

GALLOWAY CATTLE SOCIETY  
OF  
NEW ZEALAND (INC)



GALLOWAY CATTLE SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

# 2023 Galloway Gazette



# President's Welcome

The Galloway Society started the year with a very successful AGM held at Warkworth. The evening celebrations started with a Scottish piper in full brigadier uniform, a stirring way to start the evening. The catering and food was exceptional.

Our guest speakers were Lockwood Smith on judging and photographing cattle and John Berridge on life in the New Zealand Navy, which made for a very interesting and enjoyable evening. There were no events held the next morning as a storm was forecasted one of many in 2023, so after a quick council meeting conference members headed home to beat any possible road closures.

The council had an in-person meeting at the Wellington Airport to plan for the upcoming year and has had monthly Zoom meetings since.

Bob and Karen Curry our joint patrons travelled to Switzerland accompanied by Angela McNaughton for the world Galloway conference. It was confirmed at that time that New Zealand will host the 2025 World Conference, details of which are being circulated by Angela and Jill.

It was with great sadness that the last of our honorary members Graeme Clinton passed away recently. A lovely service was held in Wanganui and live-streamed so we could all attend regardless of where we are in the world. Special thanks to Roger Brownlee and Bob Curry for travelling to Wanganui and speaking on behalf of our society. Graeme's family have donated some of Graeme's Galloway records, photos etc for the Galloway archives and some of the items are to be included in our silent auction at the AGM.

In closing, I hope to see many of you at the NZ conference in Dunedin in April.

Kind regards from me and our fellow councillors.  
Cus Smith.  
President.

## CONTENTS

<i>President's Welcome</i>	1
<i>Graeme Clinton Obituary</i>	2
<i>2023 AGM &amp; Herd Tour</i>	3-5
<i>Virtual Show results</i>	6-8
<i>Registrar's Report</i>	9-11
<i>Photos of 2023</i>	12
<i>Champion of the World</i>	13-14
<i>2025 World Congress</i>	15
<i>News</i>	16
<i>Southern Breeders 2023 Tour</i>	17-18
<i>Councillors</i>	19

### General Sites:

New Zealand Rare Breeds [www.rarebreeds.co.nz](http://www.rarebreeds.co.nz)

Beef NZ [www.beef.org.nz](http://www.beef.org.nz)

Control BVD [www.controlbvd.org.nz](http://www.controlbvd.org.nz)

Lifestyle Block [www.lifestyleblock.co.nz](http://www.lifestyleblock.co.nz)

Rural Web Design [www.ruralwebs.co.nz](http://www.ruralwebs.co.nz)

Stockyard [www.stockyard.com](http://www.stockyard.com)

The Royal Agri. Soc. of NZ [www.ras.org.nz](http://www.ras.org.nz)



GALLOWAY CATTLE SOCIETY  
OF  
NEW ZEALAND (INC)

[www.nzgalloway.co.nz](http://www.nzgalloway.co.nz)

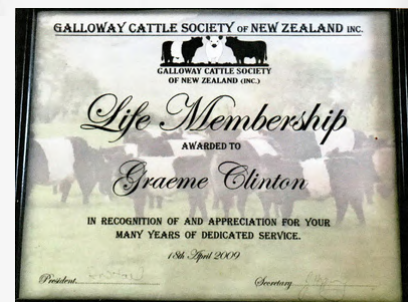
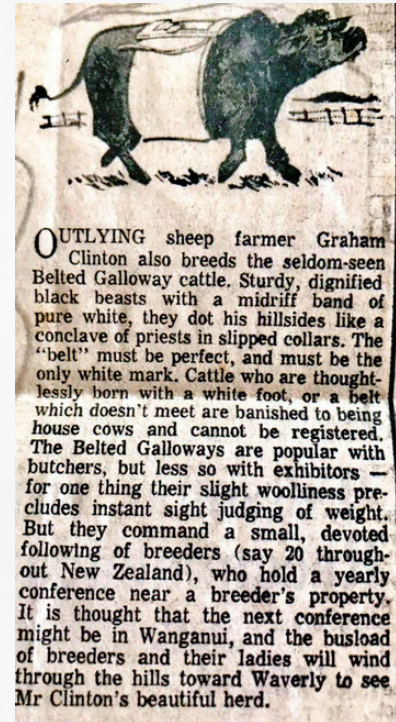


In loving memory of

# ROBERT GRAEME CLINTON

Graeme Clinton passed away on 13/12/23 aged 93.

Graeme bought his first Belted Galloways in 1966 and started his well-respected and successful stud OKIWA, which achieved many results in breeding over the years locally and internationally. Graeme was presented with Life Membership in 2009 and a 50-year membership certificate in 2017. The 2022 Gazette has a great article by Tracy Wood about the history of Graeme's stud.



During the 2010 Herd Tour, Virtual Show Judge Graeme Clinton explains that when he was judging he looks for a good "back end" and demonstrated by lining up the Herd Tour Bus Load – is he pointing to a pour back end or one that is well rounded.



# 2023 AGM & Herd Tour Weekend

By Sarah Pinfold



The 2023 AGM & HERD TOUR was hosted by the Northland Breeders on 28-30 April 2023. The base for the weekend was the Bridgehouse Lodge in Warkworth.

Members gather at the Bridgehouse Lodge after driving or flying in on Friday afternoon. Drinks and dinner were enjoyed and a good catch-up was had for those staying Friday night.

## Saturday 29 April 2023

On Saturday morning everyone gathers at Bridgehouse Lodge for a day of visiting some of the local Galloway Herds by van or members vehicles. Our first stop was Wendy and Richard O'Flaherty's Lockett White Galloways, some lovely stock who were as interested in us as we were in them. The next stop was to our new members Conor Hilhorst and Rebecca Elcombe, who had miniature Belted Galloways, these were beautiful animals that were so friendly, especially when a bucket of feijoa's was on offer. We also met some pedigree Kunekune pigs which everyone fell in love with, and I have it on good authority that one member now owns two.

A little way up SH1 we came to Karen Woolley's Willow Creek Salers, Simmental and Jersey Stud. We were treated to a beautiful morning tea. Karen gave an interesting talk on animal conformation, and what a life of showing animals entails. She was one amazing woman that didn't seem to sleep much.

The group then travelled back down SH1 for a lovely lunch at Tracy Wood's Wayby White Galloway Stud. While enjoying lunch we could view Tracy's herd from the vantage of her amazing home. On our return to Bridgehouse Lodge, members took part in two workshops.

## Workshop One: Member's Q & A

An informal question and answer session with members of the Council about all things GCSNZ then;

## Workshop Two: Breedmate and proposed fees for 2024

A Mix and Mingle was held in the bar from 5.30 before we were "Piped" into the private dining room that was decorated with tartan table runners, and a special commemorative wine glass for each guest.

The Piping Ceremony was beautiful, a real tribute to the Galloway heritage. Members then enjoyed a wonderful meal; John Berridge our Registrar was welcome as the guest speaker – he didn't speak about being the Galloway Registrar- instead, he entertained us with an account of his life in the New Zealand Navy.

The judge for the Virtual Show this year was Rt Hon Dr Lockwood Smith, who owns Woodleigh Belgian Blues in Matakoho. Lockwood presented the awards and commended everyone on their high-quality stock.

On Sunday morning the AGM was held and new council was appointed. Due to the weather and the forecast for it to get worse during the day, most Members decided to start their trips home a bit earlier.













# *GCSNZ Virtual Show 2023*

*Judged by Lockwood Smith- Registered All Breeds Judge with the Royal Agricultural Society of New Zealand*



## CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

IS PRESENTED TO

### ROSEMAY KIERAN

BREEDER JILL MAXWELL-STRANG

---



# Virtual Show Results

Class:	1st	2nd	3rd
<b>Heifer Calves</b>	Cherrybank Athena Breeder: Beth McVerry	Linwood Erycca Breeder: Linda van Eyk	Mountain View Tallulah Breeder: Nick Rattanong
<b>Bull Calves</b>	Mountain View Doug Breeder: Nick Rattanong	Corinium Astor Breeder: Graham & Virginia Poole	
<b>Yearling Heifers</b>	River Run Lilly of Valle Breeder: Sandra Tucker	Cherrybank Bella Breeder: Beth McVerry	Mountain View Pearl Breeder: Nick Rattanong
<b>Yealing Bulls</b>	Aha White Galloway Bobby Owner: Virginia Poole		
<b>Junior Females</b>	Cherrybank Silvermist Breeder: Beth McVerry	Rosemay Milly Breeder: Jill Maxwell-Strang	Wayby Adva Breeder: Tracy Wood
<b>Junior Bulls</b>	Dunollie Hugh Owner: Linda van Eyk	Cherrybank Ragnar Owner: Ken and Sharon Joyce	
<b>Senior Females</b>	Cherrybank Pizzazz Breeder: Beth McVerry	Rosemay Karla Breeder: Jill Maxwell-Strang	
<b>Senior Bulls</b>	Rosemay Kieran Breeder: Jill Maxwell-Strang	Mountain View Sydney Breeder: Nick Rattanong	





## Champion Calf

Cherrybank Athena  
Breeder: Beth McVerry



## Champion Yearling

River Run Lilly of Valle  
Breeder: Sandra Tucker



## Champion Senior

Rosemay Kieran  
Breeder: Jill Maxwell-Strang



## Champion Junior

Cherrybank Silvermist  
Breeder: Beth McVerry



## Supreme Champion Female

Cherrybank Silvermist  
Breeder: Beth McVerry



## Supreme Champion Male

Rosemay Kieran  
Breeder: Jill Maxwell-Strang



# From the Desk of the Registrar

By John Berridge

Apart from being the Society's 75th anniversary, 2023 was also significant - Breedmate, the Society's new database, "went live" and became the Society's Herd Book. Since then all animal transactions as well as breeder and owner contact details have been recorded and updated in it. Breedmate therefore replaced the services previously provided by ABRI/PBB.

When the ABRI/PBB information was imported into Breedmate there were some initial transitional issues; some data was not in an understandable format and there were many gaps in the information. Very few DNAs were recorded and the majority of Belted Galloways did not have a Mannosidosis Status recorded.

The more important issues were resolved during 2023 with the assistance of the Society's IT consultant Nicholas Archibald. New database fields were added and populated. These included Mannosidosis Status, DNA Profile ID and AI Date. Provision is being made to start storing up to 3 photos of any animal in 2024. From May 2023 Breedmate has included Riggits.

Members can now access Breedmate information by way of the Animal enquiry function on the Society's website. Information is in "real time" - Transfers and Calf Registration are immediately evident after data entry into Breedmate has taken place.

When Breedmate went live in October 2022 there were 8,600 animals recorded in the database. The table below shows a breakdown of these animals at that time and again in December 2023.

Breedmate Statistics	October 2022	December 2023
Registered	7,362	7,661
Not Registered	1,228	1,360
Other	34	34
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8,624</b>	<b>9,055</b>
Belted	5,210	5,448
White	2,691	2,860
Galloway	680	691
Riggitt		66
Not Stated	19	19
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8,600</b>	<b>9084</b>
Active	4,160	4,189
Inactive	1,793	1,005
<b>Total Alive</b>	<b>5,953</b>	<b>5,194</b>
Dead	2,373	2,593
Sold	950	1,065
Overseas	286	286
Not Stated	19	19
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3,620</b>	<b>3,963</b>





Some of these numbers are still problematic and do not reflect the reality; in particular the 5,194 live animals is still a very artificial figure. It still includes the many animals owned by breeders who are retired or have resigned, and the status of these animals has never been updated. Most will likely now be "Inactive" but more likely "Sold" or "Dead"

For some years the only updating of animals was by way of the annual Active Dam List (ADL), but this only covered older female animals owned by financial Breeder Members. There has been no reporting of younger females or male animals. While the Society's Rules require the death of a registered bull to be reported, this rarely happens.

The number of financial breeder members is also a small proportion of the total number of past and present members of the Society. Right now, in December 2023, there are 79 financial Breeder members and 17 financial Associate members ie 98 active members. There are however another 342 members who have resigned or retired, and Breedmate still lists many of them as still owning cattle.

This lack of up to date and accurate information precludes the Society maintaining as true a picture on the size and shape of the Galloway breed in New Zealand as is both possible and desirable. The Council therefore agreed that a Herd Audit be undertaken to confirm the ownership and status of the present Galloway breeding stock. This Audit commenced in November/December 2023 in conjunction with the 2023 ADL Return.

Another complicating factor in establishing accurate numbers of active breeding cattle is that some breeders have not been submitting their annual ADLs and Calf Returns. In 2022 there were 74 Breeder members with 994 Active Dams (ie females born before 30 June 2021). Only 55 returned their ADL. The other 19 owned 242 active Dams not reported on.

The level of response to the 2023 Calf Return has also been disappointing. Only 35 (of 98) separate herds have had their Calf Return completed since these were sent out in April 2023.

There are also a small number of breeders who have not submitted ADLs for 2 or more years and, worse still, no Calf Returns for up to 5 years. There are therefore an unknown number of unreported and unregistered calves born in 2019 and later years; moreover these female calves will have had calves themselves in subsequent years - all of them remain unreported and unregistered!

As at 1 December 2023 a total of 372 2022 born calves had been reported by breeders. If they are eligible they were then recorded and, if requested by the breeder, also registered. A total of 255 of these calves were registered. There were a number of 2022 born Belted Galloway calves that are still not yet registerable because of the lack of a Mannosidosis status of either or both their Sires and Dams.

The arrival of Breedmate also provided for 2023 to be the start of new "on line" arrangements to replace the paper based ADL and Calf Returns previously used with ABRI/PBB. New ADL and Calf Return forms were developed in Breedmate. Rather than having paper based returns mailed to them breeders are now emailed a link so they then log on to their individually pre-populated forms. Once they had entered the relevant information they can then sign off and return the completed form electronically.

### **The 2023 ADL/Herd Book Audit**

At the time of writing this article (1 December) the combined 2023 ADL and Herd Audit was about to be sent out. The ADL lists all breeding females born on or before 30 June 2022 owned by each breeder. This return has a reduced number of Fate Codes.

The Herd Audit lists all male animals and all female animals born after 30 June 2022 owned by each breeder. Breeders have to either confirm or correct the information on each of their animals as well as advise any animals in their herd mismatched in terms of ownership.



### The Calf Return for 2023 born Calves.

The 2022 and earlier calf returns were annual events; breeders might have had to wait up to 18 months before their calf could be registered. Breedmate allows for this situation to be improved. The Calf Return for 2023 born calves will be an "on line" return similar to that used for 2022 born calves, and will be distributed to all financial breeder members in February 2024.

It is intended this Calf Return be the last annual return. It will be almost immediately replaced by an "on demand" system. This will allow breeders to report their newborn calves as and when they choose to on an ongoing basis throughout any year as and when they need to have them registered for sale or any other reason.

Other developments in 2023 included;

1. A guide to show Belted Galloway breeders how to establish the Mannosidosis Status of "Clear by Parentage" for their animals was compiled and circulated.
2. There was then a welcome increase in the number of Belted Galloway animals that are now "Clear by Parentage" – as at 1 December there were 305 recorded – a dramatic increase on the 44 recorded in July 2022.
3. Changes to the Transfer Form - to state the Animal Type and provide a fourth option of "Clear by Parentage" in the Mannosidosis Status section.
4. A new separate Registration form for animals is now available.

In summary, 2023 was a challenging but rewarding year in terms of commissioning Breedmate as the Society's Herd Book, commencing more efficient and cost effective "on line" returns and refining the ways by which breeder members can verify animal information and manage their breeding programs. Completion of the Herd Audit will provide the basis for providing the Society with a far more up to date and accurate picture of the size and shape of the Galloway breed in NZ.

Finally, please do contact me as and when you have queries with any of your ADL and Calf Returns as well as the Herd Audit.

John Berridge  
Registrar

11 Canterbury Park Lane, Ellerslie, Auckland 1051

Email: [info@nzgalloway.co.nz](mailto:info@nzgalloway.co.nz) Mobile 0274 769 304

## 2024 AGM

5-7th April, 2024

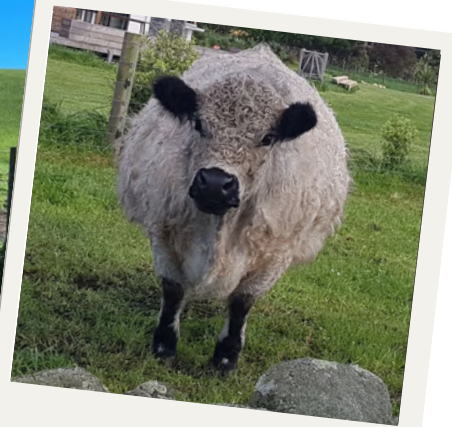
This year AGM Weekend will be held in Dunedin 5-7th April 2024, with Dunedin Leisure Lodge being the base. Book your flights and accommodation now and more details of the programme will follow soon.

*More details on page 15*





# 2023 Highlights





# 2022 Galloway- Champion of the World Competition

Early November 2023 saw me on my way to 'Farmfair International' in Edmonton, Canada for the banner presentation of Galloway Champion of the World for "Cherrybank Arapuni Pride."

We flew to Edmonton via a 2 day stop off in Vancouver which was a great introduction to Canada. The fall leaves were still showing their colour and the city tour was impressive. It is certainly a beautiful part of the World.

Our stay in Edmonton was based at 'Chateau Lacombe' and a complimentary shuttle was supplied for transport to and from the expo centre. All the drivers were volunteers and were very friendly and helpful. While driving us around we learnt a lot about the city, farming in the district and the oil that is stored there.

The shuttle was a great way to connect with other Champion of the World winners. We met Jason and Sarah Wareham (from England), winners of Galloway Miss World, the first day on the way to the Galloway show. The show itself was well run and offered an opportunity to meet the studs showing their Galloways. A lovely Belted Galloway cow with calf at foot took out the Grand Champion Galloway Award, with a White Galloway cow and calf pair winning Reserve Champion.



Above: Grand Champion Galloway- Belted Galloway Cow and Calf



Above: Reserve Champion Galloway- White Galloway Cow and Calf

We were also offered the use of a business hub where we could meet each day and discuss our breed and country with fellow attendees. It was a thrill to see the NZ flag on display.

I was also lucky enough to connect with George and Joan Ramsay of 'Ladywell Galloways' while in Edmonton. George and his family attended the Galloway show on the first day and gave great insight into Galloways in Canada. A couple of days later we visited their lovely Galloway herds at both their home farm just outside Edmonton and also their Vermillion Farm. We saw large numbers of quality Riggitt and White Galloway and spent all day talking Galloways. Ahh Bliss!

The halls were full of every breed of beef cattle and we were treated as VIPs all the way with our own lounge and superbly presented and tasty locally-grown foods at the events.



Above: Photos from Ladywell Galloways, Edmonton and Vermillion, Canada.





The drive out to Vermillion was interesting in that the scenery was the same for the duration of the 2-hour drive. Referred to as the prairies, all the crops had been harvested and they were waiting on the heavy snows that would usually be on the ground during that time. The weather was warm and sunny while last year it was minus 20 and we had 6 degrees the day we went. No snow, which the locals were thankful for.

The final day of the 'Farmfair International' saw the presentation of the banners and belt buckles for the World Champions and then a presentation of World Awards during the Supreme Show. The Supreme show was a spectacular event, where the Champion of Champions are slapped on the rump to indicate they are the winner. Making sense of the 'Here for the Slap' banners we kept seeing.

We left with wonderful memories, having made new friends and contacts, viewing wonderful cattle of all breeds. The hospitality was outstanding. A truly wonderful trip.

By Beth McVerry





*New Zealand (RIGGIT)*



CHAMPION OF THE  
*World*  
COMPETITION



*Cherrybank*  
**ARAPUNI PRIDE**



GALLOWAY  
*Breeder*  
.net



# 2025 World Congress

## 2025 WORLD GALLOWAY CONGRESS DRAFT ITINERARY

The Galloway Cattle Society of New Zealand are proud to be hosting the next World Galloway Conference in 2025!

The Congress will start in Invercargill in Southland, where we will stay for 3 nights, then travel by bus to Queenstown on Sunday for a further 3 nights.

**Day 1** Thursday – Fly or drive to Invercargill by mid-afternoon. Free airport shuttle/check-in to hotel. Registration is from 3pm onwards. There will be a Maori Welcome (Whakatua) followed by a Buffet dinner at the hotel, OR a visit to a local marae for a welcome and possibly a hangi meal.

**Day 2** Friday - Bus tour via Southern Scenic route to Western Southland, including several herd visits, maybe a visit to “Tufty” hornless Highland stud cattle on an organic farm. Visit to Glen Isla Station, shearing demo, BBQ dinner (Galloway beef and Southland lamb).

**Day 3** Saturday - Bus tour to Bluff, then herd visits including a white Galloway herd near Lawrence and return to Invercargill via the Catlins coast on the Southern Scenic route. Dinner own care.

**Day 4** Sunday – Morning - Tour of Bill Richardson’s Transport Museum OR explore Invercargill Gardens OR free time in Invercargill. Bus departs the hotel for Queenstown about midday, check-in into Queenstown Hotel on arrival. Historic TSS Earnslaw boat trip across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak Station for a BBQ dinner – Depart 5pm, return 9pm. Assemble on wharf by 4.30pm. (Sunset will be about 7.40pm so could be amazing viewed from Walter Peak Station).

**Day 5** - Bus to visit historic Arrowtown, free time, own lunch, then board bus for Gibbston Valley wine tasting, vineyard tour, cheesery. Dinner own care.

**Day 6** - Morning - WGC Congress meeting, includes working lunch. Afternoon - Free time to explore Queenstown, the Gardens, Kiwi Park or ride gondola. Evening - Congress Farewell dinner with entertainment.

**Day 7** – Departure.

Stud Herd visits in Otago & Southland – White 2, Galloway 1, Belted 2

Members will be provided with more information once all costings and bookings are confirmed. The organising committee has asked if any Galloway Member can help by looking for sponsorship on all levels, maybe you can donate something or know of a business that can help, it would be very much appreciated.

*Angela McNaughton, Chairperson WGC2025*





# SAVE THE DATE

5-7th April, 2024

## 2024 AGM WEEKEND

This year AGM Weekend will be held in Dunedin 5-7th April 2024, with Dunedin Leisure Lodge being the base. Book your flights and accommodation now and more details of the programme will follow soon.

Here are the hotel online booking details:  
[www.dunedinleisurelodge.nz/galloway-cattle-agm2024](http://www.dunedinleisurelodge.nz/galloway-cattle-agm2024)

Evosuite rate code: GALLOWAYCATTLE  
Promo code: GALLOWAYAGM24

STANDARD TWIN (2 doubles) or STANDARD KING (1 King) \$165 per room per night for single or double occupancy.

SUPERIOR QUEEN (2 Queens) or SUPERIOR KING (1 King) \$190 per room per night for single or double occupancy.

Take care when booking online to choose the correct dates as additional nights are offered to our group at this special rate.

BREAKFAST \$30 per person.

To book by phone 03 477 5360 quote promo code: GALLOWAYAGM24.

Check-in from 2pm, check-out by 10 am.

Any questions please contact Angela McNaughton 0274418519.



## BELTED GALLOWAY BULL SEMEN FOR SALE

The Society has several hundred straws available – so if you are interested make us an offer, it may suit a Dairy farmer who is doing AI and looking for a change of beef bull. Spread the word!



## 2023 NEW MEMBERS!

### White Herds

Vikki Madgwick - *Hamilton*  
Murray & Janell Clough - *Reefton*  
Jacquie Broadhead - *Christchurch*  
Catherine Ironside - *Christchurch*  
Sharon & Ken Joyce - *Albany*  
Samantha, David & Katrina Taplin - *Winton*  
Carol Riley - *West Melton*  
Bek Chin Ng & Kevin Cheong - *Ohoka*  
Fiona & Paul Harris - *Amberley*

### Belted Herds

Jonathon & Jodee Mills - *Paengaroa*  
Michelle & Chris Mankelow - *Kaitaia*  
Lynn Kinda & Warren McKay - *Kaitaia*  
Conor Hilhorst - *Warkworth*  
Christopher & Aimee-Louise Andrews - *Okakuri*  
David Fincham & Sandra Zeuseky - *Hawarden*

### Galloway

Jenny & Anthony Cussines - *Auckland*

### Riggitt

Sharon & Ken Joyce - *Albany*

# *Southern Galloway Breeder's Tour 2023*

By Jill Maxwell-Strang

## **Saturday 25th March**

Four of us met at Roger & Andrea Cotton's property near Lawrence, South Otago. The farm is 3,000 acres of rolling to steep sheep and cattle country has been in the family since 1927. Roger and Andrea first started buying White Galloways from Angela McNaughton and Bridget Lowrey and Belted Galloways from Canterbury.



They run 18-20 White breeding cows, 2-3 replacement 3 year olds heifers calving each year and young stock. The Cotton's have dropped the numbers of Galloways to 50 Whites as they are going out of the Belted Galloways. The prime animals are sold to Chopped Butchery Ltd and bull calves are sold off as weaners. Roger said "The steeper areas on the farm have been planted out into trees to make life a bit easy". They are also looking into planting more natural grass species and natural fertilizers to work towards the farm's Carbon Neutral footprint.



Then we were on the road and heading to Gordon and Wendy Hellyer's 600 acre property in Flag Swamp, Otago.

There we met up with two more members to look around their Commercial Belted Galloway herd. Gordon and Wendy have been on the farm for 39 years and run sheep and their cattle on it. They have planted a lot of trees for shelter and land stabilization.

They started buying Belted Galloway cattle 12 years ago, they bought cows and a bull Balcairn Gerald from Paul & Ann Tocker, cows from Cook Rock Stud and Flemington Stud and a bull from John Taylor Taylordale Forgery. Gordon and Wendy calve their cows in the Autumn and Spring, 20 cows and 6 three year old heifers each year. They carry 70 head of breeding stock, young stock and bulls, they also supply Chopped Butchery with prime beasts. Gordon just loves having the Belted Galloways on the farm.



We had lunch with Gordon & Wendy and they joined us on the road to Chopped Butchery Ltd at Morven, North Otago where another two members joined us. Adam and Edie Rivett and their families started this venture in May 2022 after Edie and his partner came home to the farm from Australia.





The farm of 160 acres wasn't large enough to economically support two families and Edie was a butcher by trade and had butchered Galloway meat in Australia and wanted to create a product here that had meat traceability, paddock to plate.

Adam had a small herd of Galloways, so it made sense that they started with these and buy in beasts when demand increased. Adam has now increased his own herd to 25 cows and 2 bulls. Members of our Group have been supporting Adam with breeding stock, prime beasts and advice on Galloways. They set up Shipping containers converted into, a chiller/hanger, butchery and packing rooms. There is also a smoker and their covered-in chiller trailer that they sell their meat from at the Waimate and Oamaru Markets every weekend and in the Lakes district and villages. They sell meat from 2-3 Galloway beasts every week which they source from breeders, also meat from other heritage breeds for mutton, pork and chicken.

Chopped Butchery sells meat products online, which is in demand after the Rivett brothers won an award for their beef sausages not long after they started production. This year the brothers have hired another butcher to join them in the business. The brothers enjoy getting the Galloway story out to the public as people want to know where the meat has come from.



### **Sunday 26th March**

A few of us headed to Peter and Susan Lawson's new property in Middelmarsh, Central Otago. This farm is 848 hectares of flat, rolling to high country of 1100 metres at the top and is part of the Rock & Pillar Range.

Peter and Susan bought their first Belted Galloways in 2007 from the Thistlestone herd and from the West Coast of the South Island. They have moved them from Mossburn, Northern Southland to Dunback, Otago and now to here. They run 2200 sheep, 60 Belted Galloway cows, 100 Hereford cows, young stock and bulls. They have been supplying Galloway beasts to Chopped Butchery right from the start as they saw the potential for the future of Galloway meat. Susan is a great cook and baker and she provided us with a lovely lunch and afternoon tea before we headed home.



This was a great weekend away and enjoyed by all. Many thanks to the Galloway breeders who welcomed us onto their farms.

We headed back to our accommodation in Oamaru for our dinner of Galloway steak, which Adam cooked for us and the AGM meeting. A great evening was had with great friends.



# *NZ Galloway Society*

## *Councillors 2023*

Councillor  
North Island - North  
Virginia Poole  
Phone: 027438970  
Breeder of White Galloways  
Stud Name: Aha White Galloways  
Joined Society: 2014

Councillor  
North Island - North  
Wendy O'Flaherty  
Email: Wendy.Oflaherty@icloud.com  
Breeder of: White Galloway  
Stud Name: Lockett Galoways

Patron  
Bob & Karen Curry  
Breeder of: White Galloway 16W

Councillor  
South Island - West Coast  
Ulrich Snyman  
Phone: 028 8514 5760  
Breeder of: Belted Galloway  
Stud Name: Dunollie  
Joined Society: 2023

### **SOUTHERN REGION**

Councillor  
South Island - Southern  
Jill Maxwell-Strang  
Phone 0272279385  
Breeder of - Belted Galloways  
Stud name - Rosemay  
Joined Society - 2008

### **NORTHERN REGION**

Treasurer  
North Island - Northern  
Tracey Berkahn  
Phone: 021393820  
Breeder of: White Galloway  
Stud Name: West Harbour  
Joined Society: 2014

Registrar  
John Berridge  
North Island - Northern  
Phone: 0274 769 304  
Joined Society: 2007

### **CENTRAL REGION**

President  
North Island - Central East  
Gus Smith  
Phone: 02102045291 / 062118788  
Breeder of: White Galloway  
Stud Name: Abergeldie  
Joined Society: 2010

Councillor  
North Island - Wairarapa  
Sarah Pinfold  
Phone: 0212631169  
Breeder of: White Galloway  
Stud Name: Riverview  
Joined Society: 2008

### **LOWER NORTH REGION**

Vice President  
South Island - Central East  
Nick Rattanong  
Phone: 0273085280  
Breeder of: White Galloway  
Stud Name: Mountain View  
Joined Society: 2019