

GALLOWAY CATTLE SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)



GALLOWAY NEWSLETTER

May 2019



Welcome from our New President

Hello Everyone, welcome to our first Newsletter since the 2019 AGM held in Hamilton at the beginning of April. I would like to thank Graeme Turner and Faye Ashmore for organising the AGM weekend which covered a lot of ground commencing Saturday with the AGM Meeting. After this the herd tour started by heading to Putaruru, then over to Tauranga for the night. On Sunday morning, South Auckland was the next stop, returning to Hamilton Sunday afternoon for members to catch flights home. The virtual show was held in Tauranga and the winners are to be congratulated on the calibre of

their animals.

There were some Council changes which occurred at the 2019 AGM with Richard Dyson standing down as President. I thank Richard for his input steering the Society as President and wish him and his family well with their move home to England. Faye Ashmore also stood down from Council and it is to be noted that Faye's huge contribution to Council and the Society has been distributed between at least three other Councillors. Thank you Faye, you will be missed. The new line up of Councillors as elected at the AGM is as follows: Barbara Fitchett President, Graeme Turner Vice President, Angela McNaughton Secretary and Treasurer, Susan Nicol Registrar, Tracy Wood, Roger Brownlee, and welcome to our new Councillors, Tracey Berkhan, and Karen Futter.

At the end of 2018 I moved my farm from Auckland to Wellington. The weather was fabulous and gave me time to start to get to know the new property. It also gave me time to realise some of the fences needed urgent attention, especially after my main bull decided he liked the heifers better than the girls he was already in with. For the first month it seemed like it was every day that I was finding animals in paddocks they were not meant to be in. After completing a couple of kilometres of fencing I am now at the point where I am ready to run the main wire connecting the energizer. Hopefully this will keep things ship shape for the winter.

With the New Zealand weather patterns changing and becoming very unpredictable I hope everyone is ready for the coming months and we all come through with no major calamities.

For now I will say take care, stay safe, and when you are stuck inside because of the weather (or not), put pen to paper with comments, short stories or photos for publication in the next Newsletter or Annual Gazette.

Regards, Barbara

Let's meet our new Councillors



**Karen Futter of Penny
Plains White Galloway
Stud**

May I introduce myself?

My name is Karen Futter and I breed White Galloway cattle.

My hubby John and I live on a lifestyle block of 5 acres and have done for 36 years.

We have raised a range of animals in that time, from sheep and cows to alpaca's and llamas. I bought my first 3 registered Galloway's in 2010, 2 in-calf heifers and a bull.

After a few years of breeding and my herd numbers growing greater than my grazing acreage, I started looking for a bigger plot of land close to Wellington.

We finally found a bare piece of land in the Wairarapa and most of my cattle are happily ensconced there. They now number 22 in total.

I visit my "girls and boys" every week and spend an hour or so brushing and patting them. They love it and some so much that they get jealous of the others having their turn,



**Tracey Berkahn of West
Harbour White Galloway
Stud**

Joined the Society in late 2014 when, with partner Allan, started out with one pedigree breeding cow.

Lives in Auckland and now has about 19 plus a breeding bull, aiming to build up a White Galloway herd.

Owns a small acreage near Paparoa, in Northland and commutes there.

Chartered accountant by profession now working full-time as a senior manager in local government in Auckland.

Joined the Council this year.

SOCIETY'S 2019 ANNUAL AGM AND HERD TOUR

Photo time of all the great places we visited but **FIRST** there was lunch...

And a **BIG** thank you to the organisers and for those members who were brave enough to have fellow Galloway breeders visit and enjoy Kiwi hospitality at its best. The pride and love those members have for their Galloways was awesome. We all appreciated the stunning weather, having a laugh and general camaraderie as we caught up with the latest news from Members. And last but by no means least, the Galloway Herds looked magnificent. The properties had breathtaking landscapes and we need to pause for a moment and give our thanks for being so fortunate to live in such a beautiful country. **The photos say it all...**



Who does not like calves?

They have that instant cute and adorable factor

QUIZ



Can you guess who I am?

Our first Herd Tour was to Claudia Forsythe's White Galloway stud which is aptly called Rocky Waters. Do not be fooled (unlike the editor of this Newsletter) into thinking that the landscape photo with the two cows in the foreground has been photoshopped! It is completely natural and it was taken by a professional photographer. Currently Claudia has 28 cows and 10 R2's. 26 White Galloway bulls are used over their dairy heifers and cows. The herd sire Alcultha Hamish is a 5yr old.



For our next stop we left the Waikato as we headed over the Kaimai Range for the Bay of Plenty Region and in particular Welcome Bay. And despite Welcome Bay being only 7kms from downtown Tauranga, Mark William's property had magnificent views of the Region. After admiring Mark's Belted Galloways the delegates were definitely feeling thirsty and his well stocked Belted Galloway Bar in a great Man Cave with its commanding panoramic views was appreciated by all. And also Mark's vegetable garden was a sight to behold (immaculate and incredible)!!

CONTENT WEANERS
- enjoy spectacular views in Welcome Bay and beyond

Mark

Well The Picture Says It All!!



Mark's Belted Cows and Bull



CONGRATULATIONS

HAS
BEEN
APPOINTED
A
PATRON



ALAN BROWN

**On Sunday the next Herd Tour was to Dickey Flats stud, Waihi.
As we came into the Hauraki District and in particular Waihi**

did anyone mention gold.....??!!

Rachel and Alistair Sorley farm their Dickey Flats Belted Galloway stud on a 50 acre property which enjoys a panoramic backdrop of high cliffs with a river surrounding their flats. Crystals are often found in the waterways and it was sobering to hear that 180mm of rain fell overnight as a result of Cyclone Cook in 2017. Luckily neither their flats or home were flooded! In 2012 they started with unregistered stock purchased from Jono Walker aka Soggy Bottom and more recently purchased registered stock from Alan Brown of Waitati, Dunedin. It was an opportune time for Rachel, Alistair and Alan to meet one another for the first time and there was no doubt that Alan was pleased to see his former 'girls' being so well cared for (from salt licks containing seaweed to compost sprays containing fish fertiliser and lime). The feeling of this property was quite profound with its pristine flora, clean stream accord and magnificent fauna 'Belted Galloways'!

And let's also say thank you for the beautiful morning tea with its delicious home baking.





Barry McAlly catching up
with Registrar Susan
Nicol and her partner
Eric Box

Then it was lunch at the Clevedon Farmers Market but first we had a meet and greet from Barry McAlly albeit on crutches!

And for our last Herd Visit it was to Clevedon Buffalo Co. Meeting Helen and Richard Dorresteyn it was fascinating to learn some very interesting information on their milking herd of 58 Riverine Water Buffalo.

DID YOU KNOW.....

In Pakistan over 30 million buffalo and 20 million cows are milked and in New Zealand we have only 4 million cows.

Clevedon Buffalo Co.'s genetics came from Darwin, Australia in 2007 and from a 3kg yield per cow it has now increased to 7-8kg. And who likes Mozzarella cheese!!

The gestation of a buffalo cow is 10 -10.5 months and they weigh between 650-700kg.



A:
Well, I am a
Riverine
Water Buffalo

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2019
VIRTUAL SHOW WINNERS

CHAMPION CALF

Corinium Bianco



CHAMPION YEARLING

Grange Cocain 121



CHAMPION JUNIOR

Rocky Waters Mikey



GRAND CHAMPION MALE

Alclutha Hamish



SUPREME CHAMPION

Penny Plains Sapphire

