

## news

### ABGA Steer awarded inaugural Beltie Carcass Champion Shield

An ABGA-registered steer, Jandrew Charles (8221-ABGA) has been recognized by the Galloway Cattle and Beef Marketing Association and awarded the inaugural 2009 Belted Galloway Carcass Champion Shield for the highest scoring Belted Galloway bred by a GC&BMA member in 2008.

Jandrew Charles scored 85.97 points in the Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza carcass competition held in November at Scone NSW last year. This event was reported in detail in the December 2008 ABGA newsletter.

The GC&BMA felt the Beltie community has been well served by a number of individuals who have sought to breed for muscle and correct structure with good results. Belted Galloways are now being bred that have equal carcass qualities to many other breeds including solid Galloways. Belties and their crosses are now successfully challenging more familiar breeds in carcass competitions. It was felt a separate award for Belties would honour this type of Galloway and encourage its development.

The GC&BMA's Jim Wilson Memorial Trophy for the highest scoring Solid Galloway carcass was awarded to Greg Stuart (*Minto*) for a steer scoring 81.59 points. The 2008 recipient of this award was Merv Presland (*Bekadan-506*) for a beltie steer scoring 89.92 points.

- GC&BMA, March 2009

### NSW advertising working well

The fortnightly running of advertisements in the livestock classifieds section of the NSW weekly newspaper *The Land* is proving successful. The repetitive ad promotes Belted Galloways and the ABGA.

"Every time the ad runs, we always get enquiries here at the Livestock Business Centre from the public for the ABGA info pack," says Kerren Britton, who is also the ABGA Federal Secretary. "Sometimes as many as three or four enquiries a week."

"The recent editorial and advertising in *Small Farms* magazine also produced phone calls, and information packs have gone out to these potential members."

- Kerren Britton, LBC Kiama NSW, April 2009

### Stock Owners Fined for sending tick-infested cattle to Saleyards

Two north coast livestock owners have each been fined \$550 for sending cattle tick infested cattle to market.

Regional veterinary officer with NSW DPI, Paul Freeman said the most recent detection at Lismore saleyards on February 23 involved three head of cattle originating from the Mullumbimby area. "The earlier detection at Murwillumbah saleyards on February 1 involved six head of cattle from the Tumbulgum area," Mr Freeman said.

### Stud Beef Victoria Cattle Handlers Camp 2009!

This wonderful Handlers Camp started in 1988 by Stud Beef to ensure that the next generations were properly educated in cattle skills. Participants are instructed on handling cattle – how to wash, groom and clip cattle, etc. Everyone has heaps of fun learning in a relaxed, friendly & caring environment!

The Camp is for the young (from 8 yrs) to the young at heart (ie. 70s). Participants come from a wide range of backgrounds and cattle skill levels.

Talk to Carol (from RASV) on 03 9281 7407, or Allen (Stud Beef Victoria Chairman) on 03 5787 1560. They will be able to answer all your questions.

**Where?** Melbourne Showground  
**When?** 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> July 2009  
**How Much?** \$140 pp if paid by 5<sup>th</sup> June  
(\$160 if paid by closing date, 19<sup>th</sup> June)

Entry forms and further deals are available on the web site: [www.studbeef.com.au/handlers](http://www.studbeef.com.au/handlers)

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-Kerry Heazlewood, Victorian Councillor

"These cattle were clearly infested with ticks which could easily be seen on the animals from three or four metres away," he said.

Mr Freeman reminded stockowners in the north of the State to check their cattle for ticks and ensure their boundary fences were secure to stop the spread of ticks.

"It is important that stockowners have good biosecurity, that is, they keep their fences in good order and they check, and possibly treat, their stock for ticks or disease before moving them to another property.

"Producers have a responsibility under the *Stock Diseases Act*, to ensure that stock infested with cattle ticks are not delivered to saleyards."

Cattle ticks are a Notifiable Disease that can spread tick fever, which has potential to cause damage to the State's beef and dairy industries. The tail butt and the area between the animal's back legs are where ticks are often found.

Information sheets on how to inspect cattle for ticks and how to identify ticks are available from North Coast offices of NSW DPI and the Livestock Health and Pest Authority.

- NSW Dept. of Primary Industries Press Release, March 2009

### Xmas Party Raffle Winners

The results of the special effort at the Victorian Breeders Christmas Party are 1<sup>st</sup>: Terry Cliff, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Michelle Bancroft, 3<sup>rd</sup>: Lucy Cruff and 4<sup>th</sup>: Pam Edwards. A total of \$195 was raised for the feature show. We wish to thank all that purchased tickets and those who generously donated prizes.

- Rebecca Avery, VIC Councillor