

BRITISH CATTLE BREEDS - Galloway

Membership is on the increase

People who may have recently purchased a herd of Galloway cattle may be daunted at the prospect of joining a cattle association. So why would someone want join the Australian Galloway Association Inc?

One reason is its vibrancy of membership. Jane Bradley, the Association's Executive Officer, says, "Over recent years the Australian Galloway Association Inc has not only maintained but has increased its membership. This is in contrast to the trend seen in most Cattle Breed Societies recently."

In addition the Australian Galloway Association (AGA) prides itself in the service it offers to its members. Members have access to the

AGA office which deals solely with matters relating to Galloways, Belted Galloways and Miniature Galloways. Their cattle are registered in a secure Herd Book with ABRI which is available online. The AGA also advertises its members' cattle for sale at no charge.

The Australian Galloway Association regularly advertises in the major rural papers and magazines around Australia and provides assistance to its members who participate in Field Days or Show by providing promotional material and banners.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Australian Galloway Association which will be held at Lassiters, Gold Creek Tourist Resort,



Peppercorn Zula, from the Peppercorn Belted Galloway stud, is a superb example of the breed.

Nicholls ACT on 26th and 27th May 2007, there will be a Beef Industry Conference and Annual Dinner. ■

Peppercorn Belted Galloway Stud is owned by Terry and Karen Pierce and is located at Barrington, near Gloucester, NSW.

While the couple have a long history of cattle management, their involvement with Belted Galloways started in 1996 with the purchase of a bull and five females, one which was pregnancy tested in calf and one which had a calf in foot.

Their work with the stud is now showing outstanding results. Most recently, at the Royal New Zealand Show in Christchurch in November 2006, their elite bull Peppercorn Zula was

awarded Senior Champion Bull and Supreme Champion Galloway. Zula also received the RAS Gold Medal and the RAS trophy (Lawton Trophy) for Supreme Champion. The two-year old bull had not been shown prior in either Australia or New Zealand.

"We sent the best animal we had - good muscling and conformation, superior temperament and attitude. The New Zealand response has been extremely positive," he says. Following the show the bull was sold in New Zealand to the South Island stud, Lilliesleaf Belted Galloway Stud. Peppercorn belted Galloway Stud has retained semen rights to straws from the animals and the first batch of 1500 of these are now available for purchase," said Karen. ■

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