



# President's Report

I hope all members have had a good autumn and winter has not closed in too quickly.

A lot of the country has had far too much rain, our farm got hit by the cyclone in February, some stock loses but luckily none of the Galloways, although they were in paddocks that had large slips, maybe they could feel the ground moving so moved to higher ground so luck was with us and them.

For all who attended the AGM I hope you all enjoyed it, with it being a special occasion celebrating 75 years since The Galloway Cattle Society of New Zealand started. The catering I thought was excellent. The Scottish piper started the night with a lovely touch of Scotland. John Berridge entertained us with a very informative look inside the workings of the New Zealand Navy, and Lockwood Smith gave a great presentation of the virtual show with some very useful information on how to present animals for the best possible photographs.

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In this newsletter are the profiles of our 5 new councilors: Sarah Pinfold, Jill Maxwell, Ulrich Snyman, Wendy O'Flarety and Virginia Pool.

I would like to thank them in advance for volunteering their time and skills for these positions as without them, GCSNZ would be unable to function.

The council are having an in-person meeting on 28th June, I encourage any members that have something they wish the GCSNZ to pursue to contact me or their area councillor with their ideas and they can go on the agenda for this and or future meetings.

Also, I would like to thank the retiring councillors for their time over the last year. The Calendar, Gazette and especially the AGM all took time and effort, which was much appreciated.

John Berridge our registrar has done countless hours sorting breedmate, it has been a huge job however, with the help of our I.T. person Nicholas, breedmate is operational. Although some tweaks are still needed I am sure John and Nicholas can complete them when John returns to NZ from his well-deserved holiday.

Last but not least thanks to Tracy Wood our outgoing president for the amazing amount of work she did for the society. Some were controversial but needed doing, and without her leadership, the tasks undertaken by her and council may not have been completed.

**Kind Regards**

**Gus Smith President GCSNZ**



# 2023 New Breeder Profiles

## Virginia Poole

I was fortunate to grow up on our family dairy farm in Onewhero. I have always had a love of the land. Originally the farm was stocked with Jersey cows as we were on the cream run. We also had a piggery that took care of the whey. Later the farm became a town supply so Dad gradually changed the herd over to Friesian cows. I left the farm when I married Jeff and moved to the big city. Certainly, a change of scenery and tempo.

After a few years of marriage, we managed to buy 10 acres in Helensville, much to my delight. Here we farmed a few beef cattle and a few sheep, plus we leased some land in Muriwai to carry another 20-odd beef cattle. This was a lot of fun and we both enjoyed it so much that we decided that we needed to raise more money to buy a bigger property, we decided the quickest way was to lease a pub. Which we did in Kihikihi (The Alpha). Certainly, a very big change in lifestyle, especially as we had our two children in tow.

After 4 years we had an Aha moment and in 1985, decided to move to Australia. We lived in Brisbane for 10 years. During this time, I started a Muffin business. I sold healthy muffins to gyms and cafes for 4 years. Hard work and I don't think I have made a muffin since. We moved back to New Zealand in 1995 and after a couple of years, we started Fine Wine Delivery Company which we still own today.

Before Covid, I would organize Wine Tours in Europe, South America, and Australia. As we are in the wine business, we were able to open many vineyard doors that would otherwise be closed. We no longer do the tours, however, I still look after the 100 private wine cellars we have at our Lunn Ave Mt Wellington location. I am also heavily involved in the packing and dispatching of our online orders.

Jeff and I bought our Clevedon property in 2019 after another Aha moment. I fell in love with the White Galloway cattle and bought our foundation stock of 7 cows from Suncrest. Jeff's Aha moment was wanting to breed racehorses. So now we have 26 acres in Clevedon, White Galloways and one broodmare in foal. I look forward to our new journey.





### **Sarah Pinfold - Riverview White Galloway's**

I first fell in love with these beautiful animals in a paddock while staying in Te Kauwhata back in 2004, and then again after seeing a cow and her calf at the Central District Field Days. So when the opportunity of purchasing some stock from the "Lifestyle Stud" came up I knew this was my chance to start a new hobby!

I am a born & bred farm girl! Growing up on a dairy farm at Woodville, I spent a lot of my time as a child with Dad on the farm. While at primary school I participated in many pet days. After leaving school I ended up working in retail for many years, before moving into Call Centre work where I worked my way up to a Team Leader & trainer role, but I always enjoyed returning to the farm to help out on my weekends.

For the past 15 years, I have been Sharemilking on a family farm at Mangatainoka in Northern Wairarapa, milking 230 Friesian cows. The farm is generally flat but there are some gully & creek areas that we don't graze with the dairy stock, this is where the Galloway's come in handy. During the winter & if it's a dry summer their feed is limited but they don't seem to lose any conditions! Actually, I don't think you can have a skinny Galloway.

Riverview White Galloway Stud was formed in 2008 after I purchased 3 yearling Heifers & an R2 Bull from Mike & Lorraine Clifford. Originally I was only planning on purchasing the 3 heifers but on the way home from viewing them it suddenly dawned on me that I would need a bull if I was going to breed from these girls! So after a phone call that evening to Lorraine I also added "Lifestyle David" to my delivery.

My Galloway herd now numbers 27, of which 14 are breeding cows. The Bull I'm currently using is Kahala Bruno, he is undermarked but produces some well-marked calves this year. Over Bulls I have used over the years have been Stoney Brook Milo, Alclutha Evan and Suncrest Arctic Flynn, so my herd has quite a diverse ancestry. Over the years I have used bulls I have bred over my Dairy cows, with good results with the Frisian/Galloway X calves always in demand.

While my daughter Ella was at Primary school I was Board Chair for 6 years, and involved in planning and running many fundraising events. Hopefully, the future will see me being less involved with the day-to-day running of the Dairy farm, maybe moving to some land where I can continue to increase my Galloway family and spend more time with them.







## Jillian May Maxwell-Strang

I was born in 1970 and lived just outside Invercargill. On the land, I began my love of animals and started exhibiting guinea pigs, dairy goats and poultry. I joined the Invercargill Poultry & Pigeon Club and when I finished school I went through the Farm Cadet Scheme and worked on Dairy, Sheep & Beef farms. I got married in 1989 and started full-time dairy farming and I became a mum to two beautiful baby daughters in these early years and joined WDFF.

We worked through the dairy system from a married couple, lower order sharemilkers, 50/50 sharemilking to farm ownership. I milked and reared calves over these years and was an active member on A & P Assn committees and participated in Floral Art.

I got divorced in 2008 and bought a property of 16 acres and started the Rosemay Belted Galloway Stud with 4 females from the Jacobs family of the West Coast and a cow from Carol Miller of Canterbury. I borrowed a bull from Rob Hall and joined the Southern Galloway Breeders Group. While on this place I worked as a Kitchen Cook, an Electoral Field Worker and a Relief Milker.

I met Linton Strang in 2011 and in 2016 we moved 16 breeding cows and young stock to 50 acres, that were part of his family farm at Waimatuku, Western Southland. Also in 2016 we went to the World Galloway Congress in Scotland and saw Red Belted Galloways for the first time. When we came home from this trip I found my first Red Belted Galloway calf down in the calving mob, such a surprise, I couldn't believe it. We have increased the herd up to 30 breeding cows now and have black and red Belted Galloways. In March 2021 I married Linton.

At present, I still breed and exhibit poultry and I'm a Judge of Heavy Breed Poultry, Waterfowl and Eggs. currently hold several positions in the Invercargill Poultry & Pigeon Club and NZ (SI) Poultry, Pigeon & Cage Bird Association. I am the Secretary/Treasurer for the Southern Galloway Breeders Group, a member and past President of Thornbury Rural Women and I have just finished two months working as a Census Collector. I still relief milk and rear 300 calves on a dairy farm around the road from us.

I am enjoying increasing the Red belted numbers in our herd and I hope to see more of them around in the future.



## Wendy O'Flaherty Lockett White Galloways

I found 7 Galloway crosses that had had their first calves they were all so pretty when we viewed them they had a pedigree bull so we thought why not. The Galloways all produce beautiful calves and are fabulous mothers, we now have 14 cows and a sometimes frustrated bull.

We love having them to watch and they also do well for the freezer 105 acres in Warkworth, a small flat paddock 8 acres rest rolling to hilly quite wet which is why we chose Galloway as they keep their condition and forage not fussy eaters.

I have also held a position on a school board. I work with my husband and his business partner since 2003 as the office manager with 18 employees. I am also responsible for the payroll, GST and I use Zero on a daily basis.

## Ulrich Snyman of the Dunollie Belted Galloway Stud



A little bit about myself. I was born in Wellington in 1997 and moved to Geelong, Australia in 2007. In 2014 I went on a student exchange year to Germany and then returned to finish high school. After school, I did 2 years of a bachelor of mechanical engineering, before changing pace and in 2020 starting a bachelor of agricultural science at Melbourne University, with a semester at Dookie agricultural college in 2021.

I moved to NZ at the start of 2022 to lend my Mum a hand on the farm and finished the degree online. My parents bought our farm in 2003 and we went to it on holiday whenever we could, however, they didn't move to it until 2019. Unfortunately, I didn't get to grow up rural, so have only had a few summers on the farm before 2022.

At the moment I am directing my attention on maintaining and repairing things and improving our pastures. I'd love to learn more about what the market wants in a good Galloway so we can select those traits.



# 2023 AGM & Herd Tours



What a great time was had at our AGM in April catching up with all of those passionate breeders who share the same love for galloway cattle.

We saw some lovely herds up in Warkworth with some varying colour patterns and sizes which sparked some great conversations between those who went along, with the weather playing ball for the most part.

We had the pleasure of seeing Karen Woolley's farm and we were welcomed with open arms and a great spread of food. We had the added bonus of her years of experience showing many supreme champion animals and gave us an educational tutorial on bovine confirmation which was very much appreciated, to help select only the best herd replacements to be able to breed better animals for future generations to come with longevity and high fertility.

By Nick Rattanong















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