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President's Report to the AGM

David Johnston
President, Holstein Australia



Looking back – and ahead

How quickly three years pass; it does not seem to be that long ago I assumed the chair at the 2014 AGM in Toowoomba. In this report to the members, I will reflect not only the 2016/17 year but also some of the key activities over the past three years.

First, I would like to say that it has been a privilege to serve the members of Holstein Australia as the Federal President. The past three years gave me the opportunity to work with so many members who continue to advance the Holstein breed. Thank you to the many members who have supported me in this role.

During my three years as President, there have been many challenges, with the 2016/17 financial year just finished being at the very top of the list. What stands out for me is the incredible resilience of the dairy industry and, in particular, Holstein Australia members; it is truly amazing. With every challenge, there is opportunity and as we enter into the new financial year we can only look towards improved returns for the significant input by dairy farmers; arguably with an improving financial outlook for milk prices.

Some of the initiatives undertaken during the year are quite obvious and readily acknowledged by members, for example the successful campaign that saw members vote for the Governance changes nearly 12 months ago. Other activities are not so obvious and are relatively unseen by members, such as the automation of processing of genomic results that greatly improves the speed and delivery of genomic breeding values.

Governance

Supporting the structure that governed the association has been a prime time topic for discussion at the AGM Open Forum over recent years and leading up to the 2016 AGM vote.

In the lead up, the Board, State Branches, Sub-branches and grass root members all participated in robust discussions supported by extensive communication

facilitated by management. This culminated at the 2016 AGM in Albury when members overwhelmingly embraced the new Governance structure that came into effect back on July 1 this year.

There has been considerable work done to reach this point and it is very important to realise that there is much work to do to bed down the new structure. Over the next 12 months, the Board and Management will better understand the strengths and weaknesses of the new structure both nationally and regionally and if felt it is in the best interests of members we will put those refinements back to members for their decision at future AGMs.

Part of the new regional structure proposal included appointing Regional

Co-Ordinators to support some of the functions of state branches. Rather than taking a 'one size fits all' approach, the exact requirements of these positions within each region are currently being assessed, along with the associated budgeting to determine the best outcome for each region. As we move through the year more will be revealed about these positions.

Personally, one of the more exciting changes is the new way the association elects its representatives to the national bodies. The introduction of direct elections "of members by members" to the Board and the BDCC are no doubt two of the biggest changes to member representation in the Associations history. However, it is critically important that we as members remember not to take this



right to nominate and vote for granted. Members now have the chance to speak up and be heard.

At this time, it is important to recognise the role and contribution of the state branches and the hundreds of volunteers who, for decades, have contributed to the success of the organisation, the development and sustainability of the Holstein community and the promotion of the Holstein breed within their geographical area. It is very much appreciated and won't be forgotten.

Youth

The support of young people within Holstein Australia has always been a passion of mine and I look forward to the near future when we see the beginning of rebuilding our youth networks to ensure their participation in decision making for the future of Holstein Australia. Go to any show, calf day or youth camp as I do and you will see first-hand the enthusiasm of the future generation of Holstein breeders.

The opportunity for direct Youth participation in policy development through the Board-appointed Youth representative on the Strategic Directions Committee as well as the commencement of the Board appointed Youth Committee will provide access for young members to have a stake in the future direction of Holstein Australia during 2017/18.

A highlight this year was the arrival of our first Holstein UK exchangee, Andrew Patton, an enthusiastic and impressive young man who was very well received wherever he visited while in Australia. We have now reciprocated and selected our first Australian exchange to represent Holstein Australia to visit the UK later this year. Congratulations to Emma Algje from Gippsland in Victoria.

Strategic Plan

The development of a Strategic Plan commenced in 2016 and has been a focus of the Board with a number of

key strategies being prioritised during 2016/17. Tangible outcomes are not always quick to materialise and this can at times be frustrating. One example is Communications and Marketing, one of the key pillars of the strategic plan and a topic that received considerable discussion at the 2016 AGM. Since then the Board has explored many options around the way the Association communicates with members and industry including the current formats such of the Journal and our website but also how we can better leverage social media and electronic communication.

Having now fully reviewed the Association's current activities and budget and remembering that the Board made a commitment to report back to the 2017 AGM on the outcomes of its considerations; members will hear about those outcomes in greater detail later in the meeting.

Further strategic considerations include; how we can make the best use of genomics and the positive impact on how we register pedigree; measurement of genetic merit and how to turn data into information to add value for members' dairy businesses.

The 2016/17 year

The past 12 months has been a continual work in progress for the Association. Revenues have been under pressure and we have attempted to rein in expenses without compromising service. Significant increases in genomic testing volumes have been off-set by lower revenue from registrations, classification and particularly export that reflects a slowing down in the trade with China.

The goal of the Board, with the help of management, has been to investigate alternative revenue sources to help support the services Holstein provide to members and the industry in general. As always in an industry where margins have been challenged so has Holstein. We will continue to explore those opportunities.

Administration cost savings have been made, with more to be considered during 2017/18, however overall we have reported a loss for the year, a situation that we will look to turn around within the new financial year. Despite this, our balance sheet remains strong.

A more comprehensive financial report will be provided in-conjunction with the Audited Financial Statements.

Thank you

I would like to take this opportunity to recognise Ron Chittick, our immediate past Federal President who will at the AGM complete 12 years of service on the Board. That in itself is a great achievement and a wonderful contribution to Holstein Australia but we should not ignore the many years of dedication at State Branch and Sub-branch level and his constant work on behalf of members. Just mention show ethics and it is hard to find anybody who has done more to bring ethics into the mainstream conversation and be instrumental in developing and implementing a plan that works towards the ethical preparation and presentation of not only Holsteins but all dairy cattle in the show ring.

On behalf of the Holstein Australia community and from the Board and members in general our sincere thanks for your efforts Ron; it is very much appreciated.

To my fellow Board members, thank you for the support. Members of the BDCC have again worked diligently to continue the improvement of the Holstein cow. Without very good staff we would not be able to service members and implement policy, many thanks for your efforts during the year.

Finally, my overwhelming thanks to members who have provided me with opportunities to contribute to the Holstein community, the Holstein breed and the friendships I have made that will span a lifetime.

Treasurer's Report to the AGM

Garry Carpenter
Treasurer, Holstein Australia



2017 – a year of balance

The 2016/2017 year represented one of the most challenging years for the dairy industry and, in turn, for Holstein Australia. Revenues were down and even though there were significant savings, the final result was a loss of \$100,619. The board and management realise that losses on an ongoing basis are not acceptable, however it was a matter of balancing expense reductions with the ability to provide services to members at the level they expect.

Revenue

Overall revenue dropped by \$641,165 or 17% compared to the previous year to \$3.13 million.

Simply, the biggest contributor was export revenue which we estimate to be down \$358,000, based on lower export volumes that led to lower export registrations, inspections and export service fees.

To provide a better insight, we will breakdown revenue into two categories: sales (essentially member services) and 'other' including projects and investment revenue.

Sales revenue

Overall sales revenue reduced by \$405,624 across all segments. For a number of service segments including package membership, subscriptions and transfers; there were only marginal differences.

The major revenue reductions occurred for:

- Registrations: \$144,850. This is predominately driven by the reduction in appendix registrations for export.
- Export fees: \$247,057 of which \$61,000 is offset by reduced export service expenses due to lower volumes.
- Classification: \$103,900, with lower export inspections contributing \$51,000.

On the positive side, Technical Services revenue lifted by \$169,231 predominantly on the back of higher volumes for genomic testing, with a significant portion contributed by non-members who have embraced genomic testing.

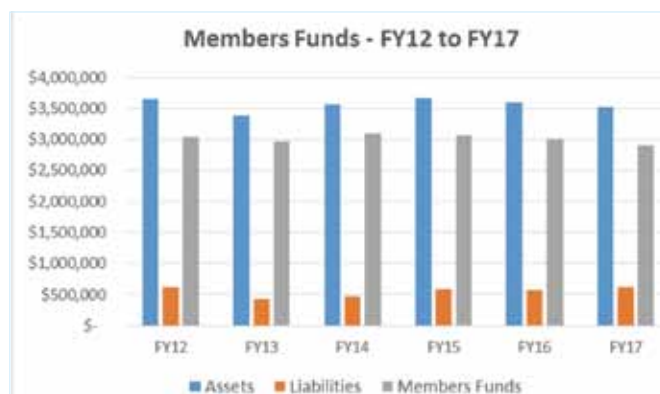
Other revenue

This revenue segment is dominated by the reductions in Project funding; down \$248,245. In the case of one project, the funding concluded as of 30 June and for the second project the terms changed significantly during the 2016/17 year, reducing total funding. It is important to note that direct expenses related to these projects also dropped, though not to the same extent.

Expenses

Overall expenses were down \$600,716 to \$3.23 million or 15.7% compared to the previous year.

Through on-going changes during the year total expenses dropped, however direct expenses relating to service provision were not affected.



Significant cost reductions occurred in:

- administration and office overheads, down \$202,639
- member services expenses, down \$70,978.

I highlight and thank the Classification team for its cost control throughout the year; travel is an expense that can be difficult to contain.

The one segment where we did see an increase in expenses was Technical Services, however similar to the export revenue and expenses segment this is a direct reflection of the increased demand for genomics.

One very positive aspect for 2016/2017 was the 'non-cash' segment where gains on our investment portfolio were very good and in line with growth in the equities market coupled with reductions in Depreciation, Provisions and Amortisation; a collective 'non-cash' difference of \$180,000 compared to 2015/16.

Members' equity

The statement of financial position or balance sheet remains healthy.

The Association's total assets are steady at \$3.52 million (\$3.58 million last financial year). Cash on hand is slightly reduced in line with lower turnover and other assets remain within expectations. Non-current assets have increased by 5% to \$2.05 million thanks to the good performance of the investment portfolio.

Total liabilities increased by 6% for the period to \$612,000, primarily with an increase in trade and other payables that is a reflection of our outgoings at 30 June.

Overall members equity only fell slightly from \$3.01 million down to \$2.91 million, a variance of \$100,000.

To the future

Looking to 2017/18, we have taken a slightly more positive view on Revenue in all segments on the back on what are arguably improving trading conditions in the dairy industry while continuing to look to rein-in expenses where possible and return the business to surplus.



From little things big things grow!

How apt when I think about the idea of sending members of our classification team to Canada to share their knowledge with the Holstein Canada classification team and perhaps afterwards work out ways to improve how we classify Holsteins in Australia.

That tour last year and what came from it was one of the highlights for the BDCC in 2016/17 but more on that later.

The Committee

This year has seen some new faces with Brett Cirillo, Ambrewlea Holsteins, Bungador, Vic., joining the committee following last year's National Delegate meeting election replacing Trevor Parrish from Illawambra Holsteins, Barrengarry, NSW.

Another shift was Dr Mary Abdelsayed stepping in for Dr Jennie Pryce who, after eight years as the BDCC's science and genetics research adviser, relinquished her position. While Jennie's insight will be missed, Mary has already found her feet and will continue to be a valuable conduit between what's important to Holstein breeders and the dairy genetics research fraternity.

Thank you to both Trevor and Jennie for their valued contribution over many years

and helping to develop the Holstein breed in Australia.

Also spending more time with the BDCC is Senior Classifier and Classification Coordinator Leanne Summerville. The Committee believed it important and sensible to include Leanne in classification matters and join the committee during herd visits.

During the year, two out of-town meetings were held; firstly at the Ellinbank Dairy Research Institute in Gippsland hosted by Dr Mary Abdelsayed at the world leading dairy research facility where we met with project scientists and site managers including those directly involved with the heat tolerance project and secondly at Bendigo where the committee made two herd visits in Central Victoria to witness first-hand freshly classified Holsteins.

Terms of reference

During the year, the Committee's governing terms of reference were reviewed. It's important how and under what terms the Committee operates and that it remains accountable for Association activities under its administration. The review is ongoing and should be completed by the end of 2017.

Classification

No doubt the highlight for the year was the implementation on March 1 of changes to the conformation analysis scorecard. During 2016, the BDCC believed it timely to assess the classification system and supported by Holstein Canada engaged in an extensive review.

As reported last year Classifier team members Leanne Summerville and Phil Hentschke were hosted by Holstein Canada and experienced first-hand the similarities and major differences between the classification systems in both countries.

What resulted was, in conjunction with the classification team a suite of changes to the weightings, ideals and defect penalties to the conformation analysis scorecard with an emphasis on the traits important to the Australian Holstein managed under Australian conditions such as thurl placement, heel depth, bone quality and teat length.

I can report that feedback from both members and the classification team to the changes has been very supportive. The review represented the BDCC and classification teams desire to continually improve the Holstein breed through classification and deliver the best outcome for members.



Directives

The Classification directives are, in conjunction with management monitored by the BDCC from time to time and strive to keep the classifier terms of engagement fair, relevant, current and workable from both the classifiers and members' perspective.

The 2016/17 year saw two amendments to the directives that deal with re-classifications and re-visits to confirm maximum scores. These were:

1. Maximum scores. Revisit requirements for maximum scores for 1st and 2nd calvers and for cows EX94 and above now include the classifier who originated the maximum score accompanied by one senior classifier or their nominee and the re-visit is to take place within 7 days.
2. Time gaps between reclassifications. A minimum time of 60 days between re-classifications has been introduced and applies to all animals regardless of ownership.

Competitions

The BDCC oversees the Holstein Australia-Semex All-Australian Photographic Competition and the Cow of the Year Competition.

The Cow of the Year

The Cow of the Year was judged by the members of the Committee as well as Member judge Rob Calder (Wandilla) and Industry judge Brad Aitken (Leading Edge Genetics). It was a pleasure to discuss in detail such a tremendous group of cows and while there can only be one winner the standard of entries this year was outstanding.

The Cow of the Year is truly a competition for members to celebrate their very special cows and so I will take the opportunity to thank those who nominate their cows so the competition can keep going. Without your entries there wouldn't be a competition so please continue to put your cows forward.



The All-Australian

The Holstein Australia-Semex All-Australian Photographic Competition continues to attract entrants of the highest calibre. This year, the Selection Committee members were Stephen Chesworth (Tamargo Recluse), Robert Walmsley (Robsvue) and Wes Brown (Juleanwes). They did a tremendous job of picking the finalists and winners for each class. This will be Stephen's last competition due to term limits so I would like to pass on a vote of thanks for your enthusiasm for the task and support for newer members of the committee.

Thank you to the Selection Committee for giving up your time and congratulations to all the owners and breeders of the winning cows and in particular the Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor.

In response to member and selection panel judge feedback, the BDCC agreed to the following changes to the competition during the year:

1. All three judges elected to the Selection Committee now serve a three-year term. This removes the one-year term and helps with judge rotation and consistency.
2. Digital images submitted electronically are now accepted for entry.
3. Senior Yearling Dry class has been split to better represent the spread of age of entrants:
 - 15 months and under on the day of the show
 - Over 15 months on day of the show.

4. The 2016/17 competition year saw the introduction of an additional category for eligible animals to compete in the competition if they have obtained up to 10th place if more than 150 Holsteins are shown.
5. All Australian status was granted to the Red and White Holstein classes at the Royal Geelong Show

Judging panel and judging schools

The BDCC has spent a lot of time over the last 12 months putting together what it believes to be an acceptable position on the national judges' panel and developing a workable program to recruit new judges to the panel while maintaining the established skills of existing judges.

Regular correspondence to the BDCC from members typifies the importance members place on judging and judges but a national approach is no easy task. With the diminishing opportunity for judging engagements nationally the training, accreditation and availability of judges for Holstein shows now and in the future cannot be taken for granted or ignored.

The BDCC has made a commitment to begin a program of regular judging schools and judge refresher course events however the success or otherwise will only come with the support of members but it can be done.

Finally, thank you to the individual members of the BDCC for their time and commitment to the Holstein breed; thank you to those members and sub branches who have met, written to and spoken with the Committee on a range of topics; your feedback is always welcome.

Thank you to the office staff for your help during the year organising meetings and, in particular, to Leanne and the classification team for the your participation and considered opinions during the conformation score analysis review, your public support for the changes and your patience throughout the implementation; it is very much appreciated.

CEO's Report to the AGM

Graeme Gillan
CEO, Holstein Australia



A year of challenges – and resilience

The 2016/17 year has been a significant challenge, in reality I am not telling members anything they are not acutely aware of. I think a highlight has been the resilience of members and their ongoing desire to continue to improve the Holstein breed and produce high-quality food for Australians and people around the world.

During 2016/17 Holstein members continued to register their cattle, classify the females and invest in newer breeding technologies through the uptake of genomic testing. Within each member's business model, at one level or another, breeding better Holsteins has contributed to their ongoing ability to be a dairy farmer.

We at Holstein Australia would like to recognise the input from members around Australia and their support of the Association.

The President has already highlighted the challenging year the Association has had; from the perspective of management, it was looking to find the balance of reducing expenses yet being able to maintain services. This has been achieved, though there has been a cost to bear. We have seen growth in genomic testing but activity for export and classification and some aspects of registration has been below long-term trends. Overall expenses have been held in check but will continue to be a focus in the new financial year.

On 1 July 2017, the new Rules were introduced, with significant changes to our Governance structure. Through 2017/18 we will be bedding down these changes and looking to review how we can make them work at member, sub-branch and regional levels, and identify what services are members expect and how do we deliver these better. This new environment will require patience from members as we determine the best way to service the membership and support Holstein activities.

For the remaining months of 2017 there are a considerable number of dispersals of some wonderful Holstein herds. In some respects this is somewhat sad as tremendous breeders move on, but on the very positive side other Holstein breeders will have access to some outstanding cow families and great individuals. We wish all parties success with their endeavours.

During 2016/17 genomic testing of females grew 38%, an amazing result for the year. Holstein Australia has played a very important role in facilitating testing and the distribution of results. The implementation of new software has contributed greatly to the efficient flow of information. As we see increased numbers of females tested, we are able to better promote the results and help identify the best genetics available in Australia. On behalf of members we believe it is an important role to highlight the successes of Australian Holsteins and work to add further value using the technology available.

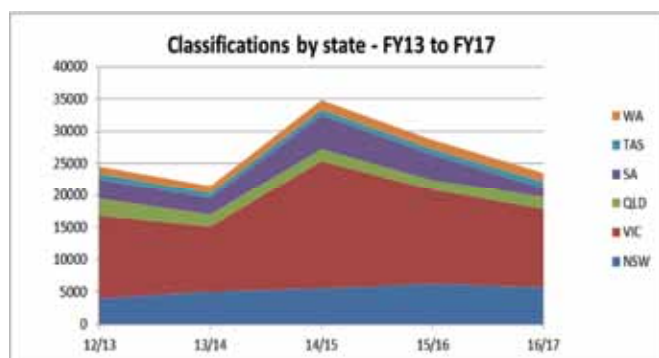
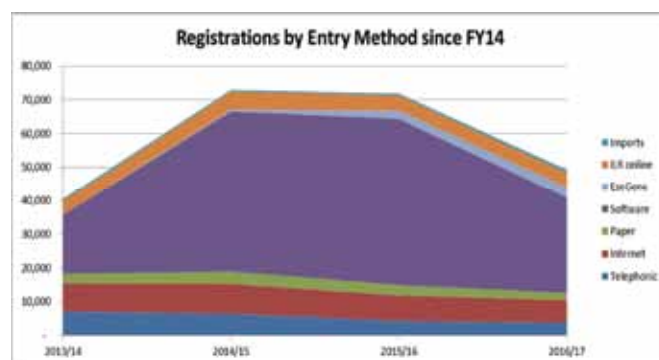
At an industry level, Holstein Australia continues to play an important role including the continued support of the GINFO project through the work of the office and classification team.

This allows Holstein Australia the opportunity to visit many dairy farmers that otherwise we would not have contact with. Other industry projects that Holstein Australia contributes to include the important Improving Herds project and representation on DataGene's Genetics Standing Committee.

Also at the industry herd improvement level, there has been considerable work undertaken to review the Type ABVs with Holstein Australia being one of the lead organisations contributing to the work.

Internally one of the greatest assets of Holstein Australia is our staff; those quiet achievers working on behalf of membership. The member services team seamlessly process the many registrations and member service requests. The classification team spend many days on the road scoring cows and interacting with members and who are genuinely the main point of contact they have with Holstein Australia. Our genetics team involved in facilitating and delivering genomic breeding values have contributed strongly to help lift the profile of the genetic merit of Australian Holsteins. Together with management and administrative staff, Holstein members have been very well serviced in a very unobtrusive manner.

On behalf of management and staff I would like to acknowledge the support of the Board and BDCC during the year and importantly recognising the support from members for the Association and the Holstein cow.



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Outstanding service recognised

At this year's AGM, Alan Garratty (Glenalbas, Nowra, NSW) and Colin Daley (Ourway, Qld) received Distinguished Service Awards.

Holstein Australia relies on its members from all levels to help organise events, attract and retain members and run the Association. The Distinguished Service Award recognises members who have given valuable service, time and effort to the Association over an extended period. The Distinguished Service Award is approved by the Board, based on nominations from the grassroots members.

Alan Garratty (Glenalbas), NSW

Alan Garratty is respected for his integrity and values, not just in the show ring but as a breeder and a member of the Holstein community.

Held in high esteem for his cattle, Alan received the Master Breeder award in 2002 and bred a number of bulls that were sold for AI or as herd bulls.

Within the Holstein community, Alan is regarded as a quiet man, who is always prepared to help make things happen, whether it be a show, judging school or youth activity.

Alan has been an enthusiastic exhibitor at local and interstate shows, as well as being involved behind the scenes. He is on the cattle committee of the Nowra Show and was one of the drivers behind the all breed calf classes for youth at the Sydney Royal.

Alan has judged at more than 60 shows, in Australia and New Zealand, including eight On-Farm Competitions.

Over the years, he has gone out of his way to encourage members of the Holstein community. As well as organising youth events, Alan has mentored young people in running meetings, keeping records and judging skills. He's been known to travel to farms to help new exhibitors select cattle for the On Farm Competition.

Alan has been involved with Holstein Australia at the sub-branch and state levels, rarely missing a meeting over the past 50 years. Alan has held positions of sub branch Vice President and President and been a delegate to the state for at least 25 years and was an alternate Federal Delegate for many years. He was a member of the Breed Development and Conformation Committee (BDCC) for 12 years and sat on the Classification Committee before that.

Cow of the Year

The 2017 Cow of the Year is Leader Duram Satin, EX-91-5E, owned and bred by Travis and Mel Deans, Darling Downs, Queensland. See page 22 for full story.



Colin Daley (Ourway Holsteins), Millaa Millaa, FNQ

Colin Daley (Ourway Holsteins, Atherton & North Qld) has been recognised many times for his outstanding achievements as a Holstein breeder, including receiving the Master Breeder Award in 2009 and being the owner of the Cow of the Year twice (2008 and 2013). His commitment to promoting the Holstein breed has been outstanding. Colin has been showing Holsteins since childhood and is widely respected for his contribution to the Holstein community, as a judge, through a range of positions in his local Sub-branch and as a tireless volunteer organising many events including shows, youth training and cattle sales.

Since 1988 Colin has been involved in organising and facilitating educational dairy and agricultural camps in North Queensland. Despite living far from the southern dairying districts, Colin relishes the opportunity to visit most Australian dairying areas as a judge for shows and competitions and enthusiastically supports these competitions that highlight the most productive and profitable animals in the breed. Colin's commitment to the Association continues with his recent appointment to Holstein Australia's Strategic Directions Committee, representing his home state, Queensland.



Allan Garratty, Glenalbas Holsteins, Nowra, NSW.



Colin Daley, Ourway Holsteins, Milla Milla, Qld.

All Australian

The results of the All Australian photographic competition were announced at the National Awards Dinner.

See pages 27-31 for full results.



Glen Gordon from Gorbros Holsteins who took out the Premier Exhibitor and Premier Breeder in the 2017 Holstein/Semex All Australian Awards, alongside Joe Holloway from Semex Australia.

2017 Master Breeders (* indicates second Master Breeder award)

Prefix	Name	Location
Amelia Park	Birute and Athol Hyland	Euroa, Northern Victoria
Bonny Park	Wayne and Sandra Williams	South Purrumbette, Western Districts, Victoria
Fairvale*	Leanne and Ross Dobson	Bracknell, Tasmania
Foothills	Paul and Mary Newland	Malanda, Atherton & North Queensland
Glenmax	Andrew and Sonya Maxwell	Lobethal, Fleiurieu & Central South Australia
Ingoldale*	Jim and Dot Gilmore	Pyramid Hill, North-West Victoria
Paringa*	Pam Malcolm	Invergordon, Northern Victoria
Strongbark	Jim Strong	Albion Park, South Coast & Tablelands, NSW
Andes	Charles and Carolyn Smith	Saint Germain's, Northern Victoria

MASTER BREEDER



Meet the 2017 Master Breeders

Holstein Australia announced the 2017 Master Breeders at its Annual Awards Night, held at Nowra, NSW, on 24 August.

The highly-coveted Master Breeder Award recognises the long-term achievement of herds that have bred at least 300 registered animals over a minimum of 20 years.

Below: This year's Master Breeders at the National Awards Dinner, Nowra, NSW:
Left to right: Charles and Carolyn Smith (Andes Holsteins), Andrew and Sonya Maxwell (Glenmax Holsteins), Paul and Mary Newland (Foothills Holsteins), Jim Gilmore (Ingoldale Holsteins); Athol and Birute Hyland (Amelia Park Holsteins); Pam Malcolm (Paringa Holsteins) with Jamie Wilson.



Elections under new governance structure

This year's Annual General Meeting was the first conducted under the new governance structure.

For the first time, elections for the Board and Breed Development and Conformation Committee (BDCC) included a call for members to nominate for vacant positions, with all eligible members invited to vote. The number of nominees for both the Board and BDCC exceeded the number of vacancies, requiring a postal ballot. Ballot papers for the elections were mailed to members and an independent returning officer was appointed to oversee the return of ballots and scrutiny of results. Some 200 responses were received, with the results reported below.

Outgoing Federal President David Johnston said the response from the membership to the first election ballot of its type in the Association's history exceeded expectations and demonstrated that members had embraced the new governance structure and were engaged when it came to matters of representation. Holstein Australia is governed by a board of five directors, whose role is to oversee the business affairs of the Association, determine registration requirements for Australian Holstein cattle and set policy.



The 2017/18 Holstein Australia Board: Jenny Grey, Patrick Glass, Gino Pacitti, Garry Carpenter and David Johnston.

Four members nominated for the two vacant board positions, with the following results:

Gino Pacitti (Misty Brae, SA), was appointed for a three-year term, filling the position vacated by Ron Chittick (Haven View, NSW) who was ineligible for re-election having served the maximum four terms. Patrick Glass (Kerrick Park, Vic.) was re-elected to the HA Board for another three-year term.

The first meeting of the new board was held immediately after the AGM, at which Patrick Glass was appointed as President, and Jenny Grey Vice President.

Members of the 2017/18 board are:

- Patrick Glass (Kerrick Park), Victoria (President)
- Jenny Grey (The Pines), NSW (Vice President)
- Garry Carpenter (Garerley), Tasmania

New board member: Gino Pacitti

Gino Pacitti, pictured, was elected to the Holstein Australia board at the AGM held in August in Nowra, NSW.

Gino and his family dairy at Myponga, on South Australia's Fleurieu Peninsula. As well as milking 400 cows registered under the Misty Brae prefix, the Pacitti family are tireless volunteers for dairy industry activities, including for Holstein Australia.

Gino has been an active member of Holstein Australia since joining in 2001. He has had many roles, at local, state and federal levels, including:

- Sub-branch Vice President
- Delegate to State, State Branch

Treasurer, State Vice President, SA State President

- National Advisory Council, interim national youth co-ordinator, co-organiser of National AGM and delegates meetings held in SA.

These roles have given him knowledge, experience and a solid understanding of the way Holstein Australia operates and the range of needs of its members. Through his role on the board, Gino is keen to ensure Holstein Australia delivers quality services to its members, continues to be innovative and maintains its position as a leader in the dairy industry.



- David Johnston (Segenhoe Park), Victoria
- Gino Pacitti (Misty Brae), SA.

Breed Development and Conformation Committee

Lynette Greenwood (Alnor, Victoria) was re-elected to the Breed Development and Conformation Committee (BDCC). There had been two nominations for a single vacancy on the BDCC

The BDCC membership for 2017/18 is:

- Jenny Grey (The Pines), NSW (Chair)
- Wes Brown (Julieanwes), NSW
- Geoff Horrocks (Foxleigh), Victoria
- Brett Cirillo, (Ambrewlea), Victoria
- Lynette Greenwood (Alnor), Victoria
- Marcus Young (Datumvale), Tasmania
- Mary Abdelsayed (science and genetic adviser)

The Breed Development and Conformation Committee assists the Board and management of Holstein Australia by advising on issues relating to the ongoing development of the Australian Holstein breed and the integrity of the classification system. It does not have direct management or administrative responsibility.

All Australian Selection Panel

The All-Australian Selection Panel is appointed by the Board after receiving recommended nominations from the Strategic Directions Committee (SDC).

The selection panel chooses six finalists and first three place getters for each category of the All Australian Photographic Competition.

Members of the Panel are appointed for a three year term.

Following the Board meeting in Nowra Graeme Gillan, CEO, announced that the Board had accepted the SDC's recommendation that Lisa Thompson be appointed for a three-year term.

The following members will form the panel for the 2017/18 competition:

- Robert Walmsley (Robsvue), SA
- Wes Brown (Julieanwes), NSW
- Lisa Thompson (Linsand-V), Victoria, who replaces Stephen Chesworth (Tomargo Recluse), NSW who completed his third term in 2017.



Guest speaker, Peter Parnell, CEO Angus Australia.

Industry insights

This year's AGM included a members' panel session, with guest speakers, Peter Parnell and Michael Bishop, Illumina.

Peter Parnell is CEO of Angus Australia, a breed society that has faced similar challenges to Holstein Australia in terms of evolving to continue to provide relevant services and exclusive value to its members. Peter shared Angus Australia's experiences in creating the Angus Beef brand which has had a major impact on consumer buying behaviour and demand for Angus genetics by Australian beef producers.



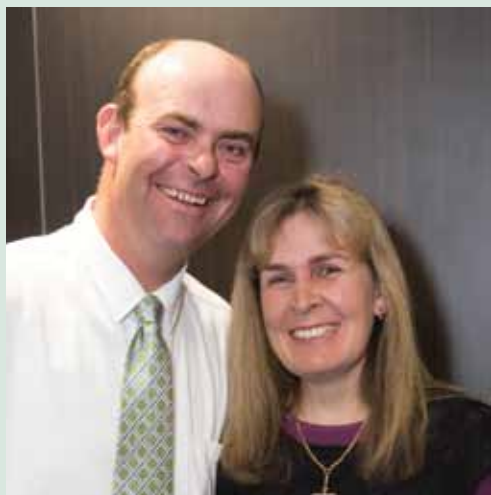
Michael Bishop, Illumina, Wisconsin, US.

Based in the US, Michael Bishop is Global Market Development Manager with Illumina, the company that manufactures the SNP chips for genomic testing. He paid tribute to the ground-breaking work by Australian geneticists Mike Goddard and Ben Hayes that started the genomic revolution world-wide.

Around the world, Holsteins have led the way in genetic analysis because of their excellent data bases of performance records. Michael's vision for the future included the ability for farmers to analyse samples on farm with virtually instant results.

Illumina's markets for genetic testing equipment are for both human and agricultural purposes but the agricultural market represents a much larger volume of testing.

Diary date:
Next year's AGM, awards dinner and delegates tour will be held in Hobart.
Stay tuned for date and venue details.



AGM Highlights

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Strategic Directions Committee Report

Milestone Meeting

The first meeting of the Strategic Directions Committee (SDC) was held in Nowra, NSW in conjunction with the 2017 AGM. It was attended by representatives from the newly-created regions: Ray Kitchen (WA), Gino Pacitti (SA), David Weel (Western Victoria), Jon Holland (Northern Victoria), Justin Johnston (Gippsland, Victoria), Colin Daley (QLD), Marg Hinde (Northern NSW) and Paul Condon (Southern NSW); non-regional representative Steve Chesworth and Youth Representative alternate Jade Whatman; and board representatives David Johnston, Patrick Glass and Garry Carpenter.

The committee discussed its terms of reference to ensure there was a clear understanding of its role. The Strategic Business Plan was presented with a specific priority of discussing communications and marketing,

diversifying Holstein Australia's services and governance.

Communications and Marketing

The CEO presented a summary of broadening communications with members and non-members. It includes the increased use of electronic communication (E-newsletter), social media, website upgrade utilisation of external industry publications and the future role of the *Holstein Journal*.

Diversifying Holstein Services

The committee considered a proposed approach to diversifying Holstein Australia's services by offering a herd genetic audit service to members and non-members. The concept is based on the relatively untapped value of genetics within a herd. The service could potentially allow farmers to track the outcomes of

breeding decisions and identify superior cow families.

Governance

Following a discussion about meeting the needs of sub-branches from governance and funding perspectives, the committee recommended the development of a standard constitution for sub-branches and that the Board review sub-branch funding arrangements.

There was extensive discussion around the implementation of Regional Co-ordinators and the interim support for members' activities within regions.

The meeting was joined by Peter Parnell, CEO of Angus Australia. Following a brief introduction by Peter the members of the SDC participated in a fruitful Q & A session to gain a better understanding of the drivers of success for the Angus breed and the Angus Association.

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Our 2 millionth herd book entry

Holstein Australia has celebrated an historic milestone: the 2 millionth entry in the Australian Holstein herd book.

The heifer that will be now and forever have HB: 2000000, Billabong Bradnick Verify, is owned and bred by the Afford family of Billabong Holsteins, Woods Point SA. The Affords are members of the Fleurieu and Central SA sub-branch.

Verify can be traced back to Volume 16 of the herd book to Ravenswood Beauty born in 1943 and bred by Honorary Federal Life Member and past Federal President Russell A Smith and is the 12th generation represented in the Australian Holstein herd book.

2018 IDW judges

The Holstein competition at the 2018 International Dairy Week (IDW) will be judged by Kiichi Matsushima, from Japan (pictured).



Kiichi is well known in Japan's dairy industry as a breeder of elite animals, successful exhibitor judge on the show circuit and an active contributor to the industry's herd improvement organisations.

His 90-head herd, Key Holsteins, at Kumamoto, has an average classification score of 85.3 and rolling average production of 10,500 kg. Kiichi has bred 45 Excellent cows, having used imported US embryos in his embryo transfer program for many years. He has bred a number of sires used for AI in Japan, including KEY GOLD-TEA MAC.

An enthusiastic exhibitor, Kiichi has been a show judge for more than 20 years, attending the major Holstein shows across Japan. He has held positions on the boards of his local dairy co-op, the National Holstein Improvement Council and the Holstein Cattle Association of Japan.

The ABS Australia/Ridley All Breeds National Youth Show on Monday 22 January will be judged by Brian Behnke from the United States of America; and the Youth Showmanship Competition will be judged by Mark Patullo from Australia.



Pictured with the 2 millionth entry are Gloria and Bob Afford and granddaughters Tegan and Courtney.

How to buy better bulls

Holstein Australia is compiling a list of genomically tested bulls that are available for sale as natural service sires. This is an additional free service for those members who genomically test their sires. We have worked with AI companies to get access to genomic data for bulls that were tested as potential AI candidates but weren't purchased by semen companies.

It is preferable to use AI, because it gives access to a range of high genetic merit sires that meet a variety of breeding priorities. But if you are going to use herd sires, consider using those that have been genomically tested. These bulls are parent-verified to their sire and in many cases their dam, giving you confidence in their pedigree.

Holstein Australia will publish a list of genomically tested herd sires on its website, with reminders through facebook. The web-list can be sorted and filtered based on breeding priorities and will include the owners' contact details. If you are interested in making purchases, you can contact the bulls owner and negotiate with them directly.



Emma Algie visited dairy farms and events in the UK during September and October.

UK exchange winner

West Gippsland Holstein Youth member, Emma Algie (Invermead) is the recipient of the 2017 Australia/UK exchange scholarship.

Selected from a field of strong applicants, Emma's scholarship includes a 5-week tour staying with Holstein UK host families in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, as well as visiting major dairy events such as UK Dairy Day and the HYB All Breeds All Britain Calf show.



George Wagner with the 2016 Cow of the Year Rengaw Goldbullion Janea.

SA service award for Mandy Pacitti

Congratulations to Mandy Pacitti (Misty Brae, Myponga, SA) for receiving a Holstein Australia South Australian service award in recognition of her outstanding service to Youth development and promotion of the breed.

Mandy and her family are tireless volunteers in many dairy industry and Holstein breed events. She is the driver behind Cows Create Careers in SA program, taking a SA Youth team to IDW every year and the Holstein exhibits at the Adelaide Show. The Pacittis regularly host HA sub-branches at their farm and Mandy and Gino were key organisers for the AGMs hosted in SA (Victor Harbour in 2009 and Handorf in 2015).



Many Pacitti accepting the award.

Janea goes global

An Australian cow is among 25 cows worldwide nominated for 2017 Global Cow of the Year. The nomination is based on the cow's progeny and what they have been able to achieve.

The nominee is Rengaw Goldbullion Janea Ex-92-7E, who was the 2016 Holstein Australia Cow of the Year.

With a Balanced Performance Index (BPI) of 287, her lifetime production at nine lactations is 113,825 litres, 4080kg (3.58%) protein, 4988 (4.38%) fat. Her awards include Silver STP, 11 Star Brood cow and LTP 5.

Her descendants include current chart topper bulls, GEMCEE, WRANGLER and JANEK and Australia's number 2 genomically tested female for BPI, Rengaw Manoman Janea-ET GP 84. Congratulations to George Wagner (Rengaw, Tas.) for developing an elite pedigree into an internationally successful family.

Bendigo to host Victorian Winter Fair in July 2018

The 2018 Victorian Winter Fair will be held at Bendigo, 3-5 July.

The lead judge will be Justin Burdette, Windy Knoll View Farm, from Pennsylvania USA. Associate judge will be



Henry Bevan (pictured), Bevandale Holsteins, Ravenshoe, Queensland.

Windy Knoll is known for breeding more than 150 Excellent Holsteins, including two 96-point, four 95-point, and twelve 94-point animals. The stud has won numerous Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor awards, including the 2006 World Dairy Expo Premier Breeder Award.

COMING EVENTS

19-22 October

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

25-28 October

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

29 October – 3 November

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

17 November

Dairy TAS AGM Hagley, Tasmania
Details: Nicki Hayward M: 0477 334 080 E: admin@dairytas.com.au P: 03-6432 2233.

25 November

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

28 November (TBC)

Western Dairy Spring Field Day and AGM.
Details: W: www.westerndairy.com.au Esther Jones M: 0418 931 938 E: esther@westerndairy.com.au

January 2018

National Dairy Youth Camp. Tatura Park, Tatura, Victoria
Details: Lucy Galt, GOTAFE M: 0488 144 999 W: www.gotafe.vic.edu.au/youthcamp.

21 January

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

21-25 January 2018

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

13-15 February 2018

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.
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.rasnsww.com.au/sydney-royal-competitions/competitions/cattle/general-information/ P: 02 9704 1159 Fax: 02 9704 1122 E: cattle@rasnsww.com.au

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2016-17 Cow of the Year

Shining Satins

BY JON HOLLAND

Holddon, North West Victoria

Never before has the value of a powerful maternal bloodline been more evident than at the 2017 Holstein Australia Annual Awards Dinner when Leader Durham Satin EX-91-5E STP(Silver) 12* 2xM 1xP LIFE 4 created history as the third consecutive generation to be named Holstein Australia's Cow of the Year.

In 2005, the title was awarded to Durham Satin's grand dam, Toolamba Broker Satin EX-1E 29* 2xEP 1xM 1xF 1xP LIFE 2. Then in 2011, the first dam and daughter title was achieved when Broker Satin's Startmore Rudolph daughter, Leader Rudolph Satin EX-90-2E STP 12* 2xEP 2xM 1xF 2xP LIFE 5 was crowned. Now in 2017, Durham Satin has also made history as the third generation to receive this prestigious award.

Cow of the Year judge, Master Breeder Rob Calder, Wandilla Holsteins, Leongatha North, Victoria, described Durham Satin as a worthy winner in a competition of extremely high standards.

"All four finalists were quite outstanding," Rob said. "Each was good enough in their own right, but Satin ticked more of the boxes for me. She was a cow that had scored Excellent five times, the most of any finalist. She had an exceptional lifetime production record. And her Star Brood Cow points, and her progeny, and the way they've been performing created the full picture."

Breed Development and Confirmation Committee member, Geoff Horrocks, Foxleigh Holsteins, Yalca, Victoria, agreed. "Satin has done so much. She's done everything expected of a cow over her lifetime. It's that simple," he said. "Being a third-generation winner was just a wonderful added achievement. It really strengthened my belief in the value of those super cow families!"



Master Breeders Melissa and Travis Deans, Leader Holsteins, Oakey QLD with their Cow of the Year 2017, Leader Durham Satin EX-91-5E.

For her Master Breeders, Travis and Melissa Deans, Leader Holsteins, Queensland, Durham Satin's award was a fitting tribute to their premier cow family.

"Our breeding philosophy is to be a 'brood cow factory,'" Travis said. "We've always valued the continuous collection of data, class scores and production figures. It's about letting the cows do the talking, with their performance, not ours."

Ultimate performance

To be regarded as the benchmark of Holstein success, the Cow of the Year must show proven performance in the dairy – not just once, but over many lactations. Like her dam and grand dam before her, Durham Satin has done exactly that!

Her exceptional production performance boasting two milk awards and one protein



Holstein Australia Cow of the Year 2017 - Leader Durham Satin EX-91-5E STP(Silver) 12* 2xM 1xP LIFE 4.



Holstein Australia Cow of the Year 2011 – Leader Rudolph Satin EX-90-2E STP 12* 2xEP 2xM 1xF 2xP LIFE 5 (dam of Leader Durham Satin EX-91-5E).



Holstein Australia Cow of the Year 2005- Toolamba Broker Satin EX-1E 29* 2xEP 1xM 1xF 1xP LIFE 2. (dam of Leader Rudolph Satin EX-90-2E, grand dam of Leader Durham Satin EX-91-5E).

award, peaked on her fifth lactation producing 13,498 litres, 3.16% 426kg protein, 3.32% 448kg fat PI 112 in 305 days. Over her lifetime, Durham Satin exceeded 10,000 litres for each of her eight lactations, with a lifetime total of 114,880 litres, 3.23% 3,728kg protein, 3.35% 3,883kg fat, just short of her Rudolph dam's record of 117,423 litres, 4,008kg protein and 4,435kg fat.

Durham Satin, or 'Durrie' as she is known, showed promise even has a young cow.

"We began seeing Durrie's potential as a 2-year-old. We'd been watching the progress of the Durham daughters overseas. They were winning all the shows in the US, but also showing their potential as brood cows. That's when we decided to work on Durrie as a brood cow and began flushing her," Travis said.

Despite breeding indexes not playing a significant role in the Leader breeding strategy, Durham Satin boasts a BPI+173, TWI+211 at +1,054milk and +43kg protein, ranking her among the very top cows of her

generation. Her Maple-Downs-I G W Atwood daughter, Leader Atwood Sandalwood VG87, also ranks among the top percentage of the breed for TWI with a TWI+272. "I think Sandalwood is showing real promise as a great brood cow," Travis said.

Durham Satin's longevity and confirmation was demonstrated by her regular calving intervals throughout her lifetime, despite regular flush programs. Her combination of eight lactations, extraordinary production totals and superior type at EX-91-5E, EX-94 dairy strength and EX-94 mammary, earned her a Silver Superior Total Performance Award in 2015.

"A goal of ours is to breed cows that have the potential to make 100,000litre cows," Travis said. "The thing about the Satins is they calve down really easily. They don't over-bag, and tend to have smaller calves – even the bull calves are not that big. It gives them a real advantage when they can calve in and get onto their lactation straight away. It's a trait we've really appreciated over the years."

A once in a life time cow

The Satin story at Leader Holsteins began on 25 October 1995 with the purchase of foundation cow, Toolamba Broker Satin EX-1E. A keen cattle fitter, Travis was spending his weekends travelling to shows, learning the art of breeding Holsteins from many premier breeders. One such mentor was Ray Teese, Toolamba Holsteins.

Satin family tree

Paringa Milo Stylish GP82 2* 20/11/1966
(Paringa Dandy Milo GP)



Wiabuna Majestic Susan-TW VG88 10*
24/03/1973
(Paringa Majestic GP)



Wiabuna Kriss Satin-ET GP80 11/08/1981
(Linmack Kriss King)



Wiabuna Enhancer Satin-ET VG86 3* 1xM BPI
-218 25/08/1984
(Glenafon Enhancer VG)



Toolamba Warden Satin-ET VG87 3* BPI -60
04/04/1987
(A Hilltopper Warden EX)



Toolamba Astro Satin-ET EX-3E 4* BPI -46
02/07/1989
(Bridon Astro Jet EX)



Toolamba Broker Satin-ET EX-1E 29* 2xEP 1xM
1xF 1xP LIFE 2 BPI +109 21/03/1992
Cow of the Year 2005
(A Conant-Acres-JY Broker)



Leader Rudolph Satin-ET EX-90-2E STP 12* 2xEP
2xM 1xF 2xP LIFE 5 BPI +215 22/03/1998
Cow of the Year 2011
(Startmore Rudolph EX)



Leader Durham Satin EX-91-5E STP(Silver) 12*
2xM 1xP LIFE 4 BPI +172 05/07/2002
Cow of the Year 2017
(Regancrest Elton Durham EX)



Daughter of Leader Durham Satin EX-91-5E - Leader Atwood Sandalwood VG87, TWI +272, Intermediate Champion Tooowoomba Royal 2015

2016-17 Cow of the Year



Daughter of Leader Durham Satin EX-91-5E - Leader DD Satin EX-90-1E 5*, Reserve All Australian 4-year-old 2010, Intermediate Champion Toowoomba 2009, Supreme Champion dairy cow Lismore Dairy Spectacular 2010, Semex OFC Qld winner 2010. Sold for \$34,000 to Anthony Peatling, Broadway Holsteins.



Daughter of Leader Durham Satin EX-91-5E - Leader Roy Satin EX-92-4E 6* 1xM All Australian 4-year-old 2010, Intermediate Champion Toowoomba Royal 2008, Res Champion Cow Brisbane Royal 2009, Champion Cow Toowoomba 2012, Semex OFC Qld winner 2009.

The moment that changed Travis's path in the industry began shortly after he was the losing bidder on Broker Satin's mother Toolamba Astro Satin EX-3E 4*. He was approached by Ray about a fresh 2-year-old by Conant-Acres-JY Broker he wanted Travis to look at.

"I remember convincing my dad to come and look at her. When we arrived she was tied up, washed and udder-up. She looked amazing and I told dad 'we gotta buy her.'"

Broker Satin showed the width and strength of her sire, but had a more modern look, carrying the femininity and class of her deep maternal pedigree, descending from the popular Sadies of Paringa/Wiabuna. "I used to follow the success of Paringa and Wiabuna. When an opportunity comes up to buy into those lines, you have to take it," Travis said.

"I was so fortunate that day, that Ray came to speak to me about that cow. The Broker was a 'once in a lifetime' cow. She taught me about how to feed cows and how to breed cows. She taught me a heap about dairying and the industry. It's been hell of a ride!"

Champions of Toowoomba

The Satins soon began their dominance across the QLD show circuit, with Broker Satin winning Champion Cow at Toowoomba Royal in 1996. Durham Satin also tasted success at Toowoomba, named Intermediate Champion Holstein and Supreme Allbreeds Champion in 2005.

At the 2008 Toowoomba Royal, Durham Satin's success continued. Not only did she win Senior Champion Holstein - this

time she bought her family with her. In a display of maternal dominance, the Intermediate title went to her Roylane Jordan daughter, Leader Roy Satin EX-92-4E 6* 1xM, while Durham Satin's yearling daughter, Leader DD Satin EX-90-1E 5* was named Reserve Junior Champion. Then in 2009, DD Satin matched her dam and maternal sisters' success in taking the Intermediate title. And in 2012, the Roy returned to Toowoomba to win the Senior Championship.

Descendants of the Durham have since continued her legacy at Toowoomba. In 2013, Durham Satin's granddaughter, Leader MrSam Shania EX-91-2E 2xM 1xP, was named Senior Champion Holstein, the third generation Satin to win this title at Toowoomba. Success continued when Leader Atwood Sandalwood VG87 became the third direct daughter of Durham Satin to win Intermediate Champion when she wowed the judge in 2015, while another granddaughter, Leader Shottle Sadie VG89 1xM 1xP 1xF was Reserve Intermediate 2014 and Senior Champion in 2017.

"Durham Satin was either a member of, or dam of the winning Riverdell Maternally Related Group at Toowoomba Royal nine times of the last 10 years," Travis said.

The Satin's remarkable success in the showring transferred to success in the All Australian competition. Durham Satin became a fourth generation All Australian winner or placegetter when she received Honourable Mention All Australian 3-year-old in 2005 and 4-year-old in 2006. Her daughter Roy Satin was a fifth generation, winning the 4-year-old All Australian

in 2010, having been a finalist four times. Then in a further demonstration of the Durham's brood cow might, her granddaughter, MrSam Shania became a sixth generation finalist when she was fourth in the 4-year-olds in 2013.

Return on investment

Over their career, Travis and Melissa have been industry leaders in Holstein promotion and marketing, with sales of elite stock forming a major part of their business.

"The Satins have really excelled when they've provided other breeders opportunities to breed from them. We're constantly getting messages and social media posts from breeders telling us success stories from animals they've purchased," Travis said proudly.

The success was driven by Travis and Melissa's willingness to sell their best. In 2006, they selected the very best calf from a group of Roy heifers for the Toowoomba Champagne Sale, Leader RJ Satin EX-92-2E 7* 1xM, a daughter of Leader Stormatic Satin EX-91-2E 2*. Selling for \$10,100 to Richard Ellis, High Green Holsteins, RJ Satin was Reserve Intermediate Champion at Royal Melbourne Show in 2007 and All Australian three-year-old in 2008. In 2009, RJ Satin was sold again, this time to the Kuhne family, Bushlea Farms, returning to Royal Melbourne Show to win Champion Cow in 2010. Then finally at the Bushlea Dispersal in 2015, RJ Satin moved again, topping the sale at \$12,500 to Tony and Adrian Munden, Munden Farms, Nilma North.



Leader RJ Satin EX-92-2E 7* 1xM, Res Intermediate Champion Melbourne Royal 2007, Champion Cow Melbourne Royal 2010, All Australian 3-year-old 2008.

"RJ Satin was an incredible cow," Travis said. "Everyone who touched her made money."

A major turning point for Travis and Melissa was their 'Legends of Leader' Sale in 2010. The sale was ground-breaking in its professionalism and marketing, featuring an elite selection of their very best. Their effort was soundly rewarded, with breeders and syndicates from every state bidding eagerly, resulting in the 69 Lots offered grossing \$589,000 for an average of \$8,536.

Descendants of Durham Satin were in high demand, averaging

\$13,625, including the sale topping \$34,000 for her daughter DD Satin, selling to Anthony Peatling, Broadway Holsteins, Toolamba, Vic. Antony has had incredible success with his purchase, breeding many successful show cows and brood cows, and has now sold over \$50,000 worth of progeny.

In a remarkable return on investment, descendants of Durham Satin have returned over \$100,000 in stock sales for the various breeders who have invested in her bloodline.

The final chapter

"The goal isn't to live forever, the goal is to create something that will," taken from 'Diary' the 2003 novel by Chuck Palahnuik.

This quote headlines a page in the 'Final Chapter' Legends of Leader Dispersal catalogue as a tribute to the matriarch of the Leader herd, Toolamba Broker Satin EX-1E.

As Travis and Melissa start a new chapter with their family outside of dairying, their September dispersal will be a final celebration of the stud, the cow families, and their success over the past 22 years.

"The black and white cow has opened more doors around the world that I never thought possible. We've made life-long friends and made life-long memories," Travis said.

It may be a final chapter for Leader Holsteins, but after the sale, a new chapter begins in the history of the Satin bloodline. During the awards ceremony, Holstein Australia CEO Graeme Gillan summarized the final dispersal of the Master Breeder herd not just as an end of an era – but as an opportunity for a new wave of breeders to tap into a world class Australian cow family. **HJ**

Master Breeder foundation

The Satin bloodline can be traced back to the late 1800s, to one of the earliest Holstein imports, Lolkje Veiman (Imp Holland). The line overflows with high impact animals such as Roads End Sandra, Champion Herd Test Cow of Victoria 1941, Wattle Bank Sadie, Champion Cow Sydney Royal 1955 and Brundee Segis Sadie 6 GP82 whose sire and dam were both by Brundee Pride Mercedes the Royal Melbourne Champion Bull 1959, '61 and '62.

The matriarch behind the Satins at Leader Holsteins, was Paringa Milo Stylish GP82 2*.

Stylish was among a founding group of cows Pam Malcolm, Paringa Holsteins, selected from her father Bob Marshall's Paringa herd. It was therefore a very fitting moment during the 2017 Annual Awards presentations when Pam was awarded her second Master Breeder title, on the same night a bloodline Pam had significant influence in establishing were being celebrated.

At the time Stylish was selected she was pregnant to the herd sire, Paringa

Majestic, producing twin heifers, Wiabuna Majestic Sue-TW EX-2E 1* and Wiabuna Majestic Susan-TW VG88 10*. Majestic Sue was Champion at Royal Melbourne and Honourable Mention 4-year-old All Australian 1977, and is the third dam of one of Pam's all-time greats, the 1993 Reserve IDW Champion and twice IDW Best Udder, Paringa Commissioner Empress EX-5E STP 4*.

Twin sister, Majestic Susan, was flushed to Linmack Kriss King, resulting in Wiabuna Kriss Satin-ET GP80, the third dam behind Toolamba Astro Satin EX-3E 4*.

Kriss Satin's ET sister, Wiabuna Kriss Shona-ET EX-3E STP 18* is one of Victoria's all-time most celebrated show cows. Shona was Champion Cow at Deniliquin, Pakenham, Leongatha, Shepparton, Cohuna, Kyabram and Mt Gambier, Junior Champion, Senior Champion and twice Reserve at Royal Melbourne Show as well as a multiple All Australian winner and finalist.



The 'Shona Muzzle', Wiabuna Kriss Shona-ET EX-3E STP 18* (centre) with daughters Holly Sovereign Evonne VG88 (left), and Holly Ultimate Elite EX-1E 5* (right).

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2016-17 Holstein/Semex All-Australian Winners

Gordon family shines

This year's All Australian competition belonged to the Gordon family (Gorbro, Cohuna, Vic.), who took out both Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor's awards.

Joe Holloway from Semex Australia said the competition was a great opportunity to celebrate the achievements of Holstein breeders.

"Everyone looks forward to the All Australian results with great anticipation. It's a great way to showcase the best Holsteins our country has on offer. It's a major achievement for any cow to qualify and the place getters are up there with the best in the world. That's what makes it the most prestigious award for Australian Holsteins," Joe said.

Glen Gordon said receiving the Premier Breeder and Exhibitor's awards was a highlight after a challenging year. "Throughout the ups and downs of the dairy industry, showing offers a welcome opportunity to take pride in our animals and present our best to our communities."

Our thanks to the judging committee, Rob Walmsley (Robsvue, SA), Steve Chesworth (Tomargo Reculuse, NSW) and Wes Brown (Julieanwes, NSW).

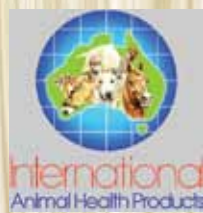
The top three places in each class are featured on the following pages. This year for the first time, we've include comments from the judges about the stand out animals in each class.

PREMIER BREEDER

Awarded to:

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

MATURE COW 6 YEARS & OVER



1st: Missy Moo Ladino Cathy-ET EX-92-2E

Sire: Ladino Park Talent-IMP-ET-RDC-BLF (g) EX

Dam: Wellcoora Igniter Cathy VG87

Breeder: Kayla Bradley, Vic.

Exhibitor: Oakwood Partnership, NSW



2nd: Coral Hill Roy Midas EX-94-4E

Sire: Royleane Jordan-ET-BLF-CVF (g) Ex1E

Dam: Rickdale Mason Mia VG87

Breeder: B A & S E McGinn, NSW

Exhibitor: Diamond Genetics Australia, NSW



3rd: The Points Ernesto Pam EX-90-1E

Sire: Probstland Ernesto (g)

Dam: The Points Toystory Pam EX-90-1E

Breeder: I J & K R McKie, Vic.

Exhibitor: S S & C L Modra, Vic.

4th: Fairvale Baxter Josie 64-ET EX-94-2E

5th: Elm Banks Breakout Odessa EX-93-3E

6th: Caloula Ridge Keeper Jacobonia EX-90-2E

JUDGES' COMMENTS

We chose Missymoo Cathy as a winner over a great matron for the length, width and height of her rear udder and the snugness of her udder. Our second place, Coral Hill Midas is a silky cow showing superiority over Points Ernesto Pam for her cleanness of bone, angularity, texture of udder and sweep capacity.

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5 YEAR OLD



1st: Fairvale Talent Tara 114 EX-90-1E

Sire: Ladino Park Talent-IMP-ET-RDC-BLF (g) Ex
 Dam: Fairvale Damion Tara 104 EX-90-4E
 Breeder: Fairvale Holsteins, Tas.
 Exhibitor: L Thompson & W Mckay, SA & L R & S J Thompson, Tas & B A, K A & M J Goss, Tas



2nd: Avonlea Fever Suzette-ET EX-91-2E

Sire: Crackholm Fever-BLF-CVF (g)
 Dam: Avonlea Jasper Sally-IMP-ET VG85
 Breeder: H T & V J & J H Gardiner P/L, Vic.
 Exhibitor: C P & S J Walsh & Family, NSW



3rd: Hullabaloo Bolton Sundae 7282-ET EX-90-1E

Sire: Sandy-Valley Bolton-ET-BLF-CVF-Byc (g)
 Dam: Burn-Brae Fc Sundae VG89
 Breeder: Murray Varcoe, Vic.
 Exhibitor: Clydevale Holsteins Pty Ltd Atf Dee Family Trust, Vic.

4th: Luccombe Goldwyn Eva-ET VG87

5th: Gorbros Sanchez O Shimmer-ET (g) EX-92-1E

6th: Wandilla Lauthorty Portrait 3rd-IMP-ET (g) VG88

JUDGES' COMMENTS

The 5-year-olds were our favourite class to judge. Our winner, Fairvale Talent Tara, is a standout cow with perfect balance. She won on her angularity, cleanliness bone, incredible udder attachment and seam to rear udder. We liked her capacity and snugness. It was a very close call between the second and third placing. The photo of Suzette shows clearly the height of her rear udder.

4 YEAR OLD



1st: Elm Banks Seaver Donna-ET EX-92-1E

Sire: R-E-W Seaver-BLF-CVF-BYF
 Dam: Elm Banks Dee Donna-ET GP84
 Breeder: Chris & Mary Gleeson, Vic.
 Exhibitor: Chris & Mary Gleeson, Vic.



2nd: Paringa Braxton Parry VG88

Sire: Regancrest S Braxton-ET-RDF-DPF-BLF-CVF (g) EX-92-1E
 Dam: Paringa Champion Paradise-IMP-ET EX-90-2E
 Breeder: Pam Malcolm, Vic.
 Exhibitor: Chris & Mary Gleeson, Vic & A & S Barron, Qld



3rd: Gorbros Goldchip Perfume EX-91-1E

Sire: Mr Chassity Gold Chip-RDF-DPF-BLF-CVF-BYF (g)
 Dam: Gorbros Crown Perfume (g) VG85
 Breeder: R K & J R Gordon, Vic.
 Exhibitor: R K & J R Gordon, Vic.

4th: Rusty Red Liner Georgie-RED EX-91-1E

5th: Avonlea Stanley Cup Portrait-ET VG88

6th: Pooley Bridge Braxton Pam-IMP-ET VG87

JUDGES' COMMENTS

It was difficult to split the first and second place getters in this class. The All Australian is judged by photo only, so it was only afterwards that we realised the first and second placed cows belonged to the same exhibitor. We chose Elm Banks Seaver Donna for her thurl placement and set to leg, as well as her front teat placement and width and fullness to rear udder. She displayed superior capacity and maturity.

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3 YEAR OLD



1st: Murribrook Atwood Ivy-ET VG89

Sire: Maple-Downs-I G W Atwood-ET-BLF-CVF (g)
 Dam: Murribrook Blitz Ivy-IMP-ET VG86
 Breeder: M J Sowter, NSW
 Exhibitor: Samurah Pty Ltd Ta Murribrook Holsteins, NSW



2nd: Mitch Aftershock Irene VG87

Sire: Ms Atlees Sht Aftershock-ET-BLF-CVF-BYF (g)
 Dam: Mooalong Bolton Irene 4225 EX-90-1E
 Breeder: Mitch Holsteins, Vic.
 Exhibitor: Mitch Holsteins, Vic.



3rd: Edge Destry Lara VG85

Sire: Scientific Destry-ET-RDC-BLF-CVF (g)
 Dam: Edge Dundee Lara VG89
 Breeder: Edge Holsteins, SA
 Exhibitor: Edge Holsteins, SA

4th: Mackerdoo Goldchip Lucy (g) VG85
 5th: Eclipse Goldchip Tiffany VG89
 6th: Katandra Park Steady Perfection VG86

JUDGES' COMMENTS

This was a tight class – our first cut included nine cows out of the 21 entries. A quality photo helped Atwood Ivy rise to the top. It shows more angularity and cleanness of bone and dairyness than the other place getters. She is a silky dairy cow and we admired the height and width of her rear udder. She has a length throughout and a depth of flank and breed character showing head and neck.

2 YEAR OLD – IN MILK (OVER 30 MONTHS)



1st: Murribrook Doorman Candace-ET VG87

Sire: Val-Bisson Doorman-ET-DPF-BLF-CVF-BYF (g)
 Dam: Murribrook Goldwyn Candace-IMP-ET EX-93-1E
 Breeder: M J Sowter, NSW
 Exhibitor: Declan L Patten, Vic.



2nd: Pooley Bridge Goldendreams Felicia 72 VG85

Sire: Heavenly Golden Dreams-BLF-CVF (g)
 Dam: Pooley Bridge Outbound Felicia 63
 Breeder: Leslie Farms Pty Ltd, Vic.
 Exhibitor: Leslie Farms Pty Ltd, Vic.



3rd: Bluechip Golden S Whynot VG87

Sire: Mr Chassity Gold Chip-RDF-DPF-BLF-CVF-BYF (g)
 Dam: Bluechip Sid Whynot-ET VG85
 Breeder: Averill Leslie, Vic
 Exhibitor: A T Hogan & B & P Minogue

4th: Thornhill Creek Mascalese Josie GP83
 5th: Linsand-Sa Atwood Camy-IMP-ET VG85
 6th: Murribrook Atwood Valentine-ET VG87

JUDGES' COMMENTS

Our winner - Doorman Candace - is a really correct 2-year-old. She won on her rear udder, bloom and height and the blend of her fore udder. She had the advantage of showing a cleaner dairy bone. We really liked her volume and capacity, particularly in her fore and rear rib.

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



1st: Sun Vale Real Sally VG85

Sire: Hurtgen-Vue Reality-Red-BLF-CVF
Dam: Plana Principal Sally VG87
Breeder: G B & M M Anderson, Vic.
Exhibitor: G B & M M Anderson, Vic.



2nd: Mitch Chipper Beauty-IMP-ET-Red (g) GP84

Sire: Sandy-Valley Chipper-ET-RDC-BLF-CVF-BYF-POC
Dam: Rainyridge Dusk Blossom-RDC
Breeder: Ronald Boerchers, Ravenbrook Holsteins, Hylite Holsteins & Optimal Dairy, Can
Exhibitor: Mitch Holsteins, Vic & Mountain T & P, Vic.



3rd: Brindabella Goldchip Natalie VG85

Sire: Mr Chassity Gold Chip-RDF-DPF-BLF-CVF-BYF (g)
Dam: Brindabella Sanchez Natalie-ET VG86
Breeder: Jade & Scott Sieben, Vic.
Exhibitor: Jade & Scott Sieben, Vic.

4th: Benlargo Snap Rosebloom GP83
5th: Gorbro Atwood Balertwine-ET VG85
6th: Katandra Park Reginald Mel GP84

JUDGES' COMMENTS

This was one of our favourite classes to judge. The winner – Sun Vale Real Sally – jumped out of the page. She is so angular. We loved the snugness of her foreudder. Compared to the second place, Sun Vale Real Sally has more definition of ligament and more desirable rump set. The second and third animals in this class were very close. Mitch Chipper Beauty had a slight edge in the quality and texture showing in her udder.

SENIOR YEARLING DRY (OVER 15 MONTHS)



1st: Bluechip MH Hero Marion VG87

Sire: Siemers Toys Hero 9701-ET-RDF-DPF-BLF-CVF-BYF Ex1E
Dam: Bluechip Dundee Marion EX-90-1E
Breeder: Bluechip Holsteins, Vic.
Exhibitor: Frank & Diane Borba, USA



2nd: Bluechip TT Golddust Frosty-ET

Sire: Sonnek Golddust-ET-DPF-BLF-CVF-BYF (g)
Dam: Bluechip Goldwyn Frosty-IMP-ET VG89
Breeder: Toi Toi Genetics, NZ
Exhibitor: G B & M M Anderson, Vic



3rd: Sunrise Detour Whynot

Sire: Stoneden Detour-ET-Red-BLF-CVF
Dam: Bluechip Destry Whynot-ET
Breeder: Michaela Thompson, Vic.
Exhibitor: Michaela Thompson, Vic.

4th: Murribrook Doorman Cassie-ET
5th: Esjay Walter Philana
6th: Brindabella Kingpin Cheeky

JUDGES' COMMENTS

Hero Marion is a stylish, angular and deep ribbed heifer displaying cleanness through the front end and depth of rib. We chose her for her length throughout and capacity.

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SENIOR YEARLING DRY (UNDER 15 MONTHS)



1st: Waljasper Sid Suzette-ET

Sire: Pine-Tree Sid-ET-BLF-CVF-BYF Vg
Dam: Avonlea Fever Suzette-ET EX-91-2E
Breeder: C P & S J Walsh & Family, NSW
Exhibitor: C P & S J Walsh & Family, NSW



2nd: Sun Vale Colt 45 Dancer

Sire: Mr Chassity Colt 45-ET-RDC-BLF-CVF-BYF-POC (g)
Dam: Sun Vale Rambo Dancer GP83
Breeder: G B & M M Anderson, Vic.
Exhibitor: G B & M M Anderson, Vic.



3rd: Gorbros Solomon Robin-ET

Sire: Walnutlawn Solomon-ET-RDF-DPF-BLF-CVF-BYF (g)
Dam: Gorbros Goldwyn Robin-ET VG89
Breeder: R K & J R Gordon, Vic.
Exhibitor: R K & J R Gordon, Vic.

4th: Gorbros Doormez Shimmer-ET
5th: Datumvale Contrast Tammy-ET
6th: Sun Vale Lotus Caramac

JUDGES' COMMENTS

Sid Suzette was a clear winner, showing length and angularity, sweep to the rib and more desirable length and set to the rump. She had strength and maturity over Sun Vale Colt, who is a sweet youngster from the All Australian.

ALL-AUSTRALIAN HOLSTEIN YOUTH CALF



1st: Gorbros Solomon Robin-ET

Sire: Walnutlawn Solomon-ET-RDF-DPF-BLF-CVF-BYF (g)
Dam: Gorbros Goldwyn Robin-ET VG89
Breeder: R K & J R Gordon, Vic.
Exhibitor: R K & J R Gordon, Vic. Handler: Ella Young



2nd: Gorbros Doormez Shimmer-ET

Sire: Val-Bisson Doorman-ET-DPF-BLF-CVF-BYF (g)
Dam: Gorbros Sanchez O Shimmer-ET (g) EX-92-1E
Breeder: R K & J R Gordon, Vic.
Exhibitor: R K & J R Gordon, Vic.
Handler: Jed Young



3rd: Rockstar Doorman Cranberry 5-ET

Sire: Val-Bisson Doorman-ET-DPF-BLF-CVF-BYF (g)
Dam: Linsand Goldwyn Cranberry-ET VG86
Breeder: Christopher Allen, NSW
Exhibitor: Christopher Allen, NSW
Handler: Lucy Allen

4th: Arabella Doorman Ding. Handler: Delanie Holmes
5th: Wyena B Mac Caboose. Handler: Matt Swayn
6th: Edge Bozeman Sweet-POR. Handler: Heath Treloar

JUDGES' COMMENTS

This was a very close class. Our winner, Gorbros Solomon is a very sweet, stylish calf showing wedge and a cleaner front end than her competitors.

DLS Annual Spring Selection at Shepparton tops \$5,600

17 August

Lot 1 Amelia Park Bradnick Tammy 1st-ET, VG85, backed by many generations of VG dams through to Canadian cow Roulache Grand Tamara, sold at \$5,100. The next lot, her freshly calved Shadow daughter, sold for \$4,400 to N & M Staley of Yarram. Amelia Park Bradnick Tammy 2nd-ET VG85, a full sister to lot 1 sold at \$4,800.

Other sales of the Hylands Master Breeder herd included Amelia Park Bradnick Jewel 3rd-Imp-ET at \$4,600 and Amelia Park Miss Reginald at \$4,500, Amelia Park Supersonic Bee at \$4,100.

The Tramar herd of Mark Symonds sold a line of heifers including Tramar Bradnick Gabriella-ET bred from the Second Wind family at \$3,700 to P & S Daniel (Cleveland) and Tramar Contrast Chris at \$3,000 to D. Crawford (Horizon), Invergordon.

The Dispersed Lindon herd sold a line of heifers including three Red full ET sisters backed by generations of high class dams. Lindon Artesky Kite-ET-Red sold at \$5,600, Lindon Artifire Kite-ET-Red at \$4,000, and Lindon Skyartie Kite-ET-Red at \$3,900. Bruce Fuller (Newhope) sold an outstanding fresh second calved cow Newhope Gillespy Summer backed by seven generations of EX and VG dams at \$3,600.

DLS reported: 60 Holsteins sold to average \$2,488 and gross \$149,250.

Pooley Bridge tops \$12,000

10 August

A huge crowd overflowed the Shepparton Selling Centre for the Complete Dispersal Sale of all the spring-calving heifers from the Master Breeder Pooley Bridge herd of Leslie Farms, Arcadia.

The \$12,000 sale top was for the stylish heifer Pooley Bridge Fever Velvane 52 from a VG87 Shottle with over 16,000 litres, bought by Zanders-Deen (Cairnhill) of Kialla. Next top of \$8,750 was for Pooley Bridge Oakshade Salina 9. She was purchased by J & H Harvey (Harveys Park) of Yarragon.

Strong buyers at the sale were Bruce & Matt Templeton (View Fort) of Tarwin who selected 10 heifers. These include Pooley Bridge Seaver Spottie 14 a daughter of Bolton Spottie 11 VG, 462 kg fat bred down from Sunnyslodge Prelude Spottie a former Canadian Cow of the year at \$7,500.

K, H & M Jones (Cypress Grove) of Foster paid \$7,000 for Pooley Bridge Lautherity Felicia 75, and \$6,500 for Pooley Bridge Reginald Sadie 76 from a 525 kg fat Shottle dam.

The top-selling bull at \$6,800 was Pooley Bridge Kaygold, backed by many generations of high production IDW winners. He sold to Spinner Pastoral Company of Berrigan, NSW.

Jayke and Bec Fisher of Quality Ridge Holsteins selected Pooley Bridge Fever Crista 21 at \$6,500.

Sales calendar 2016

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

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

25 October: Global Impact 111, Declan Patten and Guest Vendors, Camden, NSW

17 November: Fairvale Holsteins Farewell Sale, On-farm at Bracknell, Tasmania
SC – Selling Centre

The well-known Avonlea herd of John & Cherie Gardiner selected several top lots including Pooley Bridge Shottle Rose 99, Pooley Bridge Shottle Anne 87 and Pooley Bridge Seaver Kay 192 all at \$6,000. Other sales included Pooley Bridge Sonic Victoria 2, a daughter of one of five EX full sisters from the famed Arethusia Victoria family. She was purchased by S and N Somerville of Somerelle Holsteins at \$5,500. Pooley Bridge Oakshade Mellisa 2 from a VG87 (first lactation) dam sold at \$5,300 to A Harrison (Krishlaye) of Nerrena.

Pooley Bridge Gillespie Elegance, 20 backed by generations of IDW winners, sold at \$5,000 to G & C Peatling of Katunga.

DLS reported: 70 heifers av. \$3,855, two bulls av. \$4,525. 72 Holsteins grossed \$278,850 av. \$3,875 for a total clearance.

Keep track of calving

A new product on the market in Australia will make it easier for dairy farmers to keep track of calving cows, sending a text message that a cow will calve within an hour.

The system uses a simple sensing device developed in Ireland called Moocall, which is applied to the cow's tail and measures tail movement patterns that are triggered by labour contractions. The sensor can be moved from one cow to the next and is adjustable to any tail size.

More than 18,000 Moocall sensors have been sold in 25 countries. It's now available in Australia through Agri-Gene. (see advertisement, page 34).

Holstein Australia member, Brian Anderson (Bundalong Holsteins, Kongwak, South Gippsland) describes Moocall as a game-changer and says that it has had a massive impact on his peace of mind.

"I used three of them last spring, and I was extremely happy with them. They were easy to secure, and they were simple to operate via the app," Brian said.

"The alert comes through about an hour before the actual birth, and once she is in labour I remove the device and put it on the next cow that I expect to calve. It means I don't need a whole lot of them, and that makes it cost effective as well. They have allowed me more time to do other jobs around the farm, without having to continually come back to the calving shed to check the cows."

"I think they are a great asset for our business to help getting cows calved safely.



Brian Anderson with the Moocall.

They have taken a lot of the stress out of the situation for me, and also eased the burden of checking cows repeatedly in the middle of the night."



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Gatton show

PHOTOGRAPHS: GIANNA KELLY

Plainview, Darling Downs, Queensland

Holstein Interbreed Results

Judge: Allan Clark, Lismore, NSW

Reserve Supreme Senior Champion – Holstein: Glencrest Spirte Supermodel – Rodney Teese

Supreme Pen of 3 Cows – Holstein: MH Contender Philo – Matt Henry; Kaperra Damion Roxy – Craig & Tom Brook; Glencrest Spirte Supermodel – Rodney Teese.

Supreme Senior Udder – Holstein: Glencrest Spirte Supermodel – Rodney Teese.

Holstein Results

Judge: Wes Brown, Tamworth, NSW

Junior Champion: Adadale Attic Kooyong - Paulger Family; Reserve: Ardyllbar Archival Gorgeous -ET - AD & SL Barron; Honourable Mention: Miss Defiant Roxy - Red - Jacklyn Bradley & Bryan Noakes.

Intermediate Champion: Sundar Matson Amity - Brown Family; Reserve: Ardyllbar Atwood Gracious - ET - AD & SL Barron; Honourable Mention: Kaperra Lavaman Icecream - Craig & Tom Brook.

Junior Udder: 1st - Sundar Matson Amity - Brown Family; 2nd - Ardyllbar Atwood Gracious - ET - AD & SL Barron; 3rd Kaperra Lavaman Icecream - Craig & Tom Brook.

Senior Champion: Glencrest Spirte Supermodel - Rodney Teese; Reserve: MH Contender Philo - Matt Henry; Honourable Mention: Grantly Allan Flora - AD & SL Barron.

Senior Udder: 1st - Glencrest Spirte Supermodel - Rodney Teese; 2nd - MH Contender Philo - Matt Henry; 3rd - Kaperra Damion Roxy - Craig & Tom Brook.



Supreme Senior Udder - Judge Alan Clarke (Clarkedale Holsteins & Sunny Valley Guernseys), Glencrest Spirte Supermodel VG87, Gatton Show Miss Showgirl Jazzmin Donald.



Junior Champion, Adadale Attic Kooyong, exhibited by Paulger Family, Kenilworth, Queensland, led by Alana Hopkins.



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Callie seizes Senior Championship at NSW State Show in Nowra



BY JON HOLLAND
Holloddon, North-West Victoria

Sometimes success is a matter of timing, opportunity and hard work. This was the case for Murray Sowter, Murribrook Holsteins, when he decided to late enter the freshly calved Murribrook Jordan Callie-IMP-ET VG88 for the Nowra 2017 NSW State Holstein Show. With some expert management post calving, Callie came away with the ultimate prize of Senior Champion Cow under internationally acclaimed judge, Pat Conroy, Indiana, USA.

Callie was Reserve Intermediate Champion at Sydney Royal Show in 2014, and won her 4-year-old class at the NSW State Show in 2016. Though a proven performer, Murray didn't think she would be ready for Nowra, having only calved a few weeks prior.

"I thought she'd need more time, but a week or so before the show, I looked at her again and thought maybe..." Murray said. Callie did everything right, arriving at the Nowra showgrounds in full form, making her presence felt early, handily winning her 5-year-old in-milk class.

Pat described Callie as showing the dairy quality he was looking for. "My winner is showing great symmetry, balance and bloom, and displays nicer blending of parts than my second place," he said.

Callie's pedigree is loaded with high classification scores and brood cow stars. She is a Gillette Jordan daughter of the Canadian brood cow Rejoga Dundee Connie EX-92-3E 12* and great granddaughter of the 23* Star Brood Cow, Boulet Aerostar Chanel EX-3E.

"The cow family was a good family, but a family without much notoriety," Murray said. "She came from a batch of well-priced embryos I bought from Semex. I believe it's all about opportunity, not the price of the embryo. It's about what you do after the embryo is born - if you put in the work and give them the opportunity to prove themselves they'll reward you."

Senior Champion Cow, Murribrook Jordan Callie-IMP-ET VG88, exhibited by Murray Sowter, Murribrook Holsteins, Moss Vale NSW, led by Simon Tognola.



Reserve Senior Champion Cow, Galba Candyman Janette 6th VG88, exhibited by the Allen family, Galba Holsteins, Cabargo NSW, led by Rocky Allen.



Murray Sowter, Murribrook Holsteins, Intermediate Champion Cow, Murribrook Atwood Ivy-ET VG89, led by Cameron Yarnold, with Kyleigh Cochrane, Glenalbas Holsteins.

In the other senior milking classes, a large group of quality 4-year-olds was led by Bluechip Durham Paradise-TW VG86, exhibited by Travis and Karlee Gilmore, Ingolmore Holsteins, in partnership with Brad and Jess Gavenlock, Cherrylock Co. Fresh on her second lactation, Paradise used her extreme dairy character and udder quality to win over the deep bodied, Galba Axe Candy 2nd VG87.

In the 6-year-olds, two cows separated themselves from the class, with Galba Candyman Janette 6th VG88, exhibited by the Allen family, Galba Holsteins, ahead of the Walsh family's Avonlea Fever Suzette-ET EX-91-2E.

"At the top of this class I have two exceptional cows," Pat said. "However, my first placed cow has had an extra calf, and is holding her udder above the hocks a little better today."

A sentimental favourite at Galba Holsteins, Janette traces back to Rockwall Trump Janette GP83 4*, the first Holstein cow the Allen family purchased when they took over at Galba in 1981.

In the Senior Championship, Pat was keen to acknowledge the correctness and udder quality of his finalists, separating the winning 4, 5 and 6-year-old cows from the line.

"I have a beautiful, sharp dairy cow representing my 4-year-olds. Then a 5-year-old showing great balance along with great height and width of rear udder. Finally, a very correct, very balanced cow from end to end as my 6-year-old," Pat said in his final appraisal. He then tapped Callie as his Champion, with Janette in Reserve and Paradise for the Honourable Mention.

Ivy's dominance continues

In the Intermediate section, all eyes were on Murribrook Atwood Ivy VG89, who had been named All Australian 3-year-old at the Holstein Awards Dinner just days before. The Maple-Downs-I G W Atwood daughter is one of the hottest young Holsteins in the country. In April, Ivy was Intermediate Champion Holstein and Supreme Intermediate Dairy Exhibit at the 2017 Royal Sydney Show. In May, Ivy topped the Murribrook Bred For Success Sale, selling in partnership for \$34,000 to Master Breeder Alan Garraty and family, Glenalbas Holsteins.

Still on the same lactation, spectators were keen to see if Ivy could retain her dominant form. She didn't disappoint, winning her senior 3-year-old class before going on to take the Intermediate title.

"It's been a really nice line-up of young milking cows so far in the show," Pat said. "They all have the qualities it takes to mature into great cows, but one really did it for me. She has a great mammary system, she's hard across the top, hard across the loin, and balanced from end to end."

Behind Ivy in Reserve was the Herne and Russell family's winning junior 3-year-old, Boscawen Butze Queen 6207 VG85, with the senior 2-year-old, Coolea Fantasy Debutante, exhibited by the Crawford family, as Honourable Mention. HJ

NSW State Show Results

Senior Champion: Murribrook Jordan Callie-IMP-ET VG88, M. Sowter, Murribrook Holsteins, Moss Vale NSW; **Reserve:** Galba Candyman Janette 6th VG88, A. and R. Allen, Galba Holsteins, Cabargo NSW;

Honourable Mention: Bluechip Durham G Paradise-TW VG86, T and K Gilmore, Ingolmore Holsteins, and B and J Gavenlock, Cherrylock Co. Yarrawalla, Vic.

Intermediate Champion: Murribrook Atwood Ivy-ET VG89, A. Garraty and family, Glenalbas Holsteins, and M. Sowter, Murribrook Holsteins, Nowra NSW; **Reserve:** Boscawen Butze Queen 6207 VG85, Herne and Russell family, Boscawen Holsteins, Nowra NSW; **Honourable Mention:** Coolea Fantasy Debutante, Crawford family, Coolea Holsteins, Numbaa NSW.

Junior Champion: Waljasper Sid Suzette -ET, C and S Walsh, Waljasper Holsteins, Jaspers Brush NSW; **Reserve:** Lara Reginald Rendell, Ferguson family, Lara Holsteins, Tatura, Vic.; **Honourable Mention:** Arrallik Brady Meg, C. Yarnold, Arrallik Holsteins, Killawarra NSW.



Judge Pat Conroy, Indiana, US, studying the heifer classes.

Strong junior section

A strong contingent of red and whites with an exciting number of youth competitors meant the juvenile section boasted the most entries of the 2017 NSW State Show.

The opening class of autumn-born calves saw Strongbark Solomon Candy's length of frame to win over another Solomon daughter, Boscawen Solomon Fiona.

Boscawen Jacoby Bones was the most correct and balanced heifer in the summer calf class, while Cameron Yarnold's Arrallik Brady Meg, was an easy winner among the spring calves with her stronger pasterns and wide mid-section.

The winter calf class was largest of the day. Lara Reginald Randell, a descendant of the 2015 NHD Victorian Winter Fair and 2015 Sydney Royal Champion, Mooramba Talent Randell EX-91-1E, placed ahead of the stylish Fleyas Malone Jayne-R.

"This was an exceptional class," Pat said. "I re-arranged my line-up twice, but had to go with the black heifer in first."

Recently crowned 2017 All Australian Yearling, Waljasper Sid Suzette-ET showed a little more width and openness through her mid-section to win the autumn yearling class over the 2017 Sydney Royal Honourable Mention heifer, Strongbark Laramie Candy.

Murribrook Brawler Dana, exhibited by the Wilson family, was more desirable in her size and openness to win the large summer yearling class, while Justin Walsh's Diamond Atwood Dita won the spring class. In the final class, the Crawford family's Coolea Sid Bonnie won in the winter yearlings.

After strong competition throughout the morning, the Junior Championship was always going to be a close contest.

Youth Show Results

Class 1 Junior Handlers: 1st Anna Duncan, 2nd Lochie Polson, 3rd Ruby Polson

Class 2 Intermediate Handlers: 1st Georgia Hearne, 2nd Yolanda Thompson, 3rd Scott Negus

Class 3 Senior Handlers: 1st Zak Hackett, 2nd Tailiem Brown, 3rd Sarah Alderton

Youth Show Junior Champion: Galba DB Janette, A. and R Allen, Galba Holsteins, Cabargo NSW, led by Scott Negus; **Reserve:** Rockstar Atwood Tobie-ET, C. Allen, Rockstar Holsteins, Cabargo NSW, led by Shayne Gee; **Honourable Mention:** Galba Boom Jo, A. and R. Allen, Galba Holsteins, Cabargo, led by Yolanda Thompson.

"We have a quality group of heifers on show. The type of heifers that will go on to make great cows," Pat said, before congratulating Justin Walsh and his Junior Champion entry Waljasper Sid Suzette-ET.

The Ferguson family from Toolamba, Northern Victoria, took Reserve with heifer, Lara Reginald Randell, while local entry, Arrallik Brady Meg was Honourable Mention.



Junior Champion, Waljasper Sid Suzette-ET, exhibited by the Walsh family, Waljasper Holsteins, Jaspers Brush NSW, led by Justin Walsh.



Reserve Junior Champion, Lara Reginald Rendell, Ferguson family, Lara Holsteins, Tatura, Vic., led by Erin Cullen.

NSW State Holstein Red Show

An exclusive Red and White Holstein Show was an exciting inclusion to this year's NSW State Holstein Show.

In the Junior section, Andrew Cullen's Fleya Malone Jayne-R took the Champion title ahead of Brad and Jess Gavenlock's Bluechip EV Shesaawesome Apple-ET-R, with a late entry from the NSW State Sale, Mario Park Redhot Alicia-R as Honourable Mention.

All three Champion red heifers performed well in the black and white show, however Jayne won the Junior Red title showing a little more correctness through the rump. Sired by Air-Osa-Mle Malone, Jayne's pedigree is backed by the Royal Melbourne Supreme Champion and back-to-back All Australian winner, Pooley Bridge Storm Jane 2-IMP-ET VG89 5*.

The Wilson family's Monsleigh Dynamite Sylvia-R was stronger across the topline and rump, with an advantage in the balance of her udder, taking the Intermediate Red and White Champion title ahead of Shadyoak Aikman Salsa-IMP-ET-R, exhibited by the McEvilly family in Reserve.

Coral Hill Advent Candy Apple-R VG88, exhibited by the Lucas family, was the only senior red exhibit. She is a descendant of the renowned brood cow and 1992 Canberra Royal Champion, Carmar M.N. Candy-ET EX-2E 10* and the judge quickly justified her standing.

"It's not very often you get a red and white senior cow of this quality. She has great strength of topline, shows great strength through the udder and, and is a well deserving champion," he said in rewarding the 6-year-old Red and White Senior State Show Champion for 2017. **HJ**

Red Show Results

Senior Champion: Coral Hill Advent Candyapple-R VG88, Lucas family, Sherringham Holsteins, Cabargo NSW

Intermediate Champion: Mosleigh Dynamite Sylvia-R, Wilson family, Mosleigh Holsteins, Jambaroo NSW; **Reserve:** Shadyoak Aikman Salsa-IMP-ET-R, B. and A, McEvilly, Evilly Vale Holsteins, Robertson NSW

Junior Champion: Fleyas Malone Jayne-R, A. Cullen, Cullen Holsteins, Tatura, Vic.; **Reserve:** Bluechip EV Shesaawesome Apple-ET-R, B. and J. Gavenlock, Cherrylock Holsteins, Tallygaroopna, Vic.; **Honourable Mention:** Mario Park Redhot Alicia-R, M. Polson, Mario Park Holsteins, Oxley Island NSW.



Jared Cochrane, from major sponsor Raine and Horne, with Senior Champion Red and White Holstein, Coral Hill Advent Candyapple-R VG88, led by Craig Cochrane, exhibited by the Lucas family Sherringham Holsteins, Cabargo NSW.



Red and White Intermediate Champion, Mosleigh Dynamite Sylvia-R, exhibited by the Wilson family, Mosleigh Holsteins, Jambaroo, NSW.



Red and White Junior Champion, Fleyas Malone Jayne-R, exhibited by Andrew Cullen, Cullen Holsteins, Tatura, Vic..



Size and scale impress Brisbane judge

BY JON HOLLAND

Holldoddon, North-West Victoria

The recent purchase of Grantley Allen Flora VG86 proved an astute investment when she was named Senior Champion Holstein at the 2017 Royal Brisbane Show for new owners, Adrian and Sheryl Barron, with their sons Waylon and Tyler (Ardylbar Holsteins, Cambooya, Qld).

The family topped the Master Breeder Grantley Holsteins dispersal sale in May paying \$12,000 for the then pregnant dry cow. Flora delivered a June heifer calf by Stantons High Octane, before adding a Royal Champion title to her name.

Sired by Canyon-Breeze Allen, out of a VG Braedale Goldwyn daughter of the exceptional brood cow, Grantley Outside Flora EX-90-2E 10*, Flora's pedigree traces back to the 1983 Adelaide Royal Supreme Champion and Reserve All Australian, Grantley Marquis Flora EX-4E STP 1*.

"I'd always liked her cow family and I thought the Allen was the best in the sale from that family," Waylon said.

Flora made an immediate impression on the judge, Glen Gordon of Gorbro Holsteins, Leitchville, Vic, who couldn't hold back his praise when she won the 5-year-old in-milk class.

"The cow at the top of the line leads the class with her size and scale, yet gives nothing away in style and cleanliness," Glen said. "She's wider through the rump and wider through the chest and so much quality throughout which places her at the head of the class."

In the Senior Championship, Flora's size and scale again proved the deciding factor.

"These cows are exactly what I'm looking for in a dairy cow. They are great examples of the qualities we want to see, and a real credit to the exhibitors who have made the effort to present cows of this quality here today," Glen said as he placed Flora ahead of his Reserve, 3-year-old Albion Park Shotgun Pam GP83, exhibited by Bernice Jannusch, with Daniel Holme's Arabella Miss Olivia-ET VG85 as Honourable Mention.

Flora went on to win the Blue Hickey Memorial Award for the Senior Best Udder.

"This has been a great show for great udders. My first placed cow has the advantage of four lactations, is fuller at the top of her rear udder with great texture and venation, and shows great snugness of fore attachment today," Glen said.

The Intermediate Championship was a battle of the Senior 2-year-olds, with Daniel Holme's entry, Arabella Smokin Ilma, taking the title ahead of the Barron family's Ardylbar Atwood Gracious.

Results

Champion Junior Holstein: Arabella Fever Frances, Arabella Farming Company; **Reserve:** Adadale Attic Kooyong, Paulger Family; **Honourable Mention:** Arabella Broke Tam, Arabella Farming Company.

Champion Intermediate Holstein: Arabella Smokin Ilma, Arabella Farming Company; **Reserve:** Ardylbar Atwood Gracious, A.D. & S.L. Barron First.

Champion Senior Holstein: Grantley Allen Flora VG86, A.D. & S.L. Barron; **Reserve:** Albion Park Shotgun Pam GP83, Bernice Jannusch; **Honourable Mention:** Arabella Miss Olivia-ET VG85, Arabella Farming Company.

"The more you see this cow the better she looks," Glen said of his winning Intermediate. "She has tremendous balance, is a little cleaner through the crops and flanks and is fuller through the fore and rear rib than my Reserve. She has an incredible udder, with great texture and attachments, definition of seam with an advantage in teat size and placement."

Ilma was also awarded Best Intermediate Udder before advancing to the Interbreed section, winning the prestigious Dr A.R. Haywood Memorial Supreme Champion Interbreed Dairy Exhibit.

Having established the Ilma family from an original appendix calf purchased when first starting out, Daniel was pleased in the way the line is developing at Arabella.

"The Ilmas are just great herd cows that are starting to breed lots of VGs," Daniel said.

Ilma's granddam, Arabella Cjay Ilma VG88 1* 1xM 1xF, by Caernavon Jay, produced three consecutive lactations exceeding 10,000litres, had a lifetime average PI of 111, and has proven to be a founding brood cow of this emerging bloodline.

Arabella also took out the Junior Champion Holstein title with a stylish Crackholm Fever daughter, Arabella Fever Frances. Frances used her correct feet and legs and overall development to place first in the All Australian Calf Class and first in her open heifer calf class.

In the Championship class, Frances took the title over the Paugler family's Adadale Attic Kooyong in Reserve, while herdmate Arabella Broke Tam was named Honourable Mention.

"My Junior Champion is a clear winner here today," Glen said. "She's the most balanced of the junior exhibits. She's stronger through the crops and longer throughout, and tracks better on her rear legs than the very long and clean heifer in Reserve."

Daniel said Frances was picked from a number of young quality Fevers at Arabella.

"The Fevers are showing a lot of promise," he said. "I went back and used him after the Fever cow (Paringa Fever Opa VG89) won at Dairy Week. We've got some milking now doing well and a few young ones coming through. Frances is out of a Jeeves (Ked Jeeves) cow, and I think that cross of Fever over a stronger cow like the Jeeves works well."

The Frances family is relatively new at Arabella, with Daniel purchasing a line of cows from local breeder Francis Cooper, Martrise Holsteins, including the Auldreekie Don Isgood daughter, Martrise Good Oliva GP81, the grand dam of the Junior Champion.

"When Good Olivia had a heifer calf, we already had an established Olivia cow family at Arabella, so we changed the family name to Frances after the original breeder," Daniel said.

Arabella's success continued throughout the show, winning both the Junior and Senior Pen of Three Females along with the Premier Breeder and Exhibitor titles. **HJ**



Judge Glen Gordon, Senior Champion Holstein – Grantley Allen Flora VG86, led by Waylon Barron, Ardylbar Holsteins.



ABOVE: Junior Champion Arabella Fever Frances, exhibited by Arabella Holsteins, led by Delanie Holmes.

LEFT: Reserve Intermediate Champion Ardylbar Atwood Gracious, exhibited by Ardylbar Holsteins, led by Waylon Barron. Intermediate Champion Holstein and Supreme Intermediate Dairy Exhibit, Arabella Smokin Ilma, exhibited by Arabella Holsteins, led by Dean Malcom. Judge Glen Gordon – Gorbros Holsteins.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Senior Champion - Grantley Allen Flora VG86, second 4-year-old in-milk - Adadale Windbrook Nona VG88; Honourable Mention Senior Champion – Arabella Miss Olivia-ET VG85; Reserve Senior Champion – Albion Park Shotgun Pam GP83.



A bright future for Adelaide Champion

BY JON HOLLAND

Holldon, North-West Victoria

Holsteins were the feature breed at the 2017 Royal Adelaide Show, with esteemed international judge, Brian Carscadden, from Ontario, Canada, drawing exhibitors from across South Australia, Victoria and even Western Australia.

Judging began in the All Australian Calf Class with Brian selecting Edge Heath Jill exhibited by the Treloar family. The very complete and 'pretty' Esjay Crunch Winter took the next class, before Bluechip EV Shesaawesome Apple-ET-R won a closely contested winter yearling class ahead of Mooway Heztry Heather in second.

Torlea Dempsey Opala, exhibited by Bridget Liebelt, had the advantage in her leg structure to win the spring yearling class, while in another close contest, Brian gave the very clean and open Beclah Park Roy Nardoo a win in the 18 month olds. The Altman family then took the two year old dry class with Blackwood Park Brady Sonny 7521.

For his Junior Champion, Brian's pick was obvious, selecting Bluechip EV Shesaawesome Apple-ET-R, a very stylish,



Supreme Interbreed Intermediate Champion, Glenorleigh Brady Lilac VG86, led by Bec Hehir.

golden-red yearling exhibited by Brad and Jess Gavenlock, Cherrylock Holsteins. "This heifer is exceptional. She's so massive. She's so deep. She's so open through her mid-section and has great width of chest and spring of rib," Brian said.

Mooway Heztry Heather, exhibited by Colin and Glenda Dohnt, was named Reserve with Steve and Renee Joyce's entry, Beclah Park Roy Nardoo receiving an Honourable Mention.

The Gavenlocks bought Apple at the 2016 Bluechip Dispersal in partnership with Henry Bevan, Bevandale Holsteins, Qld. Exhibiting all the characteristics of her famous bloodline, her pedigree boasts four crosses of the celebrated red and white brood cow Kamps-Hollow Altitude-ET EX-95-2E.

After a busy campaign, Brad and Jess will give Apple a break from the show circuit as they concentrate on her breeding. "We're planning a quick flush before setting her up for IDW 2019 as a junior milking two year old," Brad said.

Intermediate Champion does everything right

The Intermediate title was a contest between the first placed senior 2-year-old, Empire Sid Pearl GP83, exhibited by Andrew Pacitti, and the winning 3-year-old, Glenorleigh Brady Lilac VG86 exhibited by Rob Walmsley and Bec Hehir.

Lilac took the Championship with her stronger fore attachment and superior height and width to the rear udder over the very correct and balanced Pearl in Reserve. Ben and Angela Tweddle's entry, Benlargo Impress Ding GP82 was Honourable Mention.



Honourable Mention Junior, Beclah Park Roy Nardoo led by Kaitlyn Joyce, Reserve Junior Champion, Mooway Heztry Heather led by Casey Treloar, Junior Champion, Bluechip EV Shesaawesome Apple-ET-R led by Jess Gavenlock with judge Brian Carscadden.



Senior Champion Holstein, Mooway Destry Carmel VG88, exhibited by Colin and Glenda Dohnt, Mooway Holsteins, Victor Harbor, SA

Rob had selected Lilac as a calf from Master Breeders Bill and Jo Thompson. A fancy calf with a fancy pedigree, she descended from one of the Thompsons' premier cows, Glenorleigh Outside Lilly-ET EX-91-5E STP 8*.

"This was Lilac's first show. We wanted to take a young milker, and she took to the halter really well. She was so easy to work with and did everything right. She was walking on the lead on her second tie-up," Bec said of her champion, who also went on to win Supreme Intermediate Interbreed Champion.

A 'big time' Champion

The senior Holstein classes started strongly, with Mooway Destry Carmel VG88 winning the four year old class showing great presence and superior udder attachments.

In a close battle, the 5-year-olds saw a late line-up switch, with Beclah Park Dempsey Nona-ET VG86 finishing first for her hard top, chest width and udder quality ahead of the super refined Bluechip Durham G Paradise-TW VG86.

The impressive Glenorleigh Atwood Tamara EX-90-1E, exhibited by Vaughn Johnston, Southern Edge Genetics finished ahead of Lachlan Fry's entry Nairobi Mercury 15 VG88 in a strong 6-year-old line-up. "Everyone around the ring would love to take these cows home," Brian said. "My first cow has had an extra calf and is

wider through the chest than my second place."

The Mason family took first and second in the mature aged class, with Jervois Steady Winnie EX-91-1E ahead of her eleven-year-old, seventh-lactation herdmate, Jervois Devil Midge EX-92-5E. "These are the type of cows I like," the judge said. "Cows that have stood the test of time."

The senior championship was a mixture of maturity and youth, with the 4-year-old Mooway Destry Carmel VG88 exhibited by Colin and Glenda Dohnt, selected as Champion.

"Today, I'm going with a cow that I think is a 'big time' cow. I love her symmetry, her length of neck and frame. She is a great combination of dairyness and strength. A beautiful cow almost free of fault," Brian said.

Brian then called on his two 4-year-olds, Beclah Park Dempsey Nona VG86, exhibited by Steve and Renee Joyce as Reserve, with Travis and Karlee Gilmore and Brad and Jess Gavenlock's entry, Bluechip Durham G Paradise-TW VG86 as Honourable Mention.

The win was a huge thrill for Colin and Glenda Dohnt, who have been regular competitors at Adelaide since 2011. Having won the SA State Finals in the 2016 On Farm Challenge, Colin was excited by the way Carmel had continued to develop.

"She has so much presence in the way she carries herself, she catches your eye every day when she's comes into the

dairy," Colin says proudly. "She has a great temperament and she's been really easy to work with. Nothing fazes her."

The Dohnts have a 2016-born Butz-Hill Megasire daughter from Carmel showing great promise, as well as a 2017 born daughter by Butz-Butler Atwood Brady. Carmel will calve again February 2018 to sexed Edg-Kb Moxi 31167 with the aim at competing at the 2018 Victorian Winter Fair, and potentially setting her next calving for a run at IDW 2020.

"This cow has a great future. She wins here today – but I'm sure we'll see her again. She WILL be winning many more," Brian said in his final comments as he named Carmel his Supreme Udder and Supreme Holstein Exhibit. **HJ**

Results

Juvenile Champion Holstein Female: Bluechip EV Shesaawesome Apple-ET-R, B & J Gavenlock, H Bevan; **Reserve:** Mooway Heztry Heather, C & G Dohnt; **Honourable Mention:** Beclah Park Roy Nardoo, S & R Joyce.

Intermediate Champion Holstein Female: Glenorleigh Brady Lilac VG86, R Walmsley, B Hehir; **Reserve:** Empire Sid Pearl GP83, A Pacitti; **Honourable Mention:** Benlargo Impress Ding GP82, B & A Tweddle.

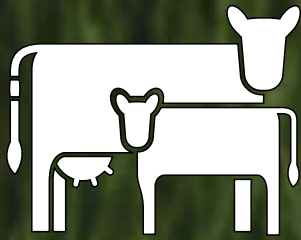
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Supreme Champion Holstein Female: Mooway Destry Carmel VG88, C & G Dohnt.

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Reserve Senior Champion, Beclah Park Dempsey Nona-ET VG86 exhibited by Steve and Renee Joyc, Beclah Park Holsteins, Kyabram, Vic., and Honourable Mention, Bluechip Durham G Paradise-TW VG86 exhibited by Brad and Jess Gavenlock, Cherrylock Holsteins, and Travis and Karlee Gilmore, Ingolmore Holsteins, Yarrowalla, Vic.



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Latest ABV release highlights the value of Holstein genetics

The August ABV release from DataGene has highlighted the value of Holstein genetics. Some of this can be attributed to the stunning impact genomics has had on the rate of genetic progress of the Holstein breed around the world. In Australia, there has been tremendous progress across all traits and importantly significant improvements for the many valued health traits such as daughter fertility.

This is illustrated in the trends of the averages for Australia's top Holsteins as presented in the Goods Bull Guide over the last four proof runs (only 16 months). The table shows the trends for Balanced Performance Index (BPI), BPI based on genomics, Health Weighted Index (HWI) and Daughter Fertility.

The diversity within the Holstein breed makes it a suitable choice for dairy farmers with quite different breeding goals.

Two great examples are Daughter Fertility and components. Over the past 14 years, the Holstein breed has turned around a downward trend in Daughter Fertility to leading the improvement for this trait. There's renewed interest in components with the additional value recently being placed on fat. The Holstein breed offers a selection of bulls to improve components without sacrificing other important traits.

To continue to highlight the value of genetics and availability of highly ranked bulls Holstein Australia has again worked with the various companies supplying genetics to Australia to provide editorial. This allows each of the companies to provide a snapshot from the August proof run.

On behalf of Holstein Australia, we hope you enjoy the information around the sires available and also read the articles featuring the high ranked cows of the breed and the breeders who are developing these outstanding genetics.



Proof Release	Average of the top 20 bulls within each category			
	Balanced Performance Index (BPI)	BPI for Genomics ABV(g)	Health Weighted Index (HWI)	Daughter Fertility ABV
April 2016	271	268	221	112
August 2016	283	279	233	114
April 2017	303	319	254	115
August 2017	305	327	258	115



'Unprecedented' 20 ABS sires rank above 300 BPI\$ in Australia

ABS continues to lead the Australian ABVs with 20 sires above 300 BPI\$, according to the rankings released in early August. "Having this number of sires above 300 BPI\$ is unprecedented in the Australian industry," ABS National Sales Manager, Paul Quinlan, said. "For ABS it's never been about just being number one. Number one is one sire. It's nice to have but it doesn't go very far if you're a dairy farmer. Our global investment in genetic science aims to develop sires that offer dairy farmers the best range of choices to meet their herd development goals. I think the ABVs show very clearly that our strategy is working here in Australia.

With 20 sires above 300 BPI\$ ABS has the widest choice and can package up a range of sires to meet what individual dairy farmers are looking for. Among the sires leading the way in the ABS line up in the most recent ABV rankings are the two brothers, 29H016667 TOPSY, the #1 Australian daughter proven sire, and 29H016714 BALISTO who sits at #3 on the full Interbull list with daughters. Alongside them are 17 young ABS genomic sires which will set the scene for the future. The ABS sire team offers Australian dairy farmers the best sires available. Whether you want BPI\$, NM\$, TPI or high type ABS has sires that will produce profitable genetics and help them to meet the ever changing economic demands of dairy farming," Paul said.

Notable sire 29H017573 SILVER is #7 on the U.S. TPI proven rankings. SILVER requires very little introduction. He was an instant success and had global appeal, coming from one of the best cow families in the world. Along with his impressive TPI 2637 and 241 BPI\$ he brings high fat with great udders and feet and legs. He produces long-bodied cows with good milk while maintaining fat and protein percentages. SILVER is a breed leader for type and production and is a total customer satisfaction sire.

ABS has also added a new Icon sire, 29H018589 PONTIFF, a Jett son from a VG- 86 Reflector dam. He produces great udders and lots of strength. PONTIFF's maternal grand dam is a Supersire, followed by 4th dam, an O-Style. PONTIFF has excellent health traits and is a 5 star TransitionRight™ sire. He has an impressive TPI 2845, NM\$ 925 & gBPI\$ 279.

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New stars emerging to join favourites

August proof time continues to show the increasing value of North American genetics for the Australian industry. With new bulls jumping to the top of the rankings, some new stars starting to emerging and some old favourites consolidating their position as true breed leaders.

Alta's ABV sires are headlined by AltaBETTMAN on BPI. Ranking in the top 10 with a BPI of 320, Bettman offers high component milk, extreme fertility, moderate frames, genuine calving ease and is an A2 bull.

AltaREGAL added more daughters and now has 266 milking daughters in Australia. AltaREGAL made gains for BPI, HWI and TWI now ranking at 270, 204 and 302 respectively and offers farmers great milk flow, high protein yield, extreme SCS with great workability ratings. He is also more than 1 standard deviation higher for type than his genomic prediction and is one of the most reliable all round transmitters of the breed.

Leading the way for new graduates to the daughter proven ranks is AltaHAYMAKER. At 277 BPI and an amazing 118 for Daughter fertility, HAYMAKER also provides a no holes linear combining moderate frames and great udders with amazing feet and legs.

Alta1stCLASS and AltaROBLE have now burst onto the ABV scene. Both fully daughter proven, these two bulls match BPI at 218 and are equal 2nd for Mammary in the *Good Bulls Guide* with a rating of 114. Add in high survival, great workability ratings, extreme SCS and fertility and you have a complete package with either bull.

On the US system Roble is proving to be one of the most unique bulls in the system. Not only does he offer over 1000lbs milk but he is also the highest rated UDC bull in the top 50 daughter proven bulls in the US. In fact, when you look closer you will notice that AltaROBLE is the only bull that is over 3 for UDC and 3 for DPR. Rating at 3.13 for UDC and 3.8 DPR, AltaROBLE is a must use sire for any producer wanting to improve udders and fertility in one generation. Alta1stCLASS is also unique being the only bull in the US at 3.50 or better for UDC and 1.0 or better DPR. Both bulls are Concept Plus rated for semen fertility so add total fertility to their 'Most Complete Package in Industry' tags.

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AltaROBLE daughter.



MAEBULL increases ABV ranking

April ABV graduate MAEBULL (Palermo x Shottle) has moved past the magical 300 BPI barrier. He was the result of an embryo imported by Calister Holsteins, Victoria. Genetics Australia General Manager Anthony Shelly, says MAEBULL's blend of production and management traits is ideal for our farming systems with daughters that are medium for stature, highly fertile and extremely resistant to mastitis. He offers a lift to milk volume at +296 and with a +.21% Protein and +0.14% fat, is 90% black and A22.

"There is no doubt he has the best balanced ABV of any bull we have ever graduated," Anthony said.

MAEBULL ranks just ahead of the April number one daughter proven sire GEEMCEE (MoM x Shottle) who tops the list with an impressive 293 BPI. Like MAEBULL, he offers an ideal blend of production and management with 102 for Calving Ease.

Another bull that lifted this ABV run after adding some 120 milking daughters is ROYALMAN (Goldwyn x O-Man). Bred in Tasmania by Hindlee Holsteins at Smithton, ROYALMAN was a popular genomic sire and is living up to his promise. At 282 for BPI and 102 for Calving Ease ABV at 95% reliability he can be used over maiden heifers and his 111 ABV for Daughter Fertility places him among the Holstein elite for this important trait.

Leading the Holstein genomic line up is ROWLING (Cashcoin x Jetfinn) at an impressive 328 BPIg followed by SILVERLINE (Silver x Fever) at 317 BPIg. Both rank in the top 1% for BPI, HWI and TWI making them exciting young bulls and available generations ahead of when they would have been available in the pre-genomic era.

Reliable bulls such as MEDALLION (Informer x Knockout) still appeal to many farmers. He continues to remain in high demand and semen production despite his senior years. With more than 8,000 herd recorded daughters and many more milking, his 114 ABV for mammary makes him the first choice to improve udders and at 99% reliable for production, workability and health traits is an easy bull to use.

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MAEBULL.



The sires providing genetic solutions

Semex's genetic development strategy is netting results for our clients worldwide as well as here in Australia. In August, Semex is proud to offer Genomax™ sires in the 200 lineup that offer clients the genetic solutions they need to remain and become more profitable and long-lasting:

- 0200H010777 Westcoast Perseus (Penmanship x Doorman x Robust) is an internationally popular and high-ranking GTPI Genomax™ sire at +2679 that is also HealthSmart™, A2A2, GrazingPro and available as Semexx™. Perseus remains at the top of the genomic BPI listing at #3 with a +342 BPIg. He offers +21kg protein, +27kg fat with +0.38% protein and +0.37% fat, along with +168 cell count, +115 daughter fertility and +108 survival.
- Semex's Immunity+™ sire 0200H010360 Sandy-Valley-I Pembroke (Davinci x Numero Uno x Planet) offers the valuable Immunity+ brand and is a HealthSmart, Calving Ease, Robot Ready™ and GrazingPro sire. He is the #8 BPIg +326 and #1 TWIlg sire at +338 with extreme components of +0.20% protein and +0.44% fat, as well as +170 cell count, +110 daughter fertility and solid +105 overall type and +109 mammary.
- Genomax sire 0200H010220 Leothe Dark Vador (Enforcer x Sudan x Baxter) continues to be popular in Australia, holding his high ranking at #18 with +315 BPIg. He offers a unique sire stack and is a HealthSmart, Calving Ease, Robot Ready, A2A2 and GrazingPro sire with +21kg protein, +33kg fat with +0.35% protein, +0.43% fat, +111 daughter fertility and +107 survival.
- Producers looking for Semexx™ gender sorted semen look no further than 0200H010755 Westcoast Galahad (Penmanship x Jacey x McCutchen), offering an outcross pedigree, +301 gBPI, +104 overall type, +104 mammary system, +114 daughter fertility and +109 survival along with being Robot Ready
- We're pleased to offer 0200H010777 Westcoast Perseus' maternal brother by Supershot, 0200H010610 Westcoast Windmill. He's a high fertility Repromax, HealthSmart, A2A2 and GrazingPro sire at +289 gBPI, +105 overall type, +108 mammary system, +179 cell count, +107 survival and +109 daughter fertility.

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View-Home Drman Wsconsin VG-88-3YR-CAN, dam of Westcoast Windmill and Westcoast Perseus.



New TLG sire suits the marketplace

The exciting early Ocean PP son, Coomboona Ocean Suits 1 PP RC, commonly known and marketed as TLGSUITS, has topped the charts and maintained his position as the No. 1 standing BPI sire in Australia at 330 BPI.

The excitement around this young sire grows with his recent Polled testing, confirming this Red Carrier is not only a polled sire but a homozygous polled sire (PP). TLGSUITS is the highest ranked PP sire on BPI of all available sires globally in the recent Good Bulls Guide release. Delivering a balanced set of numbers at 167 for ASI, 108 for Daughter Fertility and 103 both Overall Type and Mammary Systems, TLGSUITS has more strings to his bow than just BPI. His balanced very correct Numero Uno dam Venture Uno Suits scored VG87 as a 2-year-old. With Goldwyn in his pedigree, you can expect soft shallow udders on medium-statured, angular progeny from this high ranking BPI sire. Australian dairyfarmers can use TLGSUITS with confidence knowing that he will transmit the important traits to meet the modern dairy farmers needs.

TLGCRUISER, Clydevale Medallion Cruiser The Medallion son, from the same cow family that produced Lordpres, provides a recipe for farmer satisfaction with this pedigree and backed by 9 generations of VG or Excellent dams. TLGCRUISER has delivered the confidence in the pedigree with him still holding the title of the #1 Australian Mammary Sire at +112 for four consecutive proof runs. Not only does TLGCRUISER have outstanding udders he also brings to the table his A2/A2 status and +108 for daughter fertility.

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**GDam of
TLGCRUISER,
Clydevale
MrSam Pisa
EX-91-1E.**



**Dam of
TLGSUITS,
Venture Uno
Suits P.**



Viking delivers No. 1 Proven Holstein

Viking Genetics Australia has delivered the top proven Holstein for the August ABVs. VH BOOTH has a BPI of \$345 and is also the number one bull for HWI. VH BOOTH (Beacon x Planet) has a super reliable proof with 2556 daughters.

He originates from an embryo that VikingGenetics bought in Holland at the Koepon farm. The dam is Koepon Plan Classy 62 and her dam Koepon Shot Classy 17. An exceptional production family that is also the breeding profile of VH Booth – production index at 130 and protein index at amazing 131. At the same time he is able to achieve good health and fertility traits. His daughters are very calm cows with good calving ease at 114 (NTM system).

The April ABVs had VH BOOTH with 747 daughters and a BPI of \$329. Now, in August, with 2,556 daughters his BPI is a staggering \$345! Truly a champion sire, VH BOOTH's strengths are protein and fat kgs, his protein is +33kg with 928L milk and +0.15%. Cows are of medium stature with lovely rear udders and longer teats. Health traits are excellent also with cell count 160, daughter fertility 107 and survival 108 and you can add to that from the Viking system positive maternal calving ease, udder health metabolic disorders and less lameness.

VH MIRACLE is still in the top 20 Australian proven with a BPI of \$246. He now has 231 daughters in 38 herds in Australia and over twenty thousand daughters worldwide. Most of Miracle's strengths are in his health profile, with excellent scores for daughter fertility, SCC, feed saved, calving ease (sire and maternal) and survival. From the Viking system, add very high resistance to metabolic and reproductive disorders, hoof health (less lameness), less mastitis and very good scores for milking speed and temperament. VH MIRACLE is a problem solver on you Holstein cows.

VH Miracle was born at Anderstrup Holstein I/S in Denmark in 2010 and was a heavily used genomic bull. The dam by Roumare has more than 15,000 kg milk in average per year with more than 1,100 kg fat + protein. She is classified VG89 and is still a bull dam in VikingGenetics. Her dam is the well-known Tir-An Calano Kristine EX92.

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VH Booth daughter.



MYSTIC: The complete package backed by a proven cow family

A result of the Aggressive Reproductive Technologies™ (ART™) program at Select Sires these animals carry the S-S-I prefix. 7H011395 S-S-I Shamrock MYSTIC-ET (EX-90) is the perfect combination of production, health, and fertility. A Top 50 TPI sire (+2516 TPI), MYSTIC is also the #2 BPI, #3 HWI sire and the #2 Fertility sire in Australia. It is his balance of milk (+545 litres) with components especially protein test (+0.13%P) and incredible daughter fertility (+119 daughter fertility) that help him climb the rankings. MYSTIC can also be used with confidence on hard breeders to create pregnancies with +2.2 SCR.

This SHAMROCK son is a maternal brother to 7H011383 MORGAN and backed by a powerful cow family. Out of Roylane Shot Mindy 2079-ET, MYSTIC's pedigree includes six generations of Very Good or Excellent dams, including Seagull-Bay Oman Mirror (VG-86-DOM). Mirror's influence is significant within the North American genetics, as the dam of ROBUST and the 4th dam of elite TPI genomic young sires like JEDI and FLAGSHIP.

Mirror's ability to transmit elite traits isn't limited to her male offspring. She is the powerful force behind several influential females that have turned into exceptional brood cows, each making an impact on the Holstein breed. Mentioned above, Roylane Shot Mindy 2079-ET (VG-86), the daughter of Mirror, is one of the original ART success stories. Breeding Mindy to BOOKEM resulted in S-S-I Bookem Modesto7269-ET (VG-87) who is best known as the dam of S-S-I Suprsire Miri 8679-ET (VG-88). Miri established herself as a genetic leader in the autumn of 2015. A former No.1 GTPI cow, Miri has produced some of the breeds most elite GTPI sires available, such as FLAGSHIP, MILLER-P, and full brothers JETT and JEDI. Currently the No.1 GTPI sire with semen available, JEDI has impressed the industry with his genetic excellence and ability to produce an array of breed leading sons and daughters. With several sons topping Holstein Association USA's Top 200 Genomic Young Sire list, JEDI's impact is just beginning. This is all made possible through creative matings and a proven cow family.

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JEDI dam.

No.1 Proven sire

VH BOOTH



VH Booth daughter Liana from the Jukka Silpola farm



VH Booth daughter Heidi from the Erik Anderson farm

VH Booth (Beacon x Planet) A22



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Elite Achievement Awards 2016/17

Production Achievement (Diamond) 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. The minimum production requirements to achieve Diamond LTP are: 110,000 Litres, 3750kg Fat, 3200kg Protein. It takes a truly exceptional cow to achieve a Diamond LTP. The LTP can be awarded posthumous. Refer to the Holstein Australia website for more information. We've listed cows receiving LTP Diamond in 2016/17.

Cow	Class Score	Owner
Kindara Donor Surprise-ET	EX-92-5E	Scott & Philippa Robinson
Church Farm Chariot 485	GP81	R O & A P Jones
St. Clair Nuclear Bridie	EX-90-4E	St Clair Holsteins
Eagle Ridge Medal Julie	VG87	R G & K V Eagle
Marion Dale Carol 26th	VG85	T & H D Williams
Solney Wijn Duchess 4th-ET	EX-92-5E	P A & F A Jefford
Calderwood E.M. Laura	VG86	Michael Finch, Finch Family P/Ship
Fairvale Leader Jan 21-TWIN	EX-93-5E	Multiple Ownership
Elm Banks Integrity Peach-ET	EX-92-4E	Chris & Mary Gleeson
Rengaw Goldbullion Janea-ET	EX-92-7E	Rengaw Holsteins
Kyanya Metro Connie	VG87	Craig Stanford
Aughiskia Prelude Mabbie	EX-90-1E	C & W Watts
Davesue Park Meadowlord Paula	VG88	David John Beer
Somerelle Sam Lassco	EX-92-7E	Somerelle Holsteins
Purnim Ethan Elthora	EX-93-3E	Purnim Holsteins

Boscawen Zenith Juliet 3690 (VG87);
Boscawen Holsteins
Dilee Informer 824 (EX-91-4E K L & D M White
Elanen Mateman Lynne (EX-90-1E B L & M Coster
Fairvale Outside Aclemenda 3-TWIN (EX-92-3E); Fairvale Holsteins
Glenorleigh Terrason Padstow (EX-90-3E J C Altmann & Son
Golderama Bergwil 1017 (EX-90-1E L B & M A Golder
Hilford Mainroad Peggy (VG85 R H & C W Baker
Holloddon Ideal Anna 1646 (VG87 J M & N L Holland
Treeton Donor Sylvia (EX-90-4E G A & L E Jenkins
Warramont Faber Daisy (EX-90-3E D J & T A Fiebig
Warramont Outside Mirror-ET (EX-91-4E D J & T A Fiebig

Star Brood Cow awards

The Star Brood Cow Award recognises genetically superior brood cows based on the conformation and production performance of their progeny. To qualify a cow need not be classified but must have produced at least three progeny classified GOOD PLUS or better. We've listed cows receiving 10 stars or more in 2016/17.

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Carenda Ella Vanish (1990-05-09)(EX-4E); J & M Kitchen & Sons
Paramont Inspiration Butter-ET (1989-05-30)(EX-5E); Fairvale Holsteins

22* Star Brood Cow

Orchard Vale Insp Polkadot-ET (1989-09-14)(EX-4E); R G & K V Eagle

21* Star Brood Cow

Ponderosa Storm Connie 2nd (1999-10-10) (EX-91-4E); Multiple Ownership

20* Star Brood Cow

Carenda Harrier Vogue (1998-05-20)(EX-90-2E); Kitchen Farms

18* Star Brood Cow

Lengora Sultan Ding-ET (1988-02-18)(EX-6E); Top-Brae Holsteins

Superior Total Performance

The Superior Total Performance (STP) award recognises longevity. These awards are applied for individually at classification. To be eligible a cow must classify with a type of VG85 or higher; have a mammary value of at least 85; have milked for at least six lactations and meet the production requirements for the STP level. A diamond STP cow is the most exceptional of all the HA awards. We've listed cows that received Diamond and Gold STP awards in 2016/17.

Refer to the Holstein Australia website for Superior Total Performance category details and minimum standards

Diamond STP

Milestones: 12 lactations – 100,000 L – 3750 fat (kg) – 3200 protein (kg)

Alnor Enid Aljody782 3357 (EX-90-3E); Alnor Partners
Elanen Donor Evie (VG88); B L & M Coster
Far Vista PP Colette 2nd (VG89 R H & D E Grumley

Gold STP

Milestones: 10 lactations – 83,333 L – 3215 fat (kg) – 2667 protein (kg)

Alnor Sue Shylad 4191 (EX-90-3); E Alnor Partners
Bellbrook Goldbullion Nolly (VG88); B L & M Coster
Blackwood Park Leon Liz 5288 (VG87); J C Altmann & Son

Note: These lists include herds that in the past have not been included in the annual Awards Search and retrospectively includes an extended production period over past lactations. Future Award lists published in the Journal will be extracted from the most recent July to June period.



17* Star Brood Cow

Avonlea Sky Jacobonia-ET (1995-03-07)(VG88); Craig & Fiona Fisher
Carenda Rudolph Venice-ET (1997-11-11)(VG87); J & M Kitchen &
Sons
Jervois Enhancer Gretchen 2nd-TWIN (1984-10-02)(VG86); C G & F
D Mason

16* Star Brood Cow

Topspeed Royal Tottie-IMP-ET (1997-05-17)(GP82); J & J Lambalk

15* Star Brood Cow

Gum Ridges Sam Lovebite (1998-07-06)(EX-93-4E); Multiple
Ownership
Willarie Valiant Josephine 2nd (1991-07-05)(EX-2E); Fairvale
Holsteins

14* Star Brood Cow;

Carenda Gibbon Fame-ET (1998-03-15)(VG88); J & M Kitchen &
Sons

13* Star Brood Cow

Burnvale Sterling Patsy (1989-04-22)(EX-2E); R.J. & L.E. Blackburn,
Eureka Celsius Swan-IMP-ET (1995-09-13)(VG85); St Clair Holsteins
Fairvale Lindy Josie (1995-02-27)(VG85); Fairvale Holsteins
Fairvale Rockie Butter 2nd-ET (1992-01-28)(VG88); Fairvale
Holsteins
Orchard Vale Enhancer Polly (1987-09-09)(EX-1E); R G & K V Eagle
Rissmore Progress Sally (2001-12-05)(EX-91-6E); W J Murray & Sons

12* Star Brood Cow

Brundell Storm Blackrose-IMP-ET (1999-08-16)(EX-91-2E); J & G M
leraci & Sons
Fair Springs Q.U. Buttergirl (1977-03-01)(VG88); D F Warner
Leader Durham Satin-CVF (2002-07-05)(EX-91-5E); Leader Holsteins
Orchard Vale Informer Tiffany-ET (2005-07-31)(EX-91-1E); R K & J R
Gordon
Perfect Partners Laudan Patricia 2-ET (2005-03-30)(VG88); Rowen
Foote
Ponderosa Juror Connie-ET (1999-01-01)(EX-90-2E); Kitchen Farms

11* Star Brood Cow;

Blackn White Cecilia (2003-03-22)(EX-92-1E); T J & V M Tout
Cairnhill Morsandamion Paradise-ET (2007-07-23)(VG86); Cairnhill
Carenda Bullion Fawn-ET (2002-07-03)(VG86); Kitchen Farms
Fantasia Mat Maggie (1990-04-27)(VG86); Fantasia Pastoral Co P/L
Oxley Vale Dagger Lynnette (1989-08-28)(EX-3E); Klameea
Holsteins
Perfect Partners Roumare Perfection-ET (2007-08-30)(GP84);
Robbie Malcolm
Pyree Jay Peachie (1998-08-25)(EX-90-2E); C & W Watts
Rengaw Goldbullion Janea-ET (2002-08-27)(EX-92-7E); Rengaw
Holsteins

10* Star Brood Cow;

Coolea Tab Wattle (1993-02-02)(VG86); R J & J J Crawford
Elmar Ladino Josephine-TWIN-ET-RED (2004-08-07)(GP84); Elmar
Holsteins
Fairvale Lancer Tara 8th (1986-09-03)(EX-5E); Fairvale Holsteins
Fairvale Shormar Spot 17 (1997-09-24)(VG88); Fairvale Holsteins
Fantasia Magic Poppy (1994-10-07)(VG86); Fantasia Pastoral Co P/L
Ganook Outside Tigga (2001-08-19)(VG88); N & C Hallyburton

Glenlochland Lindys Frisky 3 (1992-05-27)(VG88); C & G N Van
Leerdam

Hill Valley Donspre Andrea-ET (2001-02-13)(VG89); R & H Perrett
Joyley Luckystrike Della-ET (2003-03-07)(EX-94-4E); Misty Brae
Holsteins Pty Ltd

Lengora Top Ding (1991-04-14)(EX-1E); W.H. & H.G. Hanel, & Son
Leven Valley Raider Shamrock 3rd-ET (1995-07-30)(VG89); Fairvale
Holsteins

Memory Court Maloy Jackie-ET (2000-03-22)(VG87); Misty Brae
Holsteins Pty Ltd

Panatana Baron Mischief (1988-03-19)(EX-2E); Greenbanks Pty Ltd
St Clair Rudolph Crystal-ET (1997-09-02)(VG87); St Clair Holsteins

Award search

The award search covers Star Brood Cow and Production Awards. HA conducts awards searches at least four times a year, usually after a data dump from DataGene. After the first awards search, Holstein Australia automatically issues cow awards. Members will receive regular reports of cows which have qualified for the Star Brood Cow award.

Once a year, each member on the list will receive an 'honour roll' which is a formal report of all the cows in the herd that achieved an award in that particular year. There is no charge for awards searches.

Holstein Australia welcomes new members

22 June to 1 September 2017

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Blake Honeysett; Full; 22/08/2017; 0421 984 177; 305 Boundary Road, Timboon West, 3268, Vic.

Classification Tour Results

22/06/2017 to 31/08/2017

Central & Western NSW

D D CHESWORTH

EX-91-1E	Juleanwes Damrob Charm	3 Lact.
EX-90-2E	Cooltah Cutsheet Bluey	5 Lact.

S D & E G CHESWORTH

EX-91-1E	Tomargo Recluse Qantas Buttergirl	3 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Tomargo Recluse Braxton Sue	3 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Tomargo Recluse Sanchez Applause	5 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Tomargo Recluse Shen Kate	4 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Tomargo Recluse Talent Ally 5-ET	4 Lact.
EX-90-2E	Tomargo Recluse Morty Hilda-TWIN	6 Lact.
VG86	Tomargo Recluse Bradnick Dee	1L 2.5Y
VG85	Tomargo Recluse Goldsun Grace	1L 2.10Y
VG85	Tomargo Recluse Goldsun Pega	1L 2.5Y
VG85	Tomargo Recluse Liquidgold Nemesia	1L 2.7Y

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EX-90-3E	Magpie Newman Lee 5th	8 Lact.
VG85	Top Line Shottle Petunia	1L 3.0Y

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EX-91-1E	Engsta Tko Linda	5 Lact.
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SILVERMERE HOLSTEINS

EX-92-1E	Silvermere Shout Cressy	4 Lact.
VG85	Silvermere Superpower Blossom	1L 2.1Y

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EX-90-1E	Coral Hill Retinue Meg	7 Lact.
EX-90-3E	Coral Hill Red Columbia-RED	8 Lact.
VG85	Coral Hill Adonis Maida-RED	1L 3.1Y

R J THOMAS

EX-90-3E	Instyle TI Detiny	6 Lact.
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W D & M S & J I THROWER

EX-91-2E	Starview Raider Bonnie	12 Lact.
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EX-90-1E	Kalulla Park Damion Maddonna	4 Lact.
EX-90-2E	Budgerie Dun Dita-ET	5 Lact.
EX-90-2E	Kalulla Park Rabo Dawn-BR	6 Lact.
VG85	Kalulla Park Loaded Madonna	1L 3.0Y

T W CORNALL

EX-91-4E	Terraliss Raider Maida	10 Lact.
EX-90-2E	Terra Park Redesign Tasmin	6 Lact.

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VG85	Regemo Aftershock Marilyn	1L 3.3Y

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EX-90-1E	Wyoming Velvet Loma	7 Lact.
VG85	Killarrra Park Sv Caramel	1L 2.6Y
VG85	Killarrra Park Victoriasecret Mellow	1L 2.7Y

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EX-90-1E	Oxley Vale Talent Gem	9 Lact.

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EX-91-2E	Mario Park Howie Aleece-ET	6 Lact.
VG85	Mario Park Winning Alicia-ET	1L 2.5Y

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EX-90-1E	Moray Park Baxter Dana	6 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Moray Park Stormatic Bow	8 Lact.

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EX-90-2E	Bowthorne Balti Inky	4 Lact.
VG85	Arrallik Sv Fussy	1L 2.9Y

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EX-90-1E	Currajugle Oman Golden 989	8 Lact.
EX-90-2E	Currajugle Roumare Chartreuse 1610-IMP-ET	5 Lact.

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EX-90-1E	Juleanwes Fever Leila	4 Lact.
EX-90-2E	Juleanwes Final Felicity	4 Lact.

ANDREW GREEN

EX-92-6E	Kirk Andrews Talena-ET	10 Lact.
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South-West Riverina

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VG85	Foxdale Regi Lila	1L 3.0Y
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L A & C M CHESWORTH

EX-90-1E	Willette Roumare Kewpie 2-ET	4 Lact.
VG86	Willette Regklas Alison	1L 3.0Y
VG85	Willette Impres Alison 2-ET	1L 2.5Y
VG85	Willette Impres Alison 3-ET	1L 2.5Y

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BEVANDALE HOLSTEINS

EX-93-8E	Bevandale Colorado Rosalie	11 Lact.
EX-91-1E	Bevandale Lavanguard Sally	3 Lact.
EX-91-1E	Bevandale Steady Mistress	3 Lact.
EX-90-4E	Bevandale Talent Nan	6 Lact.
EX-90-2E	Bevandale Drake Prima-ET	6 Lact.
VG85	Bevandale Guarini Martella	1L 3.0Y
VG85	Bevandale Loaded Shower	1L 2.6Y
VG85	Bevandale Shadow Maude	1L 3.4Y

KARL & KRISTY CASH

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EX-91-4E	Ourway Dundee Jackie 192	6 Lact.
EX-91-2E	Ourway Suburn Bronwyn	5 Lact.
EX-90-4E	Ourway Lethal Phyllis 195	9 Lact.
EX-90-2E	Ourway Alladin Sylvia 2	7 Lact.

PAUL & MARY NEWLAND

EX-90-1E	Foothills Sanchez Sienna	3 Lact.
EX-90-2E	Ourway Lauthor Jackie 285	4 Lact.

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EX-90-2E	Green Shadows Mtoto Lindyloo-TWIN	10 Lact.
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EX-92-3E	Blackwood Park Blitz Wendy 6360	5 Lact.
EX-91-1E	Blackwood Park Byron Robyn 6351	6 Lact.
EX-91-2E	Blackwood Park Gabe Lena 6454	4 Lact.
VG85	Blackwood Park Buxton Lily 7450	1L 2.6Y

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EX-90-1E	Tauwittchere Shaker Laurel	7 Lact.
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VG85	Esjay Walter Philana	1L 2.6Y
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GLENMAX HOLSTEINS

EX-92-5E	Glenmax Duke Marcia-RDC	8 Lact.
VG85	Glenmax Aladdin Mace-RED	1L 2.10Y
VG85	Glenmax Dorcy Saturn	1L 2.7Y
VG85	Glenmax Gillespy Sybill	1L 3.10Y

GLENUNGA PROPRIETORS

EX-90-1E	Glenunga Braxton Chelsea	3 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Glenunga Jupiter Sassy	6 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Glenunga Sam Salina	6 Lact.
EX-90-5E	Glenunga Igniter Fetta	7 Lact.
EX-90-2E	Glenunga Ice Courtney	7 Lact.
VG86	Glenunga Hurricane Olivia	1L 3.5Y

L B & M A GOLDER

EX-90-2E	Golderama Bergwil 1017	12 Lact.
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MANNA FARM HOLSTEINS

VG85	Manna Farm Mccutchen Dee	1L 2.6Y
VG85	Manna Farm Zinger Dix	1L 2.6Y

C G & F D MASON

EX-92-5E	Jervois Devil Midge	7 Lact.
EX-92-1E	Jervois Tomanni Mckenzie 2nd	5 Lact.
EX-91-1E	Jervois Steady Winnie	3 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Jervois Drake Jamboree	3 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Jervois Finalcut Deanna	3 Lact.
EX-90-3E	Jervois Miami Pride	6 Lact.
EX-90-2E	Jervois Point Winnie	5 Lact.
EX-90-2E	Jervois Stormatic Gretchen 2	6 Lact.
VG85	Jervois Brazzle Gretchen	1L 2.5Y
VG85	Jervois Reginald Telstar	1L 3.1Y

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EX-91-3E	Misty Brae Alen Della-ET	8 Lact.
EX-91-2E	Misty Brae Jannsen Della-ET	7 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Misty Brae Julius Zena	10 Lact.

PARINGA VIEW PARK PTY LTD

EX-90-1E	Grantley Cut Fairy	5 Lact.
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C J & K A ROYANS

EX-91-1E	Windy Vale Shotal Toni-ET	4 Lact.
EX-90-2E	Windy Vale Breakout Toni	5 Lact.
VG85	Bluechip Ev Golden Apple-IMP-ET-RED	1L 3.6Y

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EX-90-1E	Glenorleigh Atwood Tamara	4 Lact.
VG85	Southern Edge Uno Fizz-ET	1L 2.5Y

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VG85	Donava Leap Mellow	1L 2.6Y
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South Eastern SA

BENLARGO HOLSTEINS

VG85	Benlargo Windy Galour	1L 2.4Y
VG85	Glenorleigh Smokin Pansy	1L 2.8Y

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EX-91-3E	Warrabell Blade Lucky-TWIN	7 Lact.
EX-90-2E	Warramont Sanchez Fiora-ET	4 Lact.

D J & T A FIEBIG

EX-92-1E	Warrabell Blade Leesa-TWIN	6 Lact.
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WESTDAMA HOLSTEINS

EX-90-3E	Westdama Jocko Dianella-ET	10 Lact.
EX-90-2E	Westdama Lombardi Jinx	11 Lact.

East Gippsland, Victoria

THOMAS OSBORN

EX-90-1E	Beardrock Bolton Blitz	4 Lact.
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CLYDEBANK HOLSTEINS

EX-92-2E	Clydebank Goldwyn Rosebell	8 Lact.
EX-91-6E	Clydebank Ladino Lalass-ET	8 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Clydebank Shottle April-ET	5 Lact.
EX-90-2E	Clydebank Penshot Rosebloem	5 Lact.
VG85	Clydebank Damion Gleam	1L 3.1Y

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EX-91-2E Avonlea Braedale Bettine 4 Lact.

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EX-91-2E Avonlea Jasper Sue-IMP-ET 5 Lact.

EX-91-2E Newlyn Park Final Maid 4 Lact.

EX-90-1E Caloula Ridge Keeper Essie 5 Lact.

EX-90-1E Coolea Goldwyn Loyal-IMP-ET 5 Lact.

EX-90-2E Avonlea Sid Mistress 2nd-ET 4 Lact.

EX-90-2E Newlyn Park Altaice Maid 6 Lact.

VG86 Avonlea Selector Figsie 1L 2.4Y

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EX-90-1E Creswick Lheros Betty 3rd-ET 7 Lact.

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Australia's top genomic females for BPI

DataGene has updated its list of top genomic females for Balanced Performance Index (BPI), based on the August ABV release, with six of the top 20 bred by the Johnston family (Glomar Holsteins, East Gippsland).

Glomar Goldwyn Lucky 4319, holds on to her #1 position as the top genomically tested Holstein female in Australia with a BPI of 398. Now on her third lactation, the 7-year old has been flushed extensively, producing many progeny. Robert Johnston says she's a very good ET cow, producing about 20 embryos each flush. The Johnstons have at least 20 of her heifers on the ground, including five in milk. Lucky 4319 has two sons at ABS and one at Genetics Australia. Robert says Lucky 4319 is a one of the herd's top producers, being exceptional for components.

	April 2017	August 2017	
Number of Holstein herds in top genomic list	154	231	50% ↑
Number of Holstein females under 12 months of age in the top genomic list	431	1182	174% ↑
Total number of Australian genotyped Holstein females	48,312	55,768	

All of the Glomar cows in the top 20 list belong to the Lucky family, which trace back more than 40 years to a cow called

Glomar Niome 2nd. She was flushed to Starbuck with two resulting heifers. Robert describes the Lucky family as extremely



Members of the Johnstons' 'Superlucky cow family' (from left): Goldwyn Lucky 4319 VG87 (5yo), Laudan Lucky 3540 VG87 (10yo), Roumare Lucky 3883 VG89 (8yo) and Alberto Lucky 3119 VG88 (13yo). Photograph: Bradley Cullen

Name	Herdbook Number	DOB	Owner	Sire	BPI	BPI Rel	ASI	Prot	Prot %
GLOMAR GOLDWYN LUCKY 4319-ET	1764791	2/07/2010	R JOHNSTON	GOLDWYN	398	76	318	46	0.37
RENGAW MANOMAN JANE-ET	1675808	8/01/2011	JARED & COURTNEY IRELAND	MAN O MAN	380	74	250	29	0.44
RENGAW SUNPLAN JAZZ-ET	1646390	19/12/2009	JARED & COURTNEY IRELAND	PLANET	360	73	249	34	0.25
GLOMAR FEVER LADY 4634-ET	1816382	12/09/2011	R JOHNSTON	FEVER	360	74	319	49	0.27
GLOMAR MANOMAN LADY 4520-ET	1816354	24/03/2011	R JOHNSTON	MAN O MAN	357	75	349	57	0.41
GLOMAR ROUMARE LADY 4100	1663302	2/07/2009	R JOHNSTON	ROUMARE	356	75	402	72	0.33
HINDLEE PICOLA DALLAS 14101-ET	1816775	10/08/2014	J M & V LILICO	PICOLA	349	71	293	27	0.51
GLOMAR SHAMROCK LUCKY 4778-ET	1817353	6/08/2012	R JOHNSTON	SHAMROCK	341	71	228	42	0.21
HINDLEE DELSANTO LOYALTY 13134	1792698	26/08/2013	J M & V LILICO	DELSANTO	340	68	255	4	0.76
RENGAW PLANMAN JANE-ET	1712020	11/09/2011	CRAIG A LISTER	MAN O MAN	335	75	178	24	0.24
HINDLEE WYMAN CLAIRE 12112	1911975	20/08/2012	J M & V LILICO	WYMAN	332	69	244	28	0.5
GLOMAR GOLDWYN LUCKY 4475-ET	1789463	18/02/2011	R JOHNSTON	GOLDWYN	331	74	271	41	0.31
RENGAW REDMAW NARJANE-ET	1955026	19/08/2016	JARED & COURTNEY IRELAND	NARDOO	329	63	174	17	0.23
COUNTRY ROAD ROYALMANS CAROL	1911797	19/08/2015	ROSS A COOK	ROYALMAN	329	66	219	24	0.35
GALLRAE GOLDCROWN DORA 983-ET	1758207	4/03/2013	GALLRAE HOLSTEINS	GOLDCROWN	329	69	215	23	0.48
CALISTER SS FRANCISCO 6635-ET	1790838	15/04/2014	CRAIG A LISTER	SUPERSIRE	325	71	225	27	0.23
CARENDA GMC VISION	1756810	4/06/2013	KITCHEN FARMS	GMC	323	68	227	31	0.3
WILARA BUDDHA STEPH	1858109	15/08/2013	W E & M J & T W HENRY	BUDDHA	322	67	255	32	0.48
HINDLEE ROYALMAN RED 14145	1840155	25/08/2014	J M & V LILICO	ROYALMAN	321	69	241	22	0.63



quiet cattle that are good producers, get in calf consistently, easy calving and problem-free cows.

"The Luckys are the sort of cow every one loves in their herd. As well as being high index cows the Lucky family has also done well in the showing," he said.

More cows genotyped

More herds are competing for the top genomic Holsteins females list. Compared with the April ABV release, the August list has a 50% increase in herds contributing top females Holstein list. This is a result of the increasing number of herds genomically testing their animals. Farmers purchased 39% more genomic tests in 16/17 compared to the previous financial year.

The latest list is a battle of the heavy-weights at the top of the Holstein genomic list as the Johnston (Bundalaguah, Victoria), Ireland (Lockington, Victoria), Lillico (Smithton, Tasmania) and Lister (Calivil, Victoria) families vie for the top positions.

Top Holstein Australia member herds based on BPI, August 2017

Owner	Prefix	Location	Region	Rank Profit (BPI)	Rank Type (TWI)	Rank Health (HWI)
Parrish, TJ & LR	Illawambra	Barrengarry	South Coast & Tablelands, NSW	1	1	1
Hoey, DM & L	Beulah Park	Katunga	Northern Vic.	2	4	2
Hogg, AL & JM	Adlejama	Biggara	North-Eastern Vic.	3	4	6
Kitchen Farms	Carenda	Boyanup	Southern WA	4	2	5
Sprunt, RG	Kaarmona	Kaarimba	Northern Vic.	5	3	4
Dickson, BJ & JL	Emu Banks	Terang	Western District, Vic.	6	7	7
Wilcocks, I	Manna Farm	Yankalilla	Fleurieu & Central SA	7	6	3
Henry, TW & TC	Wilara	Tinamba	East Gippsland, Vic	7	9	12
Anderson, WR & BL	Bundalong	Kongwak	South Gippsland, Vic.	9	11	8
Lister, CA	Calister	Calivil	North-Western Vic.	10	10	11
Guye, A	Guye	Barwon Downs	Western District, Vic.	11	7	9
Perrett, RJ & HE	Hill Valley	Kongwak	South Gippsland, Vic.	12	11	9
Cook, R	Country Road	Edi Upper	North-Eastern Vic.	12	15	12
Ireland, J & C	Redmaw	Lockington	North-Western Vic.	14	13	15
Johnston, R & L	Glomar	Bundalaguah	East Gippsland, Vic.	15	15	14

Milk	Fat	Fat %	Prod Rel	Overall Type	Mammary System	Type Rel	Survival	Survival Rel	SCC	SCC Rel	Fert	Fert Rel	Feed Saved	Feed Saved Rel
984	55	0.18	96	101	101	60	108	57	135	67	104	58	99	31
233	39	0.42	90	102	105	60	107	59	157	67	111	66	-92	31
756	50	0.26	91	103	105	58	110	58	127	67	102	54	-78	31
1278	61	0.1	90	102	104	64	106	60	124	67	98	59	14	34
1304	48	-0.11	92	102	103	62	103	60	117	67	104	62	-158	32
2018	60	-0.38	93	104	106	64	101	59	104	69	92	60	-38	34
10	59	0.84	87	102	107	62	104	54	143	66	104	51	-59	33
1127	30	-0.27	86	104	105	63	108	55	127	68	105	54	-34	33
-1335	52	1.57	81	102	103	60	105	56	150	66	104	55	2	31
408	30	0.18	91	100	104	66	109	62	150	68	112	63	-97	34
56	30	0.4	84	99	100	57	106	58	136	66	110	60	99	30
912	44	0.08	91	107	109	60	106	58	120	66	103	60	-31	31
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Sophie nurses a passion for her career – and her COWS

BY SOPHIE BALDWIN

Twenty-year-old Sophie Loudon is currently living on the Mornington Peninsula while studying nursing at Monash University. She is looking forward to her career, but her cows and her stud Arrowlea will never be far from her heart.

"I love my nursing and that is where my future is but farming will always be with me and I will continue to breed my own cows and show cattle. I think you can still be a part of the dairy industry without having to run a farm, but I do have the option to return to dairying in the future if I ever want to," Sophie said.

Sophie grew up on a dairy farm at Modella in Gippsland with her parents and three siblings.

The Loudon family milks 340 registered Holsteins under the prefix Arrowstar.

Sophie established her own stud Arrowlea and currently has 20 registered animals.

She spent hours as a child breaking in and leading heifers.

"We used to show our own cows and I used to make Dad take me to all the local shows. I was a tiny little thing and Dad would always pick out these big tall heifers that towered over me. I always worked with them no matter how big they were and no matter how much they dragged me around, but that definitely taught me resilience and strength."

As a 12-year old, one particularly strong animal put her in the fence at International Dairy Week. "It didn't stop me and it certainly didn't put me off," she laughed.

Sophie has spent a lot of time over the



Sophie Loudon with Arrowstar Goldwyn Paradise VG88 at IDW 2016.

years showing cattle at IDW, Sydney and Melbourne Royal show and the Victorian Winter Fair. Over the past few years she has been helping out Jim and Karen Strong from Strongbark Holsteins.

"The Strong's are like a second family to me. I will be forever grateful to them because they have kept me in the show ring. I haven't had much time to focus on my cows because of my studies and working with them has allowed me to combine both my passions."

Jim gave Sophie some embryos for helping the family after the Sydney Show one year, which resulted in two heifers and a bull.

One of the heifers, Strongbark Atwood Candy VG89, recently had a Solomon heifer calf and is currently doing 35 litres.

"She is definitely going to be part of my On Farm Challenge team this year. I think she is the most exciting thing I have got happening in my stud at the moment."

Sophie loves the opportunity offered by the On Farm Challenge because it allows her to still show her own animals.

"The OFC works well for me because I don't have a lot of time to prepare my own cows, but it still allows me to showcase what I have on farm and I think it is a great opportunity."

And just because Sophie doesn't show her own cattle at the moment doesn't mean she is any less passionate about her own herd. She spends hours looking at bull proofs and discussing breeding with her father.

She uses a fair bit of sexed semen and likes using genomic bulls.

"Genomics is allowing us to keep up with the times to determine conformation traits. I trust the science and I think it allows us to breed a better cow – it is something exciting and something new and that's why genomic bulls appeal to me. It is a great science and a great breeding tool - I have the pedigree in Arrowlea but I am definitely looking to improve some udders.

"I have also had some pretty good results with sexed semen but I only use it for the first heat – as a university student I don't have a huge budget," she laughed.

Sophie said the family uses well-bred herd bulls. "We have bought in some great embryos from America over the years and the heifers we have bred have had some great conformation and breeding. Dad loves his herd bulls and they have been a great low cost option."

When it comes to cows, Sophie loves a big, black silky cow with a balanced udder.

She said spending her life involved in the dairy industry has proven to be a great grounding. "Growing up I have been surrounded by some great mentors who have supported me and helped make me into the person I am today. I have met so many great people and I now have contacts all over Australia and around the world which is beneficial for life in general.

"The work ethic, commitment and long hours have set me up for life. I am not afraid to work hard and hop in and have a go." **HJ**

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Crossing the desert to compete

Big prize money, strong competition, and the chance to compete under an internationally recognised judge, provided the incentive to draw competitors some 3,000 km across three states to compete at this year's Royal Adelaide Show.

West Australian breeder Lachlan Fry, Katandra Holsteins, and Nairobi Mercury 15 VG88, trekked 44 hours across the Nullabor to compete in the 6-year-old class.

"She's done really well locally, but the action is in the south eastern states," Lachie said. "She was a bit flat for a few days when she arrived, but came good on show day. The trip can knock them around a bit, but at least it's better doing it now rather than crossing the Nullabor in 45 degrees heat!"

Despite the long journey interrupting her show preparation, Nairobi finished a strong second in her class behind the impressive Glenorleigh Atwood Tamara EX-90-1E, and was selected to represent the Holsteins in the winning Interbreed Pen of Five. Lachlan will leave his cow in SA now, potentially preparing her for IDW if she holds form.

Another big traveller was Brad and Jess Gavenlock, having competed with their Royal Adelaide Supreme Junior Interbreed Champion, Bluechip EV Shesaawesome Apple-ET-R across three states. In July

Apple place second in a massive red and white class at the Victorian Winter Fair in Bendigo, before travelling to Nowra, named Reserve Junior Champion Red and White Holstein at the NSW State Show.

The Gavenlocks' milking entry, Bluechip Durham G Paradise-TW VG86, owned in partnership with Travis and Karlee Gilmore, was named Honourable Mention Senior Champion at the NSW State Show just a week prior to Adelaide, where she again placed an Honourable Mention in the senior final. "We're psyched for her future - the best is still to come," Brad said. "Considering she's been freshly calved four weeks, we (Brad and Jess) have only owned her three weeks, we've done two major shows and 3,000+km, with an Honourable Mention at both shows, that's awesome!"

Paradise returns to Northern Victoria with her sights set on the On Farm Competition. **HJ**



Lachlan Fry, Katandra Holsteins, Brunswick Junction, WA, at Adelaide Royal with his entry Nairobi Mercury 15 VG88.

Royal Adelaide Supreme Junior Interbreed Champion, Bluechip EV Shesaawesome Apple-ET-R with Jess and Brad Gavenlock, Cherrylock Holsteins.



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