. It shows plenty of height, width and texture, and she walks around her udder with ease.”

It was no surprise when Anney was named Best Vessel in Show ahead of the Bacon family’s Jersey entry Aspire Vanahlem Charo VG87.

“The two heifers I have at the top in this class are both fine examples of their breed. But for me the Holstein has the most balance through the fore attachment today,” Matthew said. “She also has an advantage in the way her udder blends

through the body, and shows better depth and carriage.”

Anney’s superior mammary system, combined with her stylish and balanced frame, made her an easy winner of the Senior Champion In-Milk title.

Sired by the udder specialist, De-Su BKM McCutchen 1174, she is a daughter of Glomar Shamrock Anney 4832 VG88 from a line introduced to Glomar in the mid ‘90s. The Anneycys originate from a Dutch branch of the influential Plushanksi Chief Faith EX-94-4E family via a cow imported from Holland Genetics as part of the Eureka Genetics program, Eureka Fatal Anney-IMP VG89 1xEP.

“Dad went to the Eureka Sale and picked Fatal Anney as one of the highest profile lots coming out of Holland at the time,” Justin said.

In a remarkable twist, the Australian bred Anney, with her Dutch connections and

2017 Royal Melbourne Show Dairy Competition

- Senior Champion Heifer (Dry):** SUN VALE COLT45 DANCER, Katlyn Anderson, Sun Vale Holsteins
- Best Vessel in Show:** GLOMAR MCCUTCHEN ANNECY 5506, Justin Johnston, Glomar Holsteins
- Supreme Champion Heifer of Show:** GLOMAR MCCUTCHEN ANNECY 5506, Justin Johnston, Glomar Holsteins
- Dairy Youth Handlers Classic - Junior Champion Parader:** Jett Easterbrook
- Dairy Youth Handlers Classic - Senior Champion Parader:** Georgia Sieben
- Dairy Youth Handlers Classic - Supreme Champion Parader:** Georgia Sieben

North American origins, is set to return her bloodline to Holland as she is prepared for an EU accredited flush with embryos bound for the Netherlands.

"We had a Dutch fitter, Roy Schers, come and help us prepare our show team for Melbourne. He was pretty impressed by Anney and wants some embryos out of her to take back to Holland." Justin said.

Senior Champion-dry

The Senior Dry Championship saw victory for a young breeder from Yarraweyah in Northern Victoria, Katie Anderson, with her entry Sun Vale Colt45 Dancer.

Katie has worked with Dancer since she was a calf and was thrilled to add the Royal Melbourne Championship to the many accolades her heifer has won to date, including the title of Junior Champion Holstein at International Dairy Week 2017.

Dancer won her 17-18 months class in a close contest ahead of the McPhee family's Hillview Park Contrast Dixie in second.

In the Championship, the judge was unable to split the pair, naming Dancer as his Senior Dry Champion ahead of Dixie as Reserve.

"These two heifers were extremely close in their class. They are both cut from the same mould. They are long through the head and neck, balanced, clean and open with enough depth of rib," he said. "I just prefer the overall rump structure of my Champion, and she shows a little more openness all the way through."

Junior Champion

In 2016, Erin and Andrew Cullen dominated the Royal Melbourne Dairy Show taking home Senior Champion, Junior Champion and Supreme Champion with their Jersey team, as well as being named the most successful exhibitor.

In 2017, the Cullens returned to the Melbourne showgrounds to again take the Junior Champion title, this time with their Holstein entry, Lara Reginald Randell.

Randell began her ascent winning the biggest class of the show, the heifer 13-14 months, with the judge taking his time assessing the line-up, before settling on Randell in first, with Glomar Holsteins entry, Glomar Kingboy Lucky in second.

"This class certainly deserves a round of applause," Matthew said after finalising his placings. "It took a while, but I think there were two heifers that really sorted themselves out at the top."



Royal Melbourne Under 3 years in-milk class – Glomar McCutchen Anney 5506, exhibited by the Johnston family, Glomar Holsteins, Brindabella McCutchen Nan, exhibited by the Sieben family, Brindabella Holsteins.

"These heifers both show great balance and are clean throughout. For me my first place shows more spring to her rib, especially from the top of the vertebrae, and depth of flank."

Matthew's praise continued when he called on Randell as his Junior Champion.

"When you break this heifer down she is so balanced all the way through. She is deep in her rib and deep in her chest. Then when you get behind this heifer you see her tremendous width and spring of rib."

Bred by Erin's parents, Andrew and Fleur Ferguson, Lara Holsteins, Toolamba,

Randell currently resides with the Cullen's at their property in Tatura where Erin and Andrew run agistment heifers as well as a select group for show and sale preparation.

A great granddaughter of Mooramba Talent Randell EX-92-1E 2* 1xEP 1xM 1xP, the 2015 Royal Sydney and Victorian Winter Fair Champion, Reginald Randell's bloodline originates from one of the most influential cows of the Holstein breed, A Jim-Mar-D Astronaut Gail EX-92.

"Dad bought Randell's dam at his neighbour's dispersal, (Shane Flynn,



Royal Melbourne Senior Champion Dry – Sun Vale Colt45 Dancer, exhibited by Katie Anderson.



LEFT: Royal Melbourne Supreme Champion Parader – Georgia Sieben, Brindabella Holsteins.

“We saw the Royal was going to have some milking classes again, and thought it might be worth taking a young milker.”

– Justin Johnston

Mooramba Holsteins),” Erin said. “She ended up being a pretty handy buy.”

After winning her class and receiving Reserve Junior Champion at the NSW State Show, and now a Royal Melbourne title, the Cullens are concentrating on getting Randell in calf, with the hope of calving her down as a junior 2-year-old for a spring campaign in 2018.

Paraders

The RASV’s focus on dairy youth development was displayed perfectly by the classes of junior paraders. The young competitors showed exceptional precision and patience in parading their animals for the judge and gathering crowd.

Jett Easterbrook won first place in the junior competition, expertly presenting his heifer showing great confidence and competence.

In the senior class, it was Georgia Sieben from Brindabella Holsteins in North West Victoria leading her heifer Brindabella Kinpin W Kay to win her class before being named Supreme Champion Parader for 2017.



Royal Melbourne Junior Champion – Lara Reginald Randell, exhibited by Erin and Andrew Cullen, led by Charlie Lloyd.

Georgia’s ability to move her heifer freely, to stand her quickly and correctly, and her awareness of her animal’s strengths and weaknesses demonstrated not just skill, but great knowledge of her animal.

“It’s clear this handler knows her heifer really well and has put a lot of work into her heifer,” Matthew said.

Georgia’s passion and talent has generated many opportunities for the enthusiastic showman who will set off for Canada working with her aunt Rebekah Mathers. In October Georgia will be working with the show team of Sterling Park Holsteins and Jerseys at the Westerner Championship in Red Deer, Alberta, before heading to Quebec for the Le Supreme Laitier, Saint-Hyacinthe.

Royal Geelong Show Results 2017

Junior

Heifer born 1 January 2017 - day of the show – 1: Neville Wilkie, Crookslea Model Starlit 3rd; 2: Finley High School, Howova Mario Velvet

All Australian Heifer under 12 months on the day of show – 1: Neville Wilkie, Crookslea Model Starlit 3rd; 2: Finley High School, Hawova Mario Velvet

Heifer born 1 July 2016 - 31 December 2016 – 1: I & K McKie, The Points Corvette Addy; 2: Neville Wilkie, Crookslea Model Lassie

Heifer born 1 January 2016 - 30 June 2016 – 1: T & S Shea and N & M Wilkie, Crookslea Absolute Lasco

Heifer born 1 July 2015 - 31 December 2015 – 1: W. J Selvidge & Son, Ingoldale Ok Manda

Junior Champion Holstein Heifer: I & K McKie, The Points Corvette Addy; Reserve: Neville Wilkie, Crookslea Model Starlit 3rd

Junior Champion Red and White Holstein Heifer: Finley High School, LP Armani Nellie Eve Red

Intermediate

Heifer in milk born 1 July 2015 - 31 December 2015 – 1: T & S Shea and N & M Wilkie, Crookslea Steady Starlit 2

Heifer in milk born 1 January 2015 - 30th June 2015 – 1: I & K McKie, The Points Bradnick Mable

Intermediate Best Vessel – 1: I & K McKie, The Points Bradnick Mable

Intermediate Champion Holstein Heifer: I & K McKie, The Points Bradnick Mable; Reserve: T & S Shea and N & M Wilkie, Crookslea Steady Starlit 2

Senior

Cow in milk born 1 July 2013 - 31 December 2013 – 1: T & S Shea and N & M Wilkie, Crookslea - End Windbrook Topsy

Cow in milk born before 1 July 2010 – 1: I & K McKie, The Points Navigator Magpie Best Vessel Cow – 1: T & S Shea and N & M Wilkie, Crookslea - End Windbrook Topsy

Champion Holstein Cow: T & S Shea and N & M Wilkie, Crookslea - End Windbrook Topsy; Reserve: I & K McKie, The Points Navigator Magpie



Classification Tour Results

01/09/2017 to 08/11/2017

Central and Western NSW

CUMBEROONA HOLDINGS PTY LTD

EX-90-1E Cumberoona Sanchez Alicia-ET 5 Lact.

Far North Coast NSW

CLARK PARTNERSHIP

EX-91-1E Clarkdale Ice Suzanna 5 Lact.
VG85 Clarkdale Favor Concorde 1L 3.7Y

T K & L M NORTHFIELD

EX-90-1E Kaloola Goldwyn Liz-ET 5 Lact.

Far South Coast, NSW

B J & A M JESSOP

EX-90-1E Smallridge Aspen Posch 5 Lact.
EX-90-1E Smallridge Steady Fanfare 3 Lact.
EX-90-2E Smallridge Talent Liberty-IMP-ET 4 Lact.

T MORAN

VG86 Starbright Brokaw Elegance 1L 2.6Y

A RICHARDSON-HOUGH & M R ROOD

EX-91-4E Whitegold Blackie Till 8 Lact.
EX-90-1E Whitegold Gb Holly 6 Lact.
EX-90-3E Whitegold Tilly Jo 9 Lact.
VG86 Lightning Ridge Windbrook Rose-IMP-ET 1L 2.7Y

Hunter Valley, NSW

HASSETT FAMILY

EX-90-1E Halewood Bolivia Lanolyn 4 Lact.

NUNDAH HOLSTEINS

EX-90-1E Nundah Final Denise 3 Lact.

A S R SHEARER & SON

EX-90-1E Wyoming Buckeye Mary 6 Lact.

South Coast & Tablelands, NSW

BLACKJACK HOLSTEINS

EX-90-2E Stonyvale Olympic Camelia 9 Lact.

BOSCAWEN HOLSTEINS

EX-90-1E Boscawen Goldchip Conspire-IMP-ET 3 Lact.
EX-90-1E Boscawen Vitamin Jewel 4050 7 Lact.
EX-90-4E Boscawen Roy Beauty 3670 6 Lact.
EX-90-3E Boscawen Zill Creed 3763 9 Lact.
EX-90-2E Boscawen Ricecrest Queen 4149 7 Lact.
VG85 Boscawen Stonewall Olga 6530 1L 2.10Y

CRAWFORD FAMILY

EX-90-1E Hadleigh Mailing Daisy-TWIN 6 Lact.
EX-90-3E Coolea Clarrie Flamingo 7 Lact.
EX-90-3E Coolea Redman Cathie 4th-ET-RED 8 Lact.
EX-90-2E Clinton Park Lheros Elizabeth 9 Lact.
EX-90-2E Coolea Aftershock Dita 4 Lact.
VG85 Coolea Fantasy Debutante-ET 1L 3.0Y

CRAWFORD FAMILY & JIM STRONG

EX-93-4E Coolea Allen Jo-ET 7 Lact.

FERNLEIGH DAIRIES PTY LTD

EX-91-2E Fernleigh Rowdy Tess 4 Lact.
EX-90-1E Fernleigh Bonair Countess 4 Lact.

MICHAEL FINCH, FINCH FAMILY P/SHIP

EX-90-1E Calderwood Dundee Agatha 4 Lact.

A F GARRATTY P/L

EX-90-1E Glenalbas Simpson Amy 4 Lact.

KAMILAROI HOLSTEINS

EX-90-1E Kamilaroi Shottle Satin-ET 4 Lact.
MCINTOSH FARMING PARTNERSHIP
EX-90-2E Woodside Park Atwood Tara 4 Lact.
VG85 Woodside Park Steady Paradise 1L 3.0Y

W J MURRAY & SONS

EX-91-2E Rissmore Topside Cindy 4th 6 Lact.
EX-90-1E Rissmore Blitz Sally 2nd 6 Lact.
EX-90-1E Rissmore Norm Apropos 9 Lact.
EX-90-3E Rissmore Sans Sally-ET 5 Lact.
EX-90-2E Rissmore Atwood Sally 2nd 4 Lact.

T J & L R PARRISH

EX-90-1E Illawambra Iota Shamrock 4 Lact.
EX-90-1E Illawambra Manifold Crystal 5 Lact.
EX-90-2E Illawambra Aladdin Kitten 7 Lact.
VG85 Illawambra Salvino Sonnet 1L 2.4Y

B R SNOWDEN

EX-90-6E Wyella It Jewel 10 Lact.

JIM STRONG

EX-91-1E Strongbark Coopers Cowra 3 Lact.
EX-91-1E Strongbark Windbrook Candy 2nd 3 Lact.
EX-90-1E Strongbark Larry Candy 5 3 Lact.
EX-90-1E Strongbark Larry Joy 4 Lact.
EX-90-1E Strongbark Shottle Renita 3 Lact.
VG86 Strongbark Storm Candy 4th-ET 1L 2.7Y
VG85 Strongbark Barbwire Delight-IMP-ET-RED 1L 3.5Y
VG85 Strongbark Reg Snowy 1L 3.2Y

MR P TIMBS

EX-92-2E Tara Dairies Belero Lexie 6 Lact.
EX-91-2E Tara Dairies Blue Bun-RED 6 Lact.

D & M WALKER

EX-91-4E Clinton Park Goldwyn Grace 7 Lact.
EX-90-1E Clinton Park Sinclair Pearl 7 Lact.
EX-90-4E Clinton Park Ruby Rainbird 10 Lact.
EX-90-2E Clinton Park Rouki Jewel 5 Lact.
VG86 Clinton Park Paradise Aline 1L 3.4Y
VG85 Clinton Park Liz Lustre 1L 2.11Y

C & W WATTS

EX-92-3E Pyree Ernesto Bolte 5 Lact.
EX-91-3E Pyree Bolton Peach 7 Lact.
EX-90-1E Pyree Lobby Mabs 4 Lact.

R O WILSON

VG85 Mosleigh Dynamite Sylvia-RED 1L 2.10Y

South West Riverina

FLANAGAN FARMS

EX-92-1E Mooramba Talent Randell 5 Lact.
EX-91-3E Wood Lawn Hilly 4527 5 Lact.
EX-91-2E Wood Lawn Steady Krisstine 4678-TWIN 4 Lact.
EX-90-1E Wood Lawn Bolton Hazel 4442 5 Lact.
EX-90-1E Wood Lawn Medallion Meg 4918 4 Lact.
VG86 Wood Lawn Guthrie Tanci 5670 1L 2.8Y
VG85 Wood Lawn Unix 5698 1L 2.7Y

W E & I T SHAW & SONS

EX-92-1E Hawova R Reginald Tamie 3 Lact.

OAKWOOD PARTNERSHIP

EX-92-2E Sleepy Hollow Jasper Posey-ET 4 Lact.

Atherton and North Queensland

BEVANDALE HOLSTEINS

EX-90-1E Bevandale Lheros Shower 6 Lact.
EX-90-1E Bevandale Mrburns Sally-RED 5 Lact.
EX-90-5E Bevandale Finalcut Shower 1-ET 7 Lact.
VG85 Bevandale Gillespy Franny 1L 3.5Y

C J & S J DALEY

EX-90-1E Ourway Fc Annette 7 Lact.
EX-90-1E Ourway Jeeves Rosebloem 4 Lact.
VG85 Ourway Absolute Maisie 1L 2.4Y

OWEN DALEY

EX-90 Myway Atone (MALE) 4.7Y

PAUL & MARY NEWLAND

EX-90-2E Foothills Leonardo Gracie 4 Lact.

Burnett, Queensland

I C & C J SCOTT

EX-91 Glenerriff Neddy (MALE) 5.5Y
EX-91-1E Glenerriff Steady Bella 4 Lact.
EX-91-2E Glenerriff Dundee Bella 5 Lact.

Darling Downs, Queensland

A & S BARRON

EX-90-1E Grantley Allen Flora 4 Lact.
VG85 Ardybar Atwood Grace-ET 1L 3.1Y

E B & P J & N K CRANK

EX-91-2E Minash Allsport Nita 2nd 6 Lact.

D & C JANKE

EX-90-3E Davindy Ashlar Tamisne 5 Lact.
EX-90-2E Kaloola Shottle Lib 5 Lact.
VG86 Camlou Shadow Sunflower 1L 2.7Y

LEADER HOLSTEINS

EX-91-1E Leader Damion Silk 3 Lact.
EX-91-3E Leader Blade Tammy 5 Lact.
EX-90-1E Leader Hialexander Satin-ET 3 Lact.
VG86 Camlou Goldchip Aphrodite-IMP-ET 1L 3.2Y
VG86 Leader Damion Silky 1L 2.6Y
VG86 Leader Windhammer Sharni-TWIN 1L 2.7Y
VG85 Leader Windhammer Shea 1L 2.3Y

WYTARA HOLSTEINS

EX-90-2E Wytara Gilbert Terra 5 Lact.

Moreton, Queensland

DENNIS FAMILY

EX-91-3E Kaloola Redman Pride-RDC 8 Lact.
EX-90-2E Kaloola Himetro Bunty 6 Lact.

Wide Bay, Queensland

BURNLEIGH HOLSTEINS

EX-91-1E Burnleigh Dempsey Buttercup 3 Lact.
EX-90-1E Burnleigh Atwood Michelle-TWIN 3 Lact.
EX-90-3E Burnleigh Blitz Beth 7 Lact.
EX-90-2E Burnleigh Damion Cherry 5 Lact.

S J & M I J COCHRANE

EX-90-1E Kevindale Starlogic Roxy 6 Lact.

GLENCREST PARK HOLSTEINS

EX-90-1E Glencrest Park Outside Louella 5 Lact.

N E LOBLEY

EX-91-1E Neloby Marco Charlot 7 Lact.

PAULGER PARTNERSHIP

EX-90-2E Adadale Damion Nona 5 Lact.
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 EX-94-3E Fairvale Reg Josie 34 7 Lact.
 EX-92-1E Fairvale Aj Nola 28 3 Lact.
 EX-92-2E Fairvale Bolton Butter 141 8 Lact.
 EX-91-1E Fairvale Bolton Butter 165 6 Lact.
 EX-91-1E Fairvale Shottle Nola 25 4 Lact.
 EX-91-2E Fairvale Bolton Butter 162 5 Lact.
 EX-91-2E Fairvale Dazzler Repa 57 4 Lact.
 EX-91-2E Fairvale Spirtie Melody 622 6 Lact.
 EX-90-1E Fairvale Bolton Ingot 85 3 Lact.
 EX-90-1E Fairvale Bolton Melody 679 4 Lact.
 EX-90-1E Fairvale Damion Bonnie 224 3 Lact.
 EX-90-1E Fairvale Damion Farwina 54 3 Lact.
 EX-90-1E Fairvale Fever Repa 56 3 Lact.
 EX-90-1E Fairvale Lou Melody 690 3 Lact.
 EX-90-1E Fairvale Outside Ingot 74 6 Lact.
 EX-90-3E Fairvale Talent Josie 40 5 Lact.
 EX-90-2E Fairvale Morty Shamrock 10 6 Lact.
 EX-90-2E Fairvale Scooby Duu Butter 202 4 Lact.
 VG86 Fairvale Goldchip Butter 287 1L 2.11Y
 VG86 Fairvale Goldchip Butter 291 1L 2.8Y
 VG86 Fairvale Goldchip Josie 117 1L 3.1Y
 VG85 Fairvale Atwood Lara 31 1L 3.1Y
 VG85 Fairvale Atwood Nola 31 1L 2.8Y
 VG85 Fairvale Bradnick Josie 118 1L 3.1Y
 VG85 Fairvale Dempsey Josie 127 1L 2.8Y
 VG85 Fairvale Dempsey Melody 775 1L 2.11Y
 VG85 Fairvale Dempsey Repa 79 1L 3.6Y
 VG85 Fairvale Goldchip Butter 290 1L 2.9Y
 VG85 Fairvale Goldchip Ella 136 1L 2.8Y
 VG85 Fairvale Goldchip Josie 131 1L 2.7Y
 VG85 Fairvale Goldchip Josie 133-TWIN 1L 2.6Y
 VG85 Fairvale Goldchip Melody 770 1L 3.1Y
 VG85 Fairvale Goldchip Melody 781 1L 2.7Y
 VG85 Fairvale Goldchip Melody 783 1L 2.6Y
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 EX-90-1E Clydevale Iota Penolis 3 Lact.
 EX-90-2E Clydevale Million Paradise-ET 5 Lact.
 EX-90-2E Clydevale Shottle Pixar-ET 7 Lact.
 VG85 Clydevale Angelo Indigo 1L 2.2Y
 VG85 Clydevale Signature Laura 1L 2.5Y

ELMAR HOLSTEINS

EX-91-2E Elmar Goldwyn Jessica 11-ET 4 Lact.
 EX-90-1E Elmar Lancelot Jessica-ET-RED 9 Lact.
 EX-90-1E Elmar Outside Jessica 9 Lact.
 EX-90-1E Elmar Shottle Jessica 6-ET 5 Lact.
 EX-90-2E Elmar Bolton Josephine 8 5 Lact.

EX-90-2E Merrivale Lheros Topsy-ET 6 Lact.
 VG87 Elmar Guthrie Josephine 5 1L 2.6Y
 VG86 Elmar Loaded Jessica 1L 2.1Y
 VG85 Elmar Goldendream Serenade 1L 2.7Y
 VG85 Elmar Guthrie Josephine 7 1L 2.2Y
 VG85 Elmar Loaded Jessica 2 1L 2.1Y
 VG85 Elmar Ridley Josephine 25 1L 2.6Y

ELMAR HOLSTEINS & R J & L E BLACKBURN

EX-92-3E Rockridge Ladino Sharp 5 Lact.

J K & D E GILMORE

EX-92-1E Ingoldale It D Star 5 Lact.
 EX-91-3E Ingoldale Bm Edith-TWIN 6 Lact.
 EX-90-1E Ingoldale Bonair Candice 5 Lact.
 EX-90-2E Ingoldale Durham Peaks 2-ET 7 Lact.
 VG86 Ingoldale Like Tanya 1L 4.0Y
 VG86 Ingoldale Rb Edie 1L 3.4Y
 VG85 Ingoldale Like Tossette 1L 3.6Y

T D & K J GILMORE

EX-91-1E Ingolmore Fustead Indiana 3 Lact.
 EX-91-4E Ingolmore Empire Index 8 Lact.
 VG85 Ingolmore Artie Indiana 1L 3.0Y

GLYNYARI HOLSTEINS

EX-90-1E Ryanna Sanallen Topsy-ET 4 Lact.

C B & K E GORDON

EX-91-1E Gorbro Damion Jean 4 Lact.
 EX-90-1E Gorbro Medallion Hazel 4 Lact.

R K & J R GORDON

EX-93-2E Gorbro Sanchez O Shimmer-ET 4 Lact.
 EX-92-3E Glenorleigh Dundee Livia 7 Lact.
 EX-91-1E Gorbro Bradnick Tiffany 3 Lact.
 EX-91-1E Gorbro Goldwyn Robin-ET 3 Lact.
 EX-91-1E Gorbro Gypsy Fever-ET 3 Lact.
 EX-91-1E Gorbro Prewyn Leesa 2 4 Lact.
 EX-91-4E Rockridge Allen Slave-ET 7 Lact.
 EX-90-1E Bedlah Park Dempsey Nola-ET 3 Lact.
 EX-90-1E Gorbro Bolton Thea 4 Lact.
 EX-90-1E Gorbro Braxton Tiffany-ET 4 Lact.
 EX-90-1E Gorbro Sanchez Goldrose-ET 5 Lact.
 EX-90-1E Paringa Fcw Shottle Wattle 4 Lact.
 EX-90-1E Sensei Shocked Posey-ET 4 Lact.
 EX-90-3E Gorbro Final O Shimmer 6 Lact.
 VG85 Gorbro Atdoorman Tiffany-ET 1L 2.6Y
 VG85 Gorbro Atley Butterkorn 1L 2.7Y
 VG85 Gorbro Cutchen Kassie-ET 1L 2.6Y
 VG85 Gorbro Goldchip Goldrose 1L 2.6Y
 VG85 Gorbro Golddust Tiffany-ET 1L 2.6Y
 VG85 Gorbro Unbelievable Atwood-ET 1L 2.6Y

BEN GOVETT

EX-91-1E Tandara Baxter Desire 3 3 Lact.
 EX-90-1E Tandara Windbrook Bonnie-ET 4 Lact.

ROBERT L GUNDRY

VG86 Gunwilla Park Mascalse Sharell 1L 2.5Y

J M & N L HOLLAND

EX-90-1E Holloddon Billion Corrine 2001-ET 6 Lact.
 EX-90-4E Holloddon Igniter Charity 1898 8 Lact.
 EX-90-3E Somerelle Emory Thumbelina 11 Lact.
 VG85 Holloddon Dealer Anna 2362 1L 2.7Y

JOSEPH HOLLOWAY, ANDREW COCHRANE & KAHL OLIVER

EX-91-2E Hillcrest Shottle Velvet 4 Lact.

LAURA & JOSHUA HUGHES

EX-90-3E Hughes Duplex Gemma-ET 7 Lact.

JARED & COURTNEY IRELAND

EX-90-1E Redmaw Royalred 1207-RED 5 Lact.
 EX-90-1E Rengaw Shottle Joey 6 Lact.
 VG85 Redmaw Twist Janae 1L 3.3Y

BRODIE MCGILLIVRAY

EX-90-1E Bushlea Zel Satin-ET 4 Lact.

MITCH HOLSTEINS

EX-92-1E Mitch Dictator Evelyn 4 Lact.
 EX-91-2E Mitch Informer Olive 5 Lact.
 EX-90-2E Mitch Ice Roxy 6 Lact.
 VG85 Mitch Dorcy Papaya 1L 2.7Y

MITCHMANTLE HOLSTEINS

EX-90-1E Ingoldale Poly Bud 8 Lact.

S S & C L MODRA

EX-92-6E Beltana Durham Pam 3-ET 8 Lact.

MURRAYVALE HOLSTEINS

EX-92-6E Murrayvale Fittist Irena 8 Lact.

OLIVERS ON PRAIRIE

EX-90-1E Tregahl Drake 2381 6 Lact.

S J & M E PORTWINE

EX-90-1E Warrawae Park Moonie Rose 2nd 9 Lact.

R J & R N ROBINS

EX-90-1E Kayton Indecisive Rose 6 Lact.
 VG85 WirraBoona Reality Fly 2nd 1L 3.6Y

JADE & SCOTT SIEBEN

EX-91-2E Bluechip Redesign Elly-ET 5 Lact.
 EX-90-3E Bluechip Ladino Piana-IMP-ET 7 Lact.
 VG87 Brindabella Mccutchen Nan 1L 2.9Y
 VG85 Brindabella Goldchip Dottie 1L 3.1Y
 VG85 Brindabella Goldchip Nana Noo-TWIN 1L 2.9Y

W L & J A STEWART

EX-92-1E Allanjay Informer Riki 5 Lact.

S C & S F THOMPSON

EX-90-1E Sunset Roumare Rose-TWIN 3 Lact.

BRADLEY & LEESA WINDRIDGE

EX-90-1E Windy Ridge Bolton Jess 4 Lact.
 EX-90-1E Windy Ridge Clavio Kate 6 Lact.
 EX-90-1E Windy Ridge Reginald Ellie 4 Lact.
 VG87 Windy Ridge Guthrie Emirate 1L 2.2Y
 VG86 Windy Ridge Aftershock Baw Baw 1L 2.6Y
 VG85 Windy Ridge Mascalse Maude 1L 2.7Y

Northern Victoria

P R ALLOTT

EX-91-3E Waltopso Burns Figni-ET 6 Lact.
 EX-91-3E Waltopso Conrad Ding 8 Lact.
 EX-90-1E Waltopso Fever Figni-ET 4 Lact.
 EX-90-2E Westdama Powerplay Spot 7 Lact.
 VG85 Waltopso Senate Jala 1L 2.8Y

G B & M M ANDERSON

EX-90-1E Mooramba Popcorn Star 5 Lact.
 VG85 Sun Vale Shottle Winnie 1L 2.9Y

COOMBOONA HOLDINGS GROUP

EX-91-1E Coomboona Glen Blackrose 3 Lact.
 EX-90-1E Coomboona Atwood Vello-IMP-ET 3 Lact.
 EX-90-1E Coomboona Goldwyn Rosina-IMP-ET 3 Lact.
 VG86 Coomboona Mg Satin 1L 2.5Y
 VG85 Coomboona Supershot Snooze-ET 1L 2.8Y

DARREN CRAWFORD

VG86 Horizon Bradnick Paradise 2-ET 1L 2.9Y
 VG85 Horizon Bradnick Ambrosia 2-ET 1L 2.9Y
 VG85 Horizon Bradnick Paradise 5-ET 1L 2.9Y
 VG85 Horizon Brokaw Snow 1L 2.7Y

D E & S K CULTON

VG85 Calivil Park Goldsun Carmelia 1L 3.8Y

J P CULTON

EX-90-1E Calivil Ridge Aftershock Nessie 3 Lact.

L & M A & P & A DE CICCO

EX-91-3E Medbrae Mailing Juliette 9 Lact.
 EX-90-1E Medbrae Redman Roxy-RED 9 Lact.
 EX-90-1E Medbrae Rubin Lyn 10 Lact.
 EX-90-1E Medbrae Sstorm Roxy-BR 7 Lact.
 VG85 Medbrae Adonis Roxy 1L 3.4Y



Classification tours

January: South Australia

L R & S J THOMPSON & L THOMPSON & W McKAY & C R THOMPSON

VG87 Linsand Fever Elegant 1L 2.8Y

N & M WILKIE & TYSON SHEA

EX-90-4E Crookslea End Goldwyntopsy-ET 6 Lact.

Northern Western Australia

ANGI BROS

EX-90-1E Angelis Blackrose Melody 378 9 Lact.

EX-90-1E Angelis Ignite Linda 747 7 Lact.

D M & L M FRY

EX-90-4E Ootooloo Roy Pepsi 8 Lact.

VG85 Nairobi Poppy 28 1L 2.8Y

PHILIP & SUZANNE HALL

EX-90-1E Roblyne Judo Belinda 6 Lact.

RICHARD HULL

VG85 Eclipse Atwood S Mae-IMP-ET 1L 2.5Y

VG85 Eclipse Goldchip Anna-ET 1L 2.6Y

Southern Western Australia

W F & M A BIDDULPH

EX-91-2E Leeuwijn Blanch 92nd 11 Lact.

G A & L E JENKINS

EX-91-1E Treeton Aladdin Bettina 7 Lact.

EX-90-1E Treeton Gordon Vanessa 8 Lact.

EX-90-3E Treeton Informer Patsy 8 Lact.

KITCHEN FARMS

EX-90-1E Carenda Iota Fizz 3 Lact.

EX-90-2E Carenda LauthORITY Brisbane 4 Lact.

GWENDA P. KITCHEN

EX-90-2E Carenda Informer Joy 5 Lact.

DRYFIELD FARMS

EX-91-2E Dryfield Goldwyn Paradise-ET 5 Lact.

VG85 Dryfield Goldwood Paradise 1L 2.1Y

VG85 Dryfield Talent Peach 1L 2.1Y

NEIL W GOODFELLOW

EX-91-1E Gowerville Derry Elsnow-ET 8 Lact.

M L HARVEY

EX-91-2E Cherribah Mtoto Netta 9 Lact.

EX-91-2E Gapsted Mtoto Duchess 12 Lact.

EX-90-1E Cherribah Allen Sharkira 10 Lact.

J M HISCOCK & SONS

EX-91-1E Brurob Champion Beulah 9 Lact.

G R JOINER

EX-91-1E Coldara Beye Simone 6 Lact.

EX-91-6E Coldara Fatal Brockle-OC 12 Lact.

EX-90-1E Coldara Lh Brachina 7 Lact.

MACKERDOO PASTORAL

EX-91-3E Foxdale Goldwyn Lila 2-ET 5 Lact.

ROBBIE MALCOLM

EX-90-1E Byrnebury Fig Jackor 5 Lact.

ROBERT & RAEWYN MARSHALL

EX-90-1E South Esk Igniter Catriona 8 Lact.

EX-90-3E South Esk Freeman Choice 7 Lact.

H & K MEYLAND

VG86 Ashen Plains Kindor Duchess 3rd 1L 2.7Y

PARINGA HOLSTEINS

EX-91-1E Paringa Damion Nico-ET 3 Lact.

EX-91-1E Paringa Steady Zest 4 Lact.

EX-91-2E Paringa Baxter Anastasia 4 Lact.

EX-90-1E Paringa Damion Lana 4 Lact.

EX-90-1E Paringa Dolman Emerald-ET 4 Lact.

EX-90-1E Paringa Dundee Ambrosine 4 Lact.

VG85 Paringa Brawler Angelina 1L 2.5Y

J & J PEDRETTI

EX-90-2E Kaarmona Tennyson Carly 73-ET 5 Lact.

QUALITY RIDGE

EX-92-6E Ashbury Leader Plum 11 Lact.

EX-90-1E Galaview Waite Lucuria 5 Lact.

EX-90-3E Wellstrand Buckeye Georgia 2nd 7 Lact.

EX-90-2E Elegant Stormexotic Blitz 2-ET 7 Lact.

ROCKMO FARM PTY

EX-90-3E Wallaroi Igniter Esma 2-ET 7 Lact.

CHARLES A SMITH

EX-90-1E Andes Outbound Daisy-TWIN 4 Lact.

EX-90 Andes Windbrook Wilbur (MALE) 4.6Y

VG85 Andes Guthrie Whynot 1L 2.6Y

SOMERELLE HOLSTEINS

EX-91-2E Somerelle Allen Beverley 7 Lact.

EX-91-2E Somerelle Ladino Connie-ET 5 Lact.

EX-91-2E Somerelle Ladino Essie 5 Lact.

EX-90-1E Somerelle Ladino Rosette-TWIN 10 Lact.

EX-90-2E Somerelle Durham Conise-ET 7 Lact.

EX-90-2E Somerelle Ice Christina 6 Lact.

EX-90-2E Somerelle Lheros Lassie 7 Lact.

EX-90-2E Somerelle Lheros Tammy 6 Lact.

GRAEME SPRUNT

EX-91-2E Kaarmona Cardinal Shirley 4 Lact.

EX-90-1E Philmar Planet Ivy 3291 5 Lact.

VG85 Kaarmona Diesel Carly 170 1L 2.2Y

West Gippsland, Victoria

R N HANEGRAAF

EX-91-1E Sandara Talent Roe 10 6 Lact.

RUSSELL FARMS PTY LTD

EX-90-2E Tallelms Outside Joanne 9 Lact.

Western District, Victoria

C L & S A BENNETT

EX-92-7E Dellyn Ex Guinness 11 Lact.

EX-91-2E Kelinda Aspen Denise 6 Lact.

P J & J E BOND

EX-91-3E Taroona Park Blitz 2411 7 Lact.

EX-90-1E Taroona Park Integrity 1450 11 Lact.

EX-90-3E Taroona Park Juror Ford 1775 8 Lact.

EX-90-2E Taroona Park Blitz 2481 6 Lact.

EX-90-2E Taroona Park Juror Ford 1880 7 Lact.

P J & C A CASTLES

EX-92-3E Camellia Grove Ice Catherine 7 Lact.

EX-91-1E Camellia Grove Damion Catherine 3 Lact.

EX-90-1E Camellia Grove Bolton Criss 5 Lact.

EX-90-5E Camellia Grove Icy Criss 8 Lact.

FIRE LAKE FRIESIAN STUD

EX-90-2E Fire Lake Litter Lolly 10 Lact.

T J & T M FLEMING

EX-90-1E Craighburn Hojerden Mirrors 3046 7 Lact.

JENNA HATELEY

EX-90-1E Opal Park Helen Lena 6 Lact.

PETER KERR

EX-90-1E Glenlochland Mrsam Frisky 57 6 Lact.

EX-90-4E Ambrewlea Zander Esme 9 Lact.

I J & K R MCKIE

EX-90-1E The Points Dundee Jill 10 Lact.

VG85 The Points Bradnick Mable 1L 2.6Y

VG85 The Points Navigator Spray 4th 1L 2.4Y

B & Y MCVILLY

EX-90-1E Barostin Conair Linda 017 5 Lact.

VG85 Windy View Baltimor Annie 1L 2.7Y

VG85 Windy View Okaliber Gina 1L 2.6Y

R W & J SUARES

EX-91-2E Calderbrae Icefyre Dolce 8 Lact.

EX-90-1E Calderbrae Toystory Hannah 4 Lact.

L R & S J THOMPSON & L THOMPSON & W McKAY

EX-97-5E Fairvale Morty Lady 51 7 Lact.

EX-90-1E Linsand Dundee Corona-ET 5 Lact.

Holstein Australia welcomes new members

2 September 2017 to 9 November 2017

Dorrigo-Kempsey, NSW

N Booker & A Marks; Full; 24/10/2017; 02 6657 3369; 298 Fernbrook Loop Road, Fernbrook, Via Dorrigo, 2453, NSW

Northern Victoria

M & L Fisher; Full; 05/09/2017; 0437 662 642; 360 Centre Road, Nathalia, 3638, Victoria

David Ashe; Full; 21/09/2017; 03 5854 6534; 725 Curr Rd, Girgarre, 3624, Victoria

Joshua Romano; Youth; 04/10/2017; 03 5829 0056; 495 Manley Road, Tatura, 3616, Victoria

Geoffrey Noel Howard; Full; 10/10/2017; 0418 167 700; 660 Kyabram Cooma Road, Kyabram South, 3620, Victoria

South Gippsland, Victoria

Nicole Harvey; Full; 26/09/2017; 0400 321607; 755 Soldiers Road, Poowong, 3988, Victoria

West Gippsland, Victoria

Hunter Smethurst; Junior; 21/09/2017; 0419 159 229; 60 Lang Lang Park Road, Athlone, 3818, Victoria

Western District, Victoria

Jake Somerville; Junior; 17/10/2017; 0439 383 947; 5583 Princes Highway, Boorcan, 3265, Victoria

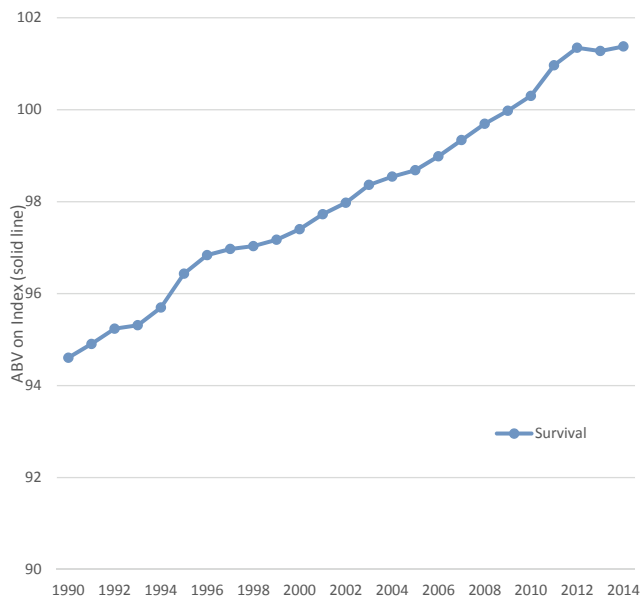
B & K McGee; Full; 03/11/2017; 0428 328 642; 65 Crescent Spur Road, Simpson, 3266, Victoria

Tasmania

Berkley Farm; Full; 21/09/2017; 03 6367 8148; 354 Dairy Plains Road, Deloraine, 7304, Tasmania



Genetic trend of selected economically important traits in Australian Holstein cows



Australian Holstein cows show a steady improvement in genetic merit for survival since the early 1990s. Data: Improving Herds project.

Australia's top genomic females for survival

This issue we bring you another list of top genomic females; this time those ranked for Survival, based on DataGene's August ABV run.

It's a close race between Australia's best cows for survival, with only two points separating the top 10. A quick skim down their data shows why these cows rank so well for survival: they punch well above the national average for traits that influence survival such as fertility, type and somatic cell count (SCC).

Here are the averages for the top 10 cows for survival (compared with a national average of 100):

- Daughter fertility: 111
- Overall type: 103
- SCC: 149.

Name	Herdbook Number	DOB	Owner	Sire	BPI	BPI Rel	ASI	Prot	Prot %
GLOMAR KINGPIN LUCKY 5661	1984279	1/09/2015	R JOHNSTON	KINGPIN	228	63	68	17	0.04
ILLAWAMBRA HEINZ POSCH 3537	1974798	29/10/2016	T J & L R PARRISH	HEINZ	288	60	81	8	0.16
GLOMAR SUPERSTAR LUCKY 6004-ET	1984329	3/01/2017	R JOHNSTON	SUPERSTAR	252	60	94	19	0.06
COOMBOONA KINGPIN ROSIE	1977216	28/01/2017	COOMBOONA HOLDINGS GROUP	KINGPIN	237	63	38	4	0.09
WINAVIEW HALOGEN ALICIA 2-ET	1849235	21/03/2015	WINAVIEW HOLSTEINS	HALOGEN	232	64	44	-4	0.21
PURNIM OBSERVER SASNAH	1972097	5/08/2014	PURNIM HOLSTEINS	OBSERVER	220	68	71	3	0.19
RENGAW SUNPLAN JAZZ-ET	1646390	19/12/2009	JARED & COURTNEY IRELAND	PLANET	360	73	249	34	0.25
COOMBOONA LENUX ALICE	1991515	4/06/2017	COOMBOONA HOLDINGS GROUP	LENUX	280	60	138	23	0.11
GLOMAR EXACTLY LUCKY 6007-ET	1984330	4/01/2017	R JOHNSTON	EXACTLY	278	60	131	22	0.16
KEILAGLEN COMMANDER PHYLIS	1857889	5/04/2015	M T & B L GLENNEN	COMMANDER	273	64	98	10	0.16
PURNIM OBSERVER BIOSMA 2	1984076	18/08/2014	PURNIM HOLSTEINS	OBSERVER	272	70	138	18	0.19
ILLAWAMBRA OBSERVER SLEEPY	1743778	3/02/2013	T J & L R PARRISH	OBSERVER	272	68	113	19	0.13
HINDLEE SILVER SUSA 16111	1959391	15/08/2016	J M & V LILLICO	SILVER	262	64	88	7	0.11
CARENDA HALOGEN FREEZE	1842710	19/01/2015	KITCHEN FARMS	HALOGEN	255	67	98	14	0.14
WILARA MARDIGRAS AURELIE	1888565	17/09/2015	W E & M J & T W HENRY	MARDI GRAS	252	64	97	16	0.13
RENGAW CAPGAIN JANE A 1722-ET	1855026	12/03/2015	JARED & COURTNEY IRELAND	CAPGAIN	251	64	102	15	0.01
ILLAWAMBRA DANTE LIZA 3521	1974790	3/10/2016	T J & L R PARRISH	DANTE	251	60	94	12	0.07
RED FIELD MONTEREY ASHA 3480-ET	1979568	14/07/2016	K SMOLENAARS	MONTEREY	246	62	87	12	0.05
KIRK ANDREWS NUMERO PL ARGYLL-ET	1749861	3/01/2013	ANDREW GREEN	NUMERO UNO	245	71	93	4	0.05
HINDLEE ROYAL MCCUTCHEEN 15040	1865495	12/03/2015	J M & V LILLICO	MCCUTCHEEN	244	65	88	8	0.14



Purnim Observer Sasnah, owned by Anthony and Wendy Eccles (Purnim Holsteins, Western Districts, Vic) ranks in equal second place. Known as 4449, she is now in her second lactation and Anthony says is showing all the signs of maturing into a long-lasting cow.

She's from a cow family renown for longevity in the Purnim herd. "We have four generations of Sasnahs in our current milking herd, and one of the foundation cows lasted for 14 years. I put it down to the Shottle in the bloodline as he was so strong on health traits," Anthony said.

The Eccles' herd average Survival ABV is 105, putting it in Australia's top 10% for survival. That's quite an achievement, especially considering that across Australian Holstein herds, the genetic merit for survival has been steadily improving. The graph shows a steady increase since the Survival ABV was introduced in 1989.

Holstein Australia's Paul Douglas, has analysed the Purnim herd's detailed data set dating back many years. He calculated that one unit of Survival ABV in the Purnim herd is equivalent to lasting an extra 158 days in the herd.

"Put another way, an animal with an ABV Survival 102 in the Eccles' herd will last an extra lactation compared with a herd-mate with an ABV Survival of 100," Paul said.

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Anthony Eccles' herd includes a cow that is among Australia's top 10 for Survival.

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
568	3	-0.3	78	103	104	51	112	48	154	61	113	45	-51	28
-6	12	0.18	74	104	108	48	111	43	159	56	115	41	-9	27
588	12	-0.19	75	103	104	47	111	44	155	56	113	42	-91	27
-11	4	0.06	78	103	106	52	111	48	160	62	114	45	-98	29
-540	9	0.46	79	104	103	53	111	48	167	63	118	48	-50	30
-261	13	0.34	83	103	107	58	111	54	127	67	111	53	-113	31
756	50	0.26	91	103	105	58	110	58	127	67	102	54	-78	31
643	22	-0.07	74	105	107	48	110	45	155	57	102	43	-66	27
500	17	-0.06	75	102	103	47	110	44	150	57	109	43	-76	27
75	18	0.22	78	102	105	53	110	50	138	63	112	49	-101	29
289	25	0.18	83	104	107	61	110	56	128	70	105	56	14	32
438	14	-0.06	84	102	104	58	110	52	143	66	109	51	-4	31
53	24	0.31	77	102	105	56	110	51	135	64	108	49	-5	30
253	14	0.04	83	105	107	55	110	52	138	65	112	50	-97	30
339	12	-0.04	78	103	105	53	110	50	139	62	108	49	-38	29
518	29	0.1	78	102	105	55	110	51	149	64	106	49	-30	30
319	24	0.15	74	102	104	49	110	45	136	58	113	44	-120	28
349	23	0.11	76	103	104	52	110	47	152	61	108	47	36	28
36	39	0.55	86	102	102	64	110	57	140	69	111	55	-60	34
18	20	0.28	77	103	104	60	110	54	151	65	112	54	-45	31

Genomics fast tracks herd improvement at Donovan's Dairy

Genomic testing is lifting herd productivity and profitability at Donovan's Dairy, owned by James and Robyn Mann.

Based at Wye near Mt Gambier, SA, the Mann family milks 2000 cows with 1200-1300 calving in August-September and 800-900 in February-March. They were among the first Australian dairy farmers to genotype large numbers of females and have worked closely with Paul Douglas and Rohan Butler from Holstein Australia to interpret the results and use them in herd management and breeding programs.

Since 2014 all heifers have been genotyped as three or four-week-old calves and the results used to help identify the top 85% for genetic merit to be kept as replacements and the bottom 15% which are sold at 9-10 months.

The genomic testing has also eliminated parentage errors (which were 15-30 per cent), confirmed the breeding program was achieving exceptional fertility, and identified strong maternal lines.

The first drop of genomically tested heifers joined the milking herd as two year olds and completed their first lactation in 2016. Their performance in the herd has reinforced the value of the genomic testing program.



James Mann.

"We kept six of the heifers which were flagged to be culled based on their genomic results for a number of traits. Of these six, four were culled in the first 60 days of lactation. It was a good lesson that genomic results are a reliable indicator of future performance," James said.

The average Balanced Performance Index (BPI) of the 2016 heifers indicates they should contribute \$550 more profit to the business than the cows they replace.

"The replacement heifers are now comparable to the top 20 per cent of the

herd and within five years' time that group could be the average of the herd," he said.

The herd's average BPI is \$75 putting it in the top 5% of Holstein herds. It ranks 74 nationally out of 1671 Holstein herds.

Breeding program drives fertility

The breeding program at Donovan's Dairy is focused on improving production, productive life, survivability, mastitis resistance and fertility.

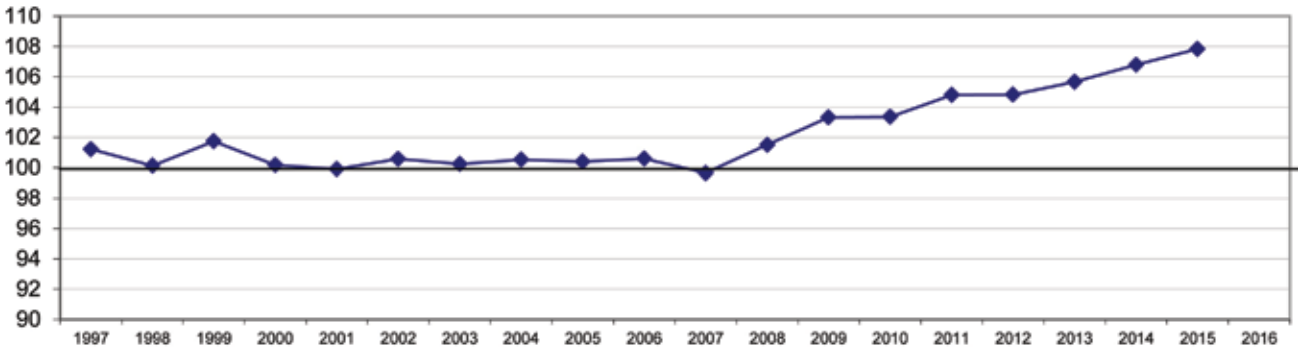
"We also look at type and stature. We avoid tall cows which limits the number of bulls we can choose from," James said

He said their sire selection changed when the breeding values became available for daughter fertility, survival, fitness traits and mastitis resistance.

"In 2005/6 we changed our sire selection process to include a heavy focus on daughter fertility."

The graph (page 57) shows the impact on changes in the herd's genetic merit for fertility. Fertility is an important driver for the overall genetic improvement in the business. Improved fertility results in more replacement heifers (of higher genetic merit) being available to enter the herd.

Improved herd fertility has resulted in a greater conception rate, a shorter calving



Daughter Fertility ABV.

interval, greater calving ease, more calves on the ground and more replacement heifers which then allows greater selection pressure in the herd.

“The emphasis on improved herd fertility has seen the calving rate per insemination increase from 38 per cent in 2014, to 43 per cent in 2016. The heifer calving rate has increased by more than 10 per cent over the same time,” James said.

“In the last four calvings during 2015 and 2016 we had 66 per cent of cows and heifers calve within the first three weeks.”

In a split calving system like the Mann’s, that tight calving pattern makes a huge difference in setting them up to take advantage of seasonal feed production and to get cows back in calf again for the next season.

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RIGHT: James Mann, Donovan’s Dairy, was one of the first Australian dairy farmers to genotype large numbers of females.



If you are interested in having females genotyped, contact Holstein Australia phone 03 9835 7600 or email enquiry@holstein.com.au





A trip down SA memory lane

A number of South Australian HA members have been honoured recently for their contribution to the Holstein breed (see box). Among them was Allan Peglar whose acceptance speech takes readers on a trip down memory lane and the who's who of the SA Holstein family.

It is almost 40 years since I became part of the dairy industry as auctioneer for Bennetts Farmers, which became Dalgety Bennetts Farmers, then Wesfarmers Dalgety.

In 1990, I took over the State franchise and since have traded as AN & D Peglar, a Landmark agency. Originally, I was based in the Fleurieu at Yankalilla and inspired by local breeders including Royce Bowyer (Montana Downs), Colin Ekers (Colena) and John and Anita Mignanelli (Fiorendino), Michael and Glenda Rathjen (Glenjoy), Vern, Olga and David Kerber (Goldwyn) George and David Fechner (Onkavale), Neil, Grace and Alan Kroehn (Belmont) and Dennis Koch (Glenunga), a wonderful man tragically taken way to early. I often think how proud he would be of the way his son Andrew, Angela and their daughters have carried on and enhanced their stud.

It was the dedication of all these people to improving and promoting the great Holstein cow that inspired me to become a member of Holstein Australia and serve in any way I could to help promote the breed. It wasn't long before I was captured also by the quality of the Holsteins in the South East.

It was a thrill to visit wonderful herds such as those owned by Bill, Heather and Charlie Hanel (Lengora), Colin and Betty Hall (Plana), Bill and Jo Thompson (Glenorleigh), Viv, Jean and Trevor Ashby (Caveview), Kevin Young and son Adrian and now the third generation, Angela and Ben Tweddle (Glenmar), John and Kay Millstead (Kandelk), Graham and Elaine Hutchinson (Ellengra), John and Rhonda Spoehr (Karowa), Peter and Kay McGregor (Kaydale).

Colin, Phil and Nigel Seidel (Fantasia) bred many great cows and Garry Millstead (Carenya), was a great bloke and catcher of crays who sadly passed last year, as did Neil Trevilyan (Donnybrook). A breeder of great cows, Neil, Lynn and their family promoted and exhibited at Point Elliott (where poor Lyn nearly froze in the rain), Adelaide, Melbourne, IDW and numerous other country shows. Donnybrook held many sales at Victor Harbor, Warragul and Shepparton. What a loss he was for his family and the breed.

Other great breeders I was fortunate to be associated with include the late Jack and Lorna Adams (Jaylea) and the wonderful Frank Mason (Jervois), who has sadly passed. One of Frank's favourite cows was

Inspiration Gretchen, EX 25*, 1xEP, 1xM. She was Champion (1994), and Supreme Champion (1996) cow at the Sydney Royal and Champion Cow at IDW 1996. She was sold to Murray Sowter who continued to exhibit her with great success, much to Frank's delight. Another notable cow was her maternal sister Jervois Tab Gretchen EX-7E, 3*, STP, Life 3. She was Champion Cow at the Melbourne Royal 1994, and Reserve Champion to her sister at IDW 1994. It was the first time sisters had been champions in Sydney and Melbourne in the same year. Frank was also very proud of his nephew, Luke, who won Champion Youth Showman at IDW 1994. I also enjoyed working with Frank's brother Clem and his wife Leeanne. They continue the Jervois tradition of breeding and exhibiting great cows with their sons Luke, Wade and Joseph.

Mark and Di Schubert (Braeford) bred and exhibited many top cows. They had a lot of fun with Vale Twilight EX-2E, who was Champion Cow at IDW 1998 and Mt Pleasant Autumn Fair 1998 /2000. Master Breeder, David Altmann (Blackwood Park), has had champions at the Royal with both Holsteins and Illawarras.

Perce and Audrey Mieglich and their daughters, Elaine and Sonya (Allenby), bred and exhibited many top cows and were justifiably proud of their Ultimate sisters Cynthia EX-4E, STP 5* and Cynthia 2nd ET VG89 4* who were Adelaide Royal Champion cows in 1986 and 87 respectively.

The property is now run by Andrew and Sonya Maxwell (Glenmax) who continue to breed great cows and have recently been awarded Master Breeder. Wilf and Rosa Mieglich (Clover Glen) also bred and exhibited many cows and had great success with the magnificent bull, Tahora Revenue Legume EX, SMT, superior sire. Their daughter Paulette was a big part of the Dalgety Bennett Farmers dairy team and very much appreciated by our clients. Remember the excitement when Dean Taylor (Trogheda) burst onto the scene, setting up his stud with many purchases at the Onkavale dispersal. He paid up to \$17,000 for George's favourite



Gino Pacitti, Allan Peglar and fellow SA Life member Bob Afford.



cow Ultimate Shaynen Ex 2E, STP, 3*. She was from the renowned Sherry family that is behind Peter and Helen Maxwell's Rockridge S family which also included Storm Sultan EX-90, 1* who topped the Rockridge dispersal sale at \$26,000, selling to Cindy Padman (Walkin Tall, Meningie). Peter bred many Excellent cows and one that gave him a lot of pleasure was Starbuck Maid EX- 5E, STP, 3*, 1 x M, 1 x F, Life 1. She was Champion Cow at Adelaide Royal in 1991, 92 and 93. Another real favourite was Starbuck Sharlene ET EX-5E STP, 23*, Life 3 who was the inaugural Australian Cow of Year in 2001.

Another cow from the S family was the top seller at Jack Bramley's (Paravale) dispersal: Rockridge Ladino Shantell EX-92-4E, 1 x M, 3 x F, sold for \$25,000 to John Gardner (Avonlea).

Some of the current generation of Fleurieu Holstein breeders includes Wes Hurrell (Rockwella Farm) who breeds high-producing cows. Geoff Hutchinson and Chris Royans (Windy Vale Holsteins) have had great success with Contender Rose ET EX-94. She has taken out Champion cow at IDW and the Victorian Winter Fair and the 2016 All Australian 5-year old. Their Fleurieu Milk business goes from strength to strength.

My son, David, sold Sleepy Hollow Jasper Posey ET EX-92, 2E 1 x EP to Oakwood Partners, who had many successes with her at Melbourne, IDW and Sydney and the On-farm Competition. Colin and Glenda Dohnt (Glendalin), in partnership with Steven and Helen Treloar (Edge Holsteins) are keeping the spotlight on with Glendalin Destry Carmel VG88 winning Champion cow at this year's Adelaide Royal. Rob Walmsley and Bec Hehir from the South East won Intermediate Champion Holstein and Supreme Interbreed Intermediate Champion with Glenorleigh Brady Lilac VG86.

I have fond memories of the families who regularly attended the Angaston Show: the Seeligers, the Kochs, Mick and Lyn Seelander, Murray and Elaine Linke and the Kroehn family. They always keenly showed their cows and enjoyed themselves rain or shine. Many of them travelled the long distance to support the Port Elliott Spring Feature Show where they camped out and really enjoyed themselves with carrier and cook, Bruce Doecke, making sure they were well fed and wined.

I remember the great exhibitions of the

Congratulations to SA members

Congratulations to the following South Australian members who have been recognised for their contribution to the Holstein breed.

Allan Peglar, Akoona, McLaren Vale: Life Membership, SA branch

Bill Thompson, Glenorleigh Holsteins, Allendale East SA: Life Membership, SA branch.

Mandy Pacitti, Misty Brae, Mistybrae SA, Myponga SA, State Service Award

Ian Willcocks, Manna Farm, Yankalilla SA, Fleurieu Sub-branch Service Award

Wes Hurrell, Rockwell Farm, Yankalilla SA, Fleurieu Sub-branch Service Award.

Mt Pleasant Autumn Fair when it was normal to have over 200 entries. Glenjoy exhibited wonderful teams and, for many years, dominated most successful breeder and exhibitor. In recent times, sadly with much less numbers we have seen great competition for these awards by Glenunga and Esjay Holsteins; long may they continue.

We ran 15 successful National Holstein Classic Sales at the Mt Pleasant Autumn Fair with great help from the committee and support from breeders from throughout Australia. Many top cows went on to great things from the sales.

A few that come to mind are the Willcocks family's D family that has provided so many very good AI sires including Farm Dealer, Del Santo and Deancox. Greg Tiller sold a flush from Tarinka Park Mascot Deanne EX-4E, 17*, 1 x EP, 1 x M, Life 1. She was Australian Cow of Year 2002 and a seventh generation EX/VG cow from Lengora's famous Ding family. Her descendants continue, with several lines now of 12 or more generations of EX/VG cows. Tom and Pat Bilney sold Sharon Starbuck Andrea EX-2E 14* brood, STP, 1 x M, 1 x F to the Italiano family (Strathavon, WA). Her daughter, Range Road Eagle Anni VG89, 1 x EP, 5* Brood sold to Ken Lumsden at Koroit Victoria.

These cows have produced many outstanding descendants. There were many more from these sales and it is a pity that due to the decline in the dairy industry we could no longer sustain the sale.

Many production records were set by breeders in the Mid North including

Paul Ramm (Condownie), Graham Webb (Eungella), the Hawker family (Anama), whose herds are all now dispersed. Don Zweck's Donava herd keeps on producing through son Garry, Ros and family. We have seen many dairies close throughout the country; and many country shows either closed or no longer exhibiting dairy cattle. We hope for a return to sustainable prices to stop the further decline in the dairy industry.

International Dairy Week, established initially by Daryl Brown, Brian Leslie and David Blackmore, has developed into Australia's greatest exhibition of all breeds of dairy cattle, officiated by the best judges from all over the world. I would urge anyone interested in watching the best dairy cattle on show to attend Tatura in January. It is truly a great spectacle.

Recent times have seen many changes in the structure of our association and I wish Graeme Gillan and the board success with their plans to enhance member participation and the promotion of our great Holstein cow.

In closing I would like to acknowledge the tremendous effort Gino and Mandy Pacitti have put into the Fleurieu and state. They have organised many youth camps and IDW youth teams and raised many thousands of dollars in sponsorship for Holstein and dairy youth of all breeds. Their achievements are too numerous to mention here suffice to say they are one of our greatest achievers and a wonderful asset to our association.

I would also thank Jack Bramley of Roseworthy and Paravale and Brian and Marie Haebich of Athol Farm for their advice and friendship over many years. And who could forget the inimitable character and humour of Grant Liebelt who recently dispersed his top Grantley stud? Some of his notable observations include:

"Chooks drink water but can't pee!"

"There's no bones in tripe!"

"An empty beer bottle has nothing in it!"

I thank all those who have supported me over the years and hope to be around for a few years yet. I could not have carried on without the support of my wife Dianne and family, Cathy, Debbie, David and their families. I am pleased my grandson Mason and granddaughter Ebony King are showing keen interest in breeding Holsteins and wish them well for the future.

HJ

Clinton Park Zircon Aline

Awards: STP (Gold) LIFE 2
 Birth date: 23/05/2001 Age: 15 (dead)
 Breeder: D & M Walker
 Current owner: D & M Walker, Berry, NSW
 Prefix: Clinton Park
 Classified: VG88 – 03/2013
 Classification breakdown: Rump: 85, Feet and
 Legs: 88, Mammary 87, Dairy Strength 93
 Registered progeny: 2



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

Australian ABV (April 2017)

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

Owner's comments (David Walker)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Family tree

Clinton Park S.S. Aline 243129 VG86
03/05/1986



Clinton Park Gold Aline 428095 VG87
29/02/1996
(Tri-Day Valiant Gold)



Clinton Park Stardust Aline 791658 G78
27/08/1999
(Browndale Stardust)



Clinton Park Zircon Aline 1077120 Vg88
07/03/2013
(Pen Col Celsius Dewan)

Lifetime production April 2017

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

Superior Total Performance (STP)

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

Superior Total Performance Award levels

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

Lifetime Production Awards

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

LTP Awards recognise lifetime production in excess of ...

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

On the road to success

BY SOPHIE BALDWIN

Michaela Thompson, the proud owner of Sunrise Holsteins, was awarded the coveted \$10,000 Dairy Youth Travel Scholarship at this year's Royal Melbourne Show.

She has just finished her final year of a Bachelor of Commerce majoring in accounting, in Ballarat. She manages a café in Rochester on the weekends and works on the dairy farm with her dad Scott every spare moment she has.

The win couldn't have come at a better time for the 23-year-old.

"I am in the planning stages of a European dairy tour. I will return to do the Winter Fair in June and then the second half of the year I hope to head over to North America and Canada," she said.

"Realistically, I wouldn't have been able to afford the trip I have planned so the award has been great."

Michaela is quick to add that she couldn't have achieved what she has without the support of her parents.

Sunrise Holsteins currently has 40 registered animals. Michaela loves showing and watching the cows develop over the years, in particular their personalities.

"I love depth of rib, beautiful rumps, good feet and legs and I love watching animals grow from a calf though to a mature cow.

No matter where I go or what I do, I will always own my own show team and spend time in the show ring," Michaela said.

Michaela bought her first cow when she was just 14 years old.

"I paid \$6,000 for a heifer – Donnybrook Talent Sheena. I saved up all my money from working at a café to buy her."

"I ended up having a lot of success with Sheena. She placed top five at the Royal Melbourne Show and I did well with her at a lot of local shows. I have daughters and granddaughters from her now and I have done very well out of her."

Michaela has spent the last seven years working with Dean and Dianna Malcom from Bluechip Genetics.

"The one thing they taught me that has stood out above everything else is if you want to have successful animals, you must give them the best start possible."

Michaela bought Bluechip Airlift Paradise for \$4,700 from Bluechip's Big Bang dispersal sale in 2016. She had her eye on the animal from when it was a 6-week old heifer because she loved its cut, style and depth of rib.

Paradise went on to be Supreme Junior Champion at the Victorian Winter Fair this year. Michaela had two other class winners that day, including Bluechip Golden F Marion also from the Big Bang dispersal.

"Showing allows you to meet great people, establish great connections and lifelong friendships – it is like one big family and it can take you anywhere in the world."

While Michaela has bought some pretty handy cows over the years, she hasn't been a slouch with the breeding either.

She has had plenty of success with Sunrise Detour Whynot and she said it is very rewarding to see all the hard work which she has put into breeding come to fruition.

"Whynot placed second at the Royal Melbourne Show in 2016 as a 13-month old heifer and second to the Reserve Champion heifer at International Dairy Week. She also received Honourable mention in the All Australian Photo Competition this year."

Michaela spends a lot of time discussing breeding and genetics with her dad.

"Dad and I talk about genetics all the time and there is never a moment when we aren't talking about cows," she laughed.

Cows have always been Michaela's passion and she is hoping to one day combine a career with her love of cattle with a career in agriculture industry, she hopes to combine it with her commerce degree.

"I want to set up my own business providing financial advice to farmers. I think there is a huge gap between accountants and farmers and neither understands the other very well. I would love to bridge that gap by providing financial advice and giving support, because there is not a lot of help around." **HJ**



Holstein Youth member, Michaela Thompson was awarded the coveted \$10,000 Dairy Youth Travel Scholarship at this year's Royal Melbourne Show.
Source: Riverine Herald, Echuca

Purple marshmallows

Most of us associate the silage season with long hours, hard work and stress. But increasing numbers of HA members are discovering silage harvest can also be an opportunity to raise money for charity while brightening up their paddocks.

We love this photo of 3½-year old Matilda Vary, dancing on purple marshmallows at the farm of her grandparents Ross and Jacqui Soares (Calderbrae, Western Victoria).

The couple chose to pay extra for the purple silage wrap to help raise funds for the Starlight Children’s Foundation, which grants wishes to seriously ill or injured children.

“It’s great to see that something we need during harvest season can do good somewhere else,” Ross posted to facebook. Packaging company Zeus donates \$7.50 to the Foundation for every roll of silage wrap it sells. Last year the limited-edition rolls were in hot demand and ran out before the end of harvest.

Other charities to benefit from coloured silage wrap in Australia include the McGrath Breast Care Nurses (pink wrap), Australian Prostate Cancer Research (blue) and the Children’s Cancer Foundation (yellow).



Matilda Vary, dancing on purple marshmallows at the farm owned by her grandparents, Ross and Jacqui Soares (Calderbrae).

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ANIMAL AWARDS GO DIGITAL

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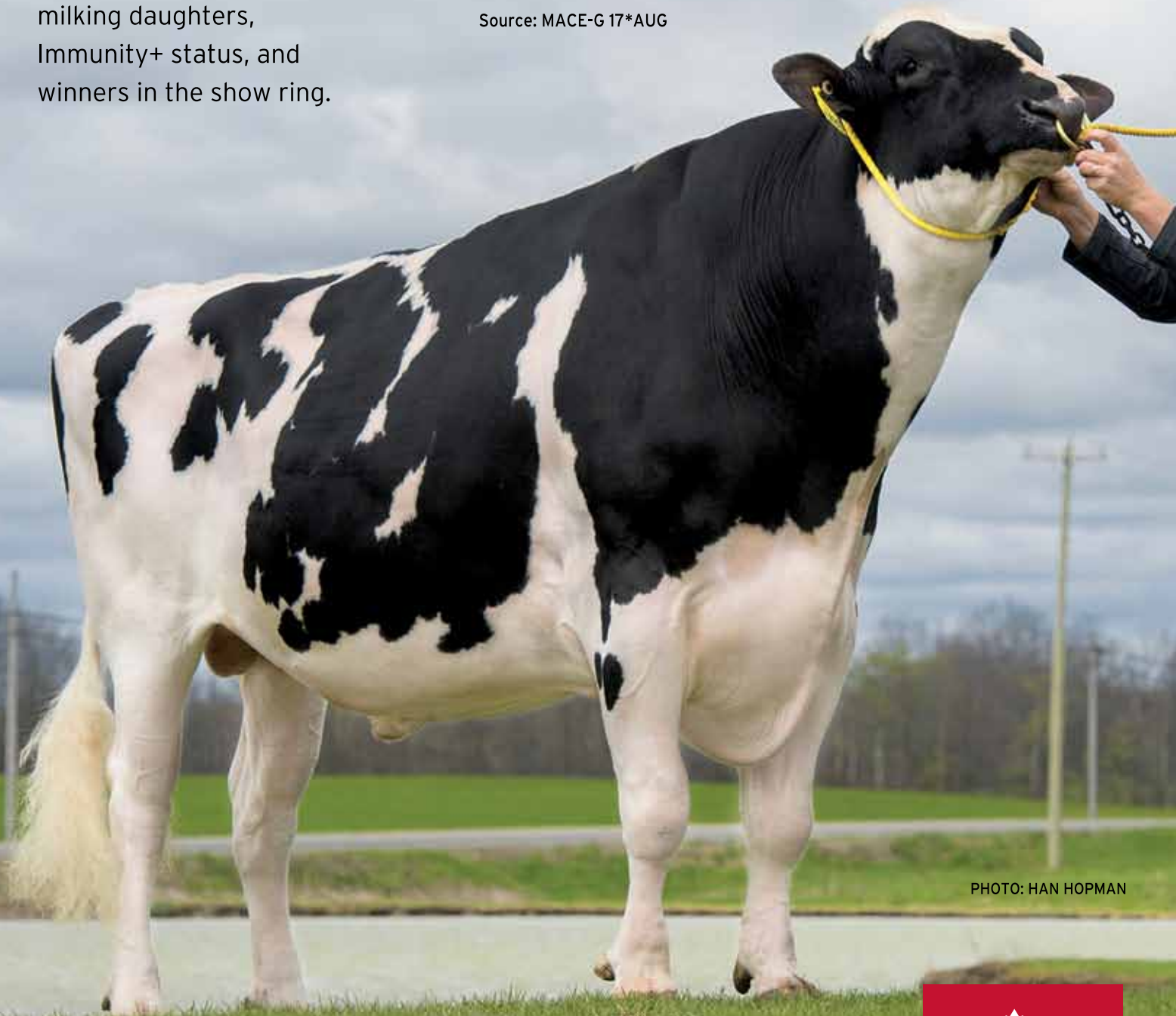


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