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DATES TO REMEMBER

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

2013 AGM Saturday 26th October, 2013

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**OK, you've looked at the above photos, now have another look.
What you're looking at is the Interbreed Supreme Exhibit of the
Bendigo National Beef of 2013.**

Jill & Allan Furborough of Buchanan Park Welsh Blacks took four animals plus one calf to the Bendigo National Beef. Buchanan Park Nicole won Interbreed Senior Cow from 24 other senior females to be given opportunity to compete with the three other champions

for the Ultimate prize of Supreme Exhibit. The final result was Buchanan Park Nicole with her 7th heifer calf at foot was awarded Supreme Exhibit of Show, out of some 400 head exhibited. The other thing that made it so special was it wasn't a single judge that made the final decision but a panel of three judges for the Interbreed judging, and all were unanimous in their decision to award Nicole Supreme Exhibit.

Other great results Allan & Jill achieved were;

Interbreed Best Group of 3

Junior heifer placed 4th in the Interbreed Junior Heifer

Junior bull place 7th in the Interbreed Junior Bull

Senior bull also placed 7th in the Interbreed Senior Bull

Also a great photograph of the winning team featured on the front page of the Stock & Land with accompanying article inside.

Congratulations must go to Allan & Jill for their great achievement after so many years of hard work and dedication to breeding Welsh Blacks and promotion of the breed through their showing at the many shows and field days where they have exhibited.

Steers and Heifers Arrive at Rutherglen High Schools

It's that time of the year again when Rutherglen High School receives its entries for the Royal Melbourne Show Carcase Competition. Just to recap for those not aware, for the past five years Rutherglen High School has entered the Carcase competition with mostly students in Year Nine.

This year we again have five steers (possibly six – there may be a late entry) which have been kindly donated from a variety of sources. We will also be showing a variety of different animals and for the first time two Heifers which will be an experience for all the students.

This year's Team includes an Angus steer kindly donated by Rowley Bennett of Fernhill Angus Stud. This is the second year that Rowley has donated a steer and the school is grateful. Two Welsh Black Heifers have been donated by our long time supporters Tania & Colin Sedgman of Granite Ridge Welsh Blacks and Winnie Jones of Silver Metal Welsh Blacks. For the first time we have a Limousin steer which has been donated by Leon Martin from Le Martres Limousin Stud. The final member of the team is a Belgian Blue steer from Peter Mangles of Riverview Belgium Blues.

The steers and heifers were dropped off once again by Mark Woodstock who works with the students throughout the journey from breaking the cattle in to brushing and finally to leading the animals. Colin Sedgman also attended and explained to the students' aspects of what makes a good carcase animal, his property at Benambra and different cuts of meat obtained from a Carcase. Colin also explained more to the students about the Welsh Black breed and it was good to have a Belgian Blue steer with which to compare the different attributes of the two breeds.

Unlike past years, all Year Nine students attended the talk rather than simply the 20 or so who are interested in Steer Handling. All students found both Mark and Colin to be interesting and informative speakers. A big thanks go to Colin and Winnie for donating the two Welsh Black heifers and we hope we will do the breed proud come Carcase Competition time.

Mark and Colin also took time to have a quick look around the Rutherglen High School grounds and although small in size, contain a number of different animals such as sheep, chickens, vines and obviously cattle. A heifer bred by the school took the eye of Colin and if I wasn't careful I thought Colin may have backed the trailer into the paddock and coaxed the animal in to breed on his property. Seriously though it was good to hear Col talk highly of a heifer bred at the school and although our numbers of cattle are small, most in the Rutherglen area are now familiar with the Welsh Black breed.

Farm to Table Class



Rutherglen students practicing their cattle handling skills.



Mark supervising halter tiring techniques.

High Hopes – First Steer Handling Session at Rutherglen High School

On the 18th of June Colin Sedgman and Mark Woodstock kindly donated their time to help demonstrate the practices involved with Steer Handling for the Year Nines of Rutherglen High School.

First of all Mark displayed how to put a headstall on each of the animals. He showed us how to apply the necessary ropes. After the steer was happy with the headstall he then showed us how to tie them up. The main steps he outlined were to allow the beast to calm itself after we removed it from the confined space in the cattle yards and allowed it to freely walk around the larger parts of the cattle yards with us holding a slack rope. Then we had to slowly lead the steer to the post of which we were tying it up to. Mark showed us a safe and sturdy knot to use when we were tying up the steer. We slowly had to lure the steer towards us and tie it firmly on a short lead.

After the steers were all tied up and had settled down Colin and Mark talked to us about some safety precautions we need to take when working with steers. They discussed the danger zones of a steer and what to do in a dangerous situation. The steers were pretty placid and only took a few minutes to work out that being tied wasn't going to hurt them.

Mark then began the process of teaching us how to brush the steers. We were told to always stand side on from the animal and notify them when we are approaching them. The steers kicked out a couple of times when some of the students accidentally crept up on the animals. Mark told us that when we are brushing the steer it is divided into two sections; everything in front of their shoulder is the steers and everything behind the steer is ours. We were told we were only to brush behind their shoulders as they are not yet comfortable with us touching their heads. The steers quickly learnt that by brushing them we were not going to harm them and they rather enjoyed it.

Mark and Colin's visit helped all of the Rutherglen High School Steer Handling Team become a lot more confident around the steers and we learnt a lot in a short period of time we spent with them. All of the students are very appreciative of the commitment Mark and Colin have towards helping the Steer Handling Team and we thank them very much for continuing to support the program. Thanks also go out to Ron Webb for organising the steers every year and running the program.

By Charlie Redman

Editors note. After my many visits to Rutherglen High School over the years, three of which have been in the last six weeks, I would like to congratulate both the school and students on a great job they are doing with their carcass animals. What really stands out "big time" is their positive attitude to what they are trying to achieve. It's because of this Mark Woodstock takes great pleasure in guiding the students (and Webby) in their quest to achieve results. Thanks also go to teacher Ron Webb, who will admit openly that he

has NO stock background, for taking on his guidance role for the benefit of the students. The confidence in themselves that some of these students have achieved throughout the Ag year has been amazing for some students. Webby has also been willing to be on our society's committee for the benefit of the students, all done in his own time and own expense. The biggest and last thank you has to go to senior student Gabrielle Robinson. Gab is a past Ag student who has volunteered to help guide the new students in their quest for improvement. Not only do the students receive extra tuition, but it also helps Mark Woodstock in his guidance role. It also means Webby might improve his knowledge on cattle!!! Ron, you have improved heaps over the five years. Thanks Gab.

Australian Welsh Black Cattle Survey.

Recently all members received in the mail a Survey, put out by our President Mark Woodstock. What I would like to do is encourage everyone to fill it in with your constructive thoughts and send to Carol, our Secretary. In the 19 years since the Society was formed, both the Society and individuals in the Society have achieved a great deal. For a small Society, you only need to look at how often one of our members gets a positive write up in one of the major newspaper publications. Regardless of whether you think you've anything to contribute or not, please give it a go. Sometimes the obvious can be overlooked by the committee.

At our next Committee Meeting the committee will consider a spot prize to be drawn from everyone who has submitted a survey.

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.

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 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 eg. 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 organized Welsh Black Cattle stickers to be printed. These will be 220 x 50 mm; will have the Australian Welsh Black logo on the left with, "Welsh Black Cattle" after that. The availability of these will be in the next News Letter.

Team H Cattle Care.

Who is Team H? They're a group of young adults who work with cattle and prepare animals for the Melbourne Show carcass Competition. This year Allan & Jill Furborough have donated a steer to them. Because of Team H's involvement with a Welsh Black, I got in touch with Hayden for a story. Below is what I received, so will let Hayden tell you the story of Team H Cattle Care.



Dear Colin & Members of the Welsh Black Society,

Thank you for your phone call in regards to Team H Cattle Care. Jill & Allan Furborough have been supporters of the group for a few years now. They are always up for a chat about what is happening with steers & to run a keen eye over the herd. This year they have donated Buchanan Park Hurricane to the team. He catches every ones eye when they call past & has the quietest of nature. He was dream to break in & an easy doing animal. He has been entered in this year's Royal Melbourne Show carcass competition.



A little about Team H Cattle Care; we are not a formal team or club, we are just a group of young adults that love cattle. As you can see we are aged from 12 to 28 years in age & we are all from beef cattle back grounds of various breeds. We have 10 steers that we are feeding this year that are both pure bread & cross breads. Most of them are donated & we are just starting to breed some of our own steers. We collect the steers at Easter & prepare them through till September show.

Team H is about learning as much as we can about the beef industry. We do our budgeting for the years feed & expenses. We learn how to mark & dehorn

the steers. Next is nose rings & breaking in the animals. With those jobs out the way we start to prepare our coats on the steers [washing, brushing & clipping] & polish our handling skills.

Our goal is to prepare & present all our steers to their best potential. We must look after our animals & be respectful to our breeders that support us so well providing us with animals & a network of support. Without

breeders support we could not learn the good & the bad, or refine & consolidate our skills. We don't have any schools in the area to do steer competitions, so this is our only option to compete. We love what we do & want to do it well.

I hope this gives you an idea of what we are about & we are proud to have a Welsh Black in our team this year. Thank you for your interest.

Yours Faithfully
Hayden King

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.

AGM for 2013.

At our February 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**. If you would like to enter cattle, whether it's for either the Beef Carcase or Beef Cattle section, entries close on the **19th July**. Judging for the carcase section will be over Monday 23rd & Tuesday 24th 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.

BULLS FOR SALE

If you are looking for a new bull, Lesley Gilchrist of Lemic Park Welsh Black Cattle Stud, has two for sale.

They are both 2 years old.

**If interested, give Lesley a ring on
03 5678 8283**

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.

Contact details: Colin Sedgman, P.O. Box 61, Benambra, VIC, 3900

Email: ctsedgman@bigpond.com

Phone: 03 5159 9341 or 0427 599 344 or Fax: 03 5159 9379

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.

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.

Reduction Sale

Gwinganna Welsh Blacks.

Cows, Calves, Heifers and Bulls

FOR SALE

Contact Gavin 0407041960

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.

Colin Sedgman, Editor