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# Simmental Australia PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As I sit and reflect on the year 2022 I think of all our members and their contributions to our breed over the last 50 years. As a breed, Simmentals have been on a roĺler coaster ride over this time but with patience, knowledge and commitment we truly are being recognized in the industry as a serious player and our ability to change to the relevant markets set us above the rest and will continue to see the growth of our Breed into the foreseeable future. No other breed offers the flexibility that Simmental offers our Industry, whether you breed for the Domestic Vealer right up to the Heavy Export Markets, Simmental has a purebred or crossbred option that will suit your environment in the colour of your choice.

I would firstly like to thank my fellow Board Members for their time and commitment they put towards developing our Breed. You can't truly appreciate how much time our Board Members volunteer to promote and strengthen our breed and for that I personally want to say "Thank You". The introductions of Sub Committees seem to be helping share the load evenly over the Board helping to relieve the pressure on one or two people. State Branches continue to work alongside the Federal Board to achieve beneficial outcomes at a State and regional level. To the members that make time to help with the State activities - the entire Federal board thanks you for your efforts and we hope that this relationship will continue to strengthen and grow into the future.

Our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations have gone off all over the country, including Feature Shows in Sydney, Brisbane, Launceston and Perth. Events also included the Sydney Gala Dinner, Melbourne's Simmental Saturday and the Ekka After Show Celebrations; just a few of the events put together to have past and present members converge to celebrate 50 years of Simmentals in Australia. All have been very well-received and huge credit must go to the organizing committees.

Our bull and female sales have really been a highlight of 2022. Many sales on both sides of the country have set new records, along with increased number of offerings, really reinforcing the demand for Simmental Genetics. Commercial sales have also been setting records with Simmental cows setting an Auction Plus record for commercial cows earlier in the year and many weekly sale toppers at our regional saleyards, nationwide, proving the financial benefit of Simmentals.

Our Database and Performance recording trial with C-Gen and IGS continues with some interesting results. Our Technical Committee has been working hard in the comparison between the different systems and which platforms will suit Simmental Australia members moving forward into the future.

Our Youth program has gained momentum with many events coinciding with our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary events and Qld's "Beefing up the Next Generation" camp is set to be a record-breaker. Again, thank you to the organizers as these events would be null and void without their commitment.

I would like to thank Felicity for the work that goes on behind the scenes and the hours she puts in after the standard work week to help our breeders and committee function in a professional manner.

<sup>1</sup> Lastly, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Let hope we continue to see the rise of the Simmental Breed and the seasons and weather are kind to us all for 2023.

Scott York





#### Simmental Australia BREED DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

he 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year has certainly been a terrific year for Simmentals with fantastic sale results and interbreed wins in the Show ring. Our Gala Dinner at Sydney

Royal celebrated new life memberships and our long-standing memberships from 25 to 50 years. We thank those past and present members who made the time to attend and celebrate. The auction of our belt buckles went above and beyond our expectations and a donation heifer sold to kickstart the NSW Youth account.

The Youth program has had a significant boost this year with members from all our representative states getting on board to support the up-and-coming breeders and potential breeders, with paraders competitions in three states, youth bursaries, junior judging wins and more. We look forward to mentoring them over the coming years.

The Royal Show pages will highlight the interbreed successes we've had this year and we congratulate all exhibitors who've gone above and beyond to promote the breed in our anniversary year.

A contingent of members travelled to Austria for the World Simmental Fleckvieh Congress in September. Wonderful to see familiar and new faces after being delayed for two years. Very important networking for import and export opportunities. For myself, the ability to make contacts for the swapping of genotypes. Here's hoping a worldwide pool can be put together in the future for all or relevant societies.

Our IGS trial is in full swing with a report on comparing the two providers to be completed by our November meeting. The Technical Committee have been working hard to make sure all the hard questions are asked and being answered for the future of the breed.

We must keep the momentum of our anniversary year going and look forward to capitialising on an increased market share for Simmental in 2023.

Felicity Reeves

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# Simmental named Norman Hotel Best Breed

By Mark Phelps, QCL

immental has proven the steak to beat in the Norman Hotel's hotly contested 2022 Best Breed competition. Norman Hotel executive chef Frank Correnti said the Simmental product won the taste test "convincingly" ahead of the Speckle Park, Brahman and Santa

Gertrudis entries. "We already had a good idea that the Simmental was going to be popular, because it was scored the most votes at the breeders night in August, held during the Ekka," Mr Correnti said.

"At that event the guests had no knowledge of the breed of each sample of steak.

"Simmental steak also won that one hands down."

The competition held in "Brisbane's worst vegetarian restaurant" is based purely on the eating experience of consumers during the month of September.

As the winner, the Simmental rump will be the feature steak in the Norman throughout October, keeping the operation's 15 chefs and 20-30 support hopping.

In a variation from the previous competitions, diners were offered a skewer with four 40 grams pieces of rump steak representing each of the breeds on the voting card.

At the end the month the votes were tallied with the Simmental coming up trumps ahead of the Speckle Park product.

Norman Hotel marketing manager Tania Cousens said the skewer serve had also proven a great conversation starter for diners.

"People always like to talk about food," Ms Cousens said.

"The feedback we have received on serving each of the different steaks on a skewer was terrific, because people can appreciate the different tastes and textures and compare notes." All of the cattle involved in the competition were fed for 100-plus days before being processed at JBS's Beef City facility.

"It's a great example of how everyone along the supply chain puts so much much effort into producing the world's best beef," Ms Cowper said.

"Ultimately we are being delivered a wonderful steak because of all of that care and attention that is involved."

Simmental Australia president Scott York, Glengyle, Dulacca, said the was a great way to cap off the breed's 50th year in Australia.

"Simmentals have come a long way since they first arrived in Australia and are making a big contribution to herd performance and eating quality," Mr York said.

"It's certainly great to know consumers are really enjoying Simmental beef and understanding how much interest there is in the wonderful product we are delivering."

The Best Breed competition kicked off in 2015 when it was won by the Brahman entry. Other and Shorthorn. Other winners have included Shorthorn, Speckle Park and Charbray.

Mr Correnti said it was still to decided which breeds would be selected for next year's competition, but Simmental was a certain starter.

"There are always plenty of suggestions so we'll be having plenty of conversations about which four will appeal to our customers," Mr Correnti said.

The Norman typically sell 1000 to 1200 steaks a week.



Linden Cowper, JBS, Norman Hotel executive chef Frank Correnti, Simmental Australia national president Scott York and Simmental Australia Queensland president Lis Skene.



Norman Hotel steak.



Norman Hotel Scott York and Lis Skene.

Lífe Membershíps

awarded in 50th year



est Australian member, Audrey Weightman of Topweight Simmentals and South Australian member, Tom Baker, were awarded Life Memberships for their years of service to the breed at State and Federal level at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Dinner at the 2022 Sydney Royal Show.

Audrey was nominated for her work in promoting Simmental across the world at each World Congress she's put the time and money into attending over her near 50 year time with the breed.

Tom was nominated for his work on the South Australian State Branch committee and his service to younger people who have gone on to invest in the Simmental breed.

Victorian members, Peter Wenn of Pinaroohills Simmentals and Garry Gillett of Lara Leigh Simmentals were awarded Life Membership at the 2022 Melbourne Royal for their lifelong support of the breed in their State branches and at Federal level.

Peter and Garry both work tirelessly for the State and Federal Committees and both thanked their families for their ongoing support. The volunteer time this entails cannot go unrecognised.



Scott York, Peter Wenn and Gary Gillett



Stuart Moeck and Audrey Weightman



Stuart Moeck and Tom Baker





orld Simmental Fleckvieh Federation awards Golden Book Award to Peter Wenn.

The Golden Book Award is the most prestigious award a Simmental Breed Society can give to a member and is awarded by the World Simmental Fleckvieh Federation for significant contribution by a person or organisation to the development of the Simmental/Simbrah breeds.

This year, Peter Wenn of Pinaroohills Simmentals in Victoria, was given this award at our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Dinner in Sydney. Peter was

introduced as the winner by longtime friend of Simmental Australia, Fred Schuetze of SOT Simmentals, Texas, USA as being a very worthy recipient.

Peter joins fellow awardees, Thomas J. Liley, David Emerson, Charles Cowcher, Bill Almond, Peter Speers, Dr Arthur Rickards, as worthy Australian recipients.



Vanessa and Peter Wenn



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# OVER 250 BULLS FOR SALE IN 2023 AT THESE VENUES;

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# WSFFF Farm

And how do you get 200 people from 30 countries onto farms that would interest them all? By coach of course, four of them and then offer a variety of different farm to see, depending on your preferred option. We were spoilt for choice and had to make that choice before we left Australia. Three or four farms were offered up depending on dairy, beef or dual-purpose. We Australians chose beef and dual-purpose but no-one was disappointed.

I personally was expecting to see a dairy type frame on a mainly broken coloured coat. This was far from reality. The cattle we saw would have slotted right into any herd at home. Big framed, well covered, easy doing cattle with a range of broken to mainly solid coat colour with the white face and feet and some eye patching.

You will see by the photos that biosecurity measures were a high priority at each farm. Shoe covers, disinfectant matts, hand sanitiser were in place at each stop. We also left our shoes behind in Austria before flying home.



Our first visit was to a dual-purpose Fleckvieh farm – Perschlingtal, Milch GesnbR, Pyhra, Lower Austria. This is a partnership between three farmers – Leopold Fischer, Stefan Moser and Josef Spendelhofer. They have paired together with a teaching facility also on the land where students learn all aspects of land and animal production.

They aim for four to five cuts of hay in the year.

Altitude: 300m above sea level

Rainfall: 800-900mm

**Farm size:** 50 ha of their own farmland and 83 ha of leased farmland (133 ha in total)

**Livestock:** Currently 365 dairy cows, 250 offspring (130 of them at a partner farm) and 30 male calves (for sale to a fattening farm at a weight of 110 kg to 120 kg)

**Feed:** TMR via a self-propelled feed mixer; 3 groups (cows being milked, dry cows, transit group). TMR consists of 50% maize and grass silage each, 6-7 kg brewer's grains, molasses, protein concentrate, cereal mixture and minerals.





We then moved on to a Fleckvieh fattening farm owned by the Roch family, Tulbing, Lower Austria.

Initially run as a part-time business by Edeltraud and Ferdinand Roch, the farm became a full-time operation when the family built their own biogas plant in 2004. Since then, the Roch family farm has been steadily expanding.

After starting with 30 cattle at the end of 2017, they built a new, modern, animal-friendly barn in 2020 and increased the number of animals to 320. At the same time, the Rochs began to rear calves in order to maximise the value added per cow.

The barn for fattening cattle consists of cubicles with a paved surface, a manure scraper in the feeding area and litter bedding, and was built in a particularly animal-friendly manner in accordance with the AMA criteria for barn management. It was designed to accommodate 240 bulls.

The Fleckvieh bulls enter the new fattening barn at a live weight of around 200 kg and are sold after about 12 months at a weight of around 730 kg.

Altitude: 206 m above sea level

Rainfall: 550-600 mm

**Farm size:** 180 ha of usable area, of which 155 ha are arable land and 25 ha are grassland

Livestock: 320 animals for fattening, 80 of which are calves and weaner calves

**Feed:** Calves: 6 litres of milk replacer per animal/day via an automatic feeder and TMR made from chopped and dust-free barley straw, barley meal, grain maize meal, dried beet cuttings, soybean meal, linseed meal, fodder molasses and fodder acid. Share of concentrate feed:



# Tours

initially 80 % before decreasing to 50 %; maize silage: starting at 1 % then increasing to 50 % Cattle from 200 kg to 750 kg: TMR consisting of 72 % maize silage, Corn-Cob-Mix, alfalfa hay and concentrate (grain maize, barley meal, soybean meal, rapeseed meal, rapeseed cake, sunflower cake)

The resulting biogas slurry is spread on the farm's own land to meet the nutrient requirements of the soil. This high-quality liquid fertiliser eliminates the need for synthetic fertiliser and significantly increases the profitability of the farm's crop production.

The heat generated by the production of electricity is used to operate a drying plant all year round. Depending on the season, this facility is used to dry cereals, hay, alfalfa hay and grain maize, with the latter also serving as feed for the cattle.

The feed bunks here were lined with stainless steel where other farms had tiles, due to the acidity of the silage would eat away at the concrete flooring.

We finished the day with a smoking barbecue of different cuts of beef from the bulls fattened here, cooked by an award winning barbecue chef. The meat was incredible.





Our next visit was to a semen collection centre called Genostar where the bulls kept here were paraded for our viewing. The Genostar insemination organisation is owned by farmers and breeders from the Austrian states of Lower Austria (NÖ Genetik) and Styria (Rinderzucht Steiermark), which are therefore its main areas of activity.

In its capacity as a representative of Austrian cattle breeders, Genostar's primary task is to optimise and maximise advances in breeding in the interests of cattle farmers. They therefore run an aggressive and modern breeding programme for the Fleckvieh breed while using as much information from genotyping as possible. This is based on a population of 130,000 Fleckvieh cows in herds with very different conditions of production, ranging from intensive forage farming to extensive mountain farming areas. They genotype about 2,800 male calves per year. The animals are raised in performance testing stations, with approximately 40 young Fleckvieh bulls going into insemination breeding each year. Together with the breeding associations NÖ Genetik and Rinderzucht Steiermark and their cooperation partners, they aim to breed high-performing, harmonious, well-balanced and fit Fleckvieh cows.

Key figures of the breeding programme:

- 130,000 herdbook cows
- Insemination rate: 96.7%
- Performance testing capacity (Rosenau and Kalsdorf stations): 180 places
- 3,000 males genotyped each year
- 8,000 females genotyped each year
- · Input: 40 young Fleckvieh bulls each year





The official Gala Dinner and Closing Ceremony was held on a boat cruise on the Danube where presentations to and from the delegates from each country were given. Australia presented the President of Fleckvieh Austria, Sebastian Auernig with one of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Belt Buckles.

Gala Dinner presentation - Presentation of belt buckle to Sebastian Auernig with Phillip Partridge, Peter Wenn and Felicity Reeves

# Hobbs Livestock tops National Sale at \$32,000

By Hannah Powe, the Land



The \$32,000 sale-topper, Hobbs Livestock Royal Red, offered by Stuart and Kylie Hobbs, Hobbs Livestock, Molong, and bought by Ticoba Simbrahs, Mundubbera, Queensland

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The 2023 sale date is set for June. Keep your eye on the e-news for more information. Demand for new outcross genetics help drive prices to a \$32,000 sale high during the Simmental Australia National Sale hosted online via AuctionsPlus on 17<sup>th</sup> June.

In total 10 of 18 bulls were sold to the sale top of \$32,000 and an average of \$12,400, while three of four females sold for \$4000 each.

Queensland-based buyers Ticoba Simbrahs, Mundubbera, bought the sale-topper in Hobbs Livestock Red Royal, account of Stuart and Kylie Hobbs, Hobbs Livestock, Molong.

The 20-month-old was by NUG Royal Red 324A and from Hobbs Livestock Red Party Girls P5, and had been sashed the junior champion bull of the 2022 Sydney Royal Simmental feature show in April.

Matt Kirk of Ticoba said it was a combination of structural correctness and new genetics which drew him to the elite sire prospect.

"He was a very good package - structurally he is very correct, and his pedigree is something that I don't have... in the red Simmental world it can get very condensed at the quality end," he said.

"He is a complete outcross to anything I have got."

## **2022 National Simmental Sale Results**

21/31 total lots sold to a top of \$32,000 for Lot 12, Hobbs Livestock Royal Red going to QLD.

3/4 females sold to \$4,000ea.

Semen sold to \$160/straw.

4/5 Embryos sold to a top of \$2,150 per embryo for MRL Playmaker x Savannah Dharma.

1/1 Flush sold for \$6,250.

2/2 Belt Buckles sold to a top of \$2,625.

### Sale stats.

#### Auctionsplus

- 3696 Catalogue views
- 21/32 lots purchased online
- 166 Registered Bidders
- 125 guest viewers
- 36 active bidders
- 302 online bids
- Bulls Ave \$11,583 Top 32,000
- Females Avg \$4,000 Top \$4,000
- Genetic lots Avg \$1,701 Top \$6,250
- Gross \$168,075

#### **Printed Catalogue 500**

• 482 posted balance to Nutrien

#### **ABRI pedigree catalogue**

• 301 views 3/5/2 to 4/6/22

#### Facebook

- Catalogue on Issuu (digital PDF) 3178 Reach with 203 clicks on link
- Album Reach 1299-3538
- Results Reach 3864, 147 Likes, 348 clicks on link

#### Youtube

- 17 videos loaded -10 to 81 views per lot
- Total 5,200 views, 218.2 watch time

#### Mailchimp 19/5/22

- 456 recipients, 255 individual opens, 602 total opens, 97 clicked on links
- 99 clicks on flipbook on catalogue
- 89 clicks on PDF itself from email
- 41 clicks on ABRI pedigree catalogue
- 27 clicks to AuctionsPlus
- 9 clicks to the Calendar of Events page

#### **ACM Print media**

- QCL 26/5 20,000 copies
- The Land 26/5 28,000 copies
- The Land 2/6 Sale Preview.. (2 page sale preview-4 vendors advertised) 28,000 print copies
- QCL 2/6 20,000 print copies



One of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition Belt Buckles sold on behalf of the Tasmanian Branch



Top Price Genetic Lot was for a flush of Savannah Zoe P043 for \$6,250



One of the Top Price Heifers was Knockando Black Sapphire for \$4,000









t our 50th Anniversary Gala Dinner on Saturday 9th April, we celebrated our 25 – 49 year memberships. They are listed below and received commemorative certificates in the post.

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t our 50th Anniversary Gala Dinner on Saturday 9th April, we celebrated our 50 year memberships. They are listed below. Those who were not able to attend the dinner received their commemorative certificates in the post.

Such a commitment to the breed and a well deserved recognition.



The 50 year membership certificates awarded to Tom Baker, John Hopkins and Cam Emerson

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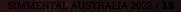


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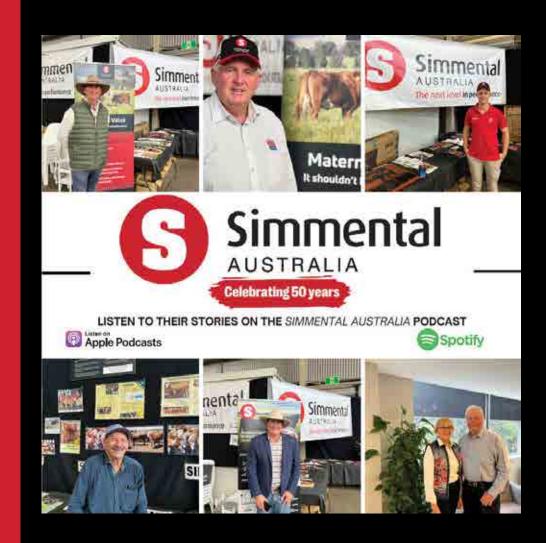
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Farmers Greg and Vikki Templeton haven't looked back since switching to Fleckvieh for their dairy operation and are now in the process of building their Simmental beef herd. PHOTO: Vikki Templeton



These Evergreen calves sired by a bull from Genetic Austria are the Templetons' last hand reared calves as they transition to a Simmental beef herd. PHOTO: Vikki Templeton



Fleckvieh bull calves have really lifted the Templetons' profit margin as they sell for more than triple what their Holstein bulls calves sold for. PHOTO: Vikki Templeton

# Dual purpose Fleckvieh Simmentals reinvigorate dairy farmers' passion for cows and breeding

By Jacinta Cummins

#### SIMMENTALS SOLVE DAIRY HERD HEALTH ISSUES

GREG Templeton is a fifth generation farmer who's been milking cows on his Nar Nar Goon farm for 49 years, but in 2006, he and wife Vikki had had enough.

The fertility of their registered purebred Holstein dairy herd had plummeted and the animals were battling mastitis and hoof problems among other health issues.

The cows which did get in calf were facing significant issues when it came to calving.

"The lowest point was when our conception rate dropped to 20%," Greg said.

Greg said. Desperate for a solution, Greg cast his mind back to the 1970s when he and his father, Rod, were in the second wave of breeders to use Simmentals when they came to Australia.

"Dad grew up on a dairy farm but was from a big family and there wasn't a lot of opportunity so he became a drover," he explained.

"After he got married, he was looking for a life off the road and he drew a soldier settler block so they came here in 1951 from Glenormiston [in Victoria's Western District]."

Rod and Greg achieved great success putting Simmental bulls over Hereford females which they sold into the vealer market at the now closed Dandenong Saleyards.

They bought their first bulls from Gil Rayner and Shirley Trennery's nearby Ripplebrook Simmentals and some of their first Simmental females came from Harry M. Miller's Dunmore Stud.

They also bought heifers at Witchwood Simmental Stud's dispersal sale.

When Greg married Vikki, who had grown up on a nearby dairy farm, the couple focussed solely on dairy and used Friesians before going to Holsteins.

Since marrying and being heavily involved on the farm, Vikki has completed a Diploma of Frontline Management and Diploma of Agriculture through the University of Melbourne as well as a Certificate in Animal Nutrition (Feedlot Management) through the University of New England.

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The couple were both also involved with local dairy groups over the years.

So when the Holsteins were failing, Friesians weren't an option to fix the problems.

But while many of his peers thought Simmentals were an unlikely solution, they were Greg's first choice.

"I had great memories of their enormous weight gains so if they didn't work for dairy, I knew we would still have good beef cattle which took the risk out of the equation," he said.

Greg and Vikki put two Simmental beef bulls from Sharon and Chris Jordan's Ten-Rose Simmental over their females and quickly noticed a strong improvement in conception rate and general health issues. The Templetons' vet bills

The Templetons' vet bills dropped from \$1000-1200 a month to about \$1000 annually.

"A lot of the illnesses pretty much disappeared and the calving issues stopped," Greg said. "The only calving issue we have

"The only calving issue we have now is if there's a calf facing the wrong way or something out of the ordinary and this can happen with any breed.

"The workload is a lot more manageable with the Fleckvieh than it was with any of the other dairy breeds we've used."

Vikki credits the change with giving Greg back his love for cows and breeding.

"I'm extremely proud of him having the courage to go from a purebred stud Holstein herd to one which was relatively unknown in Australia," she said.

"But as usual, he went in full bore and never used another straw of Holstein semen again.

"We haven't looked back since. "And it reignited Greg's passion for what we do."

When Greg and Vikki first purchased the Ten-Rose bulls, the Jordans suggested they consider Fleckvieh moving forward because it is a true dual purpose milk and meat animal.

After seeing the improvements they'd gained from the Ten-Rose

bulls, the Templetons followed this advice and started importing Fleckvieh genetics direct from Austria in 2007.

#### NEW GENETICS INCREASE CASH FLOW AND OPEN NEW MARKETS

While Greg had anticipated a decrease in milk volume compared to what the Holsteins produced daily, the difference between their yield and the Fleckviehs' yield was not a lot.

He and Vikki were delighted to find the fat and protein percentages were in fact an improvement on the Holsteins' milk.

"We currently average 4.2% fat and 3.7% protein, but before that we were only getting 3.4% and 2.9% ," Greg said.

"Fat and protein are a big key to milk quality and can affect our price so any gains like these are welcome."

When it came to bull calves, which have long been the thorn in most dairy farmers' side,

they went from being sold for slaughter via Warragul Saleyards to being sold for rearing as beef steers.

What had been a waste product was now making up to \$600 a head at five days old.

And their cull cow prices strengthened realising a 25c/ kilogram higher price than the Holstein cull cows had made.

A new market also emerged when Txuleta 1882 went into business in and Greg and Vikki starting selling old cows to be grass fed for another 12-18 months for dry aged beef.

dry aged beef. "The extra value has been astounding," Greg said.

"The bull calves are so popular we now sell them straight out of the paddock instead of going through the yards."

Running a self replacing herd means the Templetons don't have a lot of surplus heifers, but other dairy farmers have been keen to snap up any they've offered for sale.

The feedback has been favourable and Greg notes that more than a few farmers who wondered "What on earth that crazy bastard Templeton is up to now" when he and Vikki went into Fleckvieh, are now asking for their advice on doing the same thing themselves.

Greg is keen to tap into the export market with any surplus heifers moving forward given heifers in the 200+ kilogram bracket (live weight) are making \$2400 [as of November, 2022].

#### SIMMENTALS SET TEMPLETONS UP FOR BEEF SUCCESS AS THEY START A NEW CHAPTER

Greg and Vikki's son Rory worked with them on the farm for a few years and he established Merton Rush stud using genetics from Woonallee, Tugulawa and Lakeside Studs, to breed beef Simmentals during this time.

Following the extended Covid-19 lockdowns in Victoria, Rory decided to travel and work elsewhere so Greg and Vikki purchased the stud from him and now run it as Templeton Simmental.

But after close to five decades of milking twice daily year round, the couple is scaling things back in the new year by moving from dairy to beef production.

Vikki is looking forward to being able to travel with Greg instead of being tied to the farm for 365 days a year.

They are hand rearing their last dairy calves and are working with Simmental Australia to incorporate their Dairy Fleckvieh into the Australian Simmental Register.

The goal is to gradually expand their current herd of 220 breeders which includes 180 milkers and 40 beef breeders with 200 heifers to 275 beef breeders and heifers.

The first drop of beef calves sired by Willandra Simmental bulls are due on the ground in January.

"We want to use the breed's top rated bulls and Peter's [Cowcher] have an excellent track record so we are really looking forward to seeing the progeny and we will go from an AI focus to paddock joining using the three Willandra bulls we bought in February," Greg said.

The plan is to turn the males over to Radfords Warragul at around 450 kilograms and retain females.

As they are in their final weeks of milking, Greg and Vikki say their journey would not have been possible without Fleckvieh and Simmental.

"The breed didn't just solve our cows' fertility and health issues, it really gave us a better way to do things and increased our income because of the higher prices and extra sales we received which we didn't have in our herd before," Greg said.

"But while people tend to think of me when it comes to Fleckvieh, we are a real partnership and I couldn't have achieved any of this without Vikki."

As Vikki reflected on their last 16 years, she believes their gamble has paid off.

"We are coming out of dairying with a herd which we don't have to sell as they can just rear their beef Simmental calves.

"We are extremely confident this transition will succeed and give us the freedom to wind things back a bit more as we move into this next chapter together."



Fleckvieh has given Greg and Vikki Templeton more flexibility to alter the direction of their business to suit their changing lifestyle. PHOTO: Vikki Templeton



Rau Trisha will drop one of the first calves in the Templetons' beef operation in 2023. PHOTO: Vikki Templeton



Rau Trix is being retained as a breeder in the Templetons' beef operation PHOTO: Vikki Templeton



Greg and Vikki are anticipating a smooth transition from dairy to beef. PHOTO: Vikki Templeton

# **Cheesemaker uses Fleckvieh** milk to establish her **burgeoning business**

#### By Jacinta Cummins



Rachel Needoba aims for quality over quantity in the cheese she handmakes for Butterfly Factory and has found Fleckvieh milk has a wholesome density to it and describes its distinct texture as velvety. PHOTO: Guy Lavoiepierre



Raches uses Fleckvieh milk from John and Irene Crawford's dairy in Darnum, West Gippsland to make cheese for Buttefly Factory. **PHOTO: Supplied** 



Lactic curd on the draining table at Butterfly Factory PHOTO: Rachel Needoba



Butterfly Factory Monkery and Chamela. PHOTO: Rachel Needoba

HEN it comes to making cheese, there's a lot more to it than just using any old milk to create a product.

Caseiculture, the official term for crafting cheese, is as much an understanding of microbiology and food chemistry as it is about craftsmanship.

Like most things in agriculture, you only reap what you sow and according to West Gippsland cheesemaker Rachel Needoba, cheese is only as good as the milk used to make it. So when she established her micro-dairy, The Butterfly Factory, finding the right milk was crucial to success.

Although her initial premises weren't suitable for

maturing cheese so she started bottling milk and making butter, cultured cream and yoghurt to sell, Rachel wanted milk which would be suitable to make cheese when she had the facilities to do so.

"Quality over quantity has been a big distinction with the Butterfly Factory," she explained.

The milk had to be of the highest quality, come from cows which were grassfed only and she had to know its provenance.

The herd's diet was important because silage can contain bacteria that doesn't affect drinking milk but which can cause defects in cheese as it continues to grow and can cause the cheese to "blow out" during the maturing process, resulting in a misshapen product.

While Diary Food Safety Victoria requires testing for bacteria borne pathogens such as listeria, salmonella and Staphylococcus (Staph) to prevent food poisoning, they don't examine physical defects such as these, but these defects can change a cheese's taste, texture and smell.

Rachel says this all contributes to the consumption experience and enjoyment of cheese.

"For me it's about your environment shaping what you make rather than picking a product and then working out how to make it," she said.

"I fell in love with farmhouse cheese in France years ago and it is very much influenced by what cows perform best in that area so you find the milk used to make cheese differs region to region and results in distinctive cheeses which represent that area.

"I wanted to work with what was available locally and that was Fleckvieh milk.

"I loved how the Fleckvieh was a dual purpose animal used for milk and meat in Europe.

"I didn't know anyone using it to make cheese when I started out, but the breed is closely related to Montbeliarde which is renowned for cheesemaking so I knew it would suit."

Rachel had heard of dairy farmer Rob Monk through Tamsin Carvan.

Tamsin ran a boutique plate to paddock eatery called Tamsin's Table at Poowong East which served food predominantly grown and cooked onsite, but Tamsin used milk from Rob's neighbouring farm.

Given Tamsin's glowing reviews, Rob sprang to mind when Rachel was looking for milk.

She described the first time she tasted it. "It had a velvety texture to it," she recalled

"There was a density and a distinctive flavour and character which was really important to me." Rob milked once daily and had an alternative approach to

dairying in which animal health was paramount.

Mastitis which is the most common health problem for dairy herds causes changes in the chemical composition of milk which can affect clotting and whey drainage, some of the steps in making cheese.

Mastitis decreases overall cheese yield and can change texture and flavour because of enzymatic activities in the milk, so Rachel needed to be sure she wasn't using milk which came from cows with mastitis.

When she started using Rob's milk at the Butterfly Factory in 2017, she couldn't keep up with the customer demand.

"People were really taken with the products because they were flavourful and richly textured.

"Our bodies recognise food that is nutrient dense which not only tastes good, but nourishes us.

"I think that as the nourishing quality of food has reduced over the years as production has become more industrialised, when people do get to taste wholesome, natural food they really appreciate it.

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Rachel started making lactic curd cheese in 2019 as it is sold fresh and doesn't need maturing.

She started making them for restaurants, providores and cheesemongers in Melbourne.

The cheese has also been regularly ordered for "The MOULD Cheese Collective's" cheese boxes, a subscription service that delivers boxes with four artisan cheeses made in different styles from different milk in different regions to customers each month to showcase Australian cheese.

But all good things must come to an end eventually and in 2020. Rob Monk retired.

Losing her Fleckvieh milk supply also coincided with Covid-19 and the lease ending on Rachel's factory in Warragul.

It was make or break for Butterfly Factory, but Rachel chose to go into hiatus instead.

Then fate or luck intervened.

Rachel believes it was the universe which brought her into contact with John and Irene Crawford who also have a Fleckvieh herd in a neighbouring town. Although it came from the same breed of cow, their

milk had a different taste to the Fleckvieh milk Rachel had started out using for her cheese. This could be due to a difference in the type and

amount of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) which research has shown can be transferred from grass to milk and finally to cheese.

"The Crawfords milk Fleckvieh because they are dual purpose and they shared Rob's commitment to animal ĥusbandry which really shows in the milk's quality and taste," Rachel said. So in 2021, like a caterpillar emerging from its chrysalis

as a butterfly, the Butterfly Factory came back to life.

Rachel successfully applied for funding from the Victorian Government's Small Scale Craft Grant Program.

When she received the grant, she and Bill used it to convert part of a winemaking shed on their 40 acre farm into a small cheesemaking factory.

It has three maturing rooms: a hastening room, one for geotrichem mould and one for longer aging cheese like Raclettes

Raclette cheese is a semi-hard cows' milk cheese that takes about three months to mature.

It shares its name with the Swiss dish where the cheese is heated and then scraped off for serving.

Instead of offering a range of dairy products as she did in Butterfly Factory's early days, Rachel now only makes cheese

This allows her to focus on refining and consolidating her processes so her products are immediately recognisable as a Butterfly Factory Monkery or Chamela.

She collects the milk from the Fleckvieh dairy the morning the day she is making cheese and then puts it through a 100 litre batch pasteuriser to prepare it for the process

"The pasteuriser seems ridiculously small at times, but it's nearly a full time workload once I make a batch of raclette and then the lactic cheeses which are a four day process," she said.

Rachel reflected that her learning process has been a steep one with factors like the cows' lactation cycles directly affecting the cheese yield.

Before the cows were dried off for two months in June 100 litres of their milk would make about 15 kilograms, but using the same recipe this had dropped back to 10kgs by November.

But despite these challenges, she feels fortunate to be able to pursue her passion.

"It's been an amazing learning process and I feel very lucky to have come across producers who are so passionate about their milk," Rachel said.

"The Fleckvieh really does have a flavour and texture which sets it apart from other milk.

"It has the qualities you need to make cheese which has a real sense of the place where it's made and this is why I am making it: to make a product which can be identified with the area it's from."



Tim Williams and his daughter, Klara, with some Fleckvieh Simmental dairy cows in Austria July 2022. PHOTO: Supplied

# Attitudinal shift needed in Australia's dairy industry

#### By Jacinta Cummins

IM Williams is the Bega based director of Agri Milk Consulting Pty Ltd and Genetic Austria's Australian representative who imported Fleckvieh genetics for the Templetons' AI program as they transitioned to the breed. His aim was simple.

"You want good udders obviously and quick milking speed but we really focused on putting more body and curves back on the animals to improve their overall fitness," Tim said.

"The milk is already there in a dairy breed, but the Fleckvieh's metabolism being dual purpose is very different from pure dairy breeds because it's more consistent over the day.

"They don't have peaks and troughs in metabolic hormones which in turn supports health and reduces a lot of common issues such as digestive upsets and mastitis".

Semen from Willie was a strong influence in the Templetons' herd with semen from other sires Rumgo, Rau and Evergreen also used over the years. Tim's extensive experience in the dairy industry in the United Kingdom, Ireland, South Africa and the USA has shown him there is an environmental benefit to Fleckvieh as well as the increased profit margin.

"A dual purpose cow answers environmental concerns because you get twice the product: quality protein from milk and meat for the same amount of emissions as you do with a straight dairy or a beef cow," Tim said.

"What Greg and Vikki have done in going to Fleckvieh is hopefully the start of a long overdue cultural shift in the Australian dairy industry.

"In continental Europe, the breed truly is a dual purpose animal but Australians have a real separation between beef and dairy.

"It's a bit of an 'us and them' mentality which needs to change because we should be united in dealing with the challenges facing our industry.

"A lot of people thought Greg and Vikki were mad when they made the switch but some of those same critics have seen the results and are now doing the same thing themselves.

"Fleckvieh Simmentals also address the significant welfare issue of bull calves because while most dairy producers now rear their bull calves due to the beef price surge, it is a bigger workload and is only viable when the beef market is very strong.

"In contrast, my Fleckvieh clients have been raising their bull calves for years because they gain weight super efficiently but other dairy breeds like Holsteins need to go into a specialist feedlot if you want to on feed them."

Tim said Greg and Vikki's herd is a good base for them to establish their Simmental beef operation from.

"These cows really are dual purpose and Greg and Vikki's forward thinking has given them the flexibility to change their farm's direction so it can work for them as things change in their lives rather than them basing their lives around the business."



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# **Txuleta 1882 presents dry aged Simmental to Melbourne and Sydney fine diners**

By Jacinta Cummins



Joshua Butt and Jyoti Blencowe have taken an unconventional approach to producing more environmentally conscious beef for their brand Txuleta 1882. PHOTO: Supplied



Grassfeeding gives txuleta a strong yellow fat which contributes to its distinctive flavour. PHOTO: Jyoti Blencowe THE Australian and North American use of Simmentals has predominantly been solely for beef production rather than the breed's original dual purpose as a milk and meat animal in Europe, but as Australia's love affair with gastronomy continues, foodies are finding more ways to maximise full use of the animal and eliminate waste.

When husband and wife team, Joshua Butt and Jyoti Blencowe, wanted to juggle their passion for ethical and sustainable animal production with pursuing careers as a gastroenterologist and a GP respectively, they had limited options because they couldn't just move to the country permanently.

But growing up, Jyoti had spent her weekends and school holidays on her grandparents' farm and she and Josh wanted their own daughters to experience farm life as they grew up.

So in 2017 Josh started looking for their own little patch of paradise in South Gippsland and when he showed Jyoti photos of the property he was interested in, she realised she was looking at the farm her grandparents used to own.

Jyoti says the opportunity to buy the farm after it had been owned by another family for 23 years really felt like it was meant to be.

They initially purchased 40 acres of the original block at Kardella and have since bought more bringing their farm to 150 acres.

But the question was, what could they produce?

Although the region is renowned for dairy that wasn't an option as Josh and Jyoti couldn't relocate, but they wanted to do something which complemented the area and environment.

Josh speaks Spanish and had spent time in Chile as a teen.

It was in later research that he first noticed high end restaurants in London introducing Txuleta and thought Australians would embrace the delicacy.

Txuleta (pronounced choo-le-tah) is beef from older cattle, originating from the Basque Region in Spain.

Txuleta boasts an intense flavour due to the age of the animal and its

high fat marbling achieved by pasture feeding.

And so Txuleta 1882 was born: Txuleta being the type of meat and 1882 being when Jyoti's great grandparents started farming their block.

"Txuleta was a natural fit as there are plenty of dairy cows locally which we could rotationally graze and give them a good retirement after a lifetime of service while using regenerative practices," Jyoti said.

"Sustainability and nourishing and improving the soils for future generations have always been core to how we farm."

But the couple had their work cut out trying to buy old cows.

More than one farmer who thought they "were bananas" laughed at them, but they eventually came across dairy farmers Rob Monk (since retired.) and Greg Templeton who supplied them with Fleckviehs.

The couple have found the Fleckviehs to be the perfect fit because of their size and impressive weight gain and note the only downside is the cows sometimes need to be moved frequently to avoid damaging the often-wet-underfoot paddocks.

But as all farmers know, just as you overcome one challenge, you're met with another.

Given their experience trying to share their vision when sourcing cattle, they were understandably nervous when trying to find a butcher for the cows which they turn over after a year or more on the farm – often around the 700-800 kilograms live weight bracket.

But butcher Troy Wheeler who coowns Meatsmith, a speciality butcher, providore and wine merchant in Fitzroy, Brighton, Balwyn and St Kilda, took a leap of faith on the product.

And he found the final product was well worth its lifetime of preparation.

Meatsmith now markets Txuleta 1882 as prime dry aged beef "well worth the wait", applauding Josh and Jyoti's appreciation of older cattle and their role in the food cycle while realising their potential as incredible beef.

Foodlovers say it's hard to describe Txuleta's distinctive taste because it can't be compared to the younger beef which most people are used to eating.

Producers generally aim for a bright red meat with white fat to ensure they are not penalised by the grading system developed by Meat and Livestock Australia which classes meat as poorer quality if the meat is too dark or the fat too yellow.

But once again, Txuleta goes against the grain (Pun intended.) and is closer to a deep maroon with strong yellow fat because of the animal's lifelong grass diet.

But chefs and aficionados say the diet and fat are what create the intense, full bodied taste.

"It's this amazing intense flavour and character which you can really savour," Jyoti said.

"It's got body but is still quite tender, not tough like some people assume old beef would be.

"You need less of it to be satisfied because it's such high quality."

Just as the secret to Txuleta's distinctive taste is time, the same goes for how it is cooked.

Purists say it is best cooked over charcoal and Victor Arguinzoniz who is Head Chef at Asador Etxebarri, a Michelin star restaurant in Spain's Basque region, will only cook it on a grill using charcoal burnt from grapevines and olive and fruit trees.

But if you are cooking at home, the trick is a hot plate, grill or barbeque and allowing time.

The steaks should come to room temperature before cooking and are best enjoyed rare to medium rare.

State based legislation and transportation have been one of the biggest challenges as Josh and Jyoti have started selling through Emilio's Butcher in Sydney and Hungerford Meat Co in Maitland.

Their off farm income gives them the freedom to take an unconventional approach to beef production by introducing Txuleta to the Australian menu, but like anything in farming, you don't reap reward without putting hard yards in behind the scenes.

Josh and Jyoti employ a local woman to manage the farm during the week, but the majority of manual labour, infrastructure and planning is up to the couple on weekends and during holidays.

"The whole process of Txuleta 1882 has been a steep learning curve," Jyoti said.

"We don't live on the farm, Josh was new to farming and we are trying something very different.

"It's not all about the bottom dollar, it's about producing more environmentally conscious beef and recognising our animals for what they have given us over their lives.

"We have a responsibility to our land and ecosystems as well as our animals and we want to improve them for generations to come."

As part of their long term plan, Josh and Jyoti have planted over 4500 trees and shrubs on the farm with the help of family and friends to increase biodiversity, soil carbon and native habitat.

It's yet to be seen if Txuleta becomes a staple for Australian gastronomists, but in the meantime, one thing is for certain.

Most old cows are usually sold for a small return to make mince, but because the Fleckvieh truly is dual purpose, some of them are now enjoying their retirement eating grass before being used to produce a high end product which commands a higher price than their peers do.



Txuleta 1882 gives Josh and Jyoti's daughters the opportunity to spend time on the farm as they grow up.

PHOTO: Jyoti Blencowe



The trick to cooking txuleta is using a hot plate, grill or barbeque. PHOTO: Jyoti Blencowe



Cooking txuleta calls for more than a dash of salt! PHOTO: Jyoti Blencowe



Fleckvieh graze on grass at Josh and Jyoti's Kardella farm for at least a year before being turned over. PHOTO: Jyoti Blencowe

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# BUILDING

### After decades in the game, Jindivick cattleman says Simmentals are the key to success

By Jacinta Cummins

ALCOLM MacFarlane has been in the cattle game his entire life. He's dabbled in Angus, Black Baldies, Charolais and Murray Greys to name just a few, but only got into Simmentals in his 80s.

The Jindivick cattleman's only regret is not switching earlier.

"I'd seen Simmentals at shows over the years and I was always very impressed with their docility and that their calving was under control," he said.

Malcolm's chance came when he saw an ad in the paper for eight purebred Simmental heifers and snapped them up for \$1140 a head in 2019.

After buying the 9-month-old heifers, Malcolm found they were out of registered cows from Frank and Francie Rizzo's now dispersed Trijena Park stud at Mickleham.

"I wanted to see how the Simmentals would fare here as other breeds like the Murray Greys were not suited to Gippsland and boy, was I impressed with them," he said.

In fact, Malcolm was so happy he bought the Rizzos' last lot of 12-month-old heifers in 2020.

These heifers were sisters of the first lot he had purchased.

Malcolm has also been buying fiveday-old Fleckvieh bull calves direct from dairy farmers Greg and Vikki Templeton, but won't have this opportunity again as the Templetons transition from a dairy to a beef program and will keep the calves themselves.

Ease of handling has become more important to Malcolm because he largely runs the cattle operation, which also include Angus breeders, on his own while wife Dianne manages their Weemilah English Leicester stud which has just celebrated 44 years.

"The Simmentals are very quiet, I can go out in the paddock and walk among them and pat and talk to them," he said.

"They are the very best breed of cattle we've ever had to handle and while we downsized to retire, it's turned into 'semiretirement' so safety is more important than ever at my age."

Malcolm artificially inseminates his heifers and cows instead of traditional joinging due to an increased success rate with an extra benefit being not having to handle the bulls or deal with them fighting or straying onto neighbouring properties.

He has started Aling in early November of recent years to move his July/August calving window to late August and early spring to avoid the extreme Gippsland cold.

Rod Cameron of Cameron Genetics, Shady Creek does the AI and joined Malcolm's first Simmental heifers to Pinaroo Hills Albert John from Peter and Vanessa Wenn's Bunyip stud in 2020.

Malcolm sold the males from this drop as nine-to-ten-month-old vealers for \$2000 a head at the Victorian Livestock Exchange's Pakenham sale in March 2021.

Malcolm was delighted with the price. "When you can get that money for a calf that young, why would you bother growing them out?

"The value isn't there for me to carry them on as a bull only to sell it for \$5,000 or \$6,000 years later.

The females were joined to Glen Anthony Y-arta from New Zealand's Glen Anthony Super Simmentals after a one off release of the retired bull's semen was imported into Australia in 2021.

This year's joining is to Willandra Ranger using semen sourced from Peter and Vanessa Wenn and Greg and Vikki Templeton who bought the bull from Willandra Simmental stud in February.

"The calves we've had since going to Simmies have just been absolute rippers so I'm really looking forward to seeing next year's drop with Willandra Ranger as he is an excellent bull," Malcolm said.

"I'm not looking for an overly big bull, I want a moderately framed sire which can produce moderately framed calves and the Simmentals have just got a massive growth rate".

Malcolm has long been attracted to Simmentals for their easy birth weights and said it's a credit to Simmental Australia for working on this while many other breeds ignored the issue.

"I bred Charolais from about 18 months after they came to Australia and they were very good cattle, but they had calving issues upfront which frightened a lot of people off and the marketing was poor.

"The Simmental industry has done a good job on both of these fronts, but at the end of the day, it's about having an excellent product.

"No amount of marketing will sell a poor product.

"Down here black cattle are meant to be everything, but my experience has been it doesn't matter what colour it is, if a vealer's got the weight in it, it'll sell.

"And my Simmental vealers have proved this by making a premium price while being a more manageable workload for me than other breeds have been."



Jindivick cattleman Malcolm MacFarlane has dealt with many cattle breeds over his lifetime, but after trying Simmentals for the first time in his 80s, he wishes he had switched to the breed earlier. PHOTO: Vikki Templeton



Malcolm MacFarlane says the Simmentals' temperament is one of the breed's best traits. PHOTO: Vikki Templeton



Some of Malcolm MacFarlane's heifers he bought from Frank Rizzo's Trijena Park stud with Glenanthony Y-Arta calves at foot. PHOTO: Vikki Templeton

# **Doing your homework** pays off when it comes to importing or exporting genetics

#### By Jacinta Cummins



Debbie Mills is Operations Manager at Holbrook Breeders Australia and oversees the business's import and export program. **PHOTO:** Supplied



Semen storage ta<mark>nks at Holbrook</mark> Breeders Australia's facilities in Southern New South Wales. Embryo tanks for export are locked in a separate room to meet protocol. PHOTO: Supplied



Filling a tank for dispatch to a client. **PHOTO: Supplied** 

USTRALIANS largely relied on imported genetics to establish the Simmental breed n the country with early breeders noting L In that the first few generations of domestically bred Simmental bulls offered for sale commanded extraordinary prices driven by high market demand

and limited supply. Five decades on, more producers are already or are considering importing genetics as a cost-efficient way to improve their stock and export their own genetics to diversify their business model

Debbie Mills has worked for Holbrook Breeders Australia for 29 years across most areas of the business and she has managed its import and export side since 2010.

She's noticed an increase in Simmental clients who are looking for American and Canadian semen as this style of animal has changed in recent years.

While the internet has enabled direct buying and selling on breeder-to-breeder platforms which compete with more established industry importers and exporters, Debbie's advice to anyone considering importing or exporting is to approach the process the same way as buying or selling a physical animal -doing your research and planning pays off.

"I've had clients buy online where the website says it can be exported, but often it's not country specific and they've found the product can't come into Australia," she said.

"Doing your homework before you click 'Add to cart' can save you a lot of time and money. Semen and embryo imports are classified as

Category Four (Non-standard goods) under the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry's (DAFF) Biosecurity Import Conditions system (BICON).

Importers can apply for permits online through BICON with applications having an approximate turnaround time of 20 working days (four weeks) require follow up from the assessing branch. Alternatively you can buy or sell through a bricks

and mortar company which usually guarantees customers and vendors are dealing with genetics which comply with Australia's import and export protocols and the company will facilitate the documentation process.

While this can be more time efficient, it can limit

while this can be hole thise enclern, it can hint the range of products due to commercial agreements between suppliers, vendors and companies. If you are wanting to buy or sell yourself, but don't want to arrange documentation and logistics, you can engage a third-party provider such as Holbrook Breeders to do this.

Third parties merely facilitate the logistics of importing or exporting once customers have

negotiated an agreement with the vendor/buyer. "When people come to us, they've organised what genetics they want and where it needs to come

from or go to and I simply oversee the logistics, I have no input in what they use," Debbie said. "Whether you are importing yourself or going through another party, the key is allowing enough time from when you place an order to when you want to use the metarial

want to use the material. "Factor in time for documentation and permits, collection and transport and try to allow a buffer for

any delays if possible. "Since Covid, there can be a bigger wait for product to be cleared by customs when it lands in Australia

Debbie recommends starting the process for importing six to eight weeks ahead of when it needs to arrive in Australia.

"It's important to provide as much accurate information as you can when applying for permits whether you are applying yourself or someone else is doing it for you," she said.

destination in the past, or someone you know has, rules can change or localised health issues can affect things." This happened in April when New Zealand

will need to apply on your behalf.

implemented a new protocol and testing requirements which effectively cut the Australian export market of semen and embryos into the country.

If you are going through a third party, it's worth speaking to them or looking at their forms before purchasing/selling to see what information they

'Having good communication with the person

you are buying from or selling to can really expedite

your application process as it reduces going back and forth," Debbie said.

"It's also important not to rely on previous experiences; even if you've bought or sold to a

The market resumed in mid October for semen, but DAFF and industry are in talks with their New Zealand counterparts to reopen the embryo market as there is still work to be done in relation to their collection and export.

Even if rules or legislation haven't changed, the way protocols are interpreted and applied can change

Australia changed its interpreted of import conditions for in vivo embryos unexpectedly in 2020 meaning materials which had previously been imported from Canada suddenly weren't allowed in the country.

This halted trade for two to three months until all the trading players came to an agreement on the difference in each country's terminology

Debbie sits on the Ruminant Genetics Trade Advisory Group (RTAG) which has representatives from repro collection centres, such as Total Livestock Genetics, Rocky Repro and GRS for the bovine covering bovines, ovines and caprines (Caprines come from the subfamily Caprinae and include goats and sheep).

RTAG works closely with Biosecurity Australia and DAFF to negotiate and develop the health conditions and protocols between Australian and its trading partners.

It doesn't matter how you arrange to get your genetics imported into or exported out of Australia, whoever is collecting, handling, transporting and storing them needs to be well trained to ensure the

integrity and potency is maintained. "Holbrook Breeders will collect and store genetics for clients and stored correctly they can last for decades, but if handled incorrectly the quality will be affected," Debbie said.

Buyers need to be aware that Australian import protocols and audits only consider the health status of the beast the material has come from and ensure it complies with regulations; they don't assess the actual product itself.

Some providers test onsite then have independent testing done to ensure clients are getting what they paid for and that the product hasn't been damaged in transit or storage.

If this service is not offered, a client can always choose to get testing done themselves to know the product will deliver a result to avoid a poor AI success rate.

"At the end of the day, you want to be confident that what you're buying is actually allowed into Australia, it is what is it has been advertised as and that the people who are collecting, transporting and storing it know what they're doing," Debbie said. "Like so much else in our industry, preparation

can really stop a lot of issues cropping up.

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Darryl Humphrey and his son Adam with some of their cattle in the yards at their property near Jericho in Central Western Oueensland. PHOTO: Alexandra Humphrey



The Humphrey family said increasing the amount of Simmental in their Simbrah cattle had added more softness and length as well as improving temperament and weight gain. PHOTO: Alexandra Humphrey



Darryl and Alexandra Humphrey paid the sale top of \$34,000 for Yerwal Est Rockhampton from Yerwal Extets Simmantal Stud et Estate Simmental Stud at the Queensland Simmental Bull Sale in July. PHOTO: Jacinta Cummins



Laura and Adam Humphrey are registering their Simbrah stud, 3HG, and aim to produce a grading 2 or 3 animal which is 90 percent Simmental and 10 percent Brahman. PHOTO: Alexandra Humphrey

# **Simmentals withstand** the Queensland heat to deliver excellent growth for **Jericho graziers**

#### By Jacinta Cummins

ARRYL and Alexandra Humphrey have bred Simbrah cross cattle on their operation near Jericho in Central West Queensland for close to 20 years but started to focus on increasing the Simmental ratio in 2016.

Darryl explains the move is twofold: to take advantage of the Simmentals weight gain as they usually turn their cattle over direct to feedlotters and because of the limited amount of suitable Simbrah bulls.

"We've used other breeds which haven't done as well in the dry heat out here; the Angus wound up in the troughs most of the time and they just didn't perform for us," he said.

"We are usually looking at mid to high 30 degree days in summer and can get heatwaves up to 45 degrees, but the heat just doesn't

worry them [Simmentals]. "Our cows have gone from averaging 260 kilograms dressed weight to 320 kilograms since we started using purebred Simmental sires

The Humphreys run their 30,000 acre property with son Adam and daughter-in-law Laura and have used bulls from Gowrie Simbrah and Simmental Stud and Meldon Park and Clay Gully Simmental studs. The Simmental bulls have improved the

progeny's softness and given them a smoother look with more length while getting rid of the Brahman hump.

Wanting to increase their gene pool as they rebuild their herd back up to 1400 animals after the drought, Darryl and Alexandra looked at bulls from interstate studs

They paid the sale top of \$34,000 for 27-month-old Yerwal Est Rockhampton from Regan Burow and Concetta Maglieri's Yerwal Estate Simmental Stud at the Queensland Simmental Bull Sale in July. Alexandra picked the 1014 kilogram beast

"We work well together looking at bulls "We work well together looking at bulls and temperament plays a big part; we want quiet cattle to reduce accidents in the yards and he just looked like the right fit," Darryl said

The bull was put over Simbrah females in the paddock from August to October with the calves expected in July with an anticipated 95 percent conception rate.

The calving window was moved five years ago to avoid the summer heat.

Moderate calving size is key to management because while the family keeps an eye on the cows during calving, it's physically impossible to cover the entire property.

They've found the Simmentals develop quickly when they hit the ground because of their impressive growth rate and frame size.

Weaning usually starts before Christmas depending on the season and the self replacing herd is grassfed as it goes through a four paddock rotation ranging from six weeks to a maximum of three months with supplements used when needed.

Steers are usually sold to Teys Australia's Condamine feedlot at 18-to-20 months weighing 460-470kg for their 400-500kg bracket.

Cows are turned over from nine-to-10 years old with one lot which averaged 648 kg

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selling for 380.2c/kg to return \$2465/head at Blackall Saleyards in September.

Other cattle are opportunity sold when the market is strong with some of their Simbrah cross heifers making 468c/kg, to reach \$1391/head through Roma Saleyards in February, 2021.

Nutritionist Adam Brahim has worked with the Humphreys on supplementation for 15 years.

Adam has increased sulphur in the lick to control lice and flies and Darryl credits him with making such an improvement to their operation that he have followed him as he's moved across the state during his career.

Adam now works for Nutri-Lick in Mitchell with 90 percent of the business's output custom blending supplements to meet the needs of each clients' different environmental conditions.

The Humphreys' annual rainfall of 500 millimetres usually falls in spring and summer.

They had received 600mm by early November, which is the highest rainfall in the last 11 years, so the season is promising heading into 2023.

This will affect feed availability and quality and determine how Adam blends and changes in the supplements for the Humphreys' herd.

When the cattle are on green feed over the wet season, there's plenty of protein and the minerals will be the most limiting then so we increase the mineral component," he explained.

"As the grass dries off, we'll step the minerals down and increase protein. "Darryl's a good operator and what sets

him apart from others is that he continues to invest in improvement just as much during a good season with plentiful feed as during a tough one.

'And it shows because if you look after your cow and give her everything she needs, it has a flow on effect.

"She makes more milk, mothers better and she gets back in calf quicker."

With the prospect of a good season, Darryl, Alexandra, Adam and Laura are looking forward to seeing the progeny of Yerwal Est Rockhampton in July.

'He's a totally different bloodline to the rest of our stock so we are hoping some of his best traits are passed on," Darryl said. "The Simbrah have worked well for us

over the years, but with the Brahman being a bit stronger in the genetics, introducing purebred Simmy bulls has helped add a bit more softness and improve temperament to help us breed cattle which work well in our country and make a good profit." Darryl and Alexandra will head to South Australia in 2023 to inspect a greater range of Simmental bulls in person rather than online.

Adam and Laura are registering their Simbrah stud, 3HG, and aim to produce a grading 2 or 3 animal which is 90 percent Simmental and 10 percent Brahman.

They hope to use some of the cattle in the commercial operation and sell the others into the growing Simbrah bull market once the stud is established

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# Tasmanian Branch News By Chelsea Rayner

t the recent Royal Launceston Show the Simmental breed was the feature event to coincide with the 50 year celebrations of the breed. With a significant number and good quality representation of Simmental cattle, Mr Peter Cook of Barana Simmentals, Coolah NSW officiated. It was great to see all exhibitors rewarded for their efforts in preparing cattle for the show. Results as follows:

**RESULTS FROM BREED CLASSES Class 1 - Junior Heifer 1/9/21-28/2/22** 1st - Kidman Downs Slice of Heaven (Kidman Down)

**Class 2 - Junior Heifer 1/6/21-31/8/21** 1st - Summerhill Robyn S8 (Summerhill)

**Class 3 - Junior Heifer 1/3/21-31/5/21** 1st - Lakeside Sybil (Taz Simmental) 2nd - Kidman Downs Sweet as Honey (Kidman Downs) 3rd - Lakeside Sallie (Taz Simmental)

**Junior Champion Female -**Summerhill Robyn **Reserve Junior Champion Female -**Lakeside Sybil

**Class 4 - Senior Heifer 1/3/20-28/2/21** 1st - Woonallee Regal R399 (Kidman Downs)

**Class 5 - Cow born before 28/2/20** 1st - Woonallee Polly L199 (Summerhill)

Senior Champion Female - Woonallee Regal R399

**Reserve Senior Female Champion** -Woonallee Polly L199 **Grand Champion Female -** Woonallee Regal R399

**Class 7 - Junior Bull 1/6/21-31/8/21** 1st - Summerhill S4 (Summerhill) 2nd - Summerhill S7 (Summerhill)

**Junior & Grand Champion Bull -**Summerhill S4

**Reserve Junior Champion Bull** -Summerhill S7

**Class 10 - Group of Three** 1st - Summerhill Simmentals

**Class 11 - Sires Progeny** 1st - Summerhill Simmentals 2nd - Taz Simmental

Simmentals were also well received in the interbreed with Summerhill Simmentals claiming 3rd place in the group of three and sires progeny classes, and Kidman Downs Simmentals winning Reserve Champion Senior Interbreed female with Woonallee Regal R399 and CAF Kidman Downs Truly Regal T14 (winner of Calf championship also).

The Tasmanian branch of Simmental Australia also sponsored the Herdsman Prize, eligible for all juniors assisting, preparing and showing Simmental cattle throughout the duration of the show. The winner of this award received a free entry to the Tasmanian Junior Beef Expo, to be held in February 2023. It was great to see several juniors involved with promoting the breed, and we are very pleased to announce the winner is Jordan Burr.







Top: Grand Champion Bull Summerhill S4. Below: Jordan Burr with Peter Cook and Phillip Partridge.



Woonallee Pharoah P364

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Top: Group of Three Summerhill Simmentals. Below: Senior Champion Female Woonallee Regal.





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# Simmental Australia **TOP PARADERS**

The 50th Anniversary celebrations allowed us to hold our own Simmental Parader events at some of the Royals.

Our winners were: Annie Pumpa: Sydney Royal Olivia Delaforce: Brisbane Royal Jamie Vosper: Melbourne Royal

Also at Sydney Royal, Simmental member, **Judy Hopkins** won Reserve Champion F002 Parader in the open classes.

# Tips to becoming a Top Parader!

#### By Kim Groner

Paraders – As a youth member, probably the most nerve-racking, fiercest competition of them all to participate in. And as a judge, it is undoubtedly one of the most humbling to adjudicate, as we sift through (at times) hundreds of eager youth participants, knowing full well, how much this competition means to the participants.

None-the-less, winners must be chosen and here are some of the top criteria that is important when selecting the top paraders.

Above all else, a judge will be assessing the parader's ability and technique in handling their animal and the presentation of both themselves and their animal. At the end of the day, we are looking for someone that we believe could do the best job possible to present an animal in a judging class.

#### TOP TIPS ...

#### FIRST IMPRESSIONS MATTER

You don't have long out there to impress the judge. Make sure both you and your animal are clean, tidy and well-presented (including proper fitting halter) and that you walk out with the confidence that you can win.

#### LOOK NATURAL

Aim to walk at a comfortable pace in unison with your animal, holding its head in a natural position. A parader that that is relaxed and looks like they are enjoying themselves will appeal far more to a judge than someone who looks uptight and nervous and your animal will respond much better to your body language too. If your animal doesn't want to walk, use mild force on the halter, nose dog/ring if required, the cane to tap your animal up (only if practiced) or politely ask the parader behind you or a steward to help out. Dragging an animal around the ring doesn't do you or the animal any justice.

#### BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS

Whilst keeping an eye on the judge is important, remember that you also need to watch the steward for further instructions as well as being attentive to both your own animal and fellow competitors. It's not uncommon to see a parader that is so focused on the judge run into the competitor in front of them.

#### MAKE SURE YOUR ANIMAL IS VISIBLE AT ALL TIMES

The primary reason that show cattle are taken into the ring is to be assessed by the judge, so make sure they are visible! Keep at least one animal body length between yourself and the animal in front of you, be it parading or standing, so there is plenty of room for the judge to walk around your animal to view it from different angles. When walking, circle out wide to make sure the judge can see your animal for as long as possible. If another animal is blocking the judge's view of yours, you may have to move your animal into a better position.

#### SET YOUR ANIMAL UP CORRECTLY

The standard way to stand an animal is to have both front legs parallel to each other and the back leg closest to the judge placed slightly further back than its other back leg. This is how an animal looks most balanced as it is how they choose to naturally stand. An animal should either be naturally walked into this stance or aided by 'rocking them' on the halter and should require minimal use of the cane to achieve this desired position. Overuse of the cane can easily create an agitated animal and generally takes longer to stand them up correctly; by which time, the judge has already moved on. Knowing your individual animal's structure is also vital in order to emphasise their good traits and cover up their flaws when standing them up.

#### AND FINALLY, 'IT'S NOT OVER TIL IT'S OVER'

Keeping 'working' from the second you enter the ring until the moment you leave, even if you've been defeated. There is only one judge/opinion inside that ring on any particular day, but you never know who will be sitting outside the ring looking on and who you/your animal may impress.





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# 2022 SIMMENTAL YOUTH BURSARY

In 2022, to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Simmental in Australia, the ASBA were pleased to award two youth bursaries. The bursaries were offered to Simmental Youth Members to attend a Royal Show, to develop their cattle skills and undertake a new experience within the Simmental breed.

Indy Smith, WA and Micquella Grima, NSW, were the deserving recipients of the bursaries. Both young ladies chose to attend the Royal Melbourne Show in October.

Indy, whose registered stud is Valkyrie Cattle Co., has a passion for traditional Simmentals. Indy is currently studying a Bachelor of Agricultural Science, with a view to moving into Veterinary Science in the near future. Indy worked with experienced Simmental breeders, Peter and Vanessa Wenn, Pinaroo Hills Simmentals, at Melbourne Show.

Indy commented, "The wisdom and knowledge I have gained at the Show expanded over not only the Simmental industry, but also every aspect of showing, from coat work and products to fitting and clipping. I also had the opportunity to meet the most amazing group of industry experts and Simmental enthusiasts who further cemented my passion for showing cattle and desire to breed Simmentals."

Micquella, operates Country Style Simmentals with her

partner Adam, and has been involved in showing Simmentals for 10 years. Micquella is studying a Bachelor of Agriculture/Bachelor of Business through the University of New England. Micquella worked with both St Pauls Genetics, and Brewer Beef at Melbourne Show. Micquella was impressed with the inclusion of Simmental Percentage classes in the Melbourne Royal schedule and was pleased to have the opportunity to be involved in this area of the showing.

Micquella said, "Personally, the bursary meant more than just being provided with the financial capability to attend Melbourne Royal Show, it solidified for me that industry professionals do believe that I have the potential to contribute to the Australian beef industry and in particular the Simmental beef industry. Since having the opportunity to meet and speak with a number of individuals in the field of artificial insemination and genetics at the show, I have decided to enrol in an Artificial Insemination course to be able to greater utilise the genetic potential available to my herd in the future."

ASBA congratulate and thank both ladies for representing Simmental Youth with such enthusiasm and professionalism. Following the success of this year's bursary program, the ASBA Youth Committee are hoping to continue the initiative in following years.



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Molly Hartwig receives the Joe Tone's Memorial Herdsman Award.







he Herdsman Award is dedicated to the memory of the late Joe Tones, who was an active junior who participated at many Junior Simmental events. The Award is a living memory of his commitment to his kindness to his peers and the role model that he was to many young cattle enthusiasts.

Molly Hartwig was the recipient at the Simmental Queensland Junior camp and has put forward the following report:

In December 2021 I attended the Simmental Youth Camp 'Beefing up the Next Generation'. Whilst at the camp I won the Joe Tones Memorial Champion Herdsman award. This prize included entry to the Tasmania Junior Beef Expo in February 2022. In February of this year I flew down to Deloraine in Tasmania to attend. Whilst at the camp I learnt so many new things and met many wonderful people. I learnt about how they produce, breed and show their cattle in Tasmania. It was fascinating to compare the similarities and differences in these practices. One of the most notable differences is Tasmania's natural ability to finish grass fed cattle on improved pastures, compared to Queensland's intensive feedlotting operations used for finishing. From this amazing opportunity I've learnt in-depth about breed plans and EBV's, animal classification and assessment, production systems, pasture management, parasite management, public speaking tips and so much more! These have allowed me to gain and further my knowledge in the beef industry. But most importantly I made awesome memories meeting some wonderful people who will be long life friends.

Molly Hartwig

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### Jessica Beddows secures Ekka Junior Judging win

By QCL

It may have been the last event of a packed-day, but 20-year-old Jessica Beddows made sure she saved her best performance for last in the RNA prime cattle junior judging competition.

Among a competition of about 20 other youngsters, the longtime judging enthusiast shone bright and claimed her first win in the competition after two attempts.

The Murgon local was thrilled to be given the tick of approval from competition overjudge Ian Galloway, Roma.



Jessica Beddows accepts the first-place ribbon for the RNA young prime judge competition from Ian Galloway, Roma.

### Simmental Australia presents . . . Beefing Up the Next Generation Simmental Show 2021

By Bec Skene

First week in December, 2021, QLD Simmentals held the annual Simmental Australia presents 'Beefing Up the Next Generation Junior Show' at Pittsworth, QLD. The QLD branch were able to hold our biggest and one of the most well-regarded junior shows to date, with 75 participants, 25 years and under from all over QLD with cattle travelling from QLD and NSW.

Despite us facing the challenges of Covid, border restrictions and flooding, we had to cancel our industry tours due to water blocking our roads to visit feedlots and feed plant. Our seniors program kicked off with careers in feedlot industry, followed by Prime Beef Judges. With the rest of the participants joining us Friday morning with a jampacked program, with back to basics, junior judging, parader's practise, public speaking, and a very impactful discussion with our older participants of the impacts of social media can have in the form of bullying. With the Simmental Show, semen collection, meat judging and grading, a well contested Paraders' competition, to watching the online auction was just a few more activities that our participants got to be involved in over the few days.

With many participants receiving multiple awards, our champion herdsman heading to Tasmania Junior Beef Expo, and to end, all the hard work leads up to the main award that many of the senior participants attended the event for, was the Ambassador award. Simmental Australia, after many years became our events major sponsor, and awarded a study bursary to the lucky winner. Each participant, was to be a junior member to be able to have a chance at winning the bursary towards a study of Simmentals. With our participants, being aged 15 and over to compete, they had to compete in all competitions, sit a relevant Simmental Exam, an interview and complete a specially picked scenario, adjust to how they would like to run a program and present it to our panel judges, with all the scores tallied together to get our Ambassador winner. A massive congratulations to Charlie Salter for winning this. Thank you to Simmental Australia, for helping our committee revamp this award and sponsoring.

To all our cattle donors that donate cattle year in year out, the judges, herdsman judges, helpers, caterers and to our valuable sponsors, without you all our event would not be possible and be the success it is.

Our next event is on the 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at Pittsworth Showgrounds.







Auction night Samantha Moeck.



Leo Larsen



Presentation of the Leo Larsen Award to George Baldry.



Linda and Glen Martin sponsors of the Leo Larsen Award.



# PROJECT

ell, what can I say! The year of the 50-year Simmental Australia celebration has been an incredible one for Simmental NSW Youth. Being a celebration year, it presented as a golden opportunity to form a Youth group to promote our young members incredible achievements and encourage their involvement within the association.

With Sydney Royal Show approaching and a program to organize, it was decided to hold a special youth paraders competition exclusively showing off Simmental cattle led by Simmental youth members. With an extraordinary number of seventysix paraders competing in horrendous weather conditions it was a credit to all competitors, judges, supporters, and cattle donors who presented the Simmental breed as talented professionals.

### **RESULTS:**

Judge - Harris Thompson

Pee Wee (8-10 years) Supported by MKR Simmentals

Champion - Max White

Reserve - Macie Iseppi

Junior (11-14 years) Supported by Double L Livestock

Champion - Massimo Pisciuneri Reserve - Chelsea Green

### Intermediate (15-17 years) Supported by Tennysonvale Simmentals

Champion - Thomas Duddy

Reserve - Lily Seaton-Cooper

### Senior (18-20 years) Supported by Wormbete Simmentals

Champion - Trinity Martin

Reserve - Olivia Delaforce

### Senior Mentor (21-25 years) Supported by LNA Livestock

Champion - Annie Pumpa

Reserve - Tayla Miller

### **GRAND CHAMPION - Annie Pumpa**

Annie generously donated her prizemoney back to the NSW Youth Project.

### A very special perpetual award was introduced to signify the aims of NSW Youth.

The Leo Larsen Commitment and Compassion Award has been created and kindly supported by Sixpence Park Simmentals. Leo was tragically killed in an accident in 2020. He had a true love of Simmentals and enjoyed working and showing with his grandparents Linda and Glen. Leo was always gentle and caring with his cattle and would always step up to support his fellow competitors. This award comprises the values our youth wish to achieve and uphold, with the award to be presented annually.

The 2022 award recipient was George Baldry!

The Sydney celebrations didn't end there. The Federal board generously allocated a spot in their 50-year fundraising auction at the Celebration Dinner to help start our youth fund and what an exciting night that was!

Mr Simon Hale from Southern Black Simmentals very generously donated the pick of his natural bred S heifers, with the gob-smacking result of \$17,000 being raised to give NSW Youth an incredible kick start to their finances. A huge thankyou must go to the Purchaser, Mr Tom Baker of Woonallee Simmentals and the wonderful underbidders who made this possible.

Our next step in creating a youth group came with a weekend in June visiting properties in the Nowendoc area with an educational and 'think-tank' afternoon. Ross and Nicki Henderson from Nowendoc Run gave our group an informative tour of the commercial beef property, speaking of the challenges of setting up a large new cattle enterprise with modern infrastructure and technology. Nicki shared her invaluable and extensive nutritional information and Nick West, an Auctions plus assessor, gave an insight on assessments for online sales. A great day and one worth repeating in the future.

After a few more zoom meetings and nominations received to form a committee, it finally happened. I am very proud to present to you a very professional and dedicated group who will lead us into the future to become a stronger association.

### **Mission Statement**

The NSW Youth Committee has been formed to encourage, engage, support, and educate members of the next generation of cattlemen and women by allowing our members to set and achieve goals within not only the breed but also the broader Agricultural industry. Our committee is open to any financial Simmental Australia member who is under the age of 30 and located in NSW.

### **President:** Briony Looker

Briony, who resides near Armidale, northern N.S.W. established her stud B.A.L. Simmentals in 2014 and has a passion for breeding a growing herd of traditional Simmentals. She is involved in all facets of agriculture and Ag shows Australia wide. Briony has recently completed her Bachelor of Agriculture (animal production).

### <u>Junior Vice President:</u> Liberty Cook

Liberty is 16, from Northern NSW and currently attends school in Armidale. Liberty has grown to love the breed, and the opportunities and skills being involved with Simmental Youth will create in the future. She has established her own stud and is very excited, as it is her first year of calving.

### **Secretary: Taylah Phillis**

Taylah is 25 and hails from Harden NSW where she works for Teys at Jindalee Feedlot whilst raising a daughter. Taylah developed a love for Simmentals after preparing the Shute Bell nomination steer for Sydney Royal Show whilst at school. She has started her herd with 4 heifers and is looking forward to the future as she feels the breed and people involved have a lot to offer in the future.

### **Treasurer:** Alana Wade

Alana, who resides in the Central West started her beef industry journey whilst at school. Her businesses AMW Genetics and KA Cattle Company have evolved since completing a Bachelor

of Animal Science, specializing in Bovine Reproduction and genetics. Alana is proud to be part of the NSW Simmental youth team, working alongside fellow breeders to give support and mentorship to future generations while promoting the

Simmental breed and the genetics into the future.

### **Publicity:** Tayla Miller

Tayla, aged 25 is the owner of Blue Gene Cattle Co Located at Parkville NSW, an achievement that makes her proud as she has established her own prefix and feels grateful to be part of a supportive and welcoming Simmental "cattle family". As an Agricultural Teacher Tayla has a huge passion for the livestock industry and the next generation of youth by guiding her students and giving them the best possible opportunities and experiences.

### **Publicity:** Natasha Adams

Tash is 24 years old and lives in the heart of the Hawksbury NSW. Her love of Simmentals evolved after meeting her husband, Luke. Tash and Luke run LNA livestock, a Simmental herd consisting of Traditional, Black and Red Simmentals with their daughters ,Stassi and Darby. Having

two young daughters passionately motivates Tash to encourage and support the next generation and is excited to see Simmentals and youth evolve within the beef industry.

Finally, I would like to commend and thank the numerous members who have supported this journey and have offered to mentor these talented individuals. We are looking forward to a very progressive year in 2023

Jenny Bullen NSW Youth Coordinator









Luke Adams and Nick West Nowendoc Run.



Youth members Nowendoc Run.

Other notable wins at Sydney in the open competitions were -

Micquella Grima wins the 2022 ASC/NSW Beef Cattle Young Judge State Final at Sydney Royal.

Alana Wade wins Champion Open Parader.

Judy Hopkins Simmental member won Reserve Champion F002 Parader.

Simmental Australia thanks our major sponsors of our 2022 Sydney Royal 50th Anniversary Feature Show.



# **50 STEERS** for 50 YEARS



Reserve Champion School Steer -Wellington High School / Sixpence Park Simmentals



Stan Hill Trophy Team



Woonallee Sven also won the Champion Eating Quality Carcase Overall



Reserve Champion Lightweight Open Steer – VC Simmentals



**Charity Steer** 



Adelaide Champion Carcass Macklin Sooty



Grand Champion Steer Supported by Wormbete Simmentals Limitless Cattle Co



Woonallee Snoopy – Champion Purebred Export Steer on hoof



Melbourne Royal Reserve Champion Export Steer

That was certainly the aim to get those numbers for Sydney and we had just under that after withdrawals, but what a magnificent showing of Simmentals throughout the year. We had broad ribbons in three of the four Royals and commend those who put the effort in to make these specs.

Details on those results are below:

### Sydney Open steer class results

### **School Steers**

### Class 2 Middleweight School Steer

3<sup>rd</sup> The Henry Lawson High School / Woonallee Simmentals 4<sup>th</sup> Denison College Kelso High Campus / Inverleigh Simmentals

### **Class 3 Heavyweight School Steer**

2<sup>nd</sup> Wellington High School / Sixpence Park Simmentals 3<sup>rd</sup> Frensham / Wormbete Simmentals

### Reserve Champion School Steer - Wellington High School / Sixpence Park Simmentals

### **Open Steers**

**Class 4 Lightweight Open Steer** 1<sup>st</sup> Sixpence Park Simmentals 2<sup>nd</sup> Mala-Daki Simmentals

### **Class 5 Lightweight Open Steer** Highly Commended Yanco Agricultural High School / Turners Mahonga Park

**Class 6 Lightweight Open Steer** 1<sup>st</sup> VC Simmentals 2<sup>nd</sup> St Paul's Genetics

### Reserve Champion Lightweight Open Steer – VC Simmentals

**Class 7 Middleweight Open Steer** 3<sup>rd</sup> St Paul's Genetics

**Class 8 Middleweight Open Steer** 2<sup>nd</sup> Blue Gene Cattle Co 4<sup>th</sup> Mala-Daki Simmentals

**Class 9 Middleweight Open Steer** 3<sup>rd</sup> The Henry Lawson High School / Woonallee Simmentals

Class 10 Middleweight Open Steer Highly Commended Limitless Cattle Co

**Class 11 Heavyweight Open Steer** 2<sup>nd</sup> KBV Simmentals 3<sup>rd</sup> Hobbs Livestock 4<sup>th</sup> Chevalier College / Yallambee Simmentals Highly Commended Wellington High School / Sixpence Park Simmentals

**Class 12 Heavyweight Open Steer** 4<sup>th</sup> The Henry Henry Lawson High School / Woonallee Simmentals

**Class 13 Heavyweight Open Steer** 4<sup>th</sup> Mala-Daki Simmentals

### Simmental Feature Steer classes

### Light Weight Steer Class Supported by Limitless Show Supplies

Champion - VC Simmentals Reserve Champion - Mr Jason & Mrs Jacqueline Impey, Mala-Daki Simmentals

### Middle Weight Steer Class Supported by Davidson Cameron & Co

Champion - Limitless Cattle Co. Reserve Champion - Mr Jason & Mrs Jacqueline Impey, Mala-Daki Simmentals

### Heavy Weight Steer Class Supported by Limitless Show Supplies

Champion - KBV Simmental Stud Reserve Champion - Mr Stuart and Mrs Kylie Hobbs, Hobbs Livestock

### **Grand Champion Steer Supported by Wormbete Simmentals** Limitless Cattle Co

Stan Hill Trophy Team Limitless Cattle Co Mala-Daki Simmentals KBV Simmental Stud Hobbs Livestock (Reserve)

### **Charity Steer**

The Schute Bell Badgery Lumby Charity Steer prepared by PLC Armidale has been purchased by Mr Paul Ferry, Hurstville NSW for \$34,000 with all proceeds donated to Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute at the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW Sydney Royal Easter Show Steer Auction. The steer was donated by Hartfield Simmentals.

### Adelaide Royal

### Woonallee Snoopy – Champion Purebred Export Steer on hoof

In the purebred heavy export division, both grand champion and reserve grand champion went to TR&EA Baker, Furner, with two entries from the same class.

The tricolour ribbon went to 714kg Simmental Woonallee Snoopy, a May 2021-drop with measurements of 109EMA, 11mm rib and 11mm rump fat.

Woonallee Spud was in reserve, with the April 2021-drop Simmental steer weighing 716kg, with 108mm, 8mm rib and 14mm rump fat.

Mr Spry said the champion steer had "beautifully even coverage". "He's very long-bodied steer with good weight for age," he said.

Woonallee Sven also won the Champion Eating Quality Carcase Overall.

### **Melbourne Royal**

Reserve Champion Export Steer was exhibited by D R Wilson and was bred by Glental Partnership of SA.

# ST PAULS GENETICS celebrated with Simmentals 50 years

### **SYDNEY SHOW**





### **MELBOURNE SHOW**



SIMMENTAL FEATURE BREED SYDNEY 2022
Bull calf champion Silver Smith S413
1st Pair of Bulls under 20 months - Silver Smith

 1st Pair of Bulls under 20 months - Silver Smith and Secret Squirrel

### STEERS

- St Pauls Doug S414, 2nd on hoof
- 1st Class 6 on hook, Silver Medal
- 1st Virtual Taste Test
- St Pauls Frank S406, 3rd on hoof
- Class 7 on hook, Bronze Medal



### MELBOURNE SHOW 2022

- Exhibited 3 purebred heifers
- 12-16 months Female class placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd
- First for Best two females under 20 months
- First Sires Progeny Group
- Winner Best Maintained Exhibitor
- 12-16 month Simmental Percentage heifer placed 3rd

### **SIRES & SEMEN**



**GB LIVESTOCK SPRING LOADED (GBLPS106)** Purchased to replace Nukara as our stud sire. Spring Loaded is the only Homo Polled, Homo Black son of the famed W/C Loaded Up. Semen for sale \$75 pr unit, 10 or more \$60.



**BONNYDALE NUKARA N073 (MBBPN073)** Possession sold to Woonallee. 9 sons sold at Elite Sale, top \$30,000, average \$20,555. Daughters and Donors in production at St Pauls. No. 1 registration for Simmental Australia in 2021. Semen for sale \$40 per unit. (Marketed by ABS)

# **Success** as invited guest to Elite Cattle Co September 1st 2022

\* 10 bulls sold to \$30,000 and averaged \$19,500 \*



REVENUE R417 sold to J & S Maquire for \$30,000.



SHERMAN S405 sold to Kirk Cattle Co for \$24,000.

ST PAULS HAS 12 BULLS RESIDING WITH ELITE CATTLE CO FOR THE 2023 BULL SALE ON 31ST AUGUST.



2022 has been a fabulous year. 2023 looks even more exciting with:

- an outstanding crop of T-calves
- over 100 embryos implanted with donor sires RF Caliber (CND), Gibbs 9114G Essential, KBHR Honor H060, LBRS Genesis G69 and our stud sire Spring Loaded
- bought shares in two donors at Nelson Livestock Company, Montana with All Beef and JC Simmental – implanted 28 embryos in Australia
- donor dams from the Pear, Lucy, Strike and Princess families.



Bill and Susan Cornell Henty NSW 0428 293 498 billcornell@bigpond.com





# 2022 Sale Results

\$14,147 Average - 100% Clearance (100 Bulls) - \$27,000 Top Price



Top Price Bull - \$27,000 to Smith Cattle Co





\$24,000 to Mira Cattle Co



Volume Buyer LKH Grazing 14 Bulls

# **BIG THINGS TO COME IN 2023**



A sincere thank you to everyone who helped make 2022 a very successful year QUEENSLAND BORN & BRED SIMMENTAL BULLS

Gareth Laycock 0430 719 991 - Rob Laycock (07) 5424 1207

# Springside Simmentals





Peter & Toni Rauchle 0427 800 522 | 0746 938282 Paddock sales of Bulls & Heifers

# CELEBRATING 50 YEARS THAT IS "RICH" IN SIMMENTAL HISTORY AND GENETICS.

Meldon Park Simmentals is the largest registered stud in Queensland and has been established for 38 years. Selling 100 bulls a year, with a strong emphasis on producing fertile, structurally sound, easy doing bulls which can add growth, softness to a herd.

### **SAVE THESE DATES IN 2023**

Meldon Park Simmental Stud will be offering quality bulls at Blackall in March and Rolleston in September.

We would like to thank all the buyers, underbidders, our selling agent GDL, Elite Livestock Auctions who have supported us throughout the year and at our recent September Bull Sale.

MELDON PARK RICHMAN (P)

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## **WSFF Farm Tours** continued

• Words taken from the Fleckvieh Changes magazine and authors own experience. Felicity Reeves



Our second AI centre was the Besamungsstation, Hohenzell. This facility is also owned by local farmers. Founded 25 years ago, Oö. Besamungsstation is a joint venture of the breeding associations RZO and FIH. As a market leader in the insemination of cattle, they produce high-quality semen for domestic and international breeding at their facility in Hohenzell, Upper Austria. Every year, they sell about 800,000 portions of semen from more than 1000 different bulls and 20 different breeds.

Again they paraded their bulls and even male progeny of those bulls also being collected.

When selecting animals for insemination, they also pay special attention to future-oriented hereditary strengths and a high level of genetic diversity. A look at the international ranking of top Fleckvieh sires provides conclusive proof of this fact. EUROgenetik, the world's largest Fleckvieh insemination association, owns more than 40% of the top 100 daughter-tested bulls. Besides equally well-known polled top stars such as HAMLET Pp\* or MOMENTUM PP\*, we also offer the semen of WIRBELWIND P\*S, the world's no. 1 polled Fleckvieh bull. In addition, Besamungsstation is home to numerous other young sires with excellent genetics that are currently making a name for themselves, such as SUPERBOY, SPIRITUS, MOAB, WILKO, MEDIAN or HERZPOWER.

Our final days of the WSFF Congress Tour was spent attending the National Fleckvieh Show at Freistadt. The biggest and most prestigious show held in facilities owned by Fleckvieh Austria and was up until recently, where their office was before moving into Vienna.

Over two days, an auction and show classes were held with the winning female going to the Lichtenegger family of Corinthia. They showed a few classes in sire groups and carry signs, not of the breed, but of the sire, so to win is very prestigious. We would visit this farm on the Post Congress Tour.





Our last farm tour of the main Congress Tour was to the Kreil family Fleckvieh beef farm, Weng im Innkreis, Upper Austria. The Kreil family is three generations of highly motivated breeders with their own on-farm butchery and shop.

Until 1997, the farm practised dairy farming with Fleckvieh cattle and fattening of the male animals. In 1995, they started to sell pork, beef and poultry directly to customers with great success. For labour-related reasons, the farm switched from dairy cattle to suckler cows in 1997. In order to find the right beef breed, the family tried out several breeds through artificial insemination.

After one Fleckvieh bull from an acquired group of bulls developed extremely well in 2009, the family decided to focus on beef breeding with polled Fleckvieh cattle.

Since most of the animals are kept indoors all year round, and a small group of cows go out to pasture with their calves, all stables were converted to an animal-friendly deep litter system. Each cow area is equipped with a spacious calf pen.

Feeding is delivered by means of a self-propelled silage cutter. The animals have access ad libitum to hay, and all of them are fed mineral feed in the form of paste.

From calving to insemination, the cows receive an additional 1 kg of concentrated feed. From the age of 10 weeks until the weaning date, concentrated feed is offered in the calf pen. After weaning, the female animals are given only basic feed, while the male animals additionally receive up to 2 kg of concentrated feed per day. One group of cows with their calves is on pasture from April to October.

The best genetically polled animals are sold as breeding stock throughout Austria and in neighbouring countries. Animals that do not meet the breeding requirements are fattened, slaughtered in the farm's own slaughter and processing room and sold through farmgate marketing. Many of the available breeding animals are sold via word of mouth, www.landwirt.com and the FIH internet sales catalogue.

Altitude: 365 Metres above sea level

Rainfall: 1,100 mm

**Farm size:** 97 ha in total, of which 51 ha are arable land (20% maize, 15% sugar beets, 20% soybeans, 35% cereals and 10% clover-grass, with additional catch crops), 46 ha are permanent grassland cut five times a year, and 3.6 ha are woodland Livestock 79 herdbook cows, 70 young heifers, 37 young bulls.

# WSFF POST CONGRESS AGROTOUR



We leave Linz and head to Upper Austria to tour the export facilities of the oldest Fleckvieh breeding association in the country (1894). The FIH or Fleckvieh Association Innviertel and Hausruckviertel) demonstrates the export process for breeding cattle. On this day there were about 60 PTIC heifers waiting to be loaded to Ireland.

The process of health checks is arduous with trucks sporting air conditioning units, water troughs and hay on the floor for the comfort of the stock. If the temperature rises above 30°C, then the cattle can't be trucked. There's a six day turnaround to travel to Ireland and return to Austria due to the rest periods that must be observed. Each truck is fitted with tracking and temperature reads along the way.

These heifers were going to be used in dairies in Ireland but would've been at home in any herd in Australia.

In the shed next to the export pens was a calf sale where each calf is lotted and sold one-by-one on a per kilo basis and making €500 to €600 per head.

After overnighting in Salzburg we then travelled over the Alps to Nock Mountain, just over 2000m above sea level where Fleckvieh Austria President, Sebastian Auernig, has leased 120 acres of national park for his pregnant heifers over the summer months. His 94yo father stays in a cabin for the duration until they bring the heifers back down for the winter. There aren't any fences except around the road near the café that we stopped at so they can go up over the mountains if they wish to.

The next morning we visited the Lichtenegger family in Carinthia. They own the winning female of the Fleckvieh Show we attended earlier in the week.

Their farm is 1052m above sea level where they own 35 ha and lease another 90 further down the valley. They have 30 cows, 100 heifers for rearing, 5 bulls for breeding and 10 cows for fattening. We saw a pen of export heifers ready for sale. Their highest lactating cow is 13

Their highest lactating cow is 13 years old and has just exceeded 100,000L for her life time, 50L per day.

Cull cows are sold for 4.70 euros per kg and add 35c per kg premium to go to McDonalds.

Our last farm trip of the day was owned by the Harrer family of Riegersburg, Styria, 389m above sea level.

They milk 70 cows in a herringbone parlour, twice a day. In 2021 they averaged 12790 litres.

Calves are fed whole milk to 8-10 weeks of age then weaned into spacious igloos to become accustomed to the feed.

Heifers are inseminated at 17-18 months old as they are better developed by then.

Our very last farm tour was to the Friedl family, Unterlamm, Styria with 180 females, 20-30 bulls for fattening. This farm is 312m above sea level.

They have 11 cows that have milked 100,000 litres in their lifetime. They use robots for milking.

They've also had 28 bulls accepted to the AI centre, a very successful operation giving them the Breeder of the Year Award in 2013.

Their fattening bulls sell at 16m at 420-450kg carcase/dressed weight. They sold 120kg calves at the market this week getting €800.

This farm is heavily into flushing cows and they made sales today on the quality of their cows.

There's a photo here of the Red Holsteins next to the Fleckviehs and you can see why they're the preferred choice - 85% of the Austrian cattle herd with an obvious beef value for the same amount of feed intake.

There have also been sales on this trip with export heifers and semen, including Australia. With 30 countries represented, this has been a very worthwhile trip for all parties.

They're looking for dual purpose and that's Fleckvieh.





















HOBBS LIVESTOCK

**RESERVE JUNIOR** 

**CHAMPION MALE** 

SENIOR CHAMPION

HOBBS LIVESTOCK

**RESERVE SENIOR** 

**CHAMPION MALE** 

MALE

RIGHT

**TENNYSONVALE RIPPA** 

**RENOWNED MERCHANT R4** 

HEART AND SPADE JUST

**GRAND CHAMPION MALE** 

**ROYAL RED R12** 

# Results

JUNIOR CHAMPION FEMALE BANDEEKA SASKIA

RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION FEMALE BRADFORD CATTLE CO KEEPSAKE S5

SENIOR CHAMPION FEMALE BANDEEKA NIMMY

RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION FEMALE BANDEEKA RUBY

GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE BANDEEKA NIMMY JUNIOR CHAMPION MALE BRADFORD CATTLE CO MISSILE S4

GRAND CHAMPION MALE BRADFORD CATTLE CO MISSILE S4

SUPREME CHAMPION SIMMENTAL BANDEEKA NIMMY

PROGENY PAIR BANDEEKA BLACKS

BREEDERS GROUP BRADFORD CATTLE CO



Grand Champion Male BRADFORD CATTLE CO MISSILE S4



Reserve Junior Champion Female BRADFORD CATTLE CO KEEPSAKE S5



Interbreed Junior Champion Female BANDEEKA SASKIA

Interbreed Senior Champion Female BANDEEKA NIMMY

# Results

JUNIOR CHAMPION FEMALE TENNYSONVALE RAZELL

RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION FEMALE HOBBS LIVESTOCK RED SEANNA

SENIOR CHAMPION FEMALE SUMMIT CHARISMA Q1

RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION FEMALE JN CATTLE CO RED DIAMOND Q010

GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE SUMMIT CHARISMA Q1

JUNIOR CHAMPION MALE





Supreme Exhibit SUMMIT CHARISMA Q1 (The Land)



Junior Champion Female TENNYSONVALE RAZELL

Grand Champion Bull HOBBS LIVESTOCK ROYAL RED R12



Senior Champion Bull HOBBS LIVESTOCK RENOWNED MERCHANT R4

SYDNEY ROYAL SHOW **2022** 

# Results

CALF CHAMPION FEMALE MALA-DAKI PHYLLIS

**RESERVE CALF CHAMPION FEMALE** HOBBS LIVESTOCK RED SEANNA

**INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION FEMALE** SAVANNAH ZOE R052

**RESERVE INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION FEMALE** RAFTER L LIVESTOCK KEEPSAKE R2

JUNIOR CHAMPION FEMALE MALA-DAKI PHYLLIS

SENIOR CHAMPION FEMALE ELITE SHEILA Q130

**RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION FEMALE** HOBBS LIVESTOCK VIOLETS MERCHANT

**GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE** ELITE SHEILA Q130

CALF CHAMPION MALE ST PAUL'S SILVERSMITH S413

RESERVE CALF CHAMPION MALE LUCKY CLOVER THUNER STRUCK

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION MALE HOBBS LIVESTOCK ROYAL RED

**RESERVE INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION MALE** SBS RITSON

SENIOR CHAMPION MALE ELITE QUITTIN' TIME

**RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION MALE** GLB LIVESTOCK REAPER

GRAND CHAMPION MALE ELITE QUITTIN' TIME

SUPREME EXHIBIT ELITE QUITTIN' TIME

BREEDER'S GROUP ELITE CATTLE CO

PAIR OF BULLS ST PAUL'S GENETICS

SIRES PROGENY HARVIE RED SUMMIT 54B

DAM'S PROGENY GROUP LFE BS VIOLET 614A



Grand Champion Bull ELITE QUITTIN TIME



Grand Champion Female ELITE SHEILA



Calf Champion Male ST PAUL'S SILVERSMITH S413



Intermediate Champion Bull HOBBS LIVESTOCK ROYAL RED

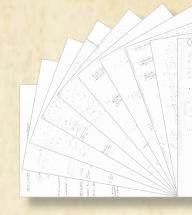


Junior Champion Female MALA-DAKI PHYLLIS



Intermediate Champion Female SAVANNAH ZOE R052

# Where it all began!



The 31<sup>st</sup> of March 1971, the minutes of the first meeting of the Australian Simmental Breeders Association Limited stated that the Company was incorporated on 29<sup>th</sup> March 1971 and that a bank account be opened with the Bank of New South Wales, Royal Exchange.

Nominations for membership were called for and closed on 15<sup>th</sup> June, 1971 with nominations for the election f seven Councillors closed on 25<sup>th</sup> June. The result of the ballot would be declared the First Annual General Meeting of the members and held in Brisbane during the Royal National Exhibition.

The 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 1971 saw that a public meeting had been called by Mr L A Pockley after writing to suggest a liaison between "our existing Society and the Society to be mooted by him".

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May, 1971 the Councillors reported that they had attended the Pubic Meeting on 1t April and that they had also attended meetings with a steering committee appointed by the Public Meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> April with a view to amalgamation of the two bodies. Also advising that notwithstanding certain written recommendations by the Steering Committee, the public Meeting resolved to form its own breed society.

By the 4<sup>th</sup> of June, 1971 the society had received some 250 verbal and written enquiries on membership, that nineteen persons had applied as Ordinary Members and that two persons had applied for Membership as Associate Members.

Representatives of the Society had been invited to the New Zealand Simmental Society's Inaugural meeting on 18h Jun, Mr G F M Quinn and Mr Bryden accepted the invitation.

The First Annual General Meeting of the Society was held at the Parkroyal Motor Inn in Brisbane on the 6<sup>th</sup> of August, 1971 at 5pm.

The result of the ballot for the seven councillors of the Society was tabled and were successful in attaining positions on the Council for the ensuing year:

Messrs C R G Bowman, G F M Quinn, R J L Williamson, T W R Gavel and P J Magennis and Dr R J M Dunlop. The seventh position resulted in an equal number of vote for Messrs R I A Bruce and E G Ryland. Mr R I A Bruce had a change in position and could no longer accept the office so was resolved that Mr E G Ryland fill the seventh position.

Interestingly, at this meeting the grading up and breeding programs was discussed and the members were asked to put forward their recommendations over the ensuing three months and that those recommendations would be discussed at the next meeting to be held at the Sydney Royal Easter Show.

The total of subscriptions received to date were \$1284.50.

A meeting of Councillors was also held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of August where the positions were appointed: Chairman: Mr G F M Quinn President: Mr G F M Quinn Vice Presidents: Messrs P J Magennis and EG Ryland Secretary and Treasurer: Mr A G

Farquhar

Public meetings were to be called to form State Branches in those States eligible to do so.

Also recorded was an amount of \$1000 by Mr G F M Quinn to the Society to enable it to pass through its formative stages.

The 1<sup>st</sup> of September meeting saw the each member would be written to, to "invite him" to make suggestions on the Rules and Regulations to be prescribed for the Breed in Australia by 31<sup>st</sup> November.

The business name "Fleckvieh Cattle Breeders of Australia" be registered in each state.

Notice to all members that public meetings to form the NSW Branch at a meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1971 and Victorian State Branch at a meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> September 1971.

The meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> January 1972 saw a report on a meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> December 1971 with the Committee of the Simmental Society of Australia with a view to unity being achieved between the two organisations. At that meeting it was agreed that a Joint Committee be formed comprising 5 members from each Society and that this Joint Committee would first meet on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 1972 to discuss any differences and to agree on means

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of achieving unity.

It was decided that Messrs D S Bain, C R G Bowman, P Magennis, RJL Williamson and G F M Quinn would represent this Society. The Secretary of this Society Mr A G Farquhar together with Mr R Storey of the Royal Agricultural Society were to act as Secretaries to the Joint Committee.

The Chairman, Mr Quinn reported that the visit of Dr Riest had ben an unqualified success and that Dr Riest had given talks to those interested in the Simmental Breed in Sydney Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth He considered Dr Riest's visit was highly instrumental in enabling this Society to discuss unity with the Simmental Society of Australia.

The 1972 AGM was held on 29<sup>th</sup> March, at Sydney Showground where Mr G Quinn was elected Chairman.

The President of the Simmental Society of Australia, Mr L A Pockley and the President of the Australian Simmental Breeders' Association, Mr G Quinn, briefly reported on the events which had taken place in regard to the merger of the two organisations.

Their reports stated that as a result of separate meetings and a joint meeting of representatives of the two organisations, agreement had been reached on the basis of a merger and this had now come to pass.

Basically, the Constitution of the Australian Simmental Breeders Association Limited had been adopted with a few minor alterations, details of which would be conveyed to all members.

Election of Office Bearers: New South Wales – D S Bain, C R G Bowman, P J Magennis, G F M Quinn. Victoria – W R Beggs, H W W Hopkins, T J Liley, P J McLaughlin. South Australia – D Baker, J W Young. Queensland – E Ryland, J Witherspoon. West Australia – A Fletcher, R Vincent.

# **Newsletters**

The first Simmental Newsletter began in December 1972 with a foreword by then President, Mr R W Vincent and has story on page 3 on how Harry M Miller came to breed Simmentals.

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country which offers such a diversity of climate and terrain is a demanding task."

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### People who breed Simmentals Harry M. Miller

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# **Magazines**

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April 1976 - At the field day at Brian Scanlen's Cowan Brae Taralga, NSW OIN 15 March, Coulburn beef cattle officer Bob Cadem makes a point on a chart. Helping is Gowan Brae manager John Smith. The field day, which highlighted the necessity to keep proper records is featured in this issue on paged 5 and 7 along with a crossbreeding field day at Grafton, NSW.



August 1976 - A significant announcement was made on 12 July at the NSW branch meeting in Sydney. Saying his piece in the picture on the front cover of this issue is Arthur Rickards, director of the Agricultural and Business Research Institute within the University of New England Armidale. NSW His message to NSW breeders was what ABRI had just processed the 27000° registration certificate, a facsimile of which forms a becknow to this imprive thet may and the the normal sectors. backdrop to this issue's front cover. Arthur's remarks on 12 July are the basis of an article on page 5 of this issue.



April 1977 - Three days of breed festivities were climaxed April 1977 - Inree days of breed festivities were climaxed at Sydney Showgrounds on Sunday 3 Aril at about 4pm when one of Australia's best-known Simmental breeders opened a new building. On the left of the picture is the stud master of Nareen Simmentals, Casterton, Vic, the Prime Minister, and or the right is the Charman of the association's NSW Branch, Mr Harry M Miller



1978 -Pictures of Simmental cattle with their June 1978 - Pictures of Simmental cattle with their friends and owners have featured in mary city and country newspapers this year. Theis months cover was a January front cover for the Victorian Weekly Times and shows Mr Raymond full of the Avalon Park Stud, Yea, Via, with the stud's Champion Simmental Bull Wrynard Avalon Fortune, at the Yea Show. Relaxing in the background is Erris Avalon Pride. The Avalon Park Stud had a most successful show seagon with it's team of purphereds taking out many championships. At the Yea Show. Hey teamed with the Mansfield Breders: Croup to win the Interbreed Croup Class from eight competitors.

Historic Sires By Jesse Bezwarchny

IDENT	NAME	DOB	Prog Count	IDENT	NAME	DOB	Prog Count
IMGPN006	SCOTTISH HEROD 5051 372	8/3/69	6883	IMAPP601	HAMLET 589329/9/43	14/3/70	759
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IMSPN044	EXTRA MM4603		1067	IMSPN058	MATCHING FAMOS MM762	8/11/69	474
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MMB REBHOLZ 2040 677

**MMB SCHOCK 9456 944** 



**MMB SEEGER 9.055.875** 

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# Historic Build By Sharon Jordan

### 1. BUCKINGHAM OLGA

One of the most remarkable breeding Simmentals of her time and to today.

Sired by Sterling Parliamentarian (imp UK) out of Breona Park Isis. Owned by Tom & Lizzy Baker Woonallee South Australia. Born 15.9.90. 45 progeny. Soft traditional female. Bred by Duncan Osborne Bungandere NSW

### Bungendore NSW. 2. WOONALLEE PENNY Z65

Sired by BHR Three Sixes out of Woonallee Penny X62. Calf is Ten-Rose Epi sired by Scottish Neptune. The line goes back to Piggott Range Pennylane who had the record 86 calves.

### 3. PIGGOTT RANGE PENNYLANE (ET) Sired by Hymilk Rembrandt out of Terangaville Sortina. 86 Progeny recorded with Simmental Australia. Bred by Jan Gray SA owned by Mr Rob & Minnie Itanliano WA.

### 4. AROHA EILLEEN (IMP NZ)

Sired by Scottish Herod out of Overhall Advent (UK) born 28.2.74. One of the most influential Simmental in Australia. Imported from NZ by Helen & Bruce Burnell Munga Park. \$40,000 paid for this female as a calf.

### 5. MUNGA PARK ASTRID

Sired by Extra out of Aroha Eilleen (Imp) born 13.4.80. Genetics of this female still relevant and available today. Bred by Bruce and Helen Burnell South Australia owned by Jan Gray.

### 6. BRENAIR PARK BERNADETTE 102

Sired by Brenair Park Magic out of Coonawarra 89 Full blood female living till near 21 years of age. Calving every year. Long lived cattle are economical. Bred by Don Mathieson. Owned by Ten-Rose.

### 7. SUNDOWNER RANCHES EVELYN

Sired by Scottish Neff out of Edenbrook Gerhild. Born 9.9.74 producing 47 progeny. Imported by Harry M Miller Dunmore Stud NSW. Superb example of the breed.

### 8. TUSMORE NICOLE

Sired by Munga Park Frederic out of Munga Park Bianca Born 27.7.85 49 Progeny. Highly successful Show Champion. Sold for near \$50,000 to Dr Peter Trevan Hazel Dell Victoria.

### 9. COOLABAR PARK CHARLOTTE

Sired by Siegfried out of Coonawarra J008.Born 15.10.2002. Bred by Alec & Glenys MacDonald Drouin South Victoria. Long lived cattle from imported genetics. German full blood. Alec bred cattle that performed on grass.

### 10. BOKARA DENISE D60

Sired by Bokara Wotan out of Bokara Denise 101. Dr Shirley Barker South Australia bred Denise D60 from a long line of high quality cattle several generations back to the original Denise. Dr Barker has a long history with Simmental.

### 11. BREWERS SOLITA Z496

Sired by Brewers Alex out of Brewers Solita. Superb slick coated female bred by Judy Brewer, owned by Doug and Jan Bradshaw Queensland.

### 12. WEBB KAHLUA K050

Sired by TNT Tanker out of Webb Galaxy E200. Born 21.2.2014 Bred by Phillip Webb of Webb Black Simmental Glenburn Victoria. The line going back to Willie Altenburg's ASR Black Whisper (imp. USA). Black poll Simmental. Moderate framed, easy calving.

### 13. PENNYWEIGHT HOPE

Pennyweight Hope remains one of the finet breeding females for easy calving and soft long lived progeny. Sired by Kellyview Paul out of Munga Park Hettah. The genetics put together by Mel and Gina Tyan Glenview Del Simmental Glenburn Victoria. Born 21.03.2000. The female represents great udders that the breed is known for. Trevor Carr and his father owned Pennyweight Stud.

### owned Pennyweight Stud. 14. GLENVIEW DEL ANATOLA

Born 09.02.2005 is one of the best Simmental females to come out of Mel and Gina Ryans Glenburn Stud. Sired by Glenview Del Taurus out of Glenview Del Lateisha. Powerful female with lovely skin, balanced capacious udder and correct structure.









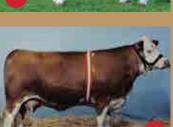


















### Pioneer reflects on half a century of Simmental in Australia as her stud turns 50

### By Jacinta Cummins

S Simmental celebrates 50 years in Australia this year, it's vital to recognise the early pioneers who introduced the breed. Their cattle established it as an impressive option for producers seeking well structured animals with good temperament, impressive weight gains and a premium price.

Dr Shirley Barker was one of eight members recognised for 50 years membership at Simmental Australia's 50th Anniversary Gala Dinner in April.

Her South Australian stud, Bokara, also turns 50 years this year.

Shirley dug into records and newspaper clippings spanning the last five decades before sharing her thoughts with me on Simmentals and their history in Australia, the highs and the lows, and how Bokara contributed to the breed's success.

### THE "100S AND 1000S" COUPLE START BREEDING SIMMENTALS

Shirley and her late husband Victor O'Grady both had a keen interest in genetics.

Victor's interest was sparked after he met and travelled with Arend Lourens Hagedoorn, a Dutch veterinarian, when Hagedoorn was travelling Australia lecturing on cattle breeding and visiting dairy farms.

At a time when "not having purebred cattle was a disgrace", the couple caused a lot of raised eyebrows as they crossbred to achieve hybrid vigour in the 1960s and 1970s.

"We were known as the '100s and 1000s' because of all our different colours, but we knew hybrid vigour would mean more money for our calves so we just ignored the criticism," Shirley said.

"In the end, we had the last laugh when our calves topped the weaner sales at Casterton in Western Victoria."

Taking the risk to crossbreed continued to pay off even further in 1970 when Mick Deland, a scientist at the South Australian Research and Development Institute (SARDI) Struan Research Centre near Naracoorte, contacted the couple with an offer too good to pass up.

"Mick lived nearby and knew of our big mixed breed herds," Shirley explained.

"Struan had been given Simmental semen by the Ag Department [South Australian] and wanted females to inseminate with it, so we provided a selection of about 12 different breeds of cows and we did the inseminating.

"Struan took the bull calves and we kept the females."

This experience sparked the couple's interest in Simmentals and prompted

them to join the newly formed Simmental Society.

Shirley was incredibly saddened when the research station suffered damage of more than \$5 million during a fire on November 4 and hoped its early research and records haven't been entirely lost.

In 1972, Victor and Shirley established Bokara stud, naming it after the Penola property they managed along with two other Lucindale properties for Victor's family before they moved to "Caithness" near Mount Barker in the Adelaide Hills in 1967.

"Caithness" has been in Shirley's family since the 1890s.

The early Bokara cattle were all bred by artificial insemination because there weren't many Simmental bulls for sale and when they were, the price was prohibitively expensive.

The original semen mostly came from large, later maturing bulls with heavy muscle, but their progeny were slow to fatten.

So Shirley and Victor gradually modified them so weaners retained muscle but fattened earlier by careful selection of the semen available, aiming for a more moderate type.

While Simmental semen was safer to import than some other breeds, Shirley thinks importing has been made more difficult since the discovery of heritable diseases and abnormalities.

She stresses careful screening of imports is essential to avoid these problems.

The first Simmental bull Shirley bought was Sundowner Ranches Galbraith in 1979.

He came from a sale in Victoria and cost \$6000.

To put this into perspective, he would have cost nearly \$30,000 in 2021.

Even as Australian bred bulls were more readily available and prices eased, Shirley found it hard to find good sires.

She is a self-confessed stickler when it comes to breeding and has never followed what she calls "breeding fashions".

"Being a doctor, I have always seen the necessity for structural correctness and I understand anatomy and know how joints, muscles, bones and internal organs should perform," she said.

As Victor started to spend more time in Adelaide working in the wine business in the early 1980s, Shirley increasingly took over the daily operations of Bokara and the couple's other stud, Caithness Charolais.

"We still bought cattle together, but looking back through the records, I've realised just how much I was doing in



Shirley Barker with some of her herd at Caithness. PHOTO: Courtesy Mt Barker Courier



NGA Tawa Braveheart AG33. terms of the everyday running of the studs.

The most notable sire Shirley ever used was NGA Tawa Braveheart AG33.

She imported the semen from New Zealand and has the right to distribute it in Australia.

Bokara Denise ALT3 is possibly the best female Shirley has ever bred.

She describes the cow as having a combination of muscle and milk.

"She was a true matriarch and the boss of her herd.

"She produced our top male and female calves every year.

"The current Denises have her muscle, milk and characteristics and even look somewhat similar and they continue to dominate the stud with their outstanding quality."

### SELECTING FOR BREEDING AND CULLING TO PRODUCE ONLY THE BEST

Information is essential to how Shirley selects and culls stock.

She was presented with a cattle feeder at the Royal Adelaide Show in 1991 for being the 100th South Australian to join Breedplan and relies on physical appraisal, reference to Breedplan and genetic background to make decisions.

When evaluating potential sires, structure comes first.

"Structure is very important; correct structure is likely to last longer," she explained.

"An animal has got to be able to stand on its four feet evenly.

"I look for a broad muzzle, hooded eyes, not too wide across the forehead, good neck extension, well set in shoulders and muscle behind the withers.

"A deep girth, good spring of rib, straight back, good loin muscle, strong jump muscle, prominent stifle muscle, tight pizzle, flat stealth, strong butt muscle stands with back feet apart.

"Good testicle size but above hocks in length, pastern angle correct and good feet and freewalking with a good overlap."

Shirley believes a move away from structure in Simmentals' early days set the breed back significantly.

"I call it the 'giraffe period' as it was all about tall leggy bulls which muscled up well but were so late maturing that their weaner calves were not prime enough for the meat processors and butchers," she recounted.

Unfortunately Simmental breeders adopted this fashion with enthusiasm and even

"Even Herefords, which were famous for their fattening, struggled to fatten weaners when crossed with these animals.

"A lot of buyers just couldn't fatten them so they no longer purchased Simmental bulls.

"Once someone is disappointed in a breed, it's hard to convince them to give that breed another chance.

"Unfortunately this giraffe fashion pervaded almost all breeds and I can recall a local breeder bragging that his Angus Bull was Frame Score 10!

"This bull was sold for meat not long

afterwards because his feet gave up!"

Shirley fears current breeders risk repeating the same mistake as more of them source genetics and stock from America and Canada.

"The Americans love change, but anatomically, this isn't always an improvement," she noted.

"They are changing the anatomy of some of their bulls now but I predict this will lead to early breakdown."

Temperament is also important to Shirley.

"I firmly believe cattle temperament is a reflection of the temperament of those who handle them," she said.

"Victor and I always found Simmental quite easy to handle with few exceptions.

"One of the exceptions I remember was a black bull (A a rarity in the '80s) who was very aggressive and hard to handle.

"I complained to Vic who didn't believe me, but when he came to see it, he got chased out of the yard and told me to sell it!"

"While there is a very occasional rogue, they usually quieten with gentle handling and we can walk through our herd in the paddock without them reacting to us."

### BOKARA'S ACHIEVEMENTS: FROM THE ADELAIDE HILLS TO TURKEY AND BEYOND

Bokara cattle have been sold to dairy farmers, beef producers and South Australia's Flaxley Research Centre and can be found in the lineage of some of Australia's best Simmental studs.

"I sold bulls to the Chinese [Government] and they went to Inner Mongolia to research stations where they were used to inseminate the herds owned by nomadic tribes," she told me.

"I also sent six heifers to people wanting to start a stud in Turkey in the early 2000s.

"The Chinese and Indonesians came back to me over and over again, but I never heard a word about the heifers [exported to Turkey] after I sold them.

"It would be fascinating to see how those heifers went over there."

Considering the sales, the awards and carcass competitions Bokara has won over 50 years, Shirley said the stud's greatest achievement is its traditional Simmental herd.

On a personal level, Shirley is proud of the role she's played in promoting Simmental to young people.

"They are the future of our breed so I have donated a lot of steers to schools over the years for the kids to handle and show," she said.

"I get a lot of joy seeing the students (many of whom wouldn't otherwise have an opportunity to be responsible for an animal), bonding and falling in love with them."

She advises anyone starting out with Simmentals to buy good traditional cattle of the type they like rather than buying ribbon winners at a show.

"You need to know what you're looking for and if at all possible, see the herd and the sires and dams of the animals you want to buy.

"If you decide to change to black or red later, you can, but remember that they won't look like Simmentals!

LOOKING FORWARD, LOOKING BACK

When asked about people she admires in the Simmental world, Shirley gave this considerable thought.

"There were plenty of people who impressed me but I don't think there were any who I looked up to so much as Mel and Gina Ryan [of Glenview Dell Simmentals]," she said.

"They loved their cattle and they were everybody's friend."

She described the pair as people who bred good, sensible cattle which won many awards.

But more importantly, they always made time for fellow breeders and younger enthusiasts.

"They were generous with help and advice and Mel was on the [Victorian] state committee for many years.

Shirley laughs as she recalls how entertaining it was to watch Gina, a hairdresser, give cattle a "hair do"!

With no intention of slowing down anytime soon, when the time does come, Shirley hopes to sell Bokara to a breeder who appreciates the stock's bloodlines and temperament.

Emma Kerrigan has worked for Shirley for more than 14 years.

"Emma was very keen to learn when she came to me and still is and I've taught her a lot over the years," Shirley said.

"We get along very well and we have the same sense of humour, so whenever things turn to absolute rubbish, we can sit down and laugh.

"We are good friends as well as employer and employee and this makes things more enjoyable at the end of the day."

Shirley sees a strong demand for purebred and crossbred Simmentals into the future.

"You need a purebred animal to crossbreed as crossing with crossbreds can produce very erratic results.

"The first crosses are fairly consistent performers with the most hybrid vigour, so I see breeders doing both in the future."

Shirley's love for Simmies shows not just from her cattle and accolades, but also the time and thought she has put into sharing her story.

In researching and writing this it became obvious to me why she and Bokara are held in such high esteem, not only by Simmental breeders but by people across the wider Australian cattle industry.

# **Photos over the years...**



Terrangaville Ewen from the 10th Anniversary Booklet



Adelaide Youth 1992



50th Anniversary Limited Edition Belt Buckle



Brisbane 1988



Bill Almond leading the Senior Champion Bull, sashed by judge, Dick Vincent and sashed by Millicent Liley



Brenair Park 2014 Tour Group



Brisbane 1998

Canberra 1998



**Brisbane Royal Show 2006** 

2016 Trade Mission to China



Buzzard Hollow, Texas, USA Congress tour 2018



**Congress Melbourne Show 2010** 

Brian and Maria Fogg, "Glenagra"

We, Brian and Maria Fogg have been members of your association for many years and still are. The pure bred Simmental cow in the photograph "Seymour Amber" was bought at a sale in Orange in 1984. She had her first calf OK. She was then artifically inseminated to "Pinjarra Excelsior" a purebred Simmental bull in 1985 and had triplets on 18/02/1986. This mae NBN news. We named them: Lotty - FBM F016, Libby - FBM F017, Lucky - FBM F018. Libby later died on 24/6/1986 at 4 months old as she bloated on clover. Lotty and Lucky went on to calve on 14/10/1988 to a Hereford bull without any trouble on our property at "Clenagra".



Seymour Amber with her newborn triplets

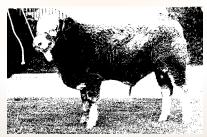


Our daughter Amanda Fogg (2 years 8 months) with the triplets

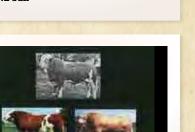


Lotty and Lucky all grown up with their calves to the Hereford bull

# **Photos over the years...**



Early NZ bull



40th Anniversary History Book - bulls



Hermie



40th Anniversary History Book - 1988 Councillors



Melbourne Royal 2009



Melbourne 1987

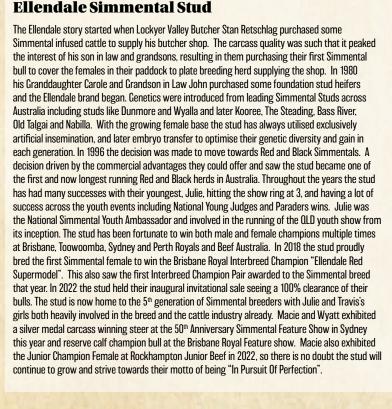




40th Anniversary History Book - Melbourne Showgrounds



Melbourne 1988





Ellendale Team 2018



**Ellendale Red Supermodel** 



Julie (8yrs) and Old Talgai Jane - First Donor Cow



3 yr old Macie and Ellendale Stylin' A Ladies Man



Julie (8yrs) Ellendale Expo - Supreme Exhibit Marburg Show

# Social photos...

### **Melbourne Ringside**



Nicole Muller, Edwina Wiltshire, Emily Pendlebury and Max Bowman



Annie Pumpa, Tara Brewer and Charlotte Nugent

### Ekka



David, Tara, Austin and Henry Brewer, Brewer Beef, Tallangatta, Victoria

### **Sydney Gala Dinner**



Vanessa Wenn, Trinity Martin (Canada) and Samantha Moeck



Doug Bradshaw and John Leek



Philip Webb and Ricky Ferris



Audrey Weightman, Phillip Partridge and Bill Cornell



Tara Brewer, Rita, Jacob and Ruby Canning



Peter Tull, Frank Rizzo, Kaye Gillett and Joe Rizzo



Jerome Hayden and Kelly Cook, Lyndale, Glen Innes



Shannon Miller, Blue Gene Cattle Company, Parkville NSW, Zarli Wallings, Jessica Grosser, Maitland and Clayton Porter, Merriwa



Shannon Miller, Tayla Miller, Skye Baxter, Annabelle Glasser and Emily Trainor



Jennah Wood, Kylie and Stuart Hobbs and Ashley Morris



Rita Canning, Luke Spencer, Jess Parker, Ruby Canning and Thomas Clarke



Ross Johnson, Peter Cook and David Bondfield

EKKA ROYAL QUEENSLAND SHOW **2022** 

# Results

CALF CHAMPION FEMALE ELLENDALE CINDERELLA BLING

RESERVE CALF CHAMPION FEMALE KBV SHIRAZ

JUNIOR CHAMPION FEMALE ELITE BLACK WENDY

RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION FEMALE KBV ROMY

SENIOR CHAMPION FEMALE ELITE SHEILA Q130

RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION FEMALE KBV NEFERTITI

GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE ELITE SHEILA Q130

CALF CHAMPION MALE ELITE SCORCHER

**RESERVE CALF CHAMPION MALE ELLENDALE HILLBILLY GANGSTER** 

JUNIOR CHAMPION MALE KBV SENSATION

RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION MALE SPRINGSIDE SONNY-G

SENIOR CHAMPION MALE BANDEEKA RATBAG

**RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION MALE ELLENDAL RED HOT EXPLOSION** 

**GRAND CHAMPION MALE BANDEEKA RATBAG** 

PAIR OF BULLS KBV SIMMENTALS

PAIR OF FEMALES ELITE CATTLE CO

**BREEDER'S GROUP** ELITE CATTLE CO

PROGENY STAKES ELLENDALE 111X JAGERBOMB

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS BREED PAIR BANDEEKA RATBAG AND ELITE SHEILA

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS COW ELITE SHEILA









Champion of Champions Breed Pair BANDEEKA RATBAG AND ELITE SHEILA

Champion of Champions Female ELITE SHEILA

Grand Champion Bull BANDEEKA RATBAG

Grand Champion Female ELITE SHEILA Q130

# MELBOURNE ROYAL SHOW **2022**

# Results

### JUNIOR CHAMPION FEMALE AUSBRED MIKIMOTO PEARL

### **RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION FEMALE** WOONALLEE IRENE

SENIOR CHAMPION FEMALE MAVERICK RED STAR

**RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION FEMALE** WEBB PENNY P011

GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE MAVERICK RED STAR

JUNIOR CHAMPION MALE RELLUM FARMS SMOOTH OPERATOR

**RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION MALE** WOONALLEE S379

SENIOR CHAMPION MALE HERLO PARK ROVER

GRAND CHAMPION MALE RELLUM FARMS SMOOTH OPERATOR

SUPREME EXHIBIT MAVERICK RED STAR

PERCENTAGE CLASSES JUNIOR, GRAND AND SUPREME CHAMPION FEMALE BREWER BEEF CC LOGAN S319

**RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION FEMALE** BREWER BEEF M LUCKY BUCK S584

INTERBREED SUPREME SENIOR CHAMPION FEMALE MAVERICK RED STAR

SUPREME BEEF EXHIBIT MAVERICK RED STAR



Grand Champion Bull RELLUM FARMS SMOOTH OPERATOR



Grand Champion Female MAVERICK RED STAR



Junior Champion Female AUSBRED MIKIMOTO PEARL



**Reserve Export Steer** 



Reserve Junior Champion Bull WOONALLEE \$379



The Canning Family winning Supreme Exhibit 2022 of 2022 Royal Melbourne Show

# **Annual Bull Sale** WA Supreme Bull Sale Wednesday 22 March 2023

# Bandeeka Simmental Red Angus

Offering 12 top, halter broken sires Private selections available on-property



Bandeeka Sensation Sired by BandeekaPowerpack LGKP P30. Available at the 2023 WA Supreme Bull Sale.





**Bandeeka Sugar Daddy** Sired by Bandeeka Powerpack LGKP P30. Available at the 2023 WA Supreme Bull Sale.



Bandeeka Rusty R35 (P) Sold to loyal commercial client Tom Marshall in Cranbrook/Denmark WA, for a WA state record price of \$82,000 at the 2022 WALSA & Farm Weekly Supreme Bull Sale.

Bandeeka Simmental Tony & Loreen Kitchen © Elgin, WA 6237 🛛 0407 771 302 🖾 bandeeka@bigpond.com

# 2022 Perth Royal Show Results



Interbreed Junior Champion Female Bandeeka Saskia S1, sired by KBV Penfold.



Interbreed Senior Champion Female Bandeeka Nimmy N2, sired by Bandeeka Fancypants. Heifer calf by KBV Legacy.



Second Place Interbreed Group of Three Bulls. Bandeeka Safari, Bandeeka Sensation and Bandeeka Sugar Daddy.



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Champion Heifer and Supreme Champion Interbreed Calf, Bandeeka Blacks Tequila. Five months old.

Champion Bull Calf, Bandeeka Blacks Tonka. Five months old.





**Bandeeka Blacks Nilo** Sire to many of the Bandeeka Blacks 2023 sale bulls. 2021 Perth Royal Show Interbreed Senior Champion Bull. Nilo sold privately to Southern Black Simmentals, Canberra.



**Bandeeka Blacks Sailor** Sired by Bandeeka Blacks Nilo. Available at the 2023 WA Supreme Bull Sale.

# Bandeeka Blacks Kane and Sarsha Wetherell

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### LAUNCESTON ROYAL SHOW **2022**

# Results

JUNIOR CHAMPION FEMALE WOONALLEE IRENE S304

RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION FEMALE WOONALLEE SADIE S489

SENIOR CHAMPION FEMALE WOONALLEE CHARO Q428

RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION FEMALE WOONALLEE RINA R20

GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE WOONALLEE CHARO Q428

JUNIOR CHAMPION MALE WOONALLEE SKW RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION MALE WOONALEE S149

GRAND CHAMPION MALE WOONALLEE SKW

SUPREME EXHIBIT WOONALLEE CHARO Q428

SIRE'S PROGENY GROUP MADER WALK THIS WAY – WOONALLEE SIMMENTALS

BREEDERS' GROUP WOONALLEE SIMMENTALS

# Results

JUNIOR CHAMPION FEMALE SUMMERHILL ROBYN

RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION FEMALE LAKESIDE SYBIL

SENIOR CHAMPION FEMALE WOONALLEE REGAL

RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION FEMALE WOONALLEE POLLY L199

GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE WOONALLEE REGAL JUNIOR CHAMPION MALE SUMMERHILL S4

RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION BULL SUMMERHILL S7

GRAND CHAMPION MALE SUMMERHILL S4

GROUP OF THREE SUMMERHILL SIMMENTALS

SIRES PROGENY SUMMERHILL SIMMENTALS



Grand Champion Bull WOONALLEE SKW



Junior Champion Female WOONALLEE IRENE S304



Senior and Grand Champion Female WOONALLEE CHARO 0428



Grand Champion Bull SUMMERHILL S4





Group of Three SUMMERHILL SIMMENTALS

Senior Champion Female WOONALLEE REGAL

# Description of Completeness of **Performance Star Rating**





Herds with a star rating of "5" are gold standard. They are considered to be recording "complete" performance information with BREEDPLAN for all animals across all traits for which EBV's are available.

Herds with a star rating of "4" or "4.5" are silver standard. They are considered to be recording comprehensive performance information with BREEDPLAN for most animals and traits, but are recording less performance than a 5 star herd.

Herds with a star rating of "3" or "3.5" are considered bronze standard. They are considered to be recording performance information with BREEDPLAN for a reasonable number of traits or animals, but are recording less performance information than a 4 or 5 star herd.

Herds with a rating of "2.5" or less are recording information with BREEDPLAN but not for all animals or traits. They are recording less performance information than a 3, 4 or 5 star herd.

# What is the value of the Completeness of Performance Report and Star Rating?

The CoP report and star rating allows each herd to assess how "complete" the information is for their animals and importantly to identify areas in which additional performance information could potentially be recorded. It is also an invaluable tool for detecting where data has not been submitted to BREEDPLAN. If made available, the CoP star rating can give you an indication of how much performance data other herds collect (but not which traits). This can be used to easily identify herds that are recording complete performance information, and thus be confident in the EBVs presented on their animals.

### How to improve your CoP star rating

- 1. Work out which traits you aren't recording (and which are of interest to you or your clients)
- 2. Work out which traits you are recording but could record a greater percentage of animals for
- 3. Make the necessary management changes to enable you to record those traits

For any questions regarding your Completeness of Performance Report, contact Boyd Gudex at Southern Beef Technology Services (SBTS) at (02) 6773 1711 or boyd@sbts.une.edu.au. To access your Completeness of Performance report, log into your download area on Internet Solutions.

### **BREEDPLAN MEMBER'S STAR RATING**

PREFIX	STAR RATING	AVERAGE CALVE S Recorded	PREFIX	STAR RATING	AVERAGE CALVES Recorded	PREFIX	STAR RATING	AVERAGE CALVES Recorded
STIRLING END	5	13	GRANGEBURN	3	76	NU-PLAINS	2	113
FAIRVIEW	4.5	150	ANCO	2.5	4	BARNJAPI	2	6
MUBARN	4.5	29	BONNYDALE Q	2.5	57	HIGH FIVE	2	2
WORMBETE	4	161	CARALMA	2.5	6	DANDAVJON	2	14
ST PAULS	4	30	INLET VIEWS	2.5	17	LUCRANA	2	25
WOONALLEE	4	564	TUGULAWA	2.5	47	MT ARARAT	2	22
KIDMAN DOWNS	4	7	GK	2.5	8	LANCASTER	2	229
WILLANDRA	3.5	163	ROUND-EM-UP	2.5	9	NANGUR	2	42
BULLOCKHILLS	3.5	113	SUGARLOAF	2.5	16	SPRINGSIDE	2	55
GB SIMMENTALS	3.5	4	BANDEEKA	2.5	44	ROBINSONS	2	5
LAKESIDE	3.5	159	BRIGHTON	2.5	31	JIM JAM	2	12
BONNYDALE	3.5	365	BT SIMMENTALS	2.5	3	SAVANNAH	2	22
SUMMERHILL	3.5	11	PIRAY	2.5	9	INVERLEIGH	2	41
HOBBS LIVESTOCK	3.5	8	BARANA	2.5	81	GLENTAL	2	10
SYLVANDALE	3.5	55	SIXPENCE PARK	2.5	7	COOLIBAH	2	16
MALA-DAKI	3.5	82	HARAS	2.5	31	DARAABAH	1.5	22
VC	3.5	41	PINAROOHILLS	2.5	7	HARTFIELD	1.5	5
BYWONG PARK	3	34	GHS	2.5	2	SBS	1.5	29
MFLDON PARK	3	165	SIX CREEKS	2.5	20	STRATHLEIGH	1.5	63
RIPPLEBROOK	3	23	BOKARA	2	25	TULLAYR	1.5	9
JARRAVALE	3	59	MILKY WAY	2	153	SKILLOGALEE	1	10
NARACOOPA	3	41	ELITE	2	36	CASA TORO	1	25
SLOPES	3	70	RELLUM FARMS	2	69	CAMELOCK	0.5	40
SEDDON	3	44	LARA LEIGH	2	5	SGS SIMMENTAL	0	0
TULLAMORE PARK	3	36	LOGIE SIMMENTALS	2	4	LONGVIEW		
TOPWEIGHT	3	197	JIZZY	2	5	SIMMY		
WEBB	3	26	WATERFRONT	2	51			





### The Power of Genetic Recombination - or "It's Complicated"

Perhaps the question I am most often asked regarding genetics is how full sibs or animals with the same pedigree can have different EPD. A good way to explain this is through a pedigree tree. In this example, we are going to breed Mr. Greenlight to Miss Redlight to create 2 full sibs (Greenlight JR and Miss Redlight 2) which we will then mate to produce a sample of 10 full sibs that represent just a few of the thousands of potential outcomes (Figure 1).

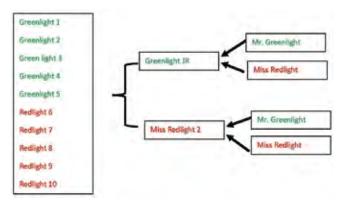


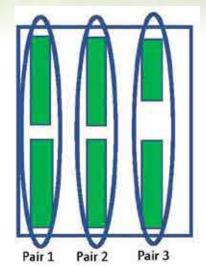
Figure 1. A pedigree tree showing 2 matings of Mr. Greenlight to Miss Redlight and the subsequent mating of full sib offspring Greenlight JR and Miss Redlight 2 to produce 10 calves.

Our logical mind may say at this point that these offspring should be very similar. After all, the pedigree is identical on both sides of the final mating. This would be a very tightly linebred scenario. Let's follow our example through in a bit more detail and see what happens.

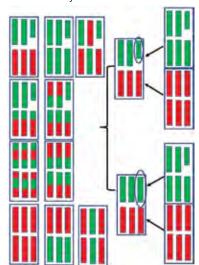
First, we need to understand that every calf is a combination of  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the genes from the sire and  $\frac{1}{2}$  from the dam. These genes are spread across 60 chromosomes or 30 pairs. For this example, we are going to simplify things and use 3 pairs of chromosomes to make our point. We will use Mr. Greenlight's chromosomes as an example (Figure 2.). There are two pairs of regular chromosomes (Pair 1, Pair 2) and 1 pair of sex chromosomes (Pair 3). The sex chromosome will determine if the calf is a male or female. If Mr. Greenlight passes on the small chromosome in pair 3 the calf will be male. If he passes on a large chromosome from pair 3 the calf will be a heifer.

To further simplify we will assume that Mr. Greenlight is homozygous for every gene in his DNA. In other words, for every gene both of his copies are the same. We will assume the same thing for Ms. Redlight. This massive oversimplification means that the original animals in the pedigree can only pass on one version of each gene they possess.

In the first mating we get one male calf and one female calf. They each contain one gene copy from Mr. Greenlight and one copy of each gene from Ms. Redlight. The pedigree tree is shown fleshed out to show the actual chromosomes and DNA that are passed forward (Figure 3.). If we look at the example, it is apparent that even though Mr. Greenlight Jr and Miss Redlight 2 have the same parents (they are full sibs) that they have 1 chromosome in pair 3 that is completely different (circled). If they did not, they would both be the same sex. In this second generation, it also appears that the chromosomes and thus the DNA of these 2 full sibs are very close



*Figure 2. Mr. Greenlight's chromosome pairs* 



*Figure 3. Chromosome map of the pedigree tree for Mr. Greenlight and Miss Redlight matings and subsequent full sib matings.* 

In the next generation, things start to look more complicated. To understand this, it is important to realize that animals do not pass on an exact replica of one of their original chromosomes. During the process of meiosis (producing sperm and eggs) the chromosomes will trade parts of their DNA with the other partner in their chromosome pair. This is called random recombination and is very important as it produces much of the variation that allows animals and populations to adapt to changing conditions over time. This variation is a key driver of evolution and is what creates the differences that allow cattle breeders to select cattle that fit their long-term goals. Again, these 10 calves represent a very simplified example of the potentially infinite combinations that can occur just in this simple breeding example. Looking at the chromosome profile of the example calves, we can see DNA that ranges from exact copies of grandparent DNA, matches to parent DNA and combinations that looks vastly different from any previous generations. This is all happening in a full sib mating situation. If animals are less closely related, the phenomenon could be even more pronounced.

To flesh things out a bit further let's examine 4 of the offspring from the chromosome diagram as examples (Figure 4, 5, 6, 7). We will assume for the purposes of our example that there are only 3 traits, calving ease which is all on chromosome 1, weaning weight that is contained on chromosome 2 and sex that is determined simply by which copy of pair 3 is received from the sire. Let's further assign a genetic value to the genes on each of the first 2 chromosome pairs (Table 1.). By using some simple math based on what DNA the calf received we can thus assign an EPD for Calving Ease and Weaning weight to our 4 examples and see how the same pedigree can result in a very different EP



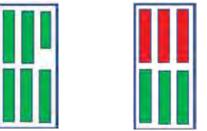


Figure 4, A male calf that received all Green genes His genetic value is CE -20 and WW +100. Genetically the calf is identical to the original Mr. Greenlight.



Figure 5. A female calf that received 1/2 Green and 1/2 Red genes. Her genetic value would be the average of Green and Red with CE 0 and WW +75.



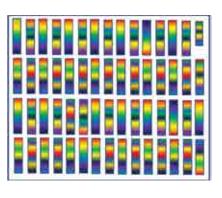
Figure 6. A male calf with approximately 70% Green genes and 30% Red genes. His resulting genetic value is CE -8 and WW +85.

Figure 7. A female calf with Red genes on pair 1 and Green genes on pair 2. Her resulting CE is +20 and WW is +100.

Looking at some of the potential outcomes shown in the chromosome chart, we can start to see that things can get complicated quickly. In real life, cattle have 10 times as many chromosome pairs, hundreds of times as many traits and thousands of times as many genes. Instead of the genes for complex traits like growth or fertility being contained on a single chromosome they are spread across the genome of the animal (Figure 8).

### How Do We Figure Out the Complex Problem of What Genes are Passed $\ensuremath{\mathsf{On}}\xspace$

If we head back to the original comment regarding the most common question received regarding genetic evaluation and why an animals EPD may be different from a full sib or even from the parental average, I think the chromosome example starts to explain how some of that variation may occur. Through the process known as random recombination of genes, each new generation, every sperm, and every egg contain a unique portion of sire and dam DNA. This is extremely important for animal breeders as it lets us create/select genetics that can accomplish specific goals. For example, in our simplified 3 chromosome world, we can see how we could create a "curve-bender" animal with all red genes at pair 1 (easy calving) and all green on pair 2 (heavy weaning weight).



Fortunately, there is a lot Figure 8.

A more realistic graphic depiction of 30 chromosome pairs containing multiple genes per chromosome. Note that the calf is a male (Small Y chromosome in the top right)

of genetic overlap between animals, and so we can start to predict potential outcomes. The first basic step is to start with the assumption that offspring will be the average of the sire and dam. This is generally a safe place to start. The second step is to collect performance data on the animal and the other animals that it is managed with. If we managed the 10 offspring shown in our Chromosome chart together, we would expect to see some performance differences in Calving Ease and Weaning Weight. These differences can help to inform us about how much Green vs. Red genes each individual carries. In the real world it is a bit more complex, looking more like Figure 8, so we use more complex methods to help determine the DNA contained in each animal. If the animal has offspring, we can use the information from their performance to help us figure out the genetics of the parent stock with increased accuracy.

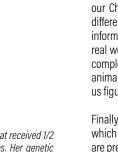
Finally, with today's technology we can conduct a high-density DNA test in which we go directly into the DNA of the animal and look at what components are present in the genotype of the animal. In some cases, this may be for a single gene such as colour (homozygous black for example) or it may be for a more complex set of traits spread across multiple chromosomes such as growth, longevity, or carcass merit.

As we determine more information about the DNA an animal contains it is possible that the animal may change from our original prediction or away from the parental average or even from full siblings. Thinking about genetic recombination and variation explains the importance of continuing to measure and collect the data that is crucial for understanding each new generation of genetics.

This simplified example also reveals some of the power of modern genetic evaluations to navigate through an animal's genetic map and determine their relative genetic merit for various traits. This is a tremendously powerful tool for seedstock breeders when we are sorting through genetic recombination and variability to select towards specific goals.

The power of recombination is that it lets us breed some cattle that are beyond expectation. By measuring cattle and participating in genetic evaluation, we can then identify those cattle and use them moving forward to help reach our goals.

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# **INEAR BREEDING DESCRIPTION FOR SIMMENTAL**

As part of our WSFF tour, we heard from Bernhard Luntz from the Institute of Animal Breeding in Bavaria.

The Fleckscore rating system was first introduced in 2011 with representatives from Germany, Austria, Italy and the Czech Republic converting a previously 9-grade system to an international scale.

More than 100,000 linear descriptions finally led to the calculation of a proposed score for the main characteristics of frame, feet & legs and udder.

Every system, no matter how good, should be reviewed after a certain period of time. This year, all traits were repeatedly examined according to their importance foar longevity. The dataset used for this purpose consists of 200,000 evaluated cows (2006 to 2010 birth cohorts) in the partner countries of the joint breeding value estimation.

- The aim and purpose of thae assessment of Fleckvieh animals according to FleckScore is, on the one hand, the earliest possible recognition and description of those exterior traits that have a positive influence on the useful life and, on the other hand, the delivery of data for the estimation of the breeding value of the exterior.
- 22 individual characteristics are measured or described on a scale of 1-9 from one biological extreme to the other.
- □ The overall scores for the complex frame, musculature, feet & legs and udder are published.
- Electronically supported overall scores are calculated for frame, feet and legs and udder from the collected individual traits.
- □ The weighting of the individual characteristics in the calculation of the overall grades is based on scientific studies to optimize the service life.
- □ The calculation of the total scores is lactation-specific.
- □ The overall scores are presented on a two-digit scale from 68-93 points for heifers with the possibility of increasing the scale for multi-calf cows.
- The mean expression of the characteristic in the population corresponds to about 80 points for each main characteristic.

- FleckScore thus provides conformation ratings that describe the deviation from the population mean across lactations and thus take into account the physical development of the cows.
- □ Information on the individual characteristics and defects can be called up using the info buttons in the online description sheet. The linear individual characteristics are described on a scale from 1 to 9, the assignment of possible defects with the differentiation of 1 and 2. To calculate the suggestion grades, the contributions from the individual characteristics are weighted by the system according to their impact on the service life. Information on this can be found under the menu item "Calculation of the overall grades". The indicated suggestion for feet & legs and udder can be accepted by the assessor or changed by +/- 3 points. The eye of the experts is therefore still required in order to be able to adapt the proposal to animalspecific requirements. The population mean, regardless of lactation, corresponds to about 80 points with a range of 68-93 points for young cows and a further upward opening of the scale for multi-calf cows for the complexes feet and legs and udder. For cows in the second and third lactation, the scale can be extended to 94 or 95 points, provided the characteristics of feet & legs and udder are exceptionally positive.
- Fleckvieh cows of all ages can be described with the online description sheet. The recorded assessments are sent to a defined email address and can be archived and processed there.
- An evaluation program is offered as a special service for schools and cattle breeding organizations to hold animal judging competitions. After being sent by e-mail, the data recorded with the online description form is converted into a string that can be further processed with the evaluation program. It is thus possible to compare descriptions of participants with a level indication and thus to calculate the deviations from the level description. The evaluation program is available from Ing. Gerald POLLAK on request.

The introduction of FleckScore has given a significant boost to the population. By applying a highly professional and traceable system, conformation results are comparable across countries, even across continents.

This enables a neutral and qualitatively comparable assessment at any time. Thanks to the higher degree of certainty, genomic procedures also benefit from phenotypic data.

Interested parties or more queries can be put to the ASBA Technical Committee in the likelihood of introducing the system here.

A PDF of the booklet is available from ASBA on request.

### **ONLINE ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS LINK**

https://www.fleckscore.com/merkmale/ funktionsweise-und-nutzen/

### **ONLINE ENTRY FORM LINK**

https://www.fleckscore.com/merkmale/onlinebeschreibungsbogen/





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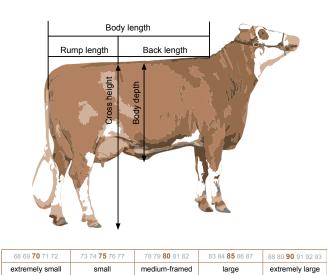
### FRAME TOTAL SCORE

The FRAME total score is calculated from the 5 measured single traits for:

- size
- length
- width
- depth

These are weighted in the ratio 3:1:1:1. Frame parameters

- cross height
- body length (back length + rump length)
- hip width
- body depth



### MUSCULARITY TOTAL SCORE

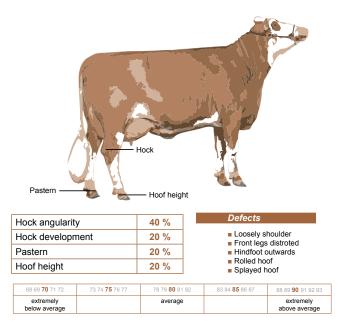
Description of muscularity at the hind haunch analogous to the EUROP system.

# Haunch

68 69 <b>70</b> 71 72	73 74 <b>75</b> 76 77	78 79 <b>80</b> 81 82	83 84 <b>85</b> 86 87	88 89 <b>90</b> 91 92 93
Р	0	R	U	E
very concave	concav	straight	convex	very convex

### FEET AND LEGS

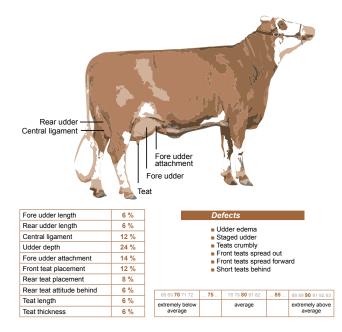
The total score for FEET and LEGS is composed of the four single traits set out. The weighting of the traits is based on scientific studies which reflect the impact on the optimisation of productive life length. Defects not defined as main traits automatically reduce the proposed mark in accordance with their contributions to longevity.



### UDDER TOTAL SCORE

In the total score for UDDER, the 10 single traits specified are weighted according to their effect on productive life length. In the case of UDDER also, defined defects result in deductions in the total score.

Weighting of single traits for calculating the UDDER total score:



# Simmental Australia IGS EPD AVERAGES

Our focus in 2022 was to put a trial in place to show producers a comparison of Breedplan alongside a new database of CGEN and the IGS performance system.

Since August, members have been able to access their herds online to see if they rank true to type as they believe they should and to provide feedback on such.

As this article is written, there is an independent comparison of the two systems taking place with the results due to be handed to the Board at their November meeting.

As the Breedplan data is not genomically enhanced. The comparison will compare both systems without genomics and then show a result including the data to see if the animals are closer phenotypically being genomically enhanced.

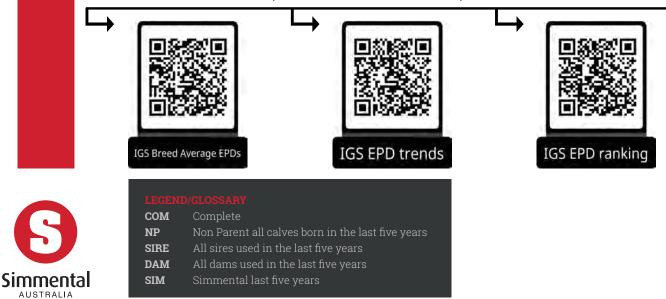
We have been extracting registration and weights and trait data from IlR2 monthly to be imported into the CGEN database which shows the animals in a new online database separate to ILR2. IGS then runs their weekly evaluation from the CGEN database.

Our latest run in October should have all the information in place to show you the complete database evaluation. Any missing data or data in need of cross-referencing has now been completed to the best of our knowledge. If you still have questions for the Technical Committee, then please send your emails to the office.

The IGS Breed Averages, Rankings and Trends are available through the links below.

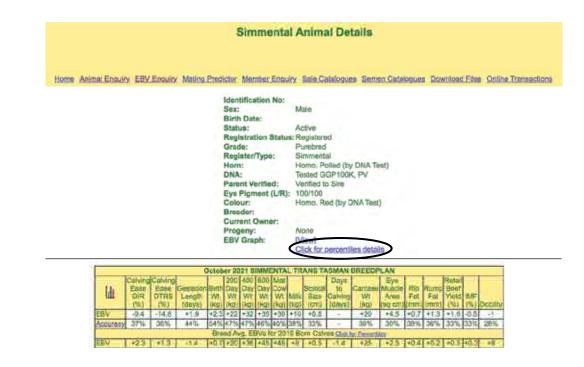
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SIM	MAX	14.2	106.8	155.3	53.5	21.3	12	91.9	24
SIM	MIN	-5.4	22.2	22.3	10.2	-6.7	-8.3	29.9	-11.9
stav	pwng	CW	rea	fat	marb	уg	index1	index2	
Juj	h	011	100	141	mano	J5	IIIUUAI	IIIUUAL	
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24.3	0.37	67.2	1.5	0.003	0.9	0.072	192.86	105.01	

### FOR THE FULL BREED AVERAGE, TRENDS AND RANKING BANDS, PLEASE CLICK ON THESE LINKS:



### PERCENTILE BANDS TABLE FOR BREED SUB TYPES

Unique to the Australian Simmental Breeders Association, there is also the provision to see how an animal ranks within Breed Sub Type (Black & Red Simmental, Sim Angus or Traditional Simmental). To access the breed sub type Percentile Bands Table, a user should go to the Animal Details screen for an individual and click on the percentiles details link above the EBV table. The Breed Sub Type Percentile Bands Table should be used in the same manner as the Whole Breed table described above.



## **BLACK & RED SIMMENTAL** Percentile Bands for 2020 Born Calves

Simmental

AUSTRALIA



September 2022 SIMMENTAL TRANS TASMAN BREEDPLAN - for all 2020 born animals

	Use this table as a guide to compare individual animals with the current genetic level of the breed														vel of the							
	Calv	-Ease	В	Birth			Growth	1		F	ert			Car	case			Extra		Ind	exes	
	Dir	Dtrs	GL	Bwt	200	400	600	Mwt	Milk	SS	DC	Cwt	EMA	Rib	P8	RBY	IMF	Doc	DM	EM	NT	VT
	9		days			k	g			cm	days	kg	sq.cm	m	m		%			\$	;	
Black &	Red Sir	nmenta	al																			
High 1%	+14.1	+10.4	-7.1	-5.0	+34	+57	+67	+79	+10	+1.5	-5.6	+40	+6.2	+5.7	+5.6	+1.5	+2.2	+30	+70	+107	+42	+60
High 5%	+12.1	+8.7	-5.8	-3.9	+29	+50	+57	+63	+8	+1.1	-4.4	+35	+4.6	+4.1	+3.6	+0.8	+1.7	+23	+64	+92	+37	+52
High 10%	+10.3	+7.6	-4.8	-3.4	+27	+46	+51	+57	+7	+0.9	-3.2	+31	+4.1	+3.1	+2.5	+0.6	+1.4	+18	+60	+84	+34	+49
High 15%	+9.3	+7.0	-4.3	-2.9	+26	+44	+48	+53	+7	+0.7	-2.6	+29	+3.8	+2.5	+1.8	+0.4	+1.2	+15	+58	+79	+32	+47
High 20%	+8.7	+6.5	-3.9	-2.5	+24	+42	+45	+50	+6	+0.6	-2.2	+28	+3.6	+2.1	+1.3	+0.2	+1.1	+12	+56	+75	+31	+45
High 25%	+7.9	+6.0	-3.6	-2.2	+24	+41	+43	+46	+6	+0.5	-1.8	+26	+3.4	+1.9	+1.1	+0.1	+0.9	+9	+54	+72	+30	+44
High 30%	+7.1	+5.5	-3.3	-2.0	+23	+39	+41	+44	+5	+0.5	-1.5	+25	+3.3	+1.7	+0.8	+0.0	+0.8	+5	+52	+68	+29	+42
High 35%	+6.5	+5.1	-3.1	-1.8	+22	+37	+40	+42	+5	+0.4	-1.2	+24	+3.1	+1.6	+0.6	-0.1	+0.7	+2	+50	+66	+28	+41
High 40%	+6.0	+4.7	-2.9	-1.5	+21	+36	+38	+40	+5	+0.3	-1.0	+23	+2.9	+1.4	+0.5	-0.2	+0.7	+0	+48	+62	+27	+39
High 45%	+5.5	+4.4	-2.7	-1.3	+20	+35	+37	+38	+4	+0.3	-0.8	+22	+2.8	+1.3	+0.3	-0.4	+0.6	+0	+46	+59	+26	+38
50%	+5.0	+4.0	-2.5	-1.1	+20	+34	+35	+36	+4	+0.2	-0.6	+21	+2.6	+1.2	+0.2	-0.5	+0.6	+0	+45	+57	+25	+37
Low 45%	+4.5	+3.6	-2.3	-0.9	+19	+32	+34	+34	+4	+0.1	-0.5	+20	+2.5	+1.1	+0.0	-0.6	+0.5	+0	+43	+53	+24	+35
Low 40%	+3.9	+3.3	-2.2	-0.7	+18	+31	+32	+33	+3	+0.1	-0.3	+19	+2.4	+0.9	-0.1	-0.7	+0.4	+0	+42	+51	+23	+34
Low 35%	+3.4	+2.7	-2.0	-0.6	+17	+30	+31	+31	+3	+0.0	-0.1	+19	+2.2	+0.8	-0.3	-0.9	+0.4	+0	+40	+47	+22	+33
Low 30%	+2.7	+2.2	-1.8	-0.4	+16	+29	+29	+29	+2	-0.1	+0.0	+18	+2.0	+0.7	-0.4	-1.1	+0.3	+0	+38	+43	+21	+31
Low 25%	+1.9	+1.7	-1.7	-0.2	+15	+27	+27	+26	+2	-0.2	+0.2	+17	+1.7	+0.6	-0.5	-1.3	+0.2	+0	+35	+39	+20	+30
Low 20%	+1.0	+1.2	-1.4	+0.1	+14	+26	+25	+24	+2	-0.2	+0.4	+15	+1.4	+0.5	-0.7	-1.5	+0.2	+0	+33	+35	+19	+28
Low 15%	+0.1	+0.4	-1.1	+0.4	+13	+23	+23	+20	+1	-0.4	+0.5	+14	+0.8	+0.3	-1.0	-1.7	+0.1	+0	+30	+31	+18	+26
Low 10%	-1.4	-0.6	-0.8	+0.8	+11	+21	+19	+15	+0	-0.5	+0.7	+12	+0.2	+0.1	-1.2	-2.1	+0.0	-4	+27	+25	+16	+23
Low 5%	-3.5	-1.9	-0.2	+1.3	+9	+17	+14	+10	-1	-0.9	+1.0	+9	-0.4	-0.2	-1.7	-2.9	-0.1	-9	+22	+17	+13	+20
Low 1%	-10.6	-5.4	+0.9	+2.5	+0	+8	+5	+0	-3	-1.4	+1.6	+3	-1.7	-0.9	-2.7	-4.4	-0.3	-20	+13	+0	+8	+6

# **SIMANGUS** Percentile Bands for 2020 Born Calves



September 2022 SIMMENTAL TRANS TASMAN BREEDPLAN - for all 2020 born animals

Use this table as a	a guide to compar	e individual a	animals with	the current	genetic level	of the	breed

	0-1	Calv-Ease Birth Growth								Fert Carcase								Extra Indexes				
				-																		
	Dir	Dtrs	GL days	Bwt	200	400	600	Mwt	Milk	SS	DC	Cwt	EMA	Rib	P8	RBY	IMF %	Doc	DM	EM \$	NT	VT
			% days			k	g			cm	days	kg	sq.cm	m	m		%			4		
SimAngu	IS																					
High 1%	+14.2	+9.8	-8.8	-5.5	+28	+59	+68	+77	+10	+1.3	-5.4	+35	+4.5	+5.0	+4.5	+0.2	+2.3	+34	+68	+105	+42	+50
High 5%	+11.4	+8.5	-6.8	-4.6	+25	+50	+58	+65	+8	+0.9	-4.9	+33	+3.4	+4.6	+3.9	-0.2	+2.1	+25	+64	+97	+37	+47
High 10%	+10.1	+7.6	-6.2	-4.1	+24	+46	+53	+57	+7	+0.7	-4.5	+31	+2.8	+3.9	+3.3	-0.4	+1.7	+20	+62	+93	+36	+46
High 15%	+9.1	+6.7	-5.9	-3.7	+23	+43	+51	+55	+6	+0.6	-4.3	+29	+2.5	+3.7	+3.0	-0.5	+1.7	+17	+59	+89	+35	+44
High 20%	+8.3	+6.1	-5.7	-3.2	+21	+42	+48	+53	+6	+0.6	-4.2	+28	+2.3	+3.6	+2.9	-0.6	+1.5	+15	+58	+85	+34	+42
High 25%	+7.6	+5.8	-5.5	-3.1	+20	+39	+46	+50	+6	+0.5	-3.9	+27	+2.2	+3.5	+2.8	-0.8	+1.5	+14	+57	+82	+33	+40
High 30%	+7.2	+5.3	-5.2	-2.8	+19	+38	+44	+48	+5	+0.4	-3.6	+24	+2.0	+3.5	+2.8	-0.9	+1.5	+12	+56	+79	+32	+39
High 35%	+6.9	+5.0	-5.0	-2.7	+18	+36	+42	+46	+5	+0.3	-3.4	+23	+1.9	+3.5	+2.7	-1.0	+1.4	+10	+55	+77	+32	+38
High 40%	+6.4	+4.6	-4.7	-2.5	+18	+34	+40	+44	+5	+0.2	-3.3	+22	+1.7	+3.2	+2.5	-1.2	+1.3	+7	+54	+76	+31	+36
High 45%	+5.9	+4.0	-4.4	-2.3	+17	+32	+40	+42	+5	+0.1	-2.9	+22	+1.6	+3.0	+2.1	-1.4	+1.2	+3	+53	+75	+31	+35
50%	+5.4	+3.4	-4.3	-2.1	+16	+31	+38	+41	+4	+0.0	-2.8	+21	+1.4	+2.8	+1.9	-1.5	+1.2	+1	+51	+73	+30	+34
Low 45%	+4.9	+3.0	-4.1	-1.9	+16	+31	+36	+38	+4	-0.1	-2.6	+20	+1.1	+2.5	+1.6	-1.8	+1.1	+0	+50	+72	+29	+33
Low 40%	+4.5	+2.6	-3.9	-1.7	+15	+29	+35	+36	+4	-0.2	-2.5	+18	+0.8	+2.3	+1.4	-2.0	+1.0	+0	+48	+71	+28	+32
Low 35%	+4.4	+2.1	-3.8	-1.6	+14	+27	+33	+35	+4	-0.3	-2.2	+18	+0.6	+2.1	+1.1	-2.1	+1.0	+0	+48	+69	+27	+31
Low 30%	+3.8	+1.8	-3.5	-1.4	+13	+25	+31	+33	+4	-0.4	-2.1	+16	+0.6	+1.9	+0.9	-2.2	+0.9	+0	+46	+66	+26	+29
Low 25%	+3.3	+1.5	-3.3	-1.3	+12	+23	+29	+31	+3	-0.6	-1.9	+14	+0.6	+1.8	+0.8	-2.4	+0.9	+0	+45	+65	+25	+28
Low 20%	+2.2	+1.0	-2.9	-1.1	+11	+21	+28	+29	+3	-0.6	-1.6	+14	+0.3	+1.6	+0.5	-2.4	+0.8	+0	+43	+63	+25	+26
Low 15%	+1.7	+0.6	-2.5	-0.8	+10	+20	+25	+28	+2	-0.7	-1.4	+13	+0.1	+1.4	+0.1	-2.5	+0.7	+0	+42	+61	+24	+25
Low 10%	+0.7	-0.4	-1.9	-0.5	+8	+18	+23	+23	+2	-1.0	-1.2	+12	-0.4	+1.2	-0.1	-2.8	+0.7	+0	+40	+56	+23	+24
Low 5%	-1.4	-1.3	-1.6	+0.0	+7	+14	+17	+17	+1	-1.1	-0.9	+10	-1.3	+0.9	-0.5	-3.4	+0.6	-7	+35	+50	+22	+21
Low 1%	-2.8	-3.0	-0.7	+0.9	+4	+10	+9	+2	-1	-1.2	-0.7	+8	-2.0	+0.5	-0.9	-3.7	+0.4	-15	+30	+40	+19	+19

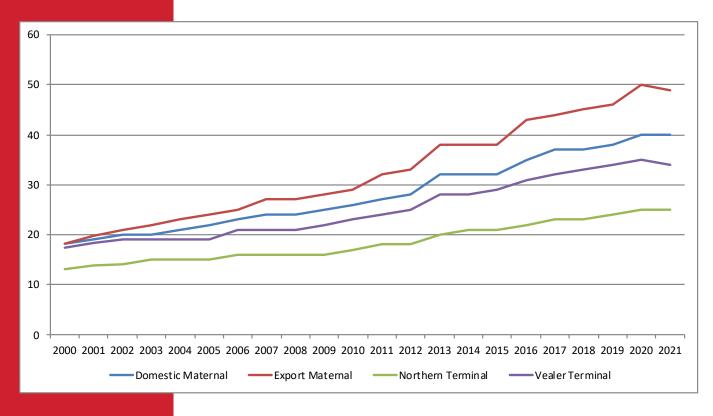
## **TRADITIONAL SIMMENTAL** Percentile Bands for 2020 Born Calves



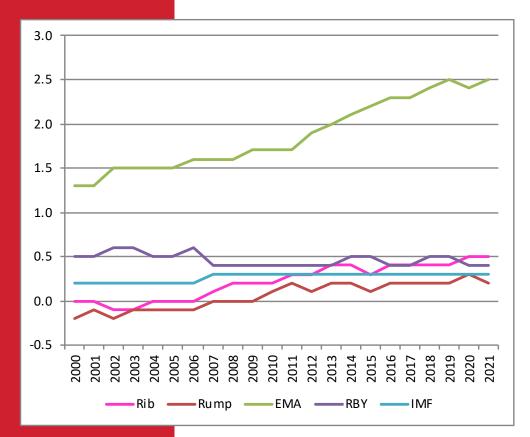
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	Use this table as a guide to compare individual animals with the current genetic level of the breed																					
	Calv	-Ease	В	lirth			Growth	ı		F	ert			Ca	rcase			Extra		Ind	exes	
	Dir	Dtrs	GL	Bwt	200	400	600	Mwt	Milk	SS	DC	Cwt	EMA	Rib	P8	RBY	IMF	Doc	DM	EM	NT	VT
	%		days			k	g			cm	days	kg	sq.cm	m	m		%			\$	5	
Tradition	al Simi	nental																				
High 1%	+13.4	+9.7	-6.7	-4.4	+34	+57	+77	+84	+17	+1.7	-5.7	+41	+5.3	+5.0	+4.8	+2.3	+2.0	+27	+69	+102	+42	+58
High 5%	+10.5	+7.6	-4.8	-3.3	+29	+50	+64	+69	+14	+1.3	-4.3	+35	+4.2	+3.0	+2.5	+1.9	+1.3	+19	+62	+88	+37	+52
High 10%	+8.9	+6.5	-3.9	-2.4	+27	+46	+58	+62	+13	+1.1	-3.3	+32	+3.7	+2.0	+1.5	+1.6	+1.0	+13	+58	+80	+35	+48
High 15%	+7.6	+5.5	-3.3	-1.9	+25	+43	+54	+58	+12	+0.9	-2.7	+30	+3.5	+1.7	+1.1	+1.5	+0.8	+7	+55	+75	+33	+46
High 20%	+6.5	+4.8	-2.9	-1.4	+24	+41	+51	+54	+11	+0.8	-2.3	+28	+3.3	+1.4	+0.9	+1.3	+0.6	+1	+52	+70	+31	+44
High 25%	+5.6	+4.2	-2.6	-1.1	+23	+39	+48	+51	+10	+0.7	-1.9	+26	+3.1	+1.2	+0.7	+1.2	+0.5	+0	+50	+66	+30	+42
High 30%	+5.0	+3.6	-2.3	-0.7	+22	+37	+46	+48	+10	+0.6	-1.6	+25	+3.0	+0.9	+0.5	+1.1	+0.4	+0	+48	+62	+29	+40
High 35%	+4.3	+3.1	-2.0	-0.4	+21	+36	+44	+46	+9	+0.6	-1.4	+24	+2.8	+0.8	+0.4	+0.9	+0.3	+0	+45	+58	+27	+39
High 40%	+3.6	+2.4	-1.8	+0.0	+21	+35	+42	+43	+8	+0.5	-1.1	+23	+2.7	+0.6	+0.2	+0.8	+0.3	+0	+43	+55	+26	+37
High 45%	+2.9	+1.8	-1.5	+0.3	+20	+34	+40	+42	+7	+0.4	-1.0	+22	+2.5	+0.5	+0.1	+0.6	+0.2	+0	+41	+51	+25	+36
50%	+2.2	+1.4	-1.2	+0.6	+19	+32	+39	+40	+7	+0.4	-0.8	+21	+2.4	+0.3	+0.0	+0.5	+0.2	+0	+39	+48	+24	+34
Low 45%	+1.6	+0.7	-1.0	+1.0	+18	+31	+37	+37	+6	+0.3	-0.7	+20	+2.3	+0.2	-0.2	+0.3	+0.1	+0	+37	+44	+23	+33
Low 40%	+0.9	+0.1	-0.8	+1.2	+18	+30	+35	+35	+6	+0.3	-0.5	+19	+2.2	+0.0	-0.3	+0.1	+0.1	+0	+35	+41	+22	+32
Low 35%	+0.3	-0.5	-0.6	+1.4	+17	+29	+34	+33	+5	+0.2	-0.4	+18	+2.1	-0.1	-0.4	+0.0	+0.1	+0	+33	+37	+21	+31
Low 30%	-0.4	-1.2	-0.4	+1.6	+16	+27	+32	+31	+5	+0.1	-0.2	+17	+1.9	-0.3	-0.5	-0.2	+0.0	+0	+31	+34	+20	+29
Low 25%	-1.0	-1.9	-0.2	+1.8	+15	+26	+30	+29	+4	+0.0	-0.1	+16	+1.8	-0.4	-0.6	-0.4	+0.0	+0	+29	+31	+19	+28
Low 20%	-1.8	-2.6	+0.0	+2.0	+14	+24	+28	+26	+3	-0.1	+0.1	+15	+1.6	-0.5	-0.7	-0.7	-0.1	+0	+27	+27	+18	+26
Low 15%	-2.8	-3.6	+0.3	+2.3	+13	+22	+25	+23	+3	-0.2	+0.2	+14	+1.4	-0.6	-0.9	-1.0	-0.1	+0	+24	+23	+17	+24
Low 10%	-4.2	-4.7	+0.5	+2.6	+11	+19	+22	+19	+2	-0.3	+0.5	+12	+1.0	-0.8	-1.1	-1.4	-0.2	+0	+22	+18	+15	+22
Low 5%	-6.4	-6.2	+1.0	+3.1	+9	+15	+16	+13	+0	-0.6	+0.7	+9	+0.2	-1.0	-1.5	-2.0	-0.3	-7	+16	+10	+12	+18
Low 1%	-12.2	-9.7	+2.0	+4.2	+0	+5	+4	+2	-2	-1.3	+1.4	+1	-1.1	-1.5	-2.4	-3.8	-0.5	-20	+7	-4	+7	+4

# Simmental GENETIC TREND INDEXES

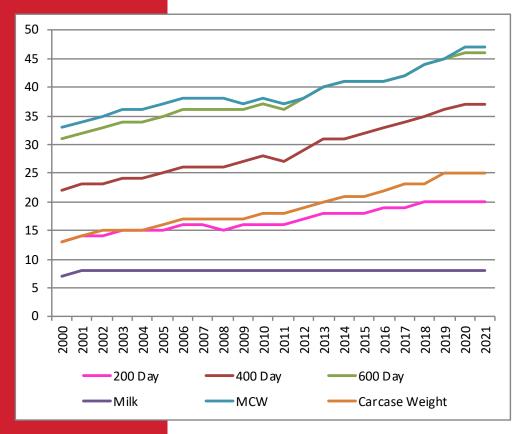


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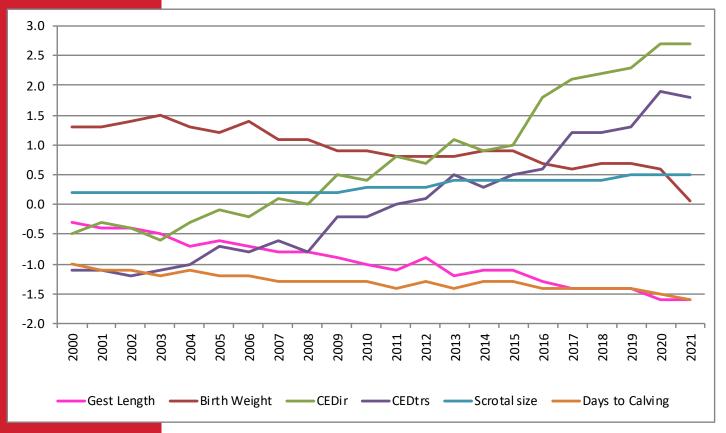




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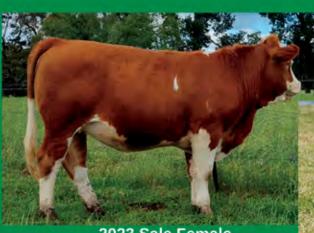
# Simmental GENETIC TREND FERTILITY





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Est 1988



2023 Sale Female



2023 Sale Female



Tennysonvale Rielly (PP) - 2022 top priced bull sold to Woonallee Simmentals

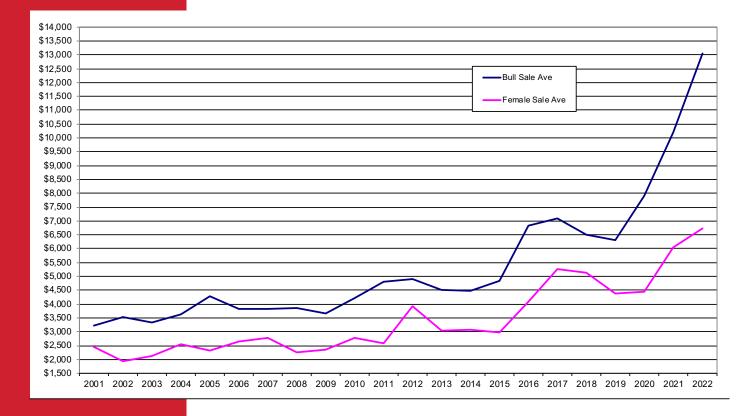
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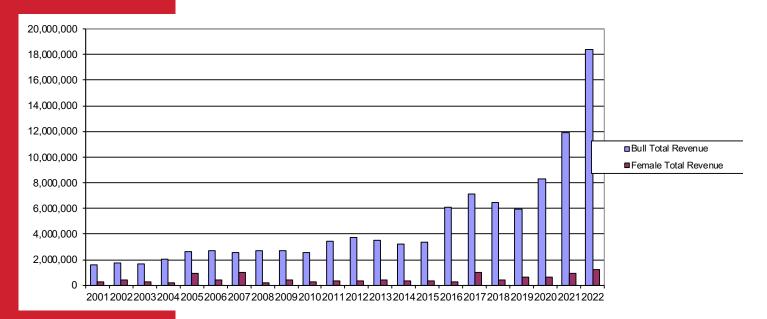
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LOT 10 TUGULAWA ROWLEY

# SALE RESULTS: ....

# Great Southern Blue Ribbon Bull Sale (WA) -January 19<sup>th</sup>

# Top Price: \$23,000

Inlet Views sold to a top of \$23,000 for Inlet Views Reality.

# Grangeburn Simmentals (Vic) - February 3rd

# Top Price: \$10,500 with an average of \$8,038

13/13 bulls sold to a top of \$10,500 and averaging \$8,038 and 3/4 females sold to a top of \$6,500 and averaging \$5,500.

# Mt Ararat Simmentals (Vic) – February 4<sup>th</sup>

# Top Price: \$16,000 with an average of \$8,875

10/10 bulls sold to \$16,000 and averaged \$8,875 for Lot 1 Mt Ararat Rockstar to SR & MK Greaves, Nerrena, VIC. 7/10 heifers sold to \$7,000 and averaged \$5,571 and 5/8 cows & calves sold to \$8,000 and averaged \$8,000.

## Yerwal Est & Mt Mooney Simmentals (SA) – February 7<sup>th</sup>

Yerwal Estate 7/8 top price of \$7,500 Mt Mooney 2/2 \$9,500 and \$8,500.



# Lakeside Simmentals (SA) - February 9<sup>th</sup>

# Top Price: \$16,000 with an average of \$8,407

27/34 bulls sold to \$16,000 three times and averaged \$8,407 and 43/45 females sold to \$7000 and averaged \$4,244.

# Tugulawa Simmentals (SA) – February 9<sup>th</sup>

# Top Price: \$17,000 with an average of \$7,222

21/23 bulls sold to \$17,000 for Lot 10, Tugulawa Rowley and averaged \$7,222 and 15/17 females sold to \$9,000 (twice) for Lot 24, Tugulawa My Lady and Lot 31, Tugulawa Regalia and averaged \$5,100.

# ....a sneak peak

# Woonallee Simmentals (SA) - February 10<sup>th</sup>

# Top Price: \$55,000 , with an average of \$14,312

112/112 bulls sold to \$55,000 for Lot 2, Woonallee Revolution R269 to Mubarn Simmentals and averaged \$14,312 and 27/27 heifers sold to \$18,000 for Lot 135, Woonallee Charo S272 to Mt Ararat Simmentals and averaged \$10,056.

Simmental bulls: 27/27 av. \$21,592, Black Simmental bulls - 47/47 av. \$12,393 & SimAngus bulls - 38/38 av. \$11,513.

Simmental heifers: 13/13 av. \$9462 & Black Simmental heifers - 14/14 av. \$10,607.

# Lancaster Simmentals (SA) - February 12<sup>th</sup>

# Top Price: \$19,000 with an average of \$7,741

55/55 bulls sold to \$20,000 for Lot 12, LCS Profit Driver R17 to Wormbete Simmentals and averaged \$12,309.

# Willandra Simmental (WA) - February 15<sup>th</sup>

### Top Price: \$20,000 with an average of \$10,137 Females Top Price: \$8,500 with an average of \$5,562

40/40 bulls sold to a top of \$20,000 for Lot 1, Willandra Rawhide to Wormbete Simmentals, NSW, and averaged \$10,137. 8/8 females sold to a top of \$8,500 twice and averaged \$5,562.

# February All Breeds (QLD) - February 15<sup>th</sup>

# Top Price: \$19,000 with an average of \$9,467

15 Simmental top at \$19,000 averaged \$9,467 (97% clearance). Top price went to Ellendale Break the Internet for \$19,000 selling to Nick and Rhonda Dudarko, Biloela.

14 Simbrah top at \$15,000 averaged \$8,714 (93% clearance). Top price went to Muan 6821 for \$15,000 selling to Paul Lever, Euramo.

# Brewer Beef (Vic) – February 18th

# Top Price: \$13,000 with an average of \$7,681

Traditional Simmentals 4/4 sold to \$13,000 for lot 16 to J Giltrap, Tallangatta Valley and averaged \$9,125. Black/Red Simmentals/ SimAngus 29/32 sold to \$11,500 for lot 28 to Ray White Longreach QLD and averaged \$6,551.

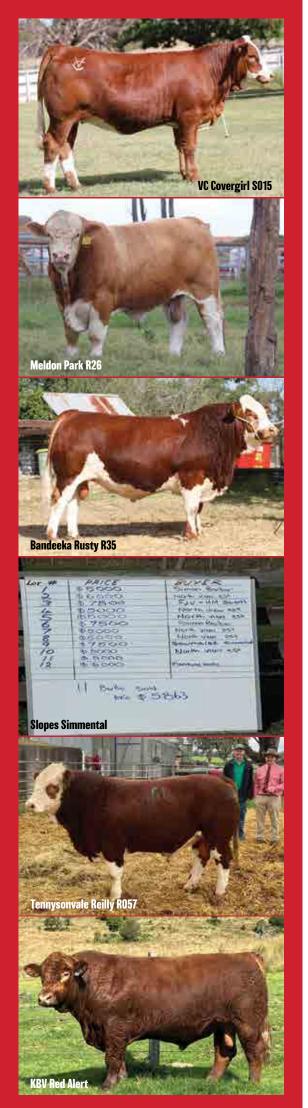
# Bonnydale Black Simmentals (WA) – February 28<sup>th</sup>

# Top Price: \$23,000 twice with an average of \$11,252

76/76 bulls sold to \$23,000 twice for Lot 6, Bonnydale Nukara S066 and Lot 43, Bonnydale Broad Range S035 and averaged \$11,252. Lot 3, Bonnydale Nashville S122, pictured, sold for \$21,000.



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# SALE RESULTS:

# Valley Creek Simmentals (NSW) - March 4th

#### BullsTop Price: \$24,000 with an average of \$11,827 Females Top Price: \$31,000 with an average of \$13,857

Overall, 8/11 bulls sold to an average of \$11,827 and 7/7 females sold to an average of \$13,857. The top price went to a female, Lot 16, VC Covergirl S015 sold for \$31,000 and the top priced bull was Lot 6, VC Sprocket S016 sold for \$24,000.

# Black Stump Bull Sale (QLD) - March $15^{th}$

## Simmentals Top Price: \$28,000 with an average of \$13,822

Simmentals 17/17 bulls sold to a top of \$28,000 and averaged \$13,822. Top price went to Meldon Park R26 to Lou Lou Park Simmentals, Jericho.

Simbrahs 14/16 bulls sold to a top of \$6,000 and averaged \$4,357

# WALSA Brunswick Supreme Bull Sale (WA) - March 17<sup>th</sup>

## Top Price: \$82,000 with an average of \$11,484

47/48 bulls sold to a top of \$82,000 for Bandeeka Rusty selling to T G Marshall, Denmark/Cranbrook.

# Slopes and Roland Blacks (TAS) – April 6th

# Top Price: \$7,500 average of \$5,863

11/12 bulls sold to a top of \$7,500 3 times to average \$5,863.

# Tennysonvale Simmentals (NSW) – May 27th

#### Top Price: \$22,000 average of \$11,137 bulls and females Top \$15,000 average \$7,460

37/39 Heifers sold to a top of \$15,000 to average \$7,460.

29/29 bulls offered and sold to a top price of \$22,000, for a very sold average of \$11,137.

# Ag Grow Field Days Sale (QLD) June 24<sup>th</sup>

## Top Price: \$22,000 average of \$8,242

16/16 Simmental bulls sold to \$22,000 twice for Lot 42, Moongool R201 & Lot 48, KBV Red Alert (pic) and averaged \$15,875.

# ....a sneak peak

# Simmental National Sale (NSW) – June 17th

### Top Price: \$32,000 average of \$12,800 bulls

21/31 total lots sold to a top of \$32,000 for Lot 12, Hobbs Livestock Royal Red going to QLD. 3/4 females sold to \$4,000ea. Semen sold to \$160/straw. 4/5 Embryos sold to a top of \$2,150 per embryo for MRL Playmaker x Savannah Dharma. 1/1 Flush sold for \$6,250. 2/2 Belt Buckles sold to a top of \$2,625.

# Barana Simmentals (NSW) - July 8th

## Top Price: \$24,000 average of \$10,474

38/39 bulls sold to \$24,000 for lot 34, Barana Stillman S008 and averaged \$10,474. 14/16 heifers sold to \$12,000 for lot 56, Barana Salome S042 and averaged \$6,429.

# Queensland Bull Sale (QLD) July 25th

## Top Price: \$34,000 average of \$12,516

99/100 bulls sold to \$34,000 for Lot 14, Yerwal Estate Rockhampton R001, Yerwal Estate Simmental & Angus Stud and averaged \$12,516.

# Mala-Daki, JNI and Lucky Clover Simmental Sale (NSW) - August 4<sup>th</sup>

## Top Price: \$20,000 average of \$8,333

16/22 Simmental bulls sold to \$20,000 for Lot 35, Mala-Daki Boomshakalaka S12 and averaged \$8,333.

8/10 Simmental heifers sold to \$9,000 for Lot 54, Mala-Daki Snow Gum S50 and averaged \$6,627.

# Woonallee Tamworth Simmental Sale (NSW) - August $10^{\rm th}$

## Top Price: \$45,000 average of \$16,422

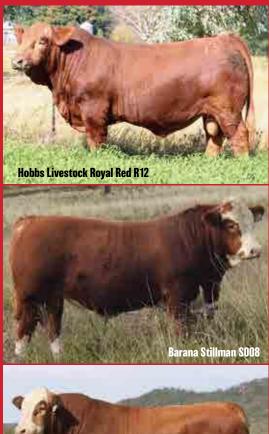
63/63 bulls sold to \$45,000 for Lot 58, Woonallee Sharpshooter S358 and averaged \$16,422.

Lot 45, Woonallee Samurai S080 (pic) was purchased by Knockando Beef Cattle for \$32,500.

# Lucrana Simmental/Simbrah Bull Sale (QLD) - August <sup>12th</sup>

## Top Price: \$30,000 average of \$16,255

51/51 bulls sold to a top of \$30,000 for Lucrana Revolution and averaged \$16,255.









# SALE RESULTS: ..

# Fairview Black Simmentals Sale (QLD) – August 19<sup>th</sup>

## Top Price: \$26,000 average \$13,896

48/48 Bulls sold to a top of \$26,000 for Lot 29, purchased by RJ & EM Handley, Mungallala to average \$13,896

# Ticoba & Savannah Simbrah & Simmental Sale (QLD) – August 26<sup>th</sup>

## Top Price: \$24,000 average \$10,488

Ticoba Simbrahs & Savannah Simmentals Bull Sale, QLD -37/37 Simbrah bulls sold to \$18,000 twice for Lot 24, Ticoba 1803 and Lot 39, Ticoba 1799 and averaged \$12,306 and 19/19 Simmental bulls sold to \$24,000 for Lot 14, Savannah S011 (pic) and averaged \$14,578.

# Clay Gully Invitational Bull Sale (QLD) - August 29th

# Top Price: \$27,000 average of \$14,479

94/96 bulls sold to \$27,000 for Lot 52, Biarra Valley Raphael and averaged \$14,479.

# Ellendale Invitational (QLD) - August 30th

# Top Price: \$21,000 average of \$8,248

14/22 Bulls sold to a top of \$21,000 for Lot 5, Lucky Clover Thunder Struck for \$21,000, purchased by Caliorian Pastoral and averaged \$8,428. 2/2 semen packages sold to average \$20. 1/3 embryos sold to average \$500.

# Golden Opportunity Cattle Sale (NSW) – August 31<sup>st</sup>

# Top Price: \$28,000 average \$11,538

13 Simmental Bulls sold to a top of \$28,000 for Lot 7, Glenanna Superstar S159 purchased by York Cattle Company and averaged \$11,538.

# Bonnydale Q Bull Sale (QLD) – August 31<sup>st</sup>

# Top Price: \$28,000 average \$12,450

71/72 bulls sold to a top of \$28,000 for Lot 21, Bonnydale Nashville S154 purchased by Lucarana Simmentals and averaged \$12,450.

# ....a sneak peak

# Elite Cattle Co's Bull Sale (QLD) - September 1st

### Top Price: \$40,000 average \$17,818

44/44 Simmental bulls sold to \$40,000 for Lot 30, Elite Salimander S107 and averaged \$17,818.

# Casa Toro's Invitational Sale (QLD) – September 9th

### Top Price: \$55,000 average \$16,012

40/40 bulls sold to \$55,000 for Lot 22, Casa Toro Set the Standard S015 to Meldon Park Simmentals and averaged \$16,012.

# Wormbete (NSW) - September 14th

### Top Price: \$26,000 average \$11,108

42/44 bulls sold to \$26,000 for Lot 6, Wormbete Statesman S46 and averaged \$11,108 and 11/13 females sold to \$8,000 for Lot 61, Wormbete Kate S86 and averaged \$5,786.

# Valley Creek (NSW) - September 16<sup>th</sup>

### Top Price: \$21,000 average of \$10,398

16/16 bulls sold to \$21,000 for Lot 12, VC Supernatural and averaged \$10,398. 4/4 semen packages sold to \$440/straw (RF Caliber 014G to St Pauls Genetics & GB livestock) and averaged \$319/straw and 1/1 embryo package sold for \$1600/ embryo (Rainbow River Sprinkles 49H x R Plus Reddington 0143H)

## Meldon Park Simmental Sale with invited vendors KBV Simmentals & Navillus Park Simmentals (QLD) - September 27<sup>th</sup>

### Top Price: \$32,500 average of \$13,594

86/86 bulls sold to \$32,500 for Lot 5, Meldon Park R89 selling to Lucrana Simmentals and averaged \$13,594.

# Karragarra Bull Sale (QLD) - October 9th

# Top Price \$67,500 average \$18,329

70/70 bulls sold to \$67,500 for Lot 8, Karragarra Rich List to Kendall Park Simmentals and averaged \$18,329.



# Most POPULAR SIRES by registered progeny counts in 2021

Top Accredited AI SIRES for 2021 born calves



RANK	IDENT	ANIMAL NAME	BIRTH DATE	PROGENY Count
1	IMUPN202	WS PROCLAMATION E202 (P) (B)	21/2/17	77
1	MBBPL084	BONNYDALE AUGUSTUS L84	29/1/15	77
2	MBBPN073	BONNYDALE NUKARA	23/1/17	72
3	LCS3N301	LANCASTER NATURAL	29/6/17	60
4	WEE3P393	WOONALLEE P393	24/9/18	59
5	MBBPN070	BONNYDALE NASHVILLE N70	22/1/17	58
6	LGPPP299	WOMBRAMURRA P299	4/8/18	55
6	IMU2F843	ASR AMERICAN PATRIOT F843	13/2/18	55
7	WEEPP364	WOONALLEE PHAROAH P364	18/9/18	53
8	WEEPN022	WOONALLEE NOBEL PRIZE	16/3/17	50
9	WEEPN758	WOONALLEE NORWOOD	2/4/17	48
9	IMU3N7382	GIBBS 7382 BROAD RANGE	21/9/17	48
9	AJYPP164	WILLANDRA PANAMA	19/7/18	48
9	WEEPN094	WOONALLEE NIGHTCAP N94	28/3/17	48
10	MBB3P219	BONNYDALE PATRIOT	26/2/18	47
11	ZRXPP044	COUNTRY STYLE POWERADE	5/8/18	46
12	AJYPM007	WILLANDRA MARMADUKE	3/4/16	45
13	AASOM189	MILLAH MURRAH KLOONEY M189	17/7/16	44
14	IMCPM909	<b>GRINALTA'S HP SENSATION FF909D</b>	17/4/16	41
15	JRVPP003	JARRAVALE PHARAOH	17/2/18	40
15	JJMPN434	LUCRANA CLUB KING N434	25/12/17	40

RANK	IDENT	ANIMAL NAME	BIRTH Date	PROGENY Count
1	IMUPN202	WS PROCLAMATION E202 (P) (B)	21/2/17	77
2	MBBPN073	BONNYDALE NUKARA (P) (AI) (B)	23/1/17	72
3	IMU2F843	ASR AMERICAN PATRIOT F843 (PP) (B)	13/2/18	55
4	WEEPN094	WOONALLEE NICHTCAP N94 (PP) (AI)	28/3/17	48
4	IMU3N7382	CIBBS 7382 BROAD RANCE (P)	21/9/17	48
6	IMCPM909	CRINALTA'S HP SENSATION FF909D (PP)	17/4/16	41
7	IMCPC810	FCAF CUERRERO 810Y (Pp)	9/1/11	38
8	IMCPN152	WS EPIC E152 (P) (R)	9/1/17	35
9	IPLPF299	GLEN ANTHONY Y-ARTA AYO2 (P) (ET)	14/2/10	32
10	IMCPK323	LFE THE RIDDLER 323B (P) (B)	4/1/14	30
11	WEEPL124	WOONALLEE LOS ANGELES (P) (ET) (AI)	21/7/15	29
12	IMUPD263	TNT TANKER U263 (P) (B)	29/2/08	26
13	IMCPF1215	BAR 5 PFF LUKE 1215X (PP)	6/3/10	24
14	IMU3N366	TJ ROOSEVELT 366E (PP) (B)	21/2/17	23
14	IMCPK229	STARWEST POL BLUEPRINT (P)	4/1/14	23
16	IMCPL365	WLB BOUNTY HUNTER 365C (P) (B)	3/1/15	20
17	AGOPN028	WORMBETE NOBLEMAN NO28 (PP) (AI)	31/3/17	19
18	IMU1P040	HOOK'S FRONTLINE 40F (P) (B)	4/2/18	18
18	IMCPL392	ANCHOR D RAPTOR 392C (P)	5/1/15	18
20	ZMJPP040	VC PRIMUS (Pp) (ET) (AI)	11/5/18	17
20	IMUPH5048	CCR COWBOY CUT 5048Z (PP) (B)	20/2/12	17
22	AJYPP064	WILLANDRA PRESIDENT (Pp)	17/4/18	16
22	IMUPL056	HART STATE OF WAR 056C (P) (B)	21/2/15	16
24	IMCPL1223	BAR 5 HEXTOR 1223 (P)	16/3/15	15
24	JLEPP002	MT ARARAT PIONEER (Pp) (ET) (AI)	1/6/18	15

• Head over to pages 56 & 57 for a look at the historic sires with the most progeny in Australia.

# New Accredited AI SIRES in 2022

Dam Progeny Report TOP 10 for 2021 born calves



IDENT	ANIMAL NAME	BIRTH DATE	RECISTER
IMCP400G	KWA WESTERN ALLIANCE 400C Jake & Brooke Iseppi	10/1/2019	Red
IMCPG071	LLW CARD TRUE NORTH C71 Semex Pty Ltd	5/2/2019	Black
IMU1R327	CLRS HOMELAND 327H ABS Australia	18/2/2020	Black
IMUPC184	ASR LONGEVITY Y184 ABS Australia	17/2/2011	Black
IMUPN3051	FSS DOMINION Knox Farms P/L	10/10/2017	Simmental
IMUPN7079	RUGGED R CAVILL Jamie Guttormson (US)	8/12/2017	Simmental
IMUPP6104	FSS QUANTAVIUS Knox Farms P/L	10/5/2018	Simmental
WEEPR240	WOONALLEE RAFFA John Leek	21/4/2020	Simmental
BXHPM211	STREVAN PARK DANNY B J Evans / Agri-Gene	29/7/2016	Simmental
AJYPR134	WILLANDRA RANGER Peter & Vanessa Wenn / Greg & Vikki Templeton	11/6/2020	Simmental
IMCPS06C	MRL PLAYMAKER 36G Savannah Cattle Co	17/1/2019	Red
WEEPR223	WOONALLEE RECHARGE VMC Family Trust	18/4/2020	Simmental

DAM IDENT	DAM NAME	BIRTH Date	PROGENY Count	OWNER
SPGPM412	ST PAULS CC G430 PEAR M412 (B)	25/9/2016	21	SPG
LCSPL351	LANCASTER ELIZA L351 (B)	17/7/2015	20	1SE
LCSPH090	LANCASTER HENRIETTA H90 (B)	7/6/2012	12	JRV
PEDPX5513	KILBRIDE FARM EUNICE 206C	6/8/2015	10	PED
SPGPM415	ST PAULS CC D270 PEAR M415 (B)	5/10/2016	10	SPG
MBBPK105	BONNYDALE GEORGIA K105 (B)	17/1/2014	9	MBB
ZOMPL002	MT MOONEY LACEY PRINCESS	3/2/2015	9	ZOM
JRVPJ006	JARRAVALE JACINTA	10/10/2013	8	JRV
CBAPJ002	ALLIANCE MASTERPIECE J2 (R)	2/11/2013	8	ZQJ / LNA
PEDPX2072	JB CDN ANNIFRIED 1335	5/3/2013	7	PED
RCSPB939	JIM JAM BRENDA	6/3/2006	7	RCS
SHLPH003	HOBBS LIVESTOCK HONEY BEE (B)	28/2/2012	7	SHL
RCSPB939	JIM JAM BRENDA	6/3/2006	7	RGS

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# Calendar

# JANUARY

Stock and Land Beef Week (VIC, SA, NSW)

# FEBRUARY

Grangeburn Simmentals (VIC) Mt Ararat Simmentals (VIC) Woonallee Elite Production Bull & Female Sale (SA) Rockhampton All Breeds (OLD) Numurkah Beef Spectacular Show (VIC) Brewer Beef Annual Simmental Sale (VIC) Royal Canberra Show (ACT) TAS Junior Beef Expo (TAS) Willandra Simmentals (WA) Tugulawa Simmentals (SA) Yerwal Estate/Mt Mooney Simmentals (SA) Lakeside Simmentals (SA)

# MARCH

Bonnydale (WA) VC Simmentals (NSW) WALSA Supreme Bull Sale (WA) Blackall Black Stump Sale (QLD)

# APRIL

Clay Cully Online Female Sale (QLD) Stud Beef Handlers Camp (VIC) Sydney Royal Show (NSW) Royal Bathurst Show (NSW) Slopes and Roland Black Simmentals (TAS) Woonallee On Line Cenetic semen & embryo sale (SA)

# MAY

Tennysonvale (NSW) ASBA AGM

# JUNE

Northern Beef Week (NSW) Ag Grow Field Days and Sale (QLD) National Sale

# JULY

OLD Simmental Bull Sale (OLD) Barana Simmentals (NSW) SA Junior Heifer Expo (SA) Farm Fantastic Expo (OLD)

# of Events

Southern Beef Week (NSW & VIC) Casino All Breeds (NSW)

# AUGUST

Lucrana (QLD) Bonnydale QLD (QLD) Clay Gully Bull Sale (QLD) Mala-Daki Simmentals (NSW) Woonallee Tamworth Northern Black Bull Sale (NSW) Brisbane Royal (Ekka) (QLD) Southern Beef Week (QLD) Ticoba Simmentals and Simbrahs (QLD) Fairview Simmentals (QLD) Elite Cattle Co Bull Sale (QLD)

# SEPTEMBER

Wormbete Simmentals (NSW) Royal Melbourne Show (VIC) Meldon Park Bull Sale (QLD) Royal Perth Show (WA) Royal Adelaide Show (SA) Casa Toro Simmentals (QLD) VC Simmentals (NSW)

# OCTOBER

Karragarra Simmentals (QLD) Royal Geelong Show (VIC) Royal Launceston (TAS) Royal Hobart (TAS)

# DECEMBER

Beefing up the Next Generation Junior Camp (OLD)

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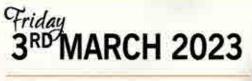
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