



AUSTRALIAN WELSH BLACK CATTLE SOCIETY INC

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Next Committee Meeting: Saturday 1st August. Ascot Vale

Annual General Meeting 2015: Warragul District October 10th.

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Welcome to the Welsh Black Newsletter, the first for 2015.

2015 AGM & DINNER

When: October 10th, 2015

Where: Warragul.

The 2015 AGM and Dinner will be held in Warragul this year. Please make a note on your calendar as it is always great to catch up with news from around the state from breeders and friends of the society. Allan and myself will be looking at venues in the next month to confirm a location for the dinner. I will include in the next newsletter a list of possible accommodations in the area.

Royal Melbourne Show 2015

The 2015 Royal Melbourne Show will again see a team from Rutherglen High. I am sure that they are busy getting to know their animals. I will be inviting the students to submit a report for the next 2 newsletters with some before and after stories of their experiences.

Welsh Blacks out & about

Following a successful Spring show season Allan & Jill Furborough were very busy supporting many Gippsland Shows. Including Korumburra, Neerim, Berwick, Warragul & Bunyip. Buchanan Park Principal who featured in the last newsletter was the unbeaten Champion Male. The most significant event was at the Berwick Show where Allan & Jill vied for Supreme Exhibit. Allan was exhibiting Buchanan Park Principal and Jill exhibited Buchanan Park Juliette. In the end the judges unanimously awarded the Supreme Exhibit to Juliette. Over 100 animals competed at Berwick this year and it was fantastic for our breed to be Champions of both sexes on the day. It is highly unusual for one exhibitor to have both the Male & Female Champion. Congratulations Allan & Jill.

Farmworld at Lardner Park

Farmworld at Lardner Park Warragul was held at the end of March and the Welsh Blacks were on display with a steady stream of interested visitors from all over the state. On display were a Senior Bull, Senior Cow & Calf, Heifer and Junior Bull. The quality and obvious fine health of the animals was commented on by many of those visiting the site. The most travelled visitor was a stock agent from the Northern Territory who had not seen the breed before but was very impressed. Unfavorable weather on the Thursday and Friday kept crowds away but the weekend saw a huge surge of people keen to see all things rural.

East Gippsland Field Days @ Bairnsdale

The weather was perfect for the local Field Days, which in turn brought out record crowds for the two days. A couple of regular cattle exhibitors were absent due to the Rocky Beef Expo, but there was still good cattle numbers. After a number of years not being able to make it to Bairnsdale, it was a pleasure to have Lesley Gilchrist come up all the way from Glen Forbes with her beautiful heifer and bull calves, which featured in the local newspaper. Myself, I was able to take two heifers and a cow down, so in all we had five Welsh Blacks there. Interest in both the breed and our meat products was as strong as ever, plus it gave Lesley an opportunity to promote the Handlers Camp at Woolamai that, with Rocka and their committee, put on each year around April. Yes, it is a plug. I went along this year and was so impressed I'd encourage anyone wanting to learn ring craft and cattle handling, to go along for the three days. I was also able to promote the

Omeo district as a tourist destination, as well as some of our local quality products from the district.

Another great pleasure was being able to catch up with Phil Moulton. Phil started with Welsh Blacks back in the very early days of the breed in Australia and was our Society President for a couple of years. See News Letter #35 for a photo of Phil.

Next year we plan on being back bigger and better at the Bairnsdale field days, so like Phil, come up, call in and say hello.

Colin Sedgman

Blast from the Past:

Allan & Jill recently visited the Beef Australia 2015 Rockhampton extravaganza and thoroughly enjoyed several days socialising and watching many hundreds of cattle judged. One day during judging whilst chatting to the person sitting next to them they were pleased to discover it was Casey Robertson who happened to be the New Zealand exchange student from 1998 who stayed with Malcom & Maureen Douglas. It was a pleasant surprise to meet someone so familiar with our breed and still involved in the cattle industry.

Incidentally the Champion Female Exhibit (A Charolais) was owned by former Victorian Kim Groner.

Stud Beef Handlers Camp

The annual Stud Beef Victoria Handlers Camp will be held during the July School Holidays at the Bendigo Showgrounds. I would like to encourage anyone interested in learning the many skills involved in handling cattle to attend one of these camps. Members of all ages are welcome and it is a fantastic and friendly week. Enquiries to Stud Beef Victoria.

Update of the Constitution

To adhere to the requirements of the Consumer Affairs Act we have to update our Constitution. We are very fortunate to have Barry Casey review our Constitution and restructure it to meet legislative requirements. I would urge all members to read the proposed new Constitution when it is forwarded to them by the Secretary. It will be adopted at the AGM in October.

New Herd Book.

The Society has decided to put together a new Herd Book, so you as members, can have an update on registered animals in the Australian Welsh Black Breed. If you would like to have animals listed that have not been registered, you will need to have them registered with the Society no later than the 30th June 2015.

If you would like a copy of any older issues, they are available from Carol for \$20.

Please remember that registrations for 2015 will be "LL".

Membership

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 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 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 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.

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. If any members would like some stickers, please let either Carol or myself know.

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. With the dealings I've had with Georgia since Ray retired, I've found her to be an excellent person to deal with and one who "knows her stuff". Please contact me if I can help more or you need more info.

Receiving Your News Letter:

This News Letter is distributed in two ways, via email and post. As you can imagine, it's much easier via email. If you are presently receiving this through the post and feel your email would be OK and you're happy to receive the News Letter via email, **could you please let me know as printing is getting difficult**. Originally I wanted this to pay for itself through advertising, but I'm afraid that's not happening due to lack of support, which brings me to advertising.

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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WELSH BLACK REUNION

EARLY NOTICE FOR YOUR DIARY

When: Sunday 22nd November, 2015

Time: 11.00 am till you leave

**Where: Caledonian Hotel
153 Graham Street
Wonthaggi**

I've decided to organize a reunion for past, present & future Welsh Black Cattle people. I'll be keeping it nice and simple so all we do is turn up, catch up with old friends, meet members you have never met and just enjoy the stories going around. Everyone is welcome, even bring friends along.

One thing I do ask though is give me an RSVP as lunch will be available and hopefully because of the numbers, we'll need to do the right thing by the staff at the Hotel.

For more information or your RSVP, contact myself, Colin Sedgman, on 0427 599 344 or email ctsedgman@bigpond.com

BUCHANAN PARK WELSH BLACK STUD

FOR SALE

Reg: Joined Females and Reg: Bulls

Contact - Allan & Jill Furborough

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