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DATES TO REMEMBER

Farm World @ Lardner Park 21st to 24th March

East Gippsland Field Days @ Bairnsdale 19th & 20th April

National Beef @ Bendigo 15th to 19th May, 2013

Rutherglen Social Get Together Saturday 25th May, 2013

Royal Melbourne Show Saturday 21st September to Wednesday 2nd October, 2013

2013 AGM Saturday 26th October, 2013

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I would like to start this News letter off by congratulating Lucinda Fraser and Daniel Laird on their engagement after being together for ten years. Daniel first got involved with Welsh Black cattle through the Colac Tech when he was 15 years old, helping other breeders at the Melbourne Show and has since done the breed proud. At 17 years Daniel was the Victorian State Junior Beef Judging Champion (under 25 competition), has started his own Welsh Black herd, been our Society President for two years and in 2011 was our overall champion in our On Farm Challenge, and you know, he's still just a young bloke. Lu is also into animals with four legs, but they're called horses. Daniel has a good eye for cattle, where as Lu has probably a better eye for horses when you look at her achievements. On behalf of the Society; I would like to congratulate you both on your engagement. Besides Daniel, Lu has also become a very special person to me.

2012 AGM and Dinner. When I put my hand up to organize this event, I thought, yes, that should be simple enough but little did I know what was in front of me. Well it has been and gone and I'm very pleased I persevered with the event. Those that made the effort to come will know what I'm talking about and to you, I thank you for making the event a success. Dianne, Duncan and their staff produced a first class meal (at least I didn't hear any complaints) and then to have Marc as our guest speaker really capped off a great evening. It's not too often you can have a speaker having 100% attention from the audience. While we have people like Marc who believe so strongly in well prepared Welsh

Black Beef, there is a future for our breed. There are breeders already out there proving the value of Welsh Black Beef.

We did wind up in the evening with the social side of things, but prior to that in the afternoon we held our AGM followed by our first committee meeting with our new committee. First off I would like to thank Brad Morgan for his contribution to the society over the last few years. Brad decided not to seek re nomination. I would like to welcome Karen Chipperfield as a new committee person on our committee. Daniel Laird felt he needed to step down from the Presidents role due to his farm commitments after realizing you cannot burn the candle at both ends. A stay in hospital made him realise that. Thanks Daniel for your contributions, but in saying that, you're still there for us to draw on your thoughts and knowledge. As you would have noticed above, Mark Woodstock is our new President. With Mark's background in the cattle industry I feel we're very privileged to have Mark as our President.

25th May 2013. The Welsh Black Society's next committee meeting will be at Rutherglen on the morning of Saturday 25th May. Ron Webb, our committee person representing Rutherglen High School and teacher at the school who coordinates the Ag Program, has offered to show anyone around who would like to have a look at the school's Ag Program set up. So what this means is let's get together after the committee meeting for a social time, which can also include a lunch time meal. It is Rutherglen where you have a well known wine region if you would like to spend extra time there. The last time we met at Rutherglen, Ron was the perfect host to those who came along. Be great to see you there.

Rutherglen and Melbourne Show. While on Rutherglen, the High School is once again putting a team of animals together for the Royal Melbourne Show Carcase Competition. What we're looking for is anyone who would like to donate an animal, steer or female, to the school to give the students an opportunity to be involved in such a great event. Over the years I've seen so many students achieve so much from this program. They develop as people; it gives them the opportunity to expand their network of friends/contacts and could open doors for them for the rest of their life. So, are you able to help? It doesn't necessarily have to be a Welsh Black, a Welsh Black cross or any other breed would be ideal. Last year they were given the chance to work with Welsh Blacks, a W/B Charolais cross and an Angus. This also gives the students the opportunity to work with different breeds, see the difference in the breeds they're working with and different requirements needed in preparing different breeds, and different animals within a breed. It would be great if you can help. Contact Colin or any other committee person for more info or if you would like to help. We will need animals to be made available soon.

Welsh Black Peak Caps

The Society has purchased a limited supply of peak caps which has the Australian Welsh Black logo on the front (see logo on top of News Letter). If you would like to purchase one, please contact Carol Mazurek. The cost is \$20 per cap plus postage. If necessary, we can purchase more as required. The committee is also looking at other merchandise we can order, so "watch this space". Don't forget that we do still have some of the older merchandise available, such as, rugby tops, black polo shirts, windcheaters, uniform show vests, uniform red ties and stubby holders. Please contact Carol or myself if you're interested in any of these items.

Overseas Visitors.

Not long before Christmas, Tania and I had a surprise overnight visit from Birgit and Hans Stucke plus their son Andre, who are Welsh Black Breeders from Germany. After visiting Winnie at MtBellevue, they retraced their steps backwards from Winnies to our place from what they did in their 2008 World Conference trip. It was an absolute pleasure in catching up, especially after not been able to make it to Germany when they hosted the 2012 World Conference. We first met in Wales in 2004 at the very first Welsh Black World Conference. To Tania & myself, it's very special to be able to develop bonds like this. It's the Welsh Black cattle that have given us the opportunity, it may only be every so many years between catching up, but when we do, it's like it was yesterday since the last time.



Luxemburg. While Birgit & Hans were visiting, they were very pleased to let us know they have been able to send Welsh Black Cattle into Luxemburg for the very first time. In 2011 Birgit & Hans sent 14 head to Albert Molitor of Gosseldange, Luxemburg, with more being sent in 2012. Welsh Blacks are now in Germany, Denmark and Luxemburg. Where will the next country be?

2016 World Conference. Again Birgit & Hans were able to give us more world news. It's looking very likely that the 2016 Welsh Black World Conference will be in New Zealand. It might still be 3 years away, but it certainly is not too early to start preparing for it. With new countries coming on board with Welsh Blacks, it could be awhile before it's in the Southern Hemisphere again. We'll hear more as it develops.

Constitution Change. As all members would be aware from the 2012 AGM Agenda sent out prior to our AGM, it was voted to make a change to the Australian Welsh Black Cattle Society Constitution. This change has been lodged and is being processed.

Old Wording

20. b) Applications for registration in the Herd Book must be received not later than:
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| (i) | Females: | 12 months after birth |
| (ii) | Males: | 24 months after birth |

New Wording

20. b) Registrations received by 1 year old be charged at the normal fee and the fee upto 2 years old a further \$10.00 per animal be charged. Any animal registered after 2 years of age require a DNA test.

AGM for 2013. At our last committee meeting it was decided to have our 2013 Annual General Meeting (AGM) on the 26th October, 2013 in Benalla. There's plenty of notice so hopefully you can keep this date free. Again, there will be more details as they come to hand.

2013 Royal Melbourne Show. The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria has announced that the 2013 Royal Melbourne Show will be held over 12 days from **Saturday 21st September to Wednesday 2nd October.** What has yet to be announced is the time table for beef and carcass cattle. This will be in a later News letter.

Maffra Show 2012. Welsh Black cattle had a rather successful day at the Maffra show last October. Not only could you see well prepared Welsh Blacks in the judging ring, but you were also given the opportunity to try the beef. Allan & Jill Furborough, of Buchanan Park, took along 1 cow & calf, senior bull, jnr. bull & jnr. heifer to represent the Welsh Black breed. As well, The Albion Hotel of Swifts Creek had a stand selling Tania & Colin's Granite Ridge Welsh Black Beef. The Albion is the Victorian Winner of the I Love Food Awards best Pub/Bistro Food in Victoria in 2009, 2010 and 2012.

Reduction Sale

Gwinganna Welsh Blacks.

Cows, Calves, Heifers and Bulls

FOR SALE

Contact Gavin 0407041960

In the Judging Ring, Welsh Blacks took out all 4 Interbreed Championship awards, and Interbreed Best 3 head. Buchanan Park Nicole also won the Heather Garret Memorial Trophy, awarded to the Champion Female, this she won for the 2nd year in a row. For any breed to have all 4 animals in the Interbreed ring at the one time competing for the Supreme Exhibit is something both Alan & Jill should be proud of, as well as the Welsh Black Breed. And yes, there were other breeds there as well. Supreme Exhibit was finally awarded to Jnr. Champion bull, Buchanan Park Principal.

For the Furborough family it was day to be remembered, with 3 generations of the family handling in the ring at the one time. Allan & Jill's Daughter Karen was leading the Supreme Exhibit, whilst their 11 year old Grandson Samuel was leading Buchanan Park Nicole's six week old heifer calf.

Welsh Black Society Uniform. At a previous committee meeting I was asked to include in the News Letter what our breed uniform is. A little history first though. In the very late 90's a few of us were sitting around having a chat, a beer, apple cider or a cuppa one night at the Melbourne Show. The discussion started on white dust coats for showing and breed uniforms, and why don't we have our own breed uniform. At the time there were only a couple of breed societies with registered uniforms. Next meeting it was agreed to look into it and from memory it was Jane Dawe and Irene Henry who agreed to take on the job of putting something together. A uniform was agreed on and registered with the RASV.

What that uniform consists of is; white shirt, red tie, green society woollen vest, bone moleskin trousers and boots. If you would like to purchase any of these items, the society has the red ties and green vests. Just contact Carol or myself.

Photos. The Welsh Black committee is looking for photographs of Welsh Black animals for a new brochure. Do you have any that you feel may be suitable? If so, please send them to one of your committee members. Please email them if possible and they will be considered.

If you no longer require full membership, for whatever reason, and would like to continue receiving news from the Society, have you considered becoming an Associate Member? There is a cost to produce this News Letter which the Society tries to cover, as advertising does not cover all the expenses.

As of 2010 our Senior Membership is \$100, junior is \$20 and Associate Membership is \$40 per year.

Latest Herd Book. If you would like a copy, or copies, please let Carol know and send payment of \$20.00 per copy. See top of News Letter for contact details. If you would like an earlier copy of any of the Herd Books, please also get in touch with Carol.

Advertising Aside from advertising your own stud, do you know of a business that would put an advertisement in, or do you have a business besides your cattle? Rates are very reasonable and it's a lot cheaper than using stock agents. Advertising in this News Sheet has worked well in the past for many of our members. Advertising rates are: 1/8 page \$10.00; 1/4 page \$20.00; 1/2 page \$40.00. If at all possible, could you please email your advertisement to me.

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