



Linwood Herd

President's Report

By Tracy Wood

Welcome to all of our members,

This is my first report to the membership in our autumn edition of the Galloway Newsletter. We say farewell to Barbara Fitchett who has taken great care of GCSNZ and, with our first virtual AGM held on 25 March, I was appointed as President along with the returning Gus Smith as Vice-President and Tracey Berkahn as Treasurer.

I hope all of our members have now received generous amounts of rain, as the upper North Island (where I farm) was in deficit for most of the summer! I am looking forward to our next AGM in 2023, which will hopefully be held in person, and to the resumption of our farm tours.

I certainly have missed the face-to-face catch ups with fellow breeders at our AGM weekends, including the shared lunches, annual dinner and sharing the results of our virtual show. There is so much to learn from seeing and hearing how other members farm their Galloways and run their properties.

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You will see the results from the virtual show in this newsletter, with feedback from our judge Karen Woolley being posted on the website. There was an impressive number of entries with over 40 animals submitted. Congratulations to all members who took the time to enter their animals. The virtual show initiative was created by longstanding members Karen and Bob Curry of Suncrest Galloways. Thank you to Karen and Bob for all of your hard work!

Some good news to share is that the recently-proposed Annual Bull Sale event is going ahead with a virtual auction in late-June; with other classes of livestock to also be included. More information on this event can be found further on in this newsletter.

Members will see that various subcommittees have been formed to enable those Councillors with specific areas of expertise or interest to thrive and help create a dynamic society. Our subcommittees are as follows:

Riggit: Gus Smith (chair), Tracy Wood, Susan Nicol and Beth McVerry;

World Galloway Congress: Kylie Brewer and Beth McVerry;

Breed: Gus Smith (chair), Tracey Berkahn, Claudia Forsyth and Beth McVerry (technical advisor);

Newsletter: Gus Smith and Tracey Berkahn;

Breeder Manual: Tracey Berkahn and Tracy Wood;

Promotions and Advertising: Gus Smith (chair), Kylie Brewer, Claudia Forsyth and Nick Rattanong;

Bull Auction (BAS): Kylie Brewer, Beth McVerry and Nick Rattanong;

Video: Gus Smith (chair) and Claudia Forsyth.

Teamwork is the cornerstone of any group of people and, in this case, the Councillors. Your Councillors have busy lives with many commitments (both on and off the farm) but they are passionate (just like our members) about all things Galloways and will do the best job they can for our Society!

What many of the Member's may be unaware of, just how awesome that Team is. I have put together some background material together:



Gus Smith - Vice President

Newsletter, Riggit, Breed, Video and Advertising Subcommittees

From a Police enforcement (traffic) background to a passion for farming, Gus and his wife Anita have been dairy farming for over 20 years with a herd of 250-300 mainly Friesian and Jersey cows at Mangamaira, near Woodville. They are now dry stock farming White Galloways and have 100 laying ducks (Pekin and Appleyard) in the Hawke's Bay.

Tracey Berkahn - Treasurer

Newsletter, Breeder Manual and Breed Subcommittee

Tracey is Club President since 2020 of the Avondale Jockey Club Inc. (200+ members) to Group Manager of Services and Performance at Auckland Transport with a team of 75. In her spare time she sells hand knitting yarns. She farms near Paparoa, Northland White Galloways.





Beth McVerry - Councillor

Bull Auction, Riggitt and World Galloway Congress Subcommittees

Beth has worked for commercial FM radio in sales and marketing and four+ years she ran the Small Block Expo with over 250 exhibitors (a scaled down version of the Field Days, Mystery Creek). She also worked with the Lion King that took Big Cats to Wellington and Christchurch. Beth is President of The Donkey and Mule Society with 200+ members. She has both Miniature donkeys and Arapawa goats, as well as Riggitt Galloways.

Kylie Brewer - Secretary

Bull Auction, World Galloway Congress and Advertising Subcommittee

Kylie works as a Regional Partner in the Waikato North area for Dairy NZ, where she engages with farmers on a one-to-one basis to help them identify and solve problems within their business. Kylie is passionate about animal welfare, providing dairy farmers more support in this area. She has extensive experience in showing cattle and in her spare time enjoys baking.



Susan Nicol - Registrar

Riggitt Subcommittee

Susan has been dairy farming for 20+ years with her partner Eric in the Waikato. Together, they calve around 340 Kiwi Cross (Friesian and Jersey) cows and Belted Galloway Bulls used as sires over the dairy heifers and cows. Susan handles the calf rearing on the farm. Her background prior to farming was in computer systems.



Claudia Forsythe - Councillor

Video, Breed and Advertising Subcommittees

Claudia was raised in Switzerland on her family's dairy farm with Brown Swiss dairy cows before immigrating to New Zealand. She dairy farms with her husband Hank 700-800 Jersey and Jersey cross cows and their son share milks for them. They have been dairy farming for over 44 years. With 30+ White Galloway breeding bulls as well as a Galloway bull (2021 Virtual Show winner) that are used at the 'tail end' over the heifers and cows. She has a White Galloway and a Galloway stud.



Nick Rattanong - Councillor

Bull Auction and Advertising Subcommittees

Nick has experience in the dairy industry and for 16+ years worked in the real estate industry specialising in lifestyle and residential properties. He has extensive experience being a leader at A&P shows for Milking Shorthorns and Jersey cows. He has White Galloways at Rangiora, Canterbury.



Greetings From the Vice President

Welcome to the Autumn newsletter of the Galloway Society NZ.

In this newsletter you will find a list of the current Galloway councillors, we encourage you to contact any members of council with any problems you may encounter, or to put forward any ideas or suggestions you as a member of the society would like to see happening.

Tracy Wood our newly elected president has intentions to communicate a lot more with members and with that in mind we ask all members that if you have 3 animals in your front paddock, or 50 up on the hills, to maybe put together a short outline of what you are doing and include a photo or two of your favourite animals. The intention is to have at least one article in each monthly newsletter. Councillors are also being asked to submit profiles of themselves so we all have a better idea of who is running the Galloway Society NZ.



Photo: Rising one year bulls looking forward to a harem at a dairy farm.

The president has set up sub-committees for the various jobs that need to be done. Tracey Berkahn and myself (Gus Smith) are on the newsletter sub-committee so when you have taken the lovely photos and completed your profile please send it to either Tracey or me for publishing.

Riggits are now all go, an exciting new addition to Galloway NZ making four breeds within our society. Members and prospective new members wanting to know about the availability of Riggits can contact Beth McVerry a breeder that could help you with them.

The other breed of Galloways popping up within our herds are miniatures. There is a lot of interest in miniatures, anyone who has some in the herd and either wants more or wants to sell them could contact myself or Brett Slater email brett@slaters.nz. Brett has the more technical information on breeding miniatures.

Keep safe, Happy Easter and hoping we all have a mild winter.

Gus Smith



Photo: Proud mother and daughter.

GCSNZ Councillors 2022

Our updated 2022 GCSNZ Councillors list.

Position	Name	Address	E-mail
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Councillor	Nick Rattanong	12 Hanna Place, RD7, Rangiora	ratnick1@hotmail.com



Upcoming Events

INAUGRAL BULL SALE

END OF JUNE 2022

Dates coming soon!

Get ready for a fantastic opportunity to promote and sell your Bulls, Heifers and cows. Virtual Auction entry form and photo guidelines available shortly.

GALLOWAY PADDOCK TO PLATE DAY

SATURDAY 7TH MAY, 1 PM

Location: Cambridge, Waikato - Address to be confirmed upon RSVP

Our next Galloway social event is a paddock to plate afternoon. Shane Tindall, one of our breeder members, is a qualified butcher. He will take us through a butchery demonstration showing us how to prepare different cuts of meat.

The afternoon will conclude with a BBQ.

Location is Cambridge in the Waikato. Open to all Galloway Society members.

What to bring: BYO drinks and either nibbles/salad/vegetarian dish or dessert for the BBQ afterwards.

Please RSVP to Kylie at kylie.brewer@gmail.com

M. bovis Eradication Programme update

Since 2018, the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI), DairyNZ and Beef + Lamb New Zealand have partnered to eradicate *Mycoplasma bovis* (M. bovis). If left unchecked, the disease could have cost industry an estimated \$1.2 billion over the first 10 years, with ongoing productivity losses across the farming sector and animal welfare concerns. In large part due to the hard work and sacrifices of farmers and the wider agricultural sector we are on track to be the first country to ever eradicate M. bovis. "We are at a crucial point in eradicating this disease, where we are aiming to move from delimiting – controlling the last known pockets of the disease – to provisional absence," says M. bovis Eradication Programme Director Simon Andrew. "It's important we continue efforts to undertake surveillance for the disease. We also need farmers and those working in the industry to stay focused on good biosecurity practices to keep M. bovis out."

"In some herds, M. bovis can cause serious disease, including mastitis, respiratory disease and arthritis," says Tim Crawshaw, who is the Principal Advisor – Operational Epidemiology for the Programme. "In other infected herds, there have been no signs of disease, highlighting the disease is good at hiding, and meaning it can spread undetected between farms. Cattle movements have been the main cause of newly infected herds." While antibiotic treatment can help control clinical signs in infected cattle, in many instances they are not recommended for sick cattle and they are not a useful eradication tool.

"Uncontrolled M. bovis would spread relentlessly throughout the New Zealand cattle population and be an ongoing additional cost to production," Tim says.

To date, there have been 272 confirmed properties detected – 70 on the North Island and 202 on the South Island. There are currently 2 active confirmed properties in Canterbury. (To give a sense of how much has been done through the Programme, in mid-April in 2021 there were 10 active confirmed properties, in 2020 there were 30, and in 2019 there were 59.) Through the Programme, 176,325 cattle have been culled and \$219.1 million in compensation has been paid across 2740 claims.

There is still a lot of hard work ahead before eradication can be achieved. The background surveillance programme continues to provide confidence that M. bovis is not widespread in New Zealand and have played a significant role in finding pockets of infection outside of the known network.

Practice good biosecurity

Talk with your veterinarians, DairyNZ and Beef + Lamb New Zealand about ways to reduce the risk of *M. bovis* and build those into your biosecurity plans and animal health plans.

- **Run cattle in management units that don't mix.** Minimise introductions and keep any introductions low risk (for example, keep mobs separate for their duration on grazing blocks).
- **Secure boundaries through fencing.** Make sure nose-to-nose contact is not possible between neighbouring properties. NAIT is a legal requirement and key to good biosecurity, as it makes it easier and faster to trace animals. We also recommend keeping on-farm movement records, such as managing paddocks and knowing which bulls are put with which groups of animals.
- Ensure any equipment or biological products you bring on-farm are M. bovis free. Make sure equipment (such as borrowed milk feeding equipment) is clean and disinfected prior to use on your property. Avoid trading colostrum and milk – the lowest risk for spread of M. bovis is calf milk replacer. Make sure donor bulls have been tested for M. bovis and if you use AI ask your semen supplier what assurance they can provide that the semen is free of M. bovis.

These good on-farm biosecurity practices will help limit the spread of other diseases as well.

Visit mbovis.govt.nz to learn more.

Breeders Badges



Congratulations to our 20 year breeders!

- Graeme & Marie Turner, Grange, 145B
- Annabelle Read, Kinross, 148B



Congratulations to our 10 year breeders!

- Alastair & Lousie Holmes, Willowbrook, 262B
- Peter Mans, Ryebred, 94W
- Brian & Barbara Wickstead, Tawhai, 95W



New Cattle breed!

Posted on 1 April

PBB is excited to introduce a new breed of cattle - Neopolitan, and we have limited straws available to purchase, only for today. They are top performers, you would be a fool to miss out!





Shane's Trip To NZ

Shane Smeathers of Romani Galloways recently visited New Zealand to catch up with Beth and Paul McVerry, Cherrybank Stud. Here's his story...

I was lucky enough between lockdowns during Covid to manage a week away to New Zealand in June this year. The main reason of the trip was to catch up and spend time with Riggitt Galloway breeders Beth and Paul McVerry, who live on a beautiful property at Arapuni. Arapuni is situated on the North Island, in the South Waikato district, about halfway between Hamilton and Rotorua.

I have been corresponding with Beth over the phone and email for the last 10 years, so as you can imagine, it was most enjoyable to sit down with Beth to talk Galloways from sunrise to sunset. Beth has been breeding Riggitt Galloways for 13 years and has been very successful in achieving the Riggitt colour markings



Left to right: Shane, Susan, Gus and Beth

Beth believes all colours are valuable for saving and growing the Galloway breed, but has learnt that the genetics for a Riggitt get stronger through subsequent generations, and she's always delighted when her herd produces one. Beth says "it's never guaranteed what you're going to get, but as I breed more generation's I've learnt that a white colour Riggitt put to a solid dark colour is more likely to produce a Riggitt, than breeding with two Riggits. However, a solid colour and a Riggitt may also produce a Riggitt."

Along with the dorsal stripe, a Riggitt may have a white diamond on the rump, white under the keel, and white tears under the eyes. The main body solid colour can be red, dun, or black, with roaning on the face or legs.

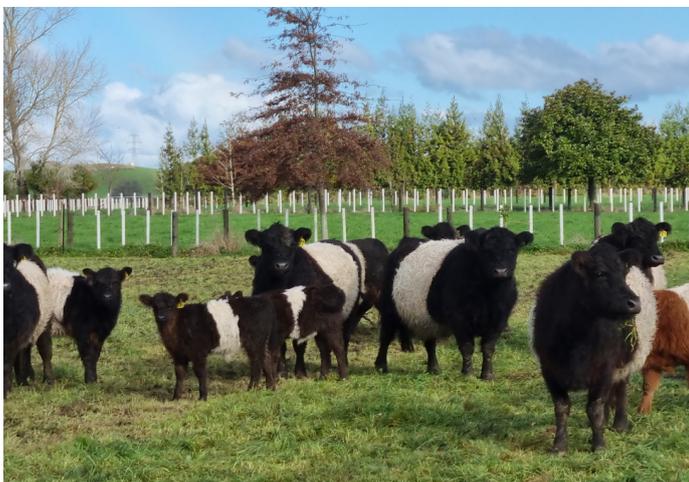


Cherrybank Heifers

Juggling very wet weather conditions during the week, Beth had me out and about visiting other studs. The first visit was to Linda van Eyk and her Linwood Belted Galloway stud at Pirongia in the Waikato region. Linda has been breeding Belties since 2004 and has a beautiful herd of very well-structured females with impressive genetic backgrounds.

The farm was well laid out into paddocks with maintained hedges giving the cattle plenty of shade in the summer months and effective windbreaks in the winter months. After a lovely walk around the property Beth and I sat down with Linda and talked genetics over a cuppa. Linda showed me her photo albums showcasing her years of breeding Belties. A very enjoyable afternoon with another very passionate breeder.

I also had the opportunity of attending with Beth and Paul the Mystery Creek Fielddays, the largest agricultural and farming trade show in New Zealand and the Southern Hemisphere. Over 1,000 exhibitors showcase all manner of interesting and useful products and services, attracting over 120,000 visitors each year. There were so many farm toys I would have liked to be able to bring back to Australia - a very enjoyable day and well worth a visit if you're in New Zealand in June.



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Cherrybank Prada

Beth organised a catch up at Cherrybank with some of the current New Zealand Galloway Cattle Society members. It was great to share what is happening in New Zealand and it gave them a chance to ask me what is happening in Australia; a great Trans-Tasman get together with our neighbours. We sat around in a casual atmosphere overlooking the Cherrybank property with crusty bread, soup and sausage rolls made of course with beautiful Galloway beef. A couple of glasses of wine were had, and it was agreed that it would be great to have a couple of teleconferences with both Australia and New Zealand associations each year to share experiences and support one another's genetic pools as neighbouring countries.

The final visit was to Roger Brownlee's stud in Ngatea to check out his White and Riggitt Galloways. The weather wasn't really on our side that day with the wind blowing and the cattle weren't that happy to let us get too close. Roger had some great large framed white females, and it was great to hear his thoughts on his future of breeding Galloways with the genetics he has available.

There were a couple more studs on the list to visit but unfortunately the wintry weather and so much rain during June made it too wet and impossible to get onto the other properties.



"I am so very thankful to all the people who I visited and their hospitality was most enjoyable. "

To Beth and Paul McVerry my hosts for the week: thank you so much, especially Beth for picking me up and dropping me back to Auckland Airport and taking me out to meet people during the action-packed week.

To finish off, my trip to New Zealand was a personal goal reached to finally meet Beth McVerry in person, and give us time to put the final plans in place regarding a Cherrybank and Romani joint effort of bringing Riggitt Galloway embryos to Australia.

A lot of discussion has now confirmed which females will be part of this program and the process is about to happen. It's a very exciting time and here's hoping for a successful programme from donor dams in New Zealand to recipient cows in Australia. The calves will be born and grown out at Romani to weaning age then auctioned off to give everyone an equal chance of adding a Riggitt Galloway to their herd. This is not a quick process, so stay tuned to Romani for updates and in the meantime,

if you have any questions or enquiries I am quite happy for you to give myself or Beth McVerry a call.

Shane Smeathers

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ROMANI FARM SAUSAGE ROLLS

A quick recipe when having visitors, or perfect on a Winter Day with some soup to warm you up.

PREPPING TIME: 30 MIN

COOKING TIME: 20 MIN

INGREDIENTS

1kg ground Galloway beef
mince
1 large Onion
1 cup breadcrumbs
Salt & pepper to taste
4 puff pastry sheets
1 egg
Optional extras:
Mix herbs
Chilli to add an extra bite

DIRECTIONS

1. Mix in a bowl mince and breadcrumbs, add finely cut onion salt, pepper, and any optional extras!
2. Let the mix come up to room temperature in a covered bowl.
3. Thaw pastry sheets for 20 min, you will need 4 sheets.
4. Cut sheets in half then add fill to the middle of pastry, allowing enough pastry to create a roll. When you complete the roll use a whisk egg with a pastry brush to stick the pastry together, then move on to your next roll till all are completed. With the remaining whisked egg, paint the top of all rolls.
5. Place rolls in a baking dish onto baking paper, leaving a bit of room between the rolls. Just before putting them in a medium heat oven just go along the top of the rolls with several fork spikes into the top of the rolls so the mix can breathe during cooking and avoiding soggy puff pastry when cooked.
6. Cook till the pastry is golden brown around 20 min cooking time.
7. Enjoy! Regards Shane.

NOTES

- I always use bought puff pastry sheets as it great, but you are most welcome to make your own.
- The mix can also be prepared the day before and put in fridge.



The directors, shareholders and employees of the company: Adam the farmer the the left and Eddie the butcher to the right at our first farmers market.

Ti Kouka Hills Farm & Chopped Butcher

As a small start up, family owned business, we're confident that Galloway beef can foot it with the big boys of the NZ beef world. We genuinely believe that there is a place for Galloways that aren't merely a service bull for the dairy industry or a cute, fluffy animal to have on a lifestyle block.

Hello fellow Galloway breeders and enthusiasts of NZ! This is a quick update on how our speciality Galloway butchery project is going. It's been a bit of a rollercoaster since I last wrote to the Society with an update. The building process and Ministry of Primary Industries sign off took far longer than expected and our original opening time of March pushed into April, but we finally opened last week.

As I write, we have been open for one week now, and have sent our first courier orders out around NZ and just yesterday, attended our first farmers market; our local one here in Waimate, South Canterbury.

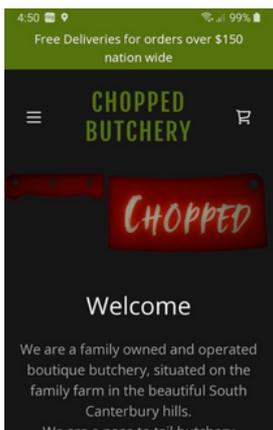
I write this coming off what was a real buzz. **Our purebred Galloway beef was so well received and I just wanted you all to know that.** Standing at the farmers market talking about the many, many benefits of Galloway beef was so easy and was simply lapped up by the public: the history of the breed, the attributes of the carcass, and the breed's environmental benefits were just so easy to talk about and in our opinion are just so marketable. The world has changed and the time for quality Galloway beef is now!

There is a real commercial opportunity here. On that note, we would like to plant some seeds in the minds of all Galloway breeders and the Galloway Society.... As an industry, we need some good NZ research about Galloway carcass quality and how these stack up against other breeds. Whenever I look up Galloways on the Internet, the research quoted is either American or German with a little Australian thrown in. Wouldn't it be great if we could all band together and commission some NZ research as to dress out weights, fat content, feed conversion etc?

Anyhow on that note, here are a few photos of us so far... We have a website, which is still very much a work in progress, choppedbutchery.co.nz and we're also on Facebook and Instagram, so give us a like there too and let's see if we can grow this Galloway beef thing right around the country!

Email: Eddie@choppedbutchery.co.nz

Website: choppedbutchery.co.nz



Our website- check us out!



Our first batch of pure Galloway beef, bacon & maple sausages



Our Butchery- the last container arriving- March '22

GCSNZ Virtual Show 2022

Comments from the judge will be uploaded to the website by 4 May

Class 1 - Heifer Calves born after 1 June 2021

1ST



Cherrybank Portia
Breeder: Beth McVerry
D.O.B 18/8/2021

2ND



Mountain View Pearl
Breeder: Nick Rattanong
D.O.B 29/8/2021

3RD



Mountain View Sacha Schleek
Breeder: Nick Rattanong
D.O.B 28/10/2021

Class 2 - Bull Calves born after 1 June 2021

1ST



Cherrybank Ranger
Breeder: Beth McVerry
D.O.B 22/9/2021

2ND



Corinium Arnie
Breeder: Virginia Darlow
D.O.B 23/8/2021

3RD



Corinium McQueen
Breeder: Virginia Darlow
D.O.B 7/8/2021

Class 3 - Yearling Heifers born after 1 June 2020

1ST



Mountain View Poppy
Breeder: Nick Rattanong
D.O.B 6/10/2020

2ND



Cherrybank Silvermist
Breeder: Beth McVerry
D.O.B 4/6/2020

3RD



Mountain View Prudence
Breeder: Nick Rattanong
D.O.B 14/8/2020

Class 4 - Yearling Bulls born after 1 June 2020

1ST



Cherrybank Pride
Breeder: Beth McVerry
D.O.B 18/8/2020

2ND



Wayby Albert
Breeder: Tracy Wood
D.O.B 11/11/2020

3RD



Wayby Axial
Breeder: Tracy Wood
D.O.B 7/11/2020

Class 5 - Junior Females born after 1 June 2019

1ST



Corinium Jinx
Breeder: Virginia Darlow
D.O.B 27/10/2019

2ND



Corinium Josie
Breeder: Virginia Darlow
D.O.B 28/7/2019

3RD



Penny Plains Pascha
Breeder: Karen Futter
D.O.B 27/9/2019

Class 6- Junior Bulls born after 1 June 2019

1ST



Mountain View Sydney
Breeder: Nick Rattanong
D.O.B 31/8/2019

2ND



Penny Plains Thor
Breeder: Karen Futter
D.O.B 26/9/2019

3RD



Penny Plains Zander
Breeder: Karen Futter
D.O.B 24/10/2019

Class 7 - Senior Female born before 1 June 2019

1ST



Cherrybank Pizzazz
Breeder: Beth McVerry
D.O.B 24/8/2017

2ND



Corinium Fliss
Breeder: Virginia Darlow
D.O.B 21/10/2017

3RD



Cherrybank Panda
Breeder: Beth McVerry
D.O.B 10/6/2012

Class 8 - Senior Male born before 1 June 2019

1ST



Wayby jeffers
Breeder: Beth McVerry
D.O.B 19/5/2019

Champion Calf



Cherrybank Portia
Breeder: Beth McVerry
D.O.B 18/8/2021

Champion Yearling



Cherrybank Pride
Breeder: Beth McVerry
D.O.B 18/8/2020

Champion Junior



Mountain View Sydney
Breeder: Nick Rattanong
D.O.B 31/8/2019

Champion Senior



Cherrybank Pizzazz
Breeder: Beth McVerry
D.O.B 24/8/2017

Grand Champion Female



Cherrybank Pizzazz
Breeder: Beth McVerry
D.O.B 24/8/2017

Grand Champion Male



Cherrybank Pride
Breeder: Beth McVerry
D.O.B 18/8/2020



SUPREME CHAMPION

IS PRESENTED TO

CHERRYBANK PIZZAZZ

BREEDER BETH MCVERRY

