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### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Royal Melbourne Show** Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September to Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2013

**2013 AGM** Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2013

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### **AGM for 2013.**

As mentioned in the last News Letter, our next AGM will be in Benalla. The venue will be

**North Eastern Hotel,  
1-3 Nunn Street, Benalla.  
Meeting starts @ 2.30 pm  
Dinner @ 6.30 pm**

I'd like to ask you a question. How many of you receiving this, whether you're a member or not, know or have met other people involved in the Australian Welsh Black Cattle Society? I'm willing to bet most of you will say, "I only know a very few people involved". So why don't you come along, and I'll guarantee that you will be made to feel very welcome. Yes, most of you will need accommodation, there is plenty around Benalla so don't let that hold you back, plus there's next morning before you all head home, unless you would like to stay for a few days to "look around". Maybe take the opportunity to visit local breeders on their property, or even plan your trip and go via a breeders place to "check out what they have". Think about it. I look at AGM's as been the opportunity for a good social time, not something that has to be done. Feel free to ring me for any more information.

### **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 21<sup>st</sup> September to Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.** Judging for the carcass section will be over **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> & Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>**

**September.** On the Monday from 1.30 to 6.30 pm you have the judging of the Schools Paraders Competition where the students are judged on their handling & leading skills. On the Tuesday, starting at 10.00 am you will have the Hoof Judging of the Borthwick Trophy, followed at 10.30 with the Led Steer & Heifer judging. Over these two days the Rutherglen High students will show their skills they have been learning during the year, plus the five animals they have been preparing will be on display and being judged. If you can make it on these days and support the students, it would be a great boost for them. If you can only make it for one day, make it by 10.00 am on the Tuesday. Since 2008 when Rutherglen first become involved with our Society, I've seen nothing but great young ambassadors for both their school and our society and I'm proud to be associated with these students.

It also looks like there will be a Welsh Black Team in the Borthwick Trophy this year. Rutherglen will have two animals, plus Team H will have an animal. In the past, the Welsh Blacks have done extremely well in the Borthwick with their limited numbers compared with the bigger breeds such as Herefords, Angus and Murray Grey who have a large number of animals to select from. We quite often finish in front of these breeds. So how about coming along and supporting these students that are supporting our breed.

### **ABC RADIO VISITS RUTHERGLEN HIGH SCHOOL**

Mr Webb asked Charlie and myself to write a small article for the Welsh Black newsletter about the ABC radio so here it goes.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> August ABC radio presenter Warwick Long visited our High School to have a look at the Agriculture Program and the Farm to Table subject we complete as part of the 9Alive Program. This was exciting as earlier in the day Mr Webb had handed us our steer showing tops which we will wear in Melbourne as part of the steer handling camp.

First Warwick interviewed Mr Webb about the Agriculture Program at the High School. He explained to him that the steers we had put in the yards would be shown at the Royal Melbourne Show and some of the processes we have to do to get the steers and heifers ready (feeding, brushing, leading, washing). He also spoke about the Welsh Black Society and the fact that they help our school through donating steers and heifers that we will show this year in the Carcase Competition.

Mr Webb also spoke about the enterprises of the VCE Agricultural students which included some students breeding chickens, running steers and lambs, growing vegetables and growing crops.

Next we lead the steers using some of the knowledge Mark had taught us the previous day. Warwick watched what we were doing and then interviewed a few of the steer handling team members about the Farm to Table subject, what we like about the subject and what we learn from steer handling. We were a little nervous but Warwick was really helpful and gave us lots of time to answer his questions. Only Georgia and Harry got on the radio but it was good to talk to him about what we do with the steers.

On Thursday (August 29<sup>th</sup>) Mr Webb let us listen to a pod cast of the interview in class which was on the ABC website. We all thought we sounded a little funny on the radio and Mr Webb said we sounded really good and was proud of us. We also thought he was pretty good also.

Thank you for reading our story and thank you for donating the Welsh Black heifers that we will take to Melbourne.

Charlie Redman and Jane Eggleston

If you missed any of the interview Jane and Charlie wrote about, click on the links below to listen to the interview, as well as see some photos.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-08-29/agricultural-education/4921984>

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-08-29/4921640>



Left: Warwick Long from the ABC Country Hour talking with Rutherglen High School students, Georgia Lowe and Harry Taylor.

### **Steers, Heifers and Students Ready for Melbourne Show**

It has been a long process but the steers and heifers which are being entered for the Melbourne Show are almost ready. The students who have worked with the animals this year have probably been the best group yet (don't tell the other students from previous years that) and are all primed and ready to go.

Just to recap this year Rutherglen High School will be taking five steers and Heifers to the Melbourne Show. This is a short summary of how each is progressing:

Angus Steer (Donated by Fernhill Angus Stud Rowley Bennett): Has taken to the pellets well and enjoyed the school environment. Has put on good condition and has a really good temperament so easy to handle for the students. The students have named this steer Kevin.

Welsh Black Heifer (No 22) (Donated by Winnie Jones): Really settled in well to the school and has thrived. Is a large heifer and has good fat coverage. Good with the students and is now starting to become easier to lead. Hopefully will do well in the Carcase Competition. The students have named this heifer Agnes.

Welsh Black Heifer (Donated by Colin and Tanya Sedgman): Smaller than Winnie's heifer but has done well in the school environment. Took a little time to get used to leading but has done well with the students of late. Has kept the longer hair and this has made it a bit of a favorite with the students. The students have named this heifer Margaret.

Limousin Steer (Donated by Le Martres Stud Leon Martin): Has a good temperament and is leading well with the students. He will benefit from the last three weeks on pellets as a little more condition would be beneficial. Has adapted well to the school environment and it has been interesting for the students to work with this animal.

Belgian Blue Steer (Donated by Peter Mangels Riverview Belgian Blue Stud): This is a fair lump of a steer with a beautiful nature. Has taken to leading really well and gives the impression that enjoys the attention. Hopefully will put on even more condition in the final three weeks and do well in the Carcase Competition. The students have named this steer Spartacus.

Rutherglen High School thanks all studs who have donated steers as without the support, this program would not be able to run.

Now to the students. I am really impressed with the students who have chosen to undertake steer handling this year. Last year we won four handlers ribbons and although it is not all about ribbons, I hope we can do even better this year. The students have control over the animals and are getting the idea of presenting themselves and the animal to the judges. Once again Mark Woodstock has been great with his time and we appreciate all that he does with the students.

The schedule for the Royal Melbourne Show is as follows and if you can make it to the Show it would be great:

Monday 23rd September: Paraders Competition 1.30 – 6.30

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September: Borthwick Trophy (best of three animals) 10.00 a.m.

Live Weight Judging – 10.30 – 2.30

Thanks and hope to see you at the Show.

### **Rutherglen High School**



Rutherglen High's carcass animals walking the school Sports oval.



Mark Woodstock giving useful tips to students.

### **Team H Cattle Care.**

Besides what is happening at Rutherglen High School, I also have an update on how Allan & Jill's steer is going under the care of Team H Cattle Care. Please, if you can make it to Melbourne for the carcass side of things, as well as "checking out" Rutherglen, take the time to see what Team H Cattle Care are doing. I certainly will be, as I'm sure we could all learn something. Below are a few words from Hayden, followed by a recent photo of "Black Forest".

He has been doing very well. He has put on approximately 120kg since he arrived & is about The 500 kg mark using the tape system to weigh him as we don't have scales so the weights may be a little out. Black Forest as we know him is waiting for a scratch every day when we go to the paddock Team H Cattle Care will be taking eleven steers to the Royal Melbourne show this year & one to follow onto Pakenham carcass comp in December. We have;

1 x Welsh Black

1 x Blonde Aquitaine x Hereford

4 x South Devons

2 x Angus

1 x Limousin

1 x Limo x Angus

1 x Limo x Hereford

We would like to wish all the Welsh Blacks competing in this year's Royal Show the very best of luck & please drop in & say Hello if you are passing by Team H.

Regards Hayden King



Left: Hayden King, Allan & Jill Furborough, Mathew Rigano & Michaela Glasser is presenting Allan & Jill's "Black Forest".

### **Australian Welsh Black Cattle Survey.**

Recently all members received in the mail a Survey, put out by our President Mark Woodstock. At our last committee meeting, it was decided to have the cut off for sending them in two weeks before our AGM. So if you can have them returned to Carol by the 12<sup>th</sup> October, it would be good. If you have mislaid it or never received one, please contact either Carol or myself. I would also like to point out that you **do not** have to be a member to fill this out, your thoughts are valuable regardless of where they come from.

### **Membership Renewals.**

Membership renewals were mailed out a couple of months ago for the 2013 to 2014 membership year. This is just a reminder before it ends up at the bottom of the "paper pile" and gets forgotten about. If you never received it, please let Carol know.

**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 producing 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.

### **Welsh Black Peak Caps.**

The first batch of Welsh Black peak caps are already sold, but more have been ordered. They are a black cap with the Australian Welsh Black logo on the front (see logo on top of News Letter). If you would like to purchase one or two, please contact Carol Mazurek. The cost is \$20 per cap plus postage. If necessary, we can purchase more as required.

### **Welsh Black Merchandise.**

Your Welsh Black Society committee has put into place a system for you to choose what sort of merchandise you would like for yourself. We are working with Bairnsdale Menswear & Corporate Apparel. The Australian Welsh Black logo has been registered

with them as the main logo. You can either supply your own merchandise or go to the website of Biz Collection at [www.bizcollection.com.au](http://www.bizcollection.com.au) and look at their catalogue for an item/s you would like embroidered with the Welsh Black logo. There would have to be thousands of options there for you to choose from. Please quote the Style Code in the catalogue. The contact at Bairnsdale Workwear is Melissa Rodier, email: [bmsales@gippsafety.com.au](mailto:bmsales@gippsafety.com.au) Or phone 03 5152 5900. If you send an email, please mark it to Melissa's attention. If you also wanted extra embroidery added, that can also be arranged e.g. your stud name or logo. The cost to have the Welsh Black logo done is only \$10, plus the cost of the garment. To have your garment done will only cost \$10. There could also be postage on top of this. Please feel free to contact myself, Colin, for more information.

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.

### **Welsh Black Stickers.**

The Society has had Welsh Black Cattle stickers printed. These are 220 x 50 mm; have the Australian Welsh Black logo on the left with, "Welsh Black Cattle" after that. All members will receive some stickers with their AGM information.

### **Ruralco/CGU Insurance**

For those of you who are not aware, CGU Insurance gives a commission to the Welsh Black Cattle Society for any policies taken out by members or friends associated with our Society. This commission is from your annual premiums, not just your initial premium. For many years Ray Maxwell was the person to contact for insurance. After many years of excellent service, Ray has retired. I say excellent service because with all the dealings I had with Ray, I could not fault his service.

Georgia Mallia has taken over from Max and is available on 03 5782 1943 or 0428 302 928 at the Kilmore office. Please contact me if I can help more or you need more info.

### **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 processed and approved by Consumer Affairs. The only change that has been made is to do with animal registrations. Please see below for both the old requirements and the new requirements for registering animals.

If you would like a copy of our Constitution, they are available by contacting our Secretary, Carol Mazurek, at the contacts at the top of this News Letter.

#### **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.

**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 completed advertisement to me. Thanks.

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