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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Melbourne Show:** Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> September to Wed. 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2014.

**23<sup>rd</sup> September @ 10.00 am** School Paraders Competition

**24<sup>th</sup> September @ 10.00 am** Borthwick Trophy

**24<sup>th</sup> September @ 10.30 am** Led Steer and Heifer

**Bus Tour around the Port Campbell/Timboon District's.** See AGM notes below.

**2014 Welsh Black Society Dinner:** 25<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm at the Port Campbell Hotel.

**2014 Welsh Black AGM, 26<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00 am at the  
Port Campbell Craypot Bistro Hotel.**

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## **2014 AGM & DINNER**

**When:** 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2014

**Where:** Port Campbell/ Timboon district

**Details:** To start with, on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon, there will be a bus trip for those that would like to get together to check out the local cheese factory, I hear a chocolate factory, as well as a distillery, etc. We will meet at the Port Campbell Craypot Bistro Hotel at 12.30 pm for a 12.45 start. The bus cost will be a very minimal charge as our society will provide a driver for the bus. **Could you please let Colin Sedgman know if you would like to join us on the bus tour, so we know the size bus we need. Col's contacts are above.**

In the evening after the bus trip at Port Campbell Craypot Bistro Hotel will be our Dinner, which we're looking at a 6.30 pm start. **Again a RSVP** would be appreciated for numbers, again to Colin or Mark Woodstock, contacts above.

Then Sunday morning the Welsh Black Cattle Society will have their AGM, again at the Port Campbell Craypot Bistro Hotel, with a 10.00 am start. Hopefully you can mark this week end in your diary or on your calendar. Accommodation, Daniel has said there's plenty within walking distance of the Hotel. I would very much like to thank Daniel and Lu for organising this weekend.

### **Rutherglen High at the Royal Melbourne Show 2014**

Yes, it's that time of year again when within a matter of a couple of weeks, Rutherglen High School are about to show off what they have been working towards all year with their steers for the Carcase Competition at the Royal Melbourne Show. Every year what the students achieve gets better. It's the students who do the hard work, but behind the scene there's help to get the kids there. To start with, the many cattle owners who donate animals to the school, without them the students would achieve nothing. Then it's the school that supports the program, senior students that help the younger members of the team, Mark Woodstock for supplying the expertise to the students, spending many days of his own time imparting his fantastic knowledge (AND WAYS!!!) to these very likeable young people.

Why does everyone do this? Because once involved with this program, you'll see for yourself the difference it has made to the development of so many students. See a later article on how this program has changed one young person's life. Down the track if you do have an opportunity to get involved in this program, I'd like to encourage you to, as you'll find it very rewarding.

Now, let Rutherglen High School tell you more.

#### **Rutherglen High School Ready For Carcase Competition**

Once again Rutherglen High School will be entering the Carcase Competition with a team of Welsh Black steers as well as two Limousins and an Angus. This year the team has grown (this happens every year) and 21 students will be attending show with the steers.

Progress has been very good with the steers and the students involved. Once again lead by Emma Prescott and Gab Robinson the students have been involved in feeding, grooming and leading the animals. All students have shown enthusiasm and commitment and this is showing in the progress they have made with the animals.

Also a consistent is the help which has been provided by Mark Woodstock in preparing the students for leading in the ring in September. Using his patient approach, Mark has gained confidence in the students and instructed them using his usual smile and wit. The students have really appreciated his input and helpfulness. In terms of the steers we have high hopes for all animals. Leon Martin's (Le Martres Limousin Stud) two animals are making good progress. Although significantly larger than most animals we are used to, they have settled in well and we have high hopes they will go well in the Carcase Competition.

Rowley Bennett (Fernhill Angus Stud) has also provided an animal which is different to last year. This animal is smaller however seems to have done well on grain and once again we are hopeful that it will do well in the Carcase Competition.

The two school breed steers are making steady progress and are gradually working towards meeting their requirements for the show. They appear to lead well and of course we are proud to be entering two steers bred by the school however in terms of how they may go in the Carcase Competition we are hopeful rather than confident.

The Welsh Black steer donated by Winnie Jones is making good progress. It is easy to lead and seems to be a decent Carcase. If it continues to make the progress we are fairly confident it will do well as a carcase.

And finally we have the Welsh Black steer donated by Col and Tania Sedgman. This is the longest haired of the animals and has a solid temperament. Again we have hopes that the steer will do well and will represent the breed in the Borthwick Trophy and Carcase Competition well.

Thanks to all who have donated and if you would like to see the school at the Show, the dates are as follows:

School Paraders Competition – 23<sup>rd</sup> September  
Borthwick Trophy – 24<sup>th</sup> September  
Led Steer and Heifer – 24<sup>th</sup> September  
Farm to Table



Above: Jarrod Wallace learning the ropes.



Above: Tayla Price with Mark Woodstock.

### **Interview – Young Person in Agriculture Gabby Robinson**

#### **How did your interest in Agriculture start?**

From the Year Nine Farm to Table Program. Going to the Melbourne Show and preparing animals for the Carcase Competition made me have a passion for Agriculture.

#### **What skills did you get out of the Steer Handling and preparation process?**

I learnt how to handle animals and the feeding side of the steers. I learnt how an animal will react to certain situations and from their reaction how I should react. And I learnt that pellet or grain feeding is important in finishing off a steer as well as meeting a specific market.

#### **What was the highlight of your Steer Handling experience?**

The whole experience was really good. Placing in the Handlers Class in 2013 was a highlight and seeing the other animals that placed in their class and comparing them to our animals was also valuable.

#### **Who have been some influences in your Agricultural life so far?**

Mark Woodstock has been one. The time I spent with him at work experience was really valuable as well as the time he spent at the school. Another is my boss Dane Martin. He has shown me all sides of beef production as well as sheep and cropping.

#### **You mentioned your boss, what are you doing now in the Agricultural field?**

I am currently doing Certificate 3 in Agriculture in Wangaratta as well as a Traineeship with Dockers Plains Pastoral Company.

#### **What does this Traineeship involve?**



It involves working one day a week on the Farm doing various jobs that need to be done. I also have to complete booklets on all aspects of Agriculture.

**Are you enjoying this Traineeship?**

Yes I am really enjoying this. It gives me practical hands on experience as well as the training I will need when I leave school.

**You mentioned leaving school, what is your Agricultural dream?**

My Agricultural dream is to manage and own my own Murray Grey Stud. That is a long way off but it is my dream.

**What about when you leave in school in 2016?**

I want to go to the Northern Territory and work on a large cattle station for a few years to gain further experience in beef production.

**By Jane Eggleston**



Above we have, Gabby with Dan Martin, Sophie Anderson, Emma Prescott, at the Royal Melbourne Show.

## **BOBINAWARRAH FARM**

### **Herd Reduction**

**Sale of Pure Bred Cattle (approx. 30 head in total)**

**Selling Cows, Heifers and young Bulls (some polled)**

**Old & new bloodlines**

**Contact: Neil or Jill Taylor ....tel. 03 57273911**

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## **Golden Oldies**

In the last two News Letters I put forward **Blackwater Park Yvonne** as the oldest Welsh Black in Australia, after **Blackwater Park Utoni**, born 2/10/1992, Registration Number PH886, had passed away.

So far no one has notified me with an older Welsh Black. If you do have one older or know of one, please let me know.

**Yvonne** was born on the 5<sup>th</sup> April, 1996. We bought her back in 1997 as one of our original four animals we purchased. She was out of Blackwater Park Quality, by Blackwater Park Whammo, a natural poll, and yes, Yvonne is a polled lady as well. You “old timers” out there will remember Whammo and what he did for the breed, especially those years he spent at the Lardner Park Field Days asking people to come and say hi. By mentioning his name, the next thing that must come to mind is the one and only, our Norm Robinson, Whammo’s owner. Those of you, who remember Norm, will agree that you’ll only ever meet such a lovable character like Norm, once in a lifetime, a true Australian Gentleman. See Norm’s photo in next article below. A little bit more info about Norm, he has been inducted into the “National Road Transport Hall of Fame” in Alice Springs. He was also the oldest truck driver still driving (had slowed down some though) in Australia when he departed us.

Got off track there, but the history those two created was very unique, not to be forgotten. Yvonne had a beautiful heifer calf back in May, with Hopcyn being “The Dad”.

So, do you have an older Welsh Black? Let me know.



Above: Yvonne and calf.



## **BLAST FROM THE PAST.**



Above: Matthew Moulton, Al Watson, Malcolm Douglass, **Norm Robinson** and Phil Moulton.



Above: Some of the Melbourne Show Team about 12 years ago.



Above: Sarah Dent (Brien) with Zenith (owners Drew & Irene Henry) in the Melb Show Interbreed.



Above: Early Handlers Camp at Lesley Gilchrist's with Cathy Eden helping out.



Above: Melb Show about 12 years ago with over 50 Entries.



Above: Merinda with Viola, Supreme Interbreed Champion 2004 Corryong & Upper Murray Show.

# **SEMEN FOR SALE**

## **Silver Metal Hopcyn**

In 2011 Hopcyn won the Australian Welsh Black Society's On Farm Challenge for Males over 4 years class, plus was the Grand Champion Male. As well, his Sire, Welsh Breed Castelle Gaer 30<sup>th</sup>, in 1972 in Wales won a 400 day weight gain trial over Welsh Blacks, Herefords and Charolais with bulls from both Wales and England.

**If you're interested in purchasing Semen from Hopcyn, please contact Colin & Tania Sedgman from Granite Ridge Welsh Blacks at [ctsedgman@bigpond.com](mailto:ctsedgman@bigpond.com) or phone 0427 599 344.**

## **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 Peak Caps.**

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.

**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.

**Please note, these are the same rates as 6 years ago.**

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