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I would first like to thank the New Zealand Galloway Association, for hosting this wonderful event, the WGC committee for their many hours of hard work to organise the WGC, and what a beautiful country to hold it.

The Australian Belted Galloway Association Inc have seen a change of the Council in August 2024, and have farewelled some long standing committee members from Council. Several new faces have joined Council, and we have had two of our previous Councillors, return to serve. Since the new Council have been elected, the team have hit the ground running. I am delighted to work with the team who have so far implemented, and delivered several items on our “to do” list. This includes a refreshed newsletter, the Beltie Banter, as well as the production and distribution of an ABGA calendar. Distributed to all members, and featuring Belted Galloway cattle from settings across Australia, from almost every state, and wide in range of climates, demonstrating how versatile this breed really is. Additional copies have been made available for purchase for other Beltie lovers in Australia, along with some copies for those attending the WGC to grab, if they wish to do so.

On the 30th of August 2025, the ABGA will be 50 years old. Established in 1975 at the Royal Adelaide Show, it is only fitting that our 2025 AGM will also be held on the 30th of August in South Australia, aligning with the first day of the Royal Adelaide Show. The Council are currently planning, both the AGM and a 50th birthday celebration weekend, in and around the world-renowned wine region, the Barossa Valley. Along with being known for their amazing wines, the Barossa Valley supplies some of Australia’s best produce and artisan products. Meaning, attendees will have plenty to look forward to in terms of excellent food and locally produced award-winning beer, wine and spirits! Beltie enthusiasts are welcome to come along for some quality fellowship, with details available soon. Please contact ABGA, if you are interested in attending.

In Australia, it would be rare to find a person that had not read or studied the Dorothea Mackellar poem, “Our Country.” The second verse reads:

*I love a sunburnt country,
A land of sweeping plains,
Of ragged mountain ranges,
Of droughts and flooding rains.
I love her far horizons,
I love her jewel-sea,
Her beauty and her terror –
The wide brown land for me!*

Australians have continued to experience the highs and lows, perfectly captured in this verse – many of our breeders in the southern states, South Australia in particular, are continuing to experience a prolonged period of drought and are truly looking out over a “sunburnt country.” This has been particularly hard on those impacted, and with feed availability low and cost high, many have resorted to destocking. With feed costs tripling from last year in some areas, selling stock has not been an easy





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task. Victoria has also seen significant danger from bushfires over the past months, and below average rainfall in many areas.

On the other spectrum, many of the more northern breeders, some who have experienced severe droughts in recent years, having to truck feed and water for their cattle are now seeing “flooding rains” For some regions, they have been all but swept away. While most farmers take precautions to prepare for these harsh tantrums that mother nature throws from time to time, stockpiling hay and silage in good seasons for difficult times with no rain, or flood proofing and planning for times with too much rain. Sometimes despite the best efforts, there is still a significant impact upon the viability of a farm business. Additionally, we have observed that these times tend to impact member numbers, forcing sometimes the most well-established studs, to shut up shop for good.

The Council team have also been undertaking very necessary, but less visible and “attractive” work, which includes gradually reworking the Strategic Plan, prepared several years ago. Progress in this space hasn’t been without its challenges, including another change to our paid secretariat, with the retirement of our previous secretariat, Keryn Hutton and Maddie Brockhoff taking over the reins, in mid-November 2024. We have been delighted with Maddie’s ‘fit’ with the organisation. Sudden changes in both the operational cost and our secretarial services by our provider, have highlighted the importance of changing how the ABGA conducts business, including embracing technology where possible, to deliver better service cost effectively for members. There has also been a focus on revamping presentation, templates, streamlining processes and making good use of technology to make things more efficient. Whilst members see little of this, the time spent is significant and contributes to maintaining the ongoing viability of the association. This is just a small slice of what work is to take place, with the by-laws, constitution and policies to strengthen corporate governance, also on the council’s hit list.

In closing, despite the obstacles and work ahead, we are looking forward to what the future will bring the ABGA and Belted Galloway cattle in Australia. Thank you to the breeders and members who have supported the ABGA the breed over the last 50 years through the highs and lows. Here’s to another 50 years to come!

Cheers,

Scott Carter

President

Australian Belted Galloway Association Inc

The Australian Belted Galloway Association Inc mission:

To promote and register distinctive heritage Belted Galloway cattle, through accurate genetics, education and fellowship, for past, present and future generations





Australian Galloway Association Inc

Report for 2025 World Galloway Conference

Good morning/afternoon. I'm Pauline Dunk, representing the Australian Galloway Association. I'd like to thank the Galloway Cattle Society of New Zealand for hosting the congress and organising tours prior to and after the official business of the conference.

Over the past twelve months many members of the Australian Galloway Association have been active with their cattle, exhibiting at field days, attending handler camps and getting out to shows, both their local shows and the large city Royal Shows. Attendance at these events is steadily increasing since the Covid induced lockdowns we endured a few short years ago. Just recently we had a great representation of the whole range of Galloways at the Royal Canberra Show, with some of our members attending for their first time. In early May the Royal Bathurst Show is hosting Belted Galloways as its feature breed and there is much excitement around this show and many expressions of interest from our members to attend, so it should be a fabulous event.

Royal Canberra Show 2024 was held in February, with exhibits of Galloways. Miniature Belted Galloways and Galloways. The cattle all looked great, and it was pleasing to see Murrumburrah High School exhibiting a pair of Galloway heifers which had been donated to them by Greenethorpe Galloways. The heifers teamed up to win the pair of heifers under 20 months, with Greenethorpe Tina going on to be awarded Reserve Junior Champion Galloway. Chelsea Filmer, Pageoway Belted Galloway Stud, received a special award for the most successful junior exhibitor across the whole beef cattle section of the Royal Canberra Show. This award was very well deserved with Chelsea's team of two Belted Galloway heifers and a junior Belted Galloway bull winning the Belted Galloway breeders group, as well as the bull, Pageoway Ugo receiving the sash for Junior and Grand Champion Belted Galloway bull. Pageoway Sushi was awarded Reserve Junior Champion female.

The popular Seymour Alternative Farming Expo held every year in Victoria always has members from the Australian Galloway Association displaying cattle and providing information about the Galloway family. The Expo is always well attended, usually around 20,000 people over the three days it runs. Our members always have much interest from visitors, with many sales made and people returning every year to talk Galloways and catch up.

The Association's Annual General Meeting and Field day for 2024 was held at the end of April. The field day on the Saturday attracted around 40 people, and Bree Francis, of "Bree's Bovine Behaviour – Natural Cowmanship" spent the morning demonstrating her methods for quietening cattle and teaching them to accept a halter and to be lead. Bree's approach was gentle and non- confronting to the cattle in the yards and she very quickly gained their confidence. It was quite amazing to watch the change in the cattle over the course of the morning. During the afternoon several of the more experienced members present demonstrated tattooing and height measuring of Miniature Galloways, and the day was finished off evaluating the structure of the cattle still in the yards. Night time saw members enjoy a delicious meal, followed by an informative and entertaining presentation from Allen and Lizette Snaith, Warialda Belted Galloway Beef. Their presentation covered their journey from the commencement of their now very successful paddock to plate operation, which has picked up many awards over the years and teamed with renowned chefs to promote their Belted Galloway Beef. A success story based on very hard work, dedication and



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unwavering belief in their product. The Annual General meeting on the Sunday saw Joanne Tesoriero, Fireglow Galloways, being elected as President, farewelling Malcolm Cock, Amberley Park, who did not stand for re-election.

During the winter months there have been several handlers' camps run by various organisations and in different states. Many of these camps are now open to adults, recognising the opportunity to help educate people who enter the beef industry a little later in life. They have been well attended by Association members who have all agreed they have learnt a great deal and picked up valuable skills along the way.

The spring shows commenced in September, with Royal Melbourne Show attracting several new exhibitors. There was a Galloway exhibitor, two Miniature Galloway exhibitors, both at their first Royal, and the first Miniature Galloway exhibitors for around 15 years. Alongside regular Belted Galloway exhibitors there were also two first time Belted Galloway exhibitors, including a dad with three pre-teenage children. By all reports the children stepped up, rolled up their sleeves and helped out tirelessly all week, making lots of new friends, earning the respect of other Association members and making their dad very proud. A good outlook for the beef industry with juniors like this becoming involved.

A couple of carcass competitions saw entries from Peter Koppman, Greenethorpe Galloways. Peter is passionate about carcass competitions and showcasing Galloway beef, and over the years would have to be the Association's most prolific entrant of Galloways and Galloway crosses in these competitions. At the Southern Schools Beef Spectacular, Murrumburrah High School exhibited Galloway steers bred by Peter. In the lightweight classes, the steers placed first and second. The first place winner then went on to be awarded Champion commercial steer on the hoof. Recently at the Albury Show Peter entered seven steers across the three different weight classes. In the trade vealer class Peter's Galloway X Charolais was awarded first place, and in the supermarket trade class Peters two Galloway entries were awarded first and third place. A sound result reflecting Peter's great breeding programme and Galloway genetics.

With the realisation that hypotrichosis is present in the Galloway and Belted Galloway herds within Australia, the committee of the Association has spent many hours researching this genetic condition, discussing it and compiling a management plan aiming to eventually eradicate the condition from its herd book. A consideration of the planning was how the management plan could be used to cope with any future genetic conditions which may arise. The Association is encouraging its members to test their cattle, a simple test using DNA from tail hairs, in an effort to identify carrier cattle and manage their breeding programmes accordingly.

You may have noticed the Association's new logo at the start of the slide show of the photos. The committee has overhauled the logo and slogan to give it a fresh new look, and has also launched a new website, which we are all very excited about, and which will be able to provide much more information than our previous website.

If any congress visitors are visiting Australia and would like to visit Galloway breeders please contact the Association's office which will be able to provide contact information and suggestions.

GALLOWAYS AUSTRALIA - NZ CONGRESS REPORT 2025

Galloways Australia again says G'day to old and new Congress friends at this fantastic New Zealand World Galloway Congress. We've seen some lovely cattle, beautiful scenery and enjoyed wonderful hospitality. It's a credit to the organisers and the New Zealand Society.

The important thing, that each association here represents, is the Galloway cattle breeds and their important economic/environmental attributes. Attributes that evolved over eons but are becoming increasingly relevant. Because Galloways are minority breeds, real evidence of their excellence is required to put the breeds in front of the cattle industry. Galloways Australia has specialised in collection of that evidence. I thank our UK and German colleagues for recommending Galloways Australia as a source of real information to a Romanian PhD candidate researching Galloways.

To illustrate that excellence, it is great to be able to share some fantastic Galloway Carcase Competition results with you, after all success with carcase results and carcase quality is what producing premium Galloways and Galloway meat is all about.

At Australia's premier carcase competition, the Sydney Royal Pure Breed Steer Carcase Competition, a Galloway carcase was awarded a Silver medal for a steer achieving 83.78 points out of 100 while another Galloway carcase was awarded a Bronze medal achieving 83.84 points with a 76.2 cm Eye Muscle Area and a Saleable Meat Yield of 63.54%. Galloway carcasses were then entered into the Show's Stan Hill Trophy competition judged on 3 steers from each breed's entries and selected by the breed. The Galloways came 5th out of 13 breeds. However, in a very tight finish, they were only 8.52 points out of 300 points behind the winner and were placed ahead of well-known breeds such as Angus, Hereford, Murray Grey and Speckle Park. At another well regarded Carcase Competition held at Hawksbury, NSW, a Galloway steer's carcase was awarded 87.95 points. These carcase competitions are scored on objectively measured attributes such as size of eye muscle, marbling, ossification and measured eating quality.



One of the steers from the Stan Hill team

Further evidence of the Galloways superior eating qualities was an approach to supply heavy, grass-fed Galloways steers for export processing to a Michelin hatted chef in Taiwan. The steers were to be slaughtered and processed into primals in Australia, the primals then airfreighted to Taiwan. A carcase price premium was offered. Due diligence was carried out with the assistance of the Australian Government and revealed no problems. The chef visited Australia tried a number of meat samples from different breeds, confirmed he considered Galloway beef remained his choice for flavour, juiciness and tenderness and confirmed he wanted 7-8 heavy carcasses (350+kg) a month. Then disappointment. There are

limited Australian export abattoirs, beef exports are currently at almost record levels BUT no export abattoir would process less than 100 carcasses a month for an individual organisation. So, Galloways Australia's exports to Taiwan are currently on hold. A positive of the exercise was it made Galloways Australia reconsider how group marketing can be encouraged.

Galloways Australia remains active in showing cattle at both Royal and local shows. This year at Royal Canberra there were 10 head plus calves in the senior female classes a great exhibition, show-casing the variations available for breeders to choose from.

Champion Senior Galloway Cow



Both "traditional" and "Modern" type females were exhibited with the judge awarding Supreme to a "traditional" type whose genetics hark back to the original imports from Scotland.



Grand Champion Senior Galloway Bull Junior, Grand and Supreme Galloway Royal Canberra 2024

Field Day activity remains a focus for Galloways Australia, putting Galloways in front of a wide audience that might not necessarily be familiar with Galloways and their great economic and high-quality beef attributes. Field days are a great way of attracting new members and buyers. At this Field Day, the public were impressed to see this 18 year old Belted Galloway cow with an excellent calf at foot. The 3 year old Galloway cow impressed the public with her solid build.



Murrumbateman Field Days





Mudgee Field Days



Galloway meatballs with sundried tomato

Both shows and field days are great platforms for attaching a Galloway Dinner and this year was no exception. All of Galloways Australia dinners feature Galloway beef often in innovative ways. Recipes can be requested by emailing the Galloways Australia's Secretary at gallowaysaustralia@gmail.com.

Members of Galloways Australia enjoyed the hospitality of the Swiss at the World Galloway Congress in Bern, Switzerland. A great program, great visits and a great technical program.

One of the items on the Swiss technical program was Hypotrichosis in Belted Galloways. Hypotrichosis causes cattle to be born with partial or full loss of hair which can not be treated. It is also found in Angus and Hereford cattle. After the Congress, Galloways Australia was shocked to learn Hypotrichosis affected Belted Galloway calves had been born in an Australian Belted Galloway Association herd. Galloways Australia took immediate steps to ensure Galloways Australia's Belted Galloway Register was "ring-fenced" to prevent the introduction of Hypotrichosis into Galloways Australia. Galloways Australia undertook genetic testing to eliminate the known carrier and advised all major international associations that the introduction of overseas genetics would require a negative Hypotrichosis genetic test before acceptance into the Galloways Australia Herdbook. Further details are on the Galloways Australia website www.gallowaysaustralia.com.au.

Galloways Australia was incredibly shocked to find that Australian Galloway Association black Galloways had been born with Hypotrichosis. (It should be noted that there are 3 associations registering the Galloway breeds in Australia). The same actions that were put in place for Belted Galloways are now in place for Galloways. Hypotrichosis has never been known in Galloways, it is hoped that it is a recent happening and that genetic testing of the first known Galloway carrier's sire and dam progeny, if undertaken, will limit the future testing required. That advice has been provided to the Australian Galloway Association.

While further testing is required, it is considered that Hypotrichosis is not in Galloways Australia animals (Belted or Galloway) and if it is detected Galloways Australia has determined that it should be eliminated from Galloways Australia animals in the same manner as alpha-mannosidosis was eliminated decades ago.

Galloways Australia continues research into the Galloway breeds' genetic basis of the Galloway's economically important characteristics e.g. feed efficiency, marbling ability, calving ease, non-selective grazing habit. This is with a view to having research to prove the genetic basis of these characteristics undertaken in Australia.

It has been noted that while there is UK/European research supporting Galloway breeds as "conservation" grazers, highlighting their non-selective grazing habit and ability to turn woody forage into excellent beef, there is virtually no research demonstration that Galloway breeds can fulfill such a role in Australia, a country having very different conditions and foliage to that of Europe. Galloways Australia is therefore collecting all available "conservation" grazing data that it can locate in order to present that data to both funding bodies and research bodies to enable Australian research.

If anyone has information regarding studies/research relating to the Galloway's "conservation" grazing abilities or the genetic basis for the Galloway's economically important characteristics, could you please email details to the Galloways Australia Secretary at gallowaysaustralia@gmail.com .

New content is continuing to be added to Galloways Australia's website. So please visit www.gallowaysaustralia.com.au or check us out on Facebook to learn more about Galloways Australia's promotion of and protection of Galloway genetics. If you have questions regarding Galloway genetics our in-house Master of Genetic Science may be able to assist you.

Questions?

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Galloways Australia

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Austria

REPORT: AUSTRIA

Best regards to the chairwomen WGC 2025 Angela Mc NAUGHTON. As well as all participating nations here in the beautiful south of New Zealand. I am happy that I am the only one who can represent my home country AUSTRIA here. Unfortunately, our breeders association has been dissolved by the departure of Fred Zehetner. I have been trying for some time to set up a new breeding club throughout Austria - unfortunately still in vain.

As a member of the German Federal Association of Galloway breeders and the Scottish Breeding Association, I am still on the road in my state of Lower-Austria with breeders in exchange of experience with breeders, in 2009 despite my age-related assignment in 2009 of my Galloway breeding (handover of 190 heads of Galloways all 4 color-strokes to my stepson Markus Dryje).

Unfortunately, I could not persuade any of my colleagues to take over my position in the World Congress and continue to lead it.

But as far as my health allows, I will continue to take over this output. It was for me the time since the foundation (the first years with Fred Zehetner-BOA Farm together) always a further enrichment of my Galloway knowledge that I try to pass on to my breeders.

Attached are some data about the Galloway breeding in Austria:

In 2024 there are 42 Galloway-farms with 167 herd cows divided into 8 federal states were kept in the breeding association - Galloway currently the third place behind Scottish Highlands and Angus.

Lower Austria	10 breeders with 52 herd cows,
Upper Austria	12 breeders with 66 herd cows,
Styria	5 breeders with 11 herd cows,
Salzburg	3 breeders with 16 herd cows,
Carinthia	3 breeders with 7 herd cows,
Vorarlberg	1 breeder with 2 herd cows,
Burgenland	1 breeder with 1 herd cow,

The number of beef-cattle-companies with their cows was

2021	= 2816 farms with 27189 cows,
2022	= 2813 farms with 26848 cows,
2023	= 2905 farms with 27348 cows,
2024	= 2917 farms with 27600 cows.

The meat performance controls at Galloway were in 2024:

	birth weight	200 days weight	daily increase	365 days weight	daily inc
male	30,8 kg	210,9 kg	879 gramm	311,8 kg	760 gramm
female	28,1 kg	188,2 kg	774 gramm	283,1 kg	685 gramm

This would be the data on Galloway-breeding in Austria, with a slight positive increase to be seen.

So I wish the organizer a good end to this year's World Congress and thank you very much for the beautiful time with unique experiences and for the help and that come in - meet you see you again 2027.

GALLOWAY IN BULGARIA

Prof. Dobri Yarkov

**Rector of Trakia
University**





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- ✓ Scientific research for **sustainable** breeding in the context of climate changes
- ✓ Providing and ensuring the **food security**



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- ✓ Scientific research and student training
- ✓ Sustainable land use studies and pasture-based systems
- ✓ **Land reclamation in post-coal mining areas**
- ✓ Preserve biodiversity and improve soil health



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THANK YOU

Prof. Dobri Yarkov

**Rector of Trakia
University**



Canada

CGA Report

Hello to all from Canada. It is my pleasure to share about the Canadian Galloway Association from the past year.

Let's start out in chronological order. Last January Canada was represented by Glenfiddich Galloways of Ontario at the National Western Stock show in Denver, Colorado, USA. They represented well with a nice string of Galloways and were able to find new homes for some of them south of the border. The spring brought some junior shows and 4-H achievement days that had multiple youth with Galloway or Galloway influenced calves being shown. Its always great to see youth involvement. In late summer the Eastern Canadian Galloway Association hosted the first in person annual meeting since before the pandemic. It was held in Owen sound, Ontario. The last few years were conducted remotely so was nice to get folks together again in person for business and social activities. Fall brought more junior shows and breed shows across the country. One in particular being the 50th Anniversary of Farmfair International in Edmonton, Alberta. In conjunction with the 50th the Canadian Galloway Association had its first National show in quite some time. It was well attended with 35 entries from 6 different breeders. Those to show were Big Deal Galloways the Horveys of Delburne, AB, Pearly Watt Farm the Kendal-Price girls of Tomahawk, AB, Robertson West Livestock the Robertsons of Caroline, AB, Suncrest Farm the Salter/Blakes of Listowel, ON, TRI R WAY Livestock the Robertsons of Phelpston, ON and Whistling Heights Galloways the Tensens of Rocky Mountian House, AB. It was a great show that was well attended by exhibitors and spectators alike. Here are some of the results for the day. Grand Champion Bull was Big Deal Lets Dream 20L, Grand Champion Female was R WAY Bangles 11B with heifer calf at side RWL Bangles 22M, Breeders Herd was won by Pearly Watt farm and Premier Breeder & Exhibitor was won by Robertson West Livestock. The Royal Winter Fair in Toronto, ON is another popular show in the fall that was attended by a couple of juniors showing Galloway heifers. These juniors did a great job representing the breed in the all breeds junior heifer show!

As a whole in Canada the cattle industry is at all time highs for prices. Thus, being driven by the lowest cow herd numbers in North America since the 50's and the growing demand of beef worldwide. The only disappointing thing from the last year from an export perspective for Canadian Genetics is the new regulations regarding embryo production for Europe.

Yours truly,

Canadian Galloway Association President

Brian Robertson

Germany

Greetings to the World Galloway Family from our Germany breeders.

Thank you for this amazing programme and the great hospitality.

On the last Conference in Switzerland the focus from our report was on direct marketing Galloway beef.

This year we show you pictures from our young handlers and showtime results.

I like to start with one short description of the general situation about working with Galloway Beef cattle in Germany and a view for the future.

My first heading:

A lot of work- little pay

In Germany, around 700 000 suckler cows graze and care for around one million hectares of Grassland, more than 58 000 cows are listed in the herd book on almost 5000 breeding farms.

Galloways being 7% (45000 animals)

around 4000 are in the Galloway herd book .

The size of the companies says a lot.

In the west with mostly under 10 cows, in the east 10 to 20 , almost everything is operated as a part time job.

You can count on one hand the number of Galloway farms that have their main income being from the Galloways.

It is considered good, who achieves significant remuneration, as minimum wage is rarely reached.

Traditional farms with beef cattle farming will hardly exist, as it is a one generation model. Often the parents have milked, whom now support the suckler cows are now being kept on as free workers, as the grandchildren no longer want to sacrifice their free time in addition to the job.

There are new commers with no experience

- one with the a lot of enthusiasm,
- one with a lot of money from other businesses, But this does not help the Galloway suckler cows be a sustainable population .

Having these people embark a short term commitment, lasting maybe twenty years.

Second heading :

Working with great animals

In the long term, it is desirable that the Galloway breeding cows maintain their place in German agriculture.

Profit cannot to be expected with such low unit productivity, rising lease prices and the increasing workload at the desk.

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NEW ZEALAND
27 MARCH – 2 APRIL 2025

NEW ZEALAND COUNTRY REPORT

GALLOWAY CATTLE SOCIETY
OF
NEW ZEALAND (INC)



The Galloway Cattle Society of New Zealand (GCSNZ) is proud to be hosting the 2025 World Galloway Congress and welcome the overseas delegates to our beautiful Country.

Our membership remains strong with 102 financial members, 20+ new studs were registered in the 2023-24 years, most of these herds being White or Belted, with 1 new Riggite and 1 Standard, evenly spread across the country.

In 2022 the Society adopted a cloud based database called Breedmate as an electronic format for the Herd Book. Animal and member information that had previously been stored in databases maintained by an external provider was imported into Breedmate and this went live in October 2022. Breedmate is maintained by the Society and operated by the Society's Registrar. Members can now complete Calf Returns and Annual Herd Audits online instead of completing paper forms that have to be posted to the Registrar, saving time and money. Still in the process of development is getting registration certificates generated from Breedmate once a calf is registered.

Sadly our society lost a longstanding and highly respected member when 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.

In November 2024 Suzanne Kernohan was presented with her Honorary Life Membership Award. This was in recognition of over 50 years of breeding pedigree Belted Galloways at Tatua Ma Stud, Herd #24B founded in 1968 at Ngaruawahia in the Waikato and her dedication to the promotion of the breed. The Stud name in Maori means White Belt.

New Zealand breeders had 5 cattle selected for the 2024 "Galloway - Champion of the World" Competition!

With 3 winning

2024 "Galloway - Champion of Asia/Africa/Oceania" GOLD: New Zealand – White - Mountain View Sydney,

2024 "Galloway - Miss Asia/Africa/Oceania" GOLD: New Zealand – Belted - Flemington Patee 59 and BRONZE:

New Zealand – Riggite Cherrybank Dark Rive

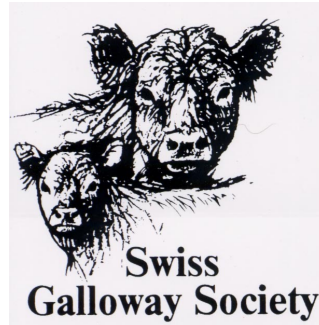
The 2024 AGM Weekend was hosted by our Southern Breeders in Dunedin; those attending enjoyed the spectacular countryside as we bused between Galloway herds and local attractions. The formal Dinner was followed by the Virtual Show which is always a highlight of the weekend and a chance for everyone to celebrate the beautiful cattle breed by our members. Each class was well represented and Mountain View Sydney was named Champion of Champions.

In our autumn newsletter Members were introduced to a new Certificate – Any owner or breeder of a registered Galloway Cow that has had 8 or more calves can apply for a Grand Dam Certificate". Several have now been issued stating the Cow's name, DOB, Herd Book number and a photo of said cow.

I look forward to meeting Galloway Breeds from overseas, and hope everyone enjoys their New Zealand experience.

Sarah Pinfold
NZ Delegate

World Galloway Conference 2025



Country report Switzerland

Swiss Country Report WGC NZ 2025

**8,7 Mio
Inhabitants**

**41'285 km²
surface**



Statistics: Swiss Galloway Society 2024

Total members Swiss Galloway Society	127
New Members	9
Members leaving SGS	7
Galloway Herds	112
Registered Herd Book Cows by Mothercow Switzerland	511
Registered and chipped Herd Book Bulls	41

Weather in Switzerland 2024 went crazy: Drought, flodding, long rain periods and early winter with tons of snow make farmers lives difficult!

We observed local outbreaks of **blue tongue disease**

Modern breeding lines: tendency bigger and heavier due to profit deliberations

Genetics

All herd book bulls in Switzerland are chipped and so a whole lot of genes are easily detected. E.g.

- Hypotrichosis,
- tibial hemimelia,
- alpha Mannosidosis,
- hepatic lipodystrophy

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Swiss Country Report WGC NZ 2025

Consequences of Brexit for Galloway trade:

Prizes are going up dramatically. Good bulls cost up to 30'000 Euros.

Events

Course of the value chain of Swiss Galloway Meat

Organized visits to neighbouring Galloway farmers

Different shows with Galloway sales

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Jubilee: 2026 SGS will celebrate its 30 years Jubilee

With the great help of Horst Kraft the Swiss breeders make travel plans to visit Scotland in summer of 2026 (visit some farms and a show).

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Understanding the value chain in Swiss Galloways

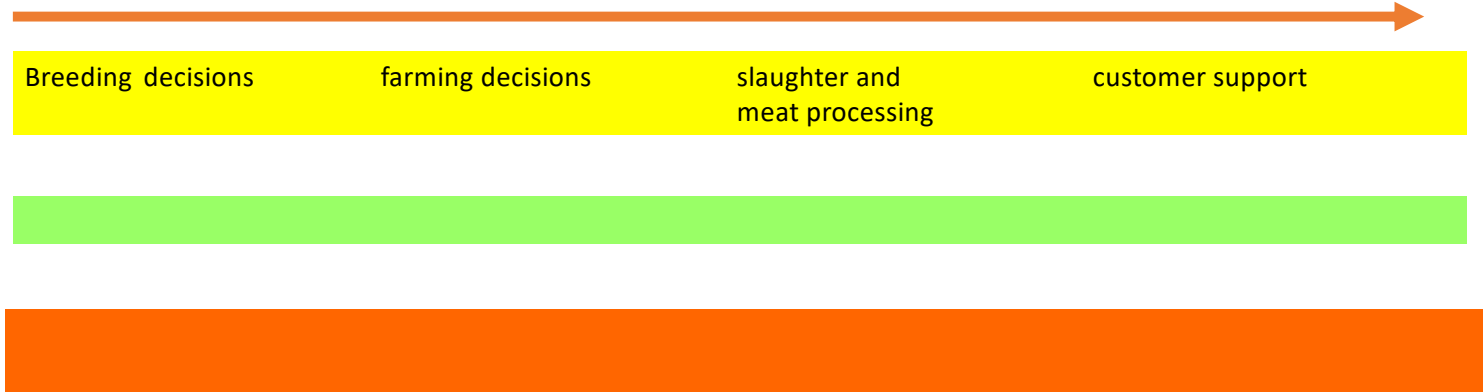
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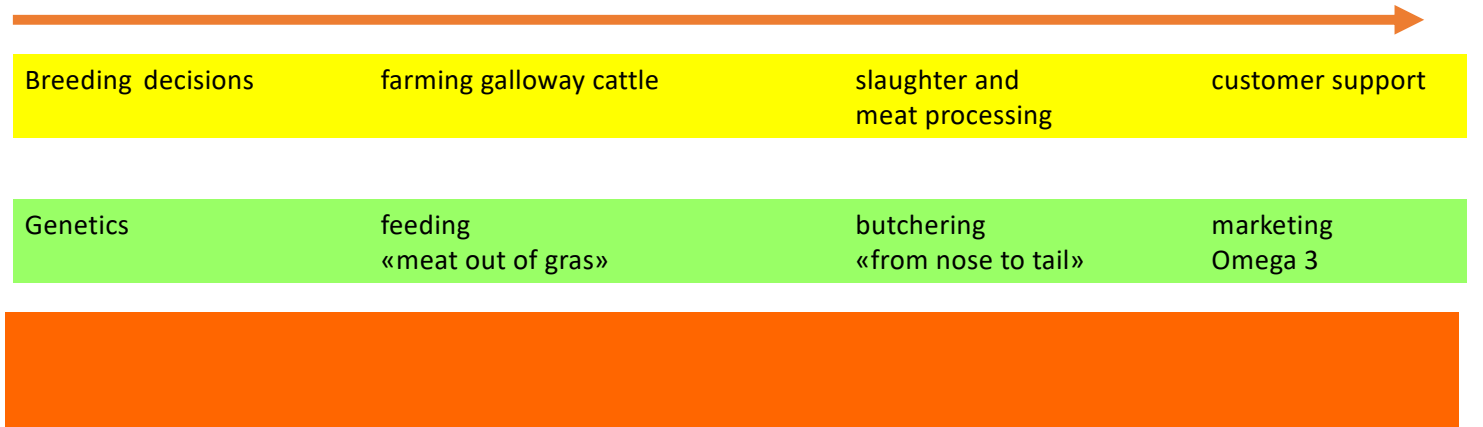
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Value chain in Swiss Galloways



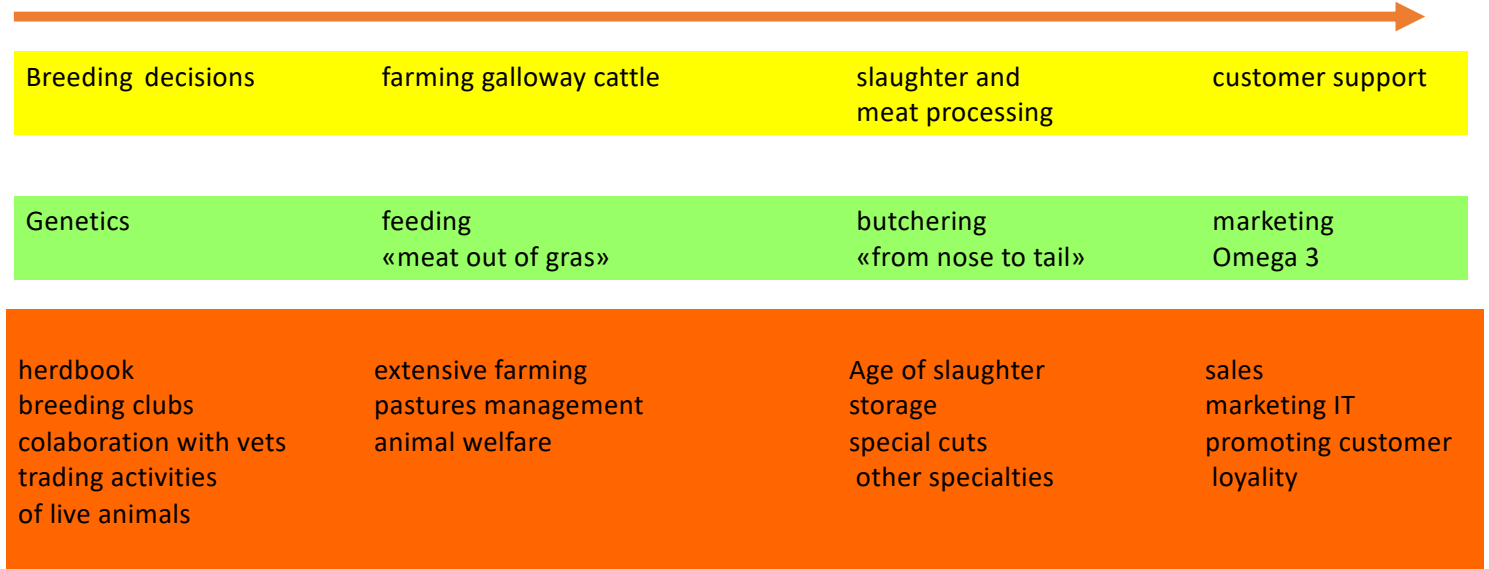
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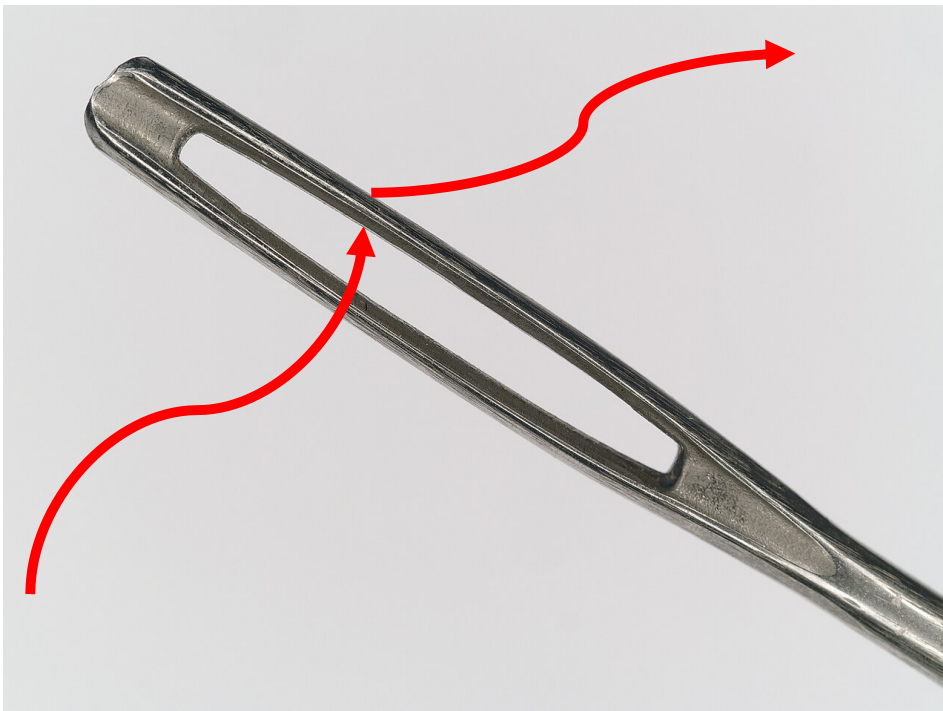


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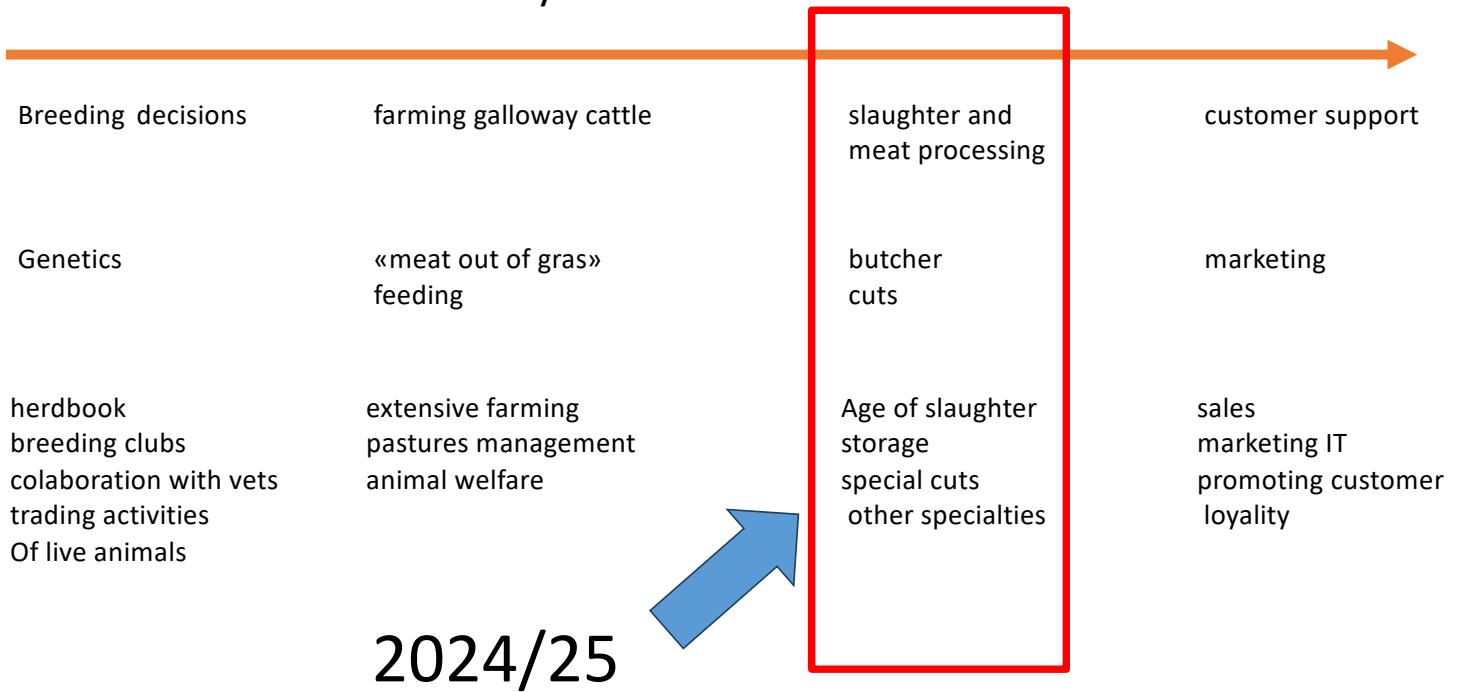


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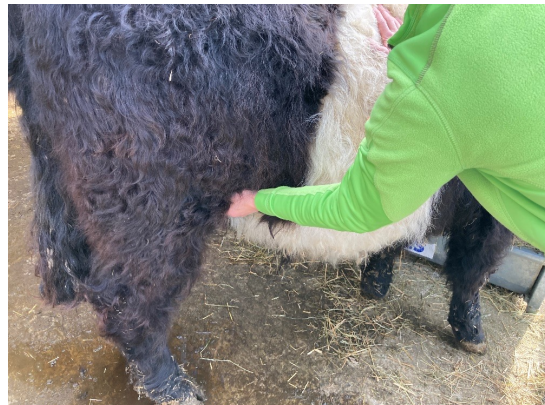


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UK Belted Galloway

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As you can imagine, these prices are highly welcome. Having said that, the cost of inputs has been steadily rising, with a average annual increase of 7.3% over the last five years. By early 2024 fertilizer prices started to stabilize, though they remain much higher than pre-crisis levels, and the average price of animal feed in the UK has decreased to approximately £357 per tonne. One key factor driving high beef prices is the decline in the national beef herd, with beef cow numbers dropping by 3.8% to 1.4 million animals, marking the largest annual decrease in over a decade. Other contributing factors include diminishing margins, a lack of labour, and the significant investment required to purchase and maintain any class of cattle for a viable beef operation.

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UK Riggitt Galloway

Riggitt Galloway Cattle Society (UK)

After decades in the wilderness of not having a recognised ‘pedigree’ home, Riggitt marked Galloways have once more taken their place. After a faltering start in the 1980’s, when the late Honourable Miss Flora Stuart brought together some chance-bred UK animals and their owners, a group subsequently coalesced on the 5th February 2007, to form the RGCS.

The Society steadily found its footing, and numbers of both herds and breeders crept up, carefully using the occasional Riggitt throwbacks on other registered Galloways. There are now some 300 registered breeding females across 40 herds in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland.

A key part of the Society’s early success has been a handful of breeders taking their striking looking beasts out on the show circuit. While usually thrown into the ‘Any other native breed’ classes, they created ripples wherever they were led out, picking up new aficionados. Happily, some UK shows are now holding mixed Galloway classes, where the whole Galloway family can compete, providing a beautiful spectacle.

Another early help was the kind Patronage of HRH The Prince of Wales – Prince Charles as he then was. Known for his support of rare and minority breeds of livestock, and also the extensive grass based style of farming Galloways are given to, his backing has been immeasurable. A further feather in the Society’s cap came after his succession to the throne, when he graciously continued his support in his new role. Having HM King Charles III as Patron gives the Society a presence, arguably beyond its stature.

The UK based Society also took it upon themselves to help various overseas groups start saving and promoting the Riggits they were breeding. Some of these groups are now well able to speak for themselves, not least in New Zealand.

Recent works and actions include great successes in the post-Covid photographic competitions around the world. Some UK breeders are carrying out work studying carcase eating quality – notably rather than carcase shape, on the basis that chasing a more muscled beast is venturing into a market better served by other breeds. Rather UK Riggitt breeders are mostly focussed on the traditional Galloway shape and character, and its ability to thrive on poor fodder, and in extremes of climate.

Other traits being looked into are lines showing extremes of fecundity. Breeding early and fast isn’t necessarily something you’d expect in Galloways, especially on native grass diets. Nonetheless, there are Riggitt lines exhibiting this highly commercial attribute.

With the worlds focus on the supposed evils of intensive farming, it could be that the Galloway’s time is really come again, and the Riggits are – in some opinions - the nicest looking too!

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USA - AGBA

2025 World Galloway Conference

We send you our greetings from the American Galloway Breeders Association (AGBA). It is great to be here with fellow Galloway enthusiasts! Thank you to all who took their time and effort to plan and make this conference happen.

The American Galloway Breeders Association is remaining active promoting the benefits of Galloways, providing the registrations and maintaining pedigree records.

The AGBA sponsors 2 Galloway shows each year. The National Western Stock Show held in January at the Stock Show Grounds in Denver, Colorado. If you ever get a chance to attend this show, do so. It has been held for over 120 years in the same area in Denver. Galloways were one of the original breeds that exhibited there at the first NWSS. We are expecting a good turnout of exhibitors at the 2026 show. The other show is the World Beef Expo held in September in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. We are expecting a good turnout of exhibitors for this one as well.

The AGBA now has a Riggitt section of our herd book. This was created after a lengthy discussion of the committee of White Galloway breeders and Riggitt supporters. The committee presented this section to the board of directors and it was approved in the fall of 2023. The AGBA is also looking at other items or issues to update in order to keep the AGBA a viable organization. The AGBA will be publishing a North American Semen and Embryo Catalog that will be available later in the Spring of 2025.

We are looking forward to gathering with all of you at this conference. It is always great to meet and visit other Galloway Breeders!

Thanks for being here!

From the American Galloway Breeders Association.

