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CEO's Message

Rohan Butler
CEO, Holstein Australia



IDW success a sign of hope for 2022

When many of us first heard the word Omicron in mid-December our thoughts turned to the possibility of IDW being cancelled a second time.

Fortunately, that wasn't the case. While numbers were down compared to previous years, the show highlighted the importance of being able to catch up with industry colleagues face-to-face.

This issue of the Journal reports on our IDW barbecue – our first in-person member event since September 2019 – along with Power of Women in Dairying and the Youth Challenge, all events that highlight that we are a family industry with many relationships built up over time.

I think we'll see in-person events and meetings increase this year, though blended with online meetings, more for time saving, cost and travel efficiencies rather than social distancing.

That's certainly Holstein Australia's intent. Services Extension Officer Simon Adams is planning interstate trips over the next few months, and we've some 'out of town' board and committee meetings in the works. By the time you read this all borders should be open, and the classification team and other staff will be able to move among the whole membership again.

Quality animals

One thing the pandemic has not affected is the quality or value of Holstein cattle. Congratulations to Matt & Nicola Templeton with View Fort Dictator Dottie crowned Grand Champion and taking out the Interbreed competition.

Holsteins showed strongly in the interbreed competition with Lightning Ridge CMD Thunder Nico-TW (Kelly Bleijendaal, Mal Nikora and Busybrook Holsteins NZ) taking out the junior interbreed competition and Eclipse Altitude J Princess – (Robsvue Holsteins SA and Busybrook Holsteins) Reserve Intermediate Interbreed Champion.

The growing reputation of Australian Holstein genetics internationally was underlined at IDW with a visit to the HA stand by 'Hass' Hassan of Pakistan's HRM Dairies and Genetics Australia (GA). The interview we did at IDW has been viewed thousands of times on Facebook and we look forward to supporting Hass and GA to further develop this important market for Australian Holstein genetics.

Herdbook integrity

HA recently convened a working group to examine an issue that arises from time to time where the validity of some registered animals sold is not what the purchaser expects. Areas of focus include:

- animal does not match the advertised pedigree when DNA tested
- animal's Embryo Transfer (ET) history not declared before sale and previous owner registers progeny after sale
- animal sold as registered is not registered
- transfer not completed in a reasonable timeframe.

The working group will make recommendations to the Board on how to reduce the chances of this occurring. Working group members include Shane Railton (Belrue), Glenn Gordon (Gorbro), Jacqui Soares (Calderbrae) and Scott Lord from DLS. I expect to be able to update members on progress over the next couple of months.

Virtual Holstein Spectacular

On the back of last year's successful competition the STG Australia Virtual Holstein Spectacular kicks off this month.

Last year's 'online on-farm' competition was intended as a one-off event to replace the 2020 Semex-Holstein Australia On-farm Competition, which was unable to go ahead due to COVID restrictions.

At one of HA's regular Zoom sub-branch catch ups, it became clear how well the

competition had been received and that there was member demand for the competition to continue in its own right.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for competition updates and look out for an email with all the entry details, plus see the article later in this issue.

Dairy House

With almost all COVID restrictions lifted HA is beginning a phased return of office staff to Dairy House. It seems strange that, in many ways, this will be almost as big a change as when we first began working from home back in March 2020.

The systems we put in place, combined with the adaptability of our staff, have served us very well over the last couple of years. I remember the doom and gloom stories about less productivity with most of the country working from home. That certainly hasn't been the case at HA, with use of core services, and the back end-work required to make that happen, increasing over that time.

Vale Delia Worth

As we return to the office we'll be missing one friend and colleague very much. Delia retired from HA in December after nearly 30 years, most recently as our Database Analyst, and passed away in early January.

At IDW, the high regard Delia was held in by many members was apparent with many sharing memories of speaking or working with her. An obituary for Delia, contributed to by her friends and colleagues, appears on page 8.

With a wetter than average summer for most, I hope everyone has a productive and successful autumn season. I'm hoping for a little less time on Zoom and more time getting out and about to member and sub-branch events over the next few months and look forward to catching up with as many of you as possible. **HJ**

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STG Australia Virtual Holstein Spectacular is underway!

If you've checked your email or been on our Facebook page you'll know that the STG Australia Virtual Holstein Spectacular kicks off on 15 March. Here's all you need to know to enter.

Jump on the Holstein Australia competitions website page for all the details.

There are five classes, from 2-year-olds through to 6-year-olds and over, with a limit of two entries per class per entrant. Members can select the classes they are entering, animals they want to enter and their Sub-Branch from a drop down menu, attach their video, hit send, and that's it.

Like last year, all that is required is an owner-filmed video of each cow entered. If you are not sure if your video is up to scratch, check out the sample video on the website.

Competition format

Each Sub-Branch has the opportunity to hold its own competition, with the top two animals per class going through to the regional competition, and the top two per class from the regional comp going through to the national final. At regional and national level

there are trophies for winners and placegetters, with cash prizes at national level.

The competition will run to 28 April with Sub-branch, Regional and National judging and all winner announcements taking place during May. Like last year the National Finals Presentation will be streamed on the HA Facebook page, with a prize pool of \$1,250 per class at National level.

Entry is only open to registered animals and is free. Animals registered during the competition period can also be entered.

Good luck to all our entrants!



What makes a Master Breeder?

The Holstein Australia Master Breeder Award recognises the long-term achievement of individuals and their families who have bred at least 300 registered animals over a minimum of 20 years.

To determine whether a membership has achieved the accolade of Master Breeder points are awarded across production, STP, and classification scores and breeding (Star Brood awards), with the total number of points accrued needing to exceed the

Points contributing to 38 Master Breeder Herds

	Production	Lifetime Production (LTP)	Superior Total Production (STP)	Classification and Star Brood Cow	Total
Total Points	12408	10302	1222	39543	63475
% of points	20%	16%	2%	62%	100

total number of females bred over the 20-year period.

An analysis of the stats of some of the Master Breeder herds recognised since 2014, shows that excellence in breeding

and classification are key to achieving Master Breeder status

The table above shows that for the 38 herds analysed, points were distributed across the categories that make up the award: production (36%), STP (2%) and class scores and breeding – SBC (62%).

The Breed Development and Conformation Committee periodically reviews the production benchmarks that make up the animal awards. This review accommodates movements in herd production that will ultimately contribute to the makeup of the Master Breeder award.

Are you on your way to being a Master Breeder? To book your next classification visit contact Leanne on 0458 931 061.

Master Breeders 2021

Prefix	Name	Location	
Yelverdale	Claire Anne	Southern WA	2nd Award
Glyncol	Gerard Collins	North-Western Vic	
Byrne Lea	Craig & Fiona Fisher	Western Districts, Vic	
GlenJoy	Sandra Rathjen	Fleurieu & Central SA	2nd award
Rockwella Farm	Wes Hurrell	Fleurieu & Central SA	
Billabong	Steve Afford	Fleurieu & Central SA	
Misty Brae	Gino & Mandy Pacitti	Fleurieu & Central SA	

New year, new classifier

Holstein Australia is pleased to welcome Rebecca Haebich to the Classification Team.

The South Australian dairy farmer brings a range of skills to the team, including her herd testing and herd management experience.

Rebecca began her classification training with experts Phil Hentschke and Richard Anderson in November 2021 and has since spent time with each classifier.

When asked why she applied for the job Rebecca said her herd was classified a lot over the years and she always thought it was a critical job.

"I just love cows and I'm really keen to greet members, see some good Aussie cows and make it enjoyable for everyone," Rebecca said.

You may recognise Rebecca from her days

in the show ring or you may know her family. Her parents, Brian and Maria, of Athol Farm at Taillem Bend, SA, are long-standing Holstein Australia members, milking up to 160 cows. They have one of the longest registered herds in South Australia and have helped organise the Murray Bridge Calf Day over the past 20 years. They also bred Athol Farm Echo Pietje 19th, the first South Australian cow to milk 200,000 pounds (90,700 kg).

Rebecca's new role results from the increasing demand for classification; with Holstein Australia predicting a rise in services over the next year.

Classification Coordinator Leanne Summerville said the demand was prevalent even without the states and territories which have been excluded from the class tour over the past two years due to border restrictions.



Rebecca Haebich

Holstein Australia CEO Rohan Butler welcomed Rebecca on board.

"With Rebecca's reputation, industry knowledge and quick learning skills, it is without a doubt that she will make a great addition to the team".

Vale Delia Worth

It is with great sadness that Holstein Australia acknowledges the passing of our colleague, Delia Worth.

Delia was an integral part of the Holstein Australia family, having worked with the company for 29 years, first beginning as a Research Officer in 1986 and later as a Database Analyst from 2002 until December last year when she retired.

She was one of the pioneers of the earliest and current ABRI database system and Canadian classification scheme.

During her career, her responsibilities included processing animal records and lactation data from data processing centres. She worked with AI companies on progeny testing (LTE) and undertook many number-crunching and problem-solving tasks in the background.

Delia was widely known across Australia, particularly within the herd improvement industry, and was often the face of Holstein Australia to the data processing centres and AI companies.

Delia was raised on a dairy farm and had a Degree in Agricultural Science from La Trobe University.

She was a natural problem-solver who



Delia at Dairy House

consistently brought a unique perspective to every task she encountered and she never ceased teaching and learning.

Member Services Officer Celia Evans said, "Delia was the best database we had! Unlike computers, Delia understood everybody and accepted everybody for who they were.

"She was always there to lean on, always there to help and was always someone to laugh with. We will all miss her dearly."

Delia was known for her incredibly cheeky sense of humour, her quirkiness and intense power of concentration that was impossible to break (commonly referred to as being on 'Planet Delia'). She was full of surprises and her love for animals was evidently clear. HA staff were consistently amused during Zoom meetings, when animals would appear on her lap or shoulder; including chickens and possums.

HA communication consultant Adam Sawell said, "In one meeting there was a pause in the conversation and I asked if anyone could hear crickets. Delia confessed, 'oh that's me; I breed them'. She was sitting at her computer with a tub full of crickets. To my shock she then mentioned that you could eat them."

Soon after, Delia turned up to work with a selection of flavoured crickets, including chilli dark chocolate, milk chocolate and chilli and garlic. "I must say, after a taste I absolutely loved them all," Adam said.

Last December, Delia made the difficult decision to retire after battling health issues for a number of years and celebrated her retirement at Dairy House with her peers, colleagues and husband Eric and son Hamish.

Her death in January comes as a shock and Delia will always be in our thoughts and will be missed by the Holstein community.



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Attracting the right talent to the farm

Finding employees isn't a task Sharon and Darren Parrish take lightly.

The NSW Holstein Australia members (Darradale Holsteins, Far South Coast) understand that good employees are one of a farm business's greatest assets.

With the right staff, Sharon and Darren have more time to invest in their dairy and beef operation. Good employees also ensure they can get away from the farm and avoid burn-out.

Working with Sharon and Darren is an opportunity for employees to develop industry skills through training courses, work flexibly and live on a farm.

Developing this understanding and knowledge about themselves and their business took Sharon and Darren years.

It included industry research, training programs, former staff feedback and personal development. "It takes time," she said. "You can and will develop and improve your skills as an employer if you work on it."

Sharon spoke at the 2021 online Dairy Research Foundation Symposium, telling the audience how she and Darren recruited their most recent employees.

When Sharon and Darren needed staff for their 200-cow Riverview Farm dairy operation, they first looked at themselves.

"We identified our needs," Sharon said. "Where did we want our business to be in

five years? Who did we need to employ to help us get there? Then we put a lot of this down through Plan on a Page – through Dairy Australia."

This self-assessment included reiterating their farm's vision – to produce top quality milk from happy and healthy cows while protecting the river, creeks, flora, fauna, and natural environment.

They also considered what made their business attractive for prospective employees.

"(Developing an) attractive package doesn't necessarily mean a lot of money, it was also about the lifestyle we could offer on our farm, being flexible and helping them build wealth through growing their own dairy herd and helping them start up their careers in the industry," Sharon said.

"We spoke to people we trusted within our industry regarding packages, (asking about) experiences they have had in employing people and inquired about people in the industry looking for work."

The next step was to contact people who were looking for work.

"We wanted to be hands-on and speak to them ourselves and be involved in the process so we could get a good feel for the people we were looking at," Sharon said.

"We had several conversations over time, we didn't rush this process, we wanted to take our time and get it right."

Thanks to industry contacts, Sharon and Darren were told about a young couple and industry enthusiasts John Perkins and Shayne Gee.

John and Shayne had 15 dairy cows and heifers and were looking for new employment following the sale of the farm where they worked.

The interview process

John and Darren spoke by phone several times before John and Shayne visited the Parrish farm for a meeting.

"We sat down and discussed the package we put together, our farm vision or direction and our expectations," Sharon said.

"We also discussed training and development opportunities.

"John and Shayne got the opportunity to ask any questions of us about the package and tell us about their plans and goals for the future. Their ambitions and direction they wanted to go."

This informal on-farm meeting also provided John and Shayne with a good opportunity to view the farm and local area before deciding, Sharon said.

Conducting the interview in a relaxed setting was crucial to ensuring everyone could "be themselves," she said.

Working through Sharon and Darren's copy of Plan on a Page, the two couples discussed the farm goals and business vision, key focus areas, goals, and actions.

The Parrishes provided John and Shayne with copies of all documents for reference.

The outcome

John and Shayne now work and live on the Parrish farm, with their 2½-year-old son Chace and baby daughter Sienna.

They started in December 2020, after a 6-9 month recruitment campaign by the Parrishes.

John and Shayne have embraced the NSW South Coast – John has even judged the Jersey portion of a local dairy competition.

Sharon said the fact John and Shayne had their own animals showed their interest and commitment to animal welfare, while also giving them skin in the game.



Darren and Sharon Parrish recognise the value of good employees.



Cow ownership wasn't essential for new staff at the Parrish farm, but as Holstein breeders and an active Ginfo herd – contributing data to the improvement of Australia's genetics – and part of the industry's calf vitality study, Sharon said it was great to know John and Shayne had a keen interest in cattle.

Sharon and Darren are passionate about developing the next generation of dairy farmers and believe the industry is also responsible for helping farmers attract staff.

"One reason I believe it is hard to get staff is because of industry image," Sharon told the Symposium.

"We need to market ourselves, our industry and our products in a positive way. We need to ensure our cows and calves are healthy, well-cared for and we have animal welfare as a high priority. We produce high quality nutritious products, and we need to ensure we get that message out to the marketplace and community.

"Working on a dairy is meaningful work and there is plenty of opportunity to develop grow and step up to the next level. Whether it's moving into a management role, sharefarming, leasing or buying your own dairy. It's up to us to be promoting it."

For the 11 years before Sharon became an employer, she was an employee. This experience working off-farm and for someone else, gave her a valuable insight into what kind of employer she'd like to be.

From this foundation, she continued

The Parrishs' employment tool kit:

- The People in Dairy website: download forms and specific industry information.
- NSW Farmers Industrial Relations: annual subscription service, can speak with an industry professional.
- Discussion group: chatting with fellow farmers about problems and solutions.
- Worksafe website: information about regulations and requirements
- Industry people and networks: tapping into other's knowledge.
- Course: Employing made easy.
- Dairy Australia resources: ESKI, Dairy Passport, Our Farm Our Plan
- Workplace Health and Safety and Worksafe training courses
- Course: The 7 habits of highly effective people

to learn and develop her skills as an employer and through courses learnt tips and techniques to create an "irresistible" workplace.

Examples of her training included personal development and leadership, legal and industrial relations.

"It's as much about training ourselves as it is about training our staff," Sharon told the Symposium.

Sharon and Darren have employed people for 26 years now.

Their first foray into employing staff resulted in someone staying with their business for 14 years, but Sharon said they also had their fair-share of ups and downs.

"From each and every one of these experiences, we've tried to learn and develop our skills as an employer," Sharon said. "Every time we've had an employee move on, we ask for feedback from them to know where we are going well or what we really need to work on to make us better employers."

Working to personal strengths

A self-confessed "do it myself" person, Sharon told the Symposium she isn't a natural employer.

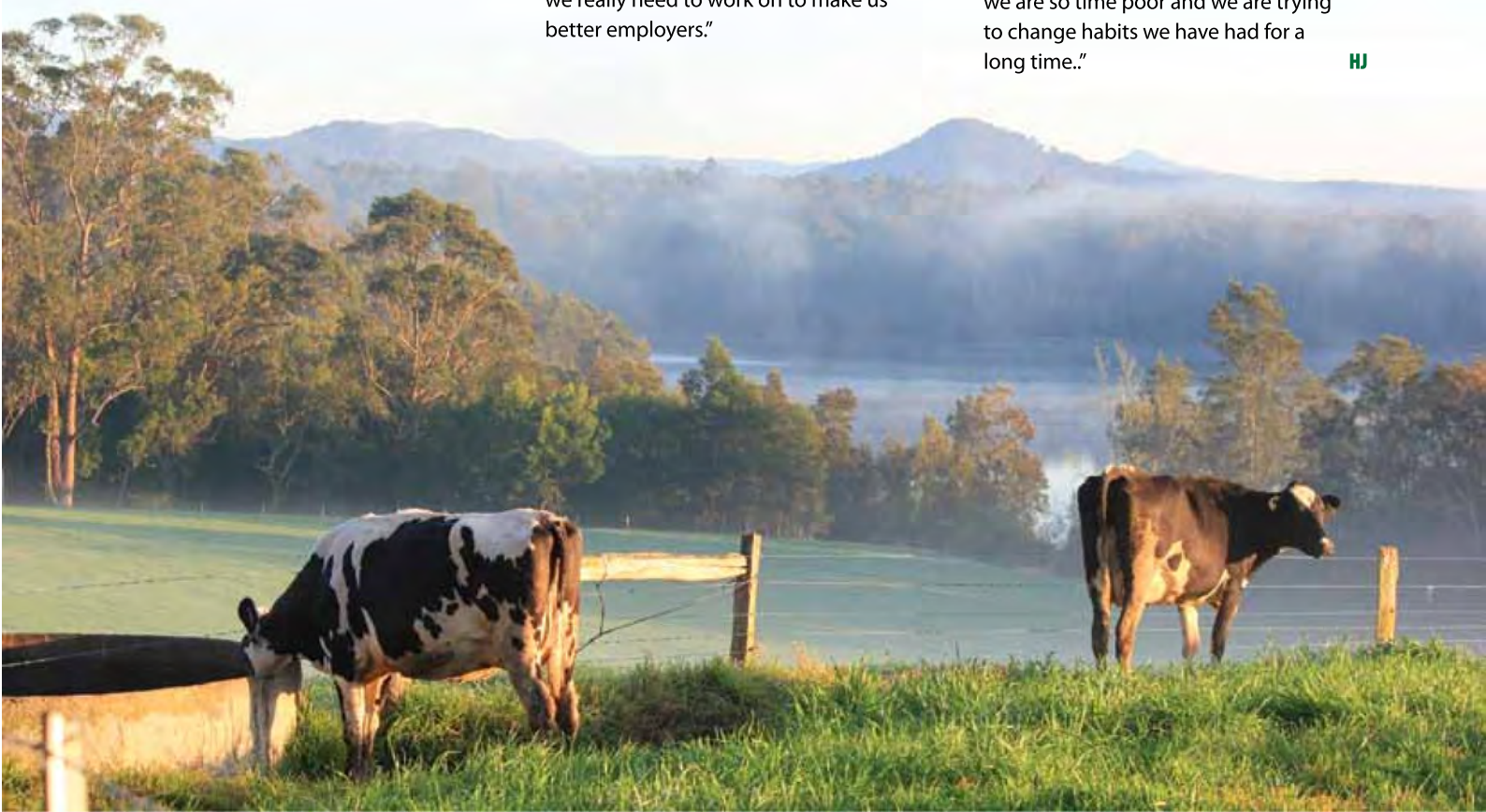
"I'm not strong at delegating work and training people, I get in a muddle – jump backwards and forwards – get myself confused, much less the poor person I'm trying to train," she said.

"Darren, on other hand, is pretty good in these areas, he's patient and good at letting (staff) go rather than stepping in and taking over. We have different strengths, complementing each other most of time."

While she still gets her confidence knocked, Sharon knows she has the tools and knowledge to rectify staffing situations and will continue to build on her skills.

"It is by no means quick or easy to make changes," she said. "Often it's hard work and very challenging, especially when we are so time poor and we are trying to change habits we have had for a long time.."

HJ



Buying registered Holsteins boosts herd development and profit

After transitioning to A2 milk supply, Katunga dairy farmers Justin and Jacki Hibberson have taken a progressive approach to Holstein genetics and A2 milk production.

Through strict management and strategic investments in high performance cows, the couple achieved a remarkable herd average last season exceeding 10,000 litres/cow and 750 kg milk solids, while maintaining their position in the top 5% of BMCC herds in Australia for the past three consecutive years.

Justin manages the business with his wife Jacki, who also works off-farm as a teacher at the local primary school. Their four daughters, Kiarah (18), Gemmah (14), Emily (13) and Jorja (11) help when available, along with support of a permanent part-time staff and a casual milker.

Registered under their prefix Kiemmaja Holsteins, the Hibbersons are new Holstein Australia members, having recognised the premium value of the registered Holstein.

Placing great emphasis on reliability and proven performance, the couple are strong believers in the value of herd testing, and see HA services such as registration, genomic testing and classification as added tools they can utilise to monitor their strict buying, culling and breeding regimes.

Aiming to reach 500 cows by the autumn of 2022, the Hibbersons recently added their neighbour's 140 hectare property to their existing 80 hectare farm on rich irrigation flats in the heart of the Goulburn Valley. The herd grazes annual ryegrass

pastures through the autumn to late spring, with forage sorghum grown over the summer months, supplemented by pasture silage during the feed gaps.

In 2012, the Hibbersons were among the first to supply A2 milk to ACM (Australian Consolidated Milk). All A1 tested cows were sold, with the money used to buy A2 animals. Justin said in the early stages, they had to buy whatever they could, testing and trading around 2,000 cows across the 2012/2013 season.

"We were buying whole herds of cows – at the time mostly crossbreds," he said. "We'd bring them in, get them tested, sell off any A1s, then go buy some more."

More recently, the Hibbersons have transitioned to pure Holstein, utilising their herd test data to identify the bottom end of the herd and aggressively culling cows based on production.

"The crossbreds were just too inconsistent," Justin said, "and our milk contract has a volume-based structure, so when you're being paid per litre, the crossbreds just aren't up to it."

The revenue from the culls has been re-invested in high performance Holsteins, with a group of 81 heifers from Leppington Pastoral Co. among their first big purchases.

Justin says the Holsteins "out-performed the crossbreds by a country-mile", with his best LPC cow producing more than 16,000 litres last season.

"The LPC cows have definitely performed

well," he said. "They were cows that were bred to milk, and their progeny are even better again."

The performance of the LPC cows gave the Hibbersons the confidence to ramp up their transition to Holsteins. Targeting reputable herds, they selected cattle by utilising genomic data, pedigree histories, production histories and conformation, with priority given to proven cows with good frames and quality udders.

"We needed cows with capacity and frame," Justin said. "And they had to have good udders. We were going to push them to 11,000 litres and 750 kg milk solids. So if they don't have good udders – they will lose their udder and just won't last."

Prepared to pay a premium for quality, Justin has high expectations on his purchases. "They need to produce if I'm going to justify spending \$4,000 plus to buy cows," Justin said.

Justin estimates that any bought-in cow should produce in excess of 10,000 litres, generating approximately \$6,000 gross revenue off their first lactation. He also recognises the added value in a pregnant cow carrying a mating to sexed semen.

"There's real value in that calf, so I'm happy to pay \$4,500 for a sexed pregnancy, whereas something in-calf to beef is only worth around \$3,500."

Over recent years, the Hibbersons have been volume buyers at several Master Breeder sales including Kaarmona, Andes,





Justin and Jacki Hibberson, Kiemmaja Holsteins.



Kentish Downs, Tomargo Recluse and Warramont Holsteins to name a few.

"The Warramont cows were a good batch," Justin said. "We bought 23 cows, and they are all producing really well – there isn't a dud among them."

Their Warramont purchases included Warramont Solomon Darling, a stylish 3-year-old backed by three generations of 100,000 litre dams, along with three descendants of the brood cow Elite Mountain Dreamer VG87 STP 12* 1xM 1xF 1xP LIFE3, the ET full sister to the former chart-topping sire, Elite Mountain Donor.

"The cows from that Donor cow family really can work," Justin said, referring to one of his top production cows, and personal favourites, Warramont Picardus Daybreak 8th VG86-ET 1xF. Boasting

EX-90 for dairy strength, Daybreak is supported by three generations of VG Star Brood Cows, back to Mountain Dreamer herself. Daybreak is now owned by Justin's daughter Gemmah, who has since attended a local calf show and has a growing interest in high end cows.

With 90% of the herd bred to sexed Holstein sires, Justin and Jacki are hoping their herd can now self-regenerate. Justin sees tremendous value in sexed semen, stating many of his cows are maintaining a sexed pregnancy while producing over 15,000 litres.

Preferring to use proven bulls in his mating program, Justin selectively mates each animal, though he admits it can be difficult to find good proven bulls when using sexed semen.

"I mostly look at type and mammary, and then focus on DPR (daughter pregnancy rate), somatic cell count and mastitis resistance," Justin said.

His current team includes sexed Morningview Radio, Coomboona Zipit Mirand-PP and Carenda Amalfi, while conventional proven sires Silverridge V Eugenio and Benner Bardo are used on later rounds. Maiden heifers are bred to calve at 20 months of age, receiving two rounds of sexed AI followed by a genomically tested natural bull – Vala Jeronimo Jackel BPI+310 being their current natural mop-up sire.

"The heifers have the best conception rates and are the best genetics," Justin says. "I don't look at the price of the bull – only the quality." **HJ**

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Holstein fans enjoy IDW fellowship

After two years of postponing, re-scheduling and cancellations, the Holstein Australia members barbecue at IDW provided the perfect opportunity for breeders to enjoy some long awaited face-to-face conversation.

Speaking to the guests, Holstein Australia President Gary Carpenter emphasised the importance of in-person community-based events.

“The opportunity to connect with people, people with common interests and ideas, it’s something we all need, and it’s something we’ve all missed out on,” he said, commenting on the challenges faced by the members, staff, sub-branches and boards that have spent the last two years restricted to online meetings and phone calls.

Despite the challenges, Gary said he was confident in the Association’s position, and very proud of the attitude and professionalism shown by the HA staff and its members in their ability to adapt during the pandemic.

Gary was encouraged by the enthusiasm shown by the members and exhibitors at Dairy Week, excited by the prospect of a return to ‘normality’.

“We’re all here for the love of the cow. She is something that unites us, brings us together,” he said.

The event also provided a platform to present some member awards, including one of HA’s highest honours, the Holstein Cow of the Year award. In attendance were the 2020 winners, Roger and Helen Perret, Hill Valley Holsteins, for their cow Page House Shottle Noni, along with the 2021 winners Steve and Deanne Hore, Elmar Holsteins, for their Cow of the Year, Elmar Goldwyn Jessica 11.

While presenting the awards, Gary spoke of the contribution that the Perrets and Hores have made to the Association and the wider industry, and detailed the impact both Noni and Jessica have had on the Holstein breed.

“Both these cows were Champions here at Dairy Week, and are tremendous examples of the Australian Holstein cow,” Gary said of Noni and Jessica. “These cows demonstrate what the Holstein cow can achieve in this country and what we should all aspire to breed.”

TOP RIGHT: Holstein Australia Cow of the Year winner 2020 – Page House Shottle Noni EX-92-4E 11* 3xM 4xF 1xP LIFE 2, owners Helen and Roger Perrett, Hill Valley Holsteins.

RIGHT: Holstein Australia Cow of the Year winner 2021 – Elma Goldwyn Jessica 11-ET EX-93-4E 9* 2xEP, owners Steve and Deanne Hore, Elmar Holsteins.



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Master Breeder recognised as a role model for dairy women

Tasmanian dairy farmer and Master Breeder, Leanne Dobson is the 2022 recipient of the prestigious Bette Hall Award from the Power of Women in Dairy (POW) network.

The award celebrates individuals who, through their achievements in the dairy industry, are seen as great role models for the next generation of dairy women.

Leanne and Ross Dobson's Master Breeder herd, Fairvale Holsteins, is recognised locally and internationally for producing consistent cattle at an elite level.

Leanne has been central to the success of their breeding program, meticulously studying the pedigrees to create logical sire stacks, and assessing each cow individually to selectively mate them.

This strategy has produced four IDW Senior Champion Holsteins, including the two-time champion Fairvale Jed Bonnie 94-ET EX-1E, and two-time champion Fairvale Morty Lady EX-97-5E, who is also Australia's highest classified Holstein.

In 2017, breeders flocked to Tasmania to witness Fairvale's major dispersal sale. Averaging \$3,885, the sale resulted in more than 170 lots selling to Victorian buyers – including the 2019 IDW Champion, Fairvale Goldchip Melody 770 VG89.

The Bette Hall – Power of Women in Dairying Excellence Award is dedicated to the legend that is Bette Hall. Before retiring, Bette was a strong, independent and passionate dairy farmer, respected cattle judge, Master Breeder and a pioneer in Australian Holstein genetics.

Leanne's influence on the Holstein breed continues to spread through the bloodlines she has helped establish, with descendants of her beloved Bonnie cow family, including multiple Excellent females, topping sales and shows in Canada and the US – champions for the Australian Holstein on the international stage.

Despite all the success, Leanne's passion remains her beloved black and whites at home in Tasmania, spending countless hours milking and managing her herd of nearly 500 cows.

"I had never even contemplated being nominated for such an award," Leanne said. "Thank you to the committee and the nomination."

With COVID restrictions, and her dedication to her cows and her work,

Leanne was unable to attend IDW to accept the award in person. Accepting the award on Leanne's behalf was event coordinator, Jade Sieben.

"Leanne is such an incredibly shy and humble lady," Jade said. "I have not met another lady who is as passionate about breeding and caring for the Holstein cow as Leanne."

"She was quite shocked when I told her about the award," Jade said, speaking of how much both she and the POW members respected Leanne, and are truly inspired by what she has achieved, as a woman, a mother of two, a farmer, and breeder.

"She's not someone who does it for the awards or accolades – she does it because she loves her cows."

Bette Hall 'Power of Women in Dairying' Excellence award winner – Master Breeder, Leanne Dobson.



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Senior Championship a special achievement for View Fort Holsteins

BY JON HOLLAND

It was back-to-back success for Gippsland dairy farmers Matt and Nicola Templeton, when their 7-year-old entry View Fort Dictator Dottie EX-90-1E, was crowned International Dairy Week Grand Champion by NSW Master Breeder, Murray Sowter of Murribrook Holsteins.

Assisting Murray as an associate judge was fellow NSW breeder Cameron Yarnold, Arrallik Holsteins.

IDW was last hosted in 2020, with the Templetons named Premier Exhibitor while claiming the Grand Champion title with Avonlea Reginald Jacobonia EX-91-1E 1xEP. Matt said Jacobonia was ready to defend her title in 2021 before the event was cancelled, so to have Dottie repeat Jacobonia's success in 2022 was "pretty special".

"Even just having one in your lifetime is a great achievement," Matt admitted. "Even

IDW Senior Championship

Judges: Murray Sowter (Murribrook Holsteins), Cameron Yarnold (Arrallik Holsteins)

Senior Champion: View Fort Dictator Dottie, B, J, M & N Templeton, View Fort Holsteins, Tarwin Lower VIC; **Reserve:** Avonlea Rival Ruth, R & J Gordon, Gorbro Holsteins, Cohuna VIC;

Honourable Mention: Coomboona Pety Satin, B, J, M & N Templeton, View Fort Holsteins, Tarwin Lower VIC

Genomic Merit Award: Glomar Hotline Sarah 6200 BPI+257, R, L & J Johnston, Glomar Holsteins, Bundalaguah VIC

Premier Breeder: J & C Gardiner, Avonlea Holsteins, Cardinia VIC

Premier Exhibitor: R & J Gordon, Gorbro Holsteins, Cohuna VIC

if you think you've got something looking pretty good – there's always someone else trying to be better."

Murray praised Dottie for her style and texture, giving her the advantage in the mature cow class for her overall balance, correct rump and leg set, and superior mammary – traits that Murray again emphasised when crowning her Champion and Best Udder of Show.

"The aged cow ticks just about all the boxes," he said. "A cow that is beautifully balanced, hard topped, long necked, open of rib and a particularly nice mammary – enough volume of udder, but still very youthful and well above her hocks for an aged cow."

For their Reserve, the judges selected the winning 5-year-old, Avonlea Rival Ruth EX-91-1E 1xF. Exhibited by Master



IDW Senior Cow Championship: HM, Coomboona Pety Satin VG86 led by Nicola Templeton, Reserve, Avonlea Rival Ruth EX-91-1E 1xF led by Glen Gordon, Senior Champion, View Fort Dictator Dottie EX-90-1E led by Matt Templeton, judge Murray Sowter, associate judge Cameron Yarnold.

Breeders, the Gordon family of Gorbro Holsteins, Ruth used her extra power and strength of loin to place ahead of the very angular and open framed six-year-old, Coomboona Pety Satin VG86 as Honourable Mention. Satin was also exhibited by the Templetons, and stood alongside Dottie and the fifth placed six-year-old, Pooley Bridge Seaver Spottie 14 VG89, in the Templeton's winning Exhibitor Pen of Three.

"It's the biggest string of cows we've ever prepared at IDW – it took a really big team effort," Matt said. "It's been a tough year, but a lot of people banded together to help and we're really thankful to those guys."

For Matt and Nicola, showing is a real passion. "I love it, and we love doing it," Matt says, admitting that while showing takes a lot of time and effort, he sees the benefits from the greater exposure, having received a lot of positive feedback from people he wouldn't have thought followed the shows.

"The live streaming and social media coverage has really seen Australian genetics gaining momentum overseas," Matt said. "Also the general farmer is now watching the show too, while on the tractor or eating breakfast."

Despite their success, Matt says it is the satisfaction of working with the cows at home, and the camaraderie and community at the shows that he enjoys the most.

"There's a great community at the shows because we all love working with cows," Matt says, underlining the importance of the day-to-day management, and the satisfaction he gets when breeding elite cows.

"Whether you breed them or buy them, it's the opportunity to watch them develop – looking after them, keeping them healthy – whether you're breeding for STPs (Superior Total Production) or brood cows or BPI (Balanced Performance Index) cows, you've got to be on top of it."

Milking on her fifth lactation, Matt says Dottie is consistently among their best production cows, with her last lactation just shy of 12,000 litres and 800 kg milk solids.

A granddaughter of View Fort Goldwyn Daisy-IMP-ET EX-90-1E 1xM 1xP Life2, Dottie stems from a Canadian cow family



View Fort Dictator Dottie EX-90-1E leading the aged cow 7 years and over class.



IDW Senior Champion Cow, View Fort Dictator Dottie EX-90-1E, exhibited by Matt and Nicola Templeton, View Fort Holsteins.

imported by Matt's father Bruce, after seeing Dottie's fourth dam, Bridgeview Gibson Dottie EX-96-3E, at the Royal Winter Fair (RWF) in Toronto in 2006.

"Dad thought she was a really well balanced cow with a great udder," Matt said. "He said she was built to last and had the sort of balance and capacity that would work well over here."

Gibson Dottie went on to win the RWF Longtime Production class in 2009, and was crowned Champion Cow at the Brant-Wentworth County Show five times.

The Templetons already have two daughters of their Champion in milk at

View Fort. View Fort AS Dottie VG88, now rising 6-year-old, was Dottie's maiden calf. The other daughter, View Fort High Octane Dottie, is an exciting young cow on her second lactation that Matt describes as being "a lot like her Dictator mother as a young cow".

Dottie herself was on heat the day before Holstein judging. Despite all the glamour and accolades, it was business as usual with Dottie bred while at the showgrounds to sexed Stantons Chief. If she holds, Matt says he may try IVF on her before she calves again, hopefully ready for the next show circuit.

Intermediate Champion Altitude Princess a force to be reckoned with

BY JON HOLLAND

Murray Sowter described his winning junior 2-year-old, Eclipse Altitude J Princess-RED, as an “amazing young cow that could withstand competition from anywhere in the world”, before naming her his Intermediate Champion for 2022.

Princess was exhibited in a partnership between South Australia’s Rob and Bec Walmsley, Robsvue Holsteins, and New Zealand’s Nathan Bayne. The trio purchased the pregnant heifer for \$9,000 in June 2021, at the Eclipse Dispersal of Master Breeder Richard Hull.

When judging the young in-milk classes, Murray praised the strength of the competition, saying it demonstrated “the Holstein breed was heading in the right direction”.

Princess was declared a comfortable winner in her class with the stylish heifer blitzing the competition in both the red and white, and black and white show.

“She’s beautifully balanced, long bodied and with great extension through her neck,” Murray said. “She has great height and width to her rear udder, and is just beautiful from the side view.”

Murray gave Princess the advantage for her exceptional mammary system ahead of his Reserve Champion, the senior 3-year-old entry, Byrne Lea Octane

IDW Intermediate Championship

Judges: Murray Sowter (Murribrook Holsteins), Cameron Yarnold (Arrallik Holsteins)

Intermediate Champion: Eclipse Altitude J Princess-RED, R & R Walmsley, Robsvue Holsteins, Myponga SA / Nathan Bayne, Busybrook Holsteins, NZ; **Reserve:** Byrne Lea Octane Buttersnap, R & T Wishart, Rowlands Park Holsteins, Mead VIC; **Honourable Mention:** Avonlea Tatoo Dixie-ET, J & C Gardiner, Avonlea Holsteins, Cardinia VIC

Genomic Merit Award: Urramy Lodge P43 BPI+336, M & A Taylor, Urramy Holsteins, Timboon VIC

Buttersnap VG87, exhibited by the Wishart family of Rowlands Park Holsteins. Buttersnap used her overall scale and capacity to place ahead of the Gardiner family entry, Avonlea Tatoo Dixie-ET as Honourable Mention.

Awarded best udder for both the intermediate and red and white section, Murray also named Princess Supreme Champion Red and White Holstein.

“She’s just a beautifully balanced young cow,” he said. “I think when she gets the opportunity in the future, she’s going to be a force to be reckoned with.”

For part owner Nathan Bayne, Princess’s Intermediate title was his second championship for the show, having also been in a partnership with Mal Nikora and Kelly Bleijendaal in the Junior Champion, Lightning Ridge CMD Thunder Nico-TW.

Nathan manages his Busybrook Holsteins herd of more than 1,200 cows on the south-east coast of New Zealand’s south

island, at Oamaru in North Otago. Every few years, Busybrook hosts an elite sale, with Nathan’s most recent sale averaging over \$10,000 across 90 lots.

Nathan is constantly on the look-out for something “different” that could generate interest in his sales, and as a red and white member of a world-class cow family, he saw Princess as a smart investment.

“The market for high end cows is pretty small, so you’ve got to keep finding something new – something that creates hype and fresh enthusiasm,” Nathan said. “Whether it’s extreme type, extreme index or extreme genomics – it’s the extremes that bring the biggest money.”

Nathan has a keen interest in genetics and high-end pedigrees, but when buying Princess with the Walmsleys, it was never his intention to buy a show cow. His goal was to bring embryos back to New Zealand to establish the Princess family there. Her IDW success was a bonus.



IDW Intermediate Championship: sponsor Semex Peter Dickson, associate judge Cameron Yarnold, judge Murray Sowter, Intermediate Champion, Eclipse Altitude J Princess led by Kayla Bradley, Reserve Champion Byrne Lea Octane Buttersnap VG87, led by Kaitlyn Wishart, and Honourable Mention Avonlea Tatoo Dixie-ET, led by Luke Gardiner.



IDW Intermediate Champion, Eclipse Altitude J Princess led by Kayla Bradley, exhibited by Robsvue and Busybrook Holsteins.

"The show scene is so much bigger in Australia than over here, so it's a real thrill," he said, admitting he has neither the time nor the expertise to show cows at the top level, and is grateful his partnerships allow him to share in the success.

"It's a pretty cool way to do it with mates," he says, "but I can't take the credit. Mal and Rob do all the work, and I trust their judgement pretty well – I'm just keen to jump in for the ride."



Reserve Intermediate Champion, Byrne Lea Octane Buttersnap VG87, exhibited by Rick and Tina Wishart and family, Rowlands Park Holsteins.



Junior Champion, Lightning Ridge CMD Thunder Nico-TW, led by Julia Paulger, exhibited by K Bleijendaal & M Nikora, Winwood Holsteins, Longwarry VIC / Nathan Bayne, Busybrook Holsteins, NZ.

Partnerships sharing the fun with Junior Champion

BY JON HOLLAND

When judge Murray Sowter crowned Mal Nikora and Kelly Bleijendaal's yearling entry, Lightning Ridge CMD Thunder Nico-TW, as Junior Champion Holstein, for Mal it was the culmination of a keen eye, mateship and a lot of hard work.

Giving her the advantage for the strength of her frame and correctness of topline, Murray placed Nico at the top of a large class of quality summer-born calves, before declaring her his Junior Champion for the Holstein show.

"She has a wonderful dairy frame and style," he said, admiring Nico's overall balance and capacity and very correct leg set.

For his Reserve Champion, Murray selected the South Australian entry of Windy Vale Holsteins, Windy Vale Warrior Rose. The stylish winter-born yearling is

a granddaughter of the 2016 IDW Senior Champion, Windy Vale Contender Rose-ET EX-95-2E 2*.

The Fisher family from Quality Ridge Holsteins in Northern Victoria received Honourable Mention for their heifer, Quality Ridge Radio Plum. She too boasts a famous granddam – the acclaimed On Farm Challenge Champion, Ashbury Leader Plum EX-94-7E.

In the Interbreed Championship, Nico narrowly defeated the Ayrshire entry to be declared Grand Junior Champion of show.

Nico stems from the famed 'N' family of Master Breeder Pam Malcolm, tracing via six generation of Excellent dams, including Paringa Blackstar Nicky EX-4E STP 5* 2xM 2xP LIFE 3, to the acclaimed Swamplands Black Petal EX-1E 4* 2xEP 2xM 1xP LIFE 2.

Nico was purchased just six weeks before

IDW Junior Championship

Judges: Murray Sowter (Murribrook Holsteins), Cameron Yarnold (Arrallik Holsteins)

Junior Champion Heifer: Lightning Ridge CMD Thunder Nico-TW, K Bleijendaal & M Nikora, Winwood Holsteins, Longwarry VIC / Nathan Bayne, Busybrook Holsteins, NZ; **Reserve:** Windy Vale Warrior Rose, Windy Vale Holsteins, Myponga SA; **Honourable Mention:** Quality Ridge Radio Plum, J & B Fisher, Quality Ridge Holsteins, Kyabram VIC.

Genomic Merit Award: Vala Sidekick Champagne-IMP-ET BPI+295, Vala Holsteins, Toolamba VIC

Dairy Week after Mal came across her dam, Paringa Damion Nico EX-91-1E, while preparing cows for Declan Patten.

"I really loved the absolute mass of the cow," Mal said of the Damion. "She wasn't overly tall, but had the widest rump and a deep open body – just a real 'dairy' cow."

After securing the yearling for \$8,000 at the Lightning Ridge Dispersal, Mal and Kelly approached their good friend Nathan Bayne to see if he was interested in joining their partnership. Mal telling his mate he "had a pretty good heifer" and asking – "do you want in?"

Always keen to invest in exciting cow families, Nathan was quick to accept the offer.

"Once Nathan looked at the pedigree and saw the depth of cow family and the generations Excellents, he was pretty excited, and jumped on board," Mal said.

Mal and Nathan's friendship began a few years ago when Mal went to New Zealand to prepare Nathan's cows for his Busybrook sales.

"I found we both really liked cows, and we both liked a similar type of cow, so we got along really well," Mal said. "Breeding and showing cows is a lot of fun – it's great to be able to share in the fun with good friends."

IDW Encouragement Award

Mal Nikora and Kelly Bleijendaal, and their Winwood Holsteins team, were awarded the International Dairy Week 2022 Holstein Exhibitor Encouragement Award, sponsored by Jefo.



IDW Interbreed Supreme Junior Champion, Lightning Ridge CMD Thunder Nico-TW, led by Kelly Bleijendaal, Winwood Holsteins, Longwarry VIC.



IDW Junior Championship: Honourable Mention Quality Ridge Radio Plum led by Cooper Fisher, sponsor Eagle Direct Mike Ryan, Reserve, Windy Vale Warrior Rose led by Zoe Hayes, associate judge Cameron Yarnold, Junior Champion, Lightning Ridge CMD Thunder Nico-TW led by Julia Paulger, Mal Nikora and Kelly Bleijendaal, judge Murray Sowter.

Red and White Champion clinches the deal

BY JON HOLLAND

Plucked out of a herd of 1,200 cows in Victoria's Western Districts, the 4-year-old red and white Holstein, Robley Park Dback Shakira-RED EX-90-1E, had just a few weeks of halter training before preparation began for her first show appearance.

Exhibited by Greg and Kim Wilson of Southern Oak Holsteins, Shakira used her superior angularity and balance to be named the International Dairy Week red and white Senior Champion.

Judge Murray Sowter said of his winning 4-year-old: "She's a little bit more dairy in her form – much more angular and cleaner than our big powerful cow with a good udder in Reserve."

Reserve Champion and Senior Best Udder went to the 5-year-old entry of Menzies Farms and View Fort Holsteins, Cairnsdale Absolute Red Delight-RED VG88, with Brad and Jess Gavenlock's Bluechip EV Shesaawesome Apple-ET-RED EX-91-2E named Honourable Mention.

Shakira came to Southern Oaks with a line of heifers the Wilsons bought from local breeders Robert and Matt Smith.

IDW Red & White Championship

Judges: Murray Sowter (Murrumbrook Holsteins), Cameron Yarnold (Arrallik Holsteins)

Junior R&W Champion Heifer: Rusty Red Avalanche Georgia-RED, Judson & Claudia Jennings, Rusty Red Holsteins, Simpson VIC; **Reserve:** Mario Park Unstupabul Alicia-RED, Murray & Jane Polson, Mario Park Holsteins, Oxley Island NSW; **Honourable Mention:** Cherrylock Applesauce-RED, R & S Goode, Boronia Glen Holsteins, Poowong North VIC

Intermediate R&W Champion: Eclipse Altitude J Princess-RED, R & R Walmsley, Robsvue Holsteins, Myponga SA / Nathan Bayne, Busybrook Holsteins, NZ; **Reserve:** Gorbros Unstupabul Admire – R & J Gordon, Gorbros Holsteins, Cohuna VIC; **Honourable Mention:** Lightning Ridge Cmd Dback Barbara, J & C Jennings, Rusty Red Holsteins, Simpson VIC / B, E & R Thomas, Instyle Holsteins, Coorimungle VIC

Senior R&W Champion Holstein: Robley Park Dback Shakira, G & K Wilson, Southern Oak Holsteins, Irrewillipie VIC; **Reserve:** Cairnsdale Absolute Red Delight, Menzies Farm, Cairnsdale Holsteins, Numbaa NSW / M & N Templeton, View Fort Holsteins, Tarwin VIC; **Honourable Mention:** Bluechip EV Shesaawesome Apple, B & J Gavenlock, Cherrylock Holsteins, Tallygaroopna VIC

Supreme R&W Holstein Exhibit: Eclipse Altitude J Princess-RED, R & R Walmsley, Robsvue Holsteins, Myponga SA / Nathan Bayne, Busybrook Holsteins, NZ

Senior Red and White Holstein Best Udder: Cairnsdale Absolute Red Delight, Menzies Farm, Cairnsdale Holsteins, Numbaa NSW / M & N Templeton, View Fort Holsteins, Tarwin VIC

IDW 2022 Red and White Holstein Exhibitor Encouragement Award: Greg & Kim Wilson, Southern Oak Holsteins, Irrewillipie VIC

The Wilson's herd manager Jim Colwell said Shakira immediately stood out, and "clinched the deal" that saw the Wilson's buy the complete line.

Jim admits that while showing is not a big

part of the business, they love working with "good cows", selecting a small group to flush each year, and occasionally showing when a good one comes along.

"We like to pick out some 'high end' type



IDW 2022 Senior Championship R&W Holstein: Sponsor Semex Australia Vaughn Johnston, Honourable Mention Bluechip EV Shesaawesome Apple-RED EX-91-2E led by Murray Polson, Reserve Champion, Cairnsdale Absolute Red Delight-RED VG88 led by Stewart and Fletcher Menzies, Senior Champion, Robley Park Dback Shakira EX-90-1E led by Todd Wilson, judge Murray Sowter, associate judge Cameron Yarnold.

cows each year to have a play with,” Jim said. “Shakira was looking really good after she calved, so we thought we’d give her a crack at Dairy Week.”

For the Junior Red and White Championship, the judges selected the spring yearling, Rusty Red Avalanche Georgie-RED. Exhibited by Simpson dairyfarmers, Judson and Claudia Jennings, she is a granddaughter of the Jennings’ 2020 Red and White Grand Champion Holstein, Rusty Red Liner Georgie-RED EX-92-5E.

The Intermediate Red and White Champion was Eclipse Altitude J Princess. Exhibited in partnership with Winwood Holsteins and Busybrook Holsteins NZ, Princess dominated both the red and white, and black and white show. Described by the judges as world class and a cow of the future, Princess beat the Senior cow Shakira to be crowned Supreme Red and White Holstein exhibit for 2022.



Intermediate R&W Best Udder and Supreme R&W Holstein exhibit, Eclipse Altitude J Princess-RED, R & R Walmsley, Robsvue Holsteins, Myponga SA / Nathan Bayne, Busybrook Holsteins, NZ. l.r Kayla Bradley, sponsor The Australian Dairy Farmer Carlene Dowie, judge Murray Sowter, associate judge Cameron Yarnold

Master Breeder’s contribution honoured

Holstein Master Breeder, Murray Sowter (Murribrook Holsteins, South Coast & Tablelands NSW) has taken out the 2022 Lex Bunn Memorial Award.

This award is presented each year at International Dairy Week to recognise an individual’s contribution to the dairy industry, dairy community and to the registered Australian dairy breeds.

As a dominant force in the showing for nearly five decades, including 44 Champions at Sydney’s Royal Show, Murray has been awarded the Premier Breeder banner at Sydney 15 times and IDW six times.

Cattle sold through his Murribrook sales have been dispersed across all States, with Murray always prepared to sell his best both privately and at auction. These have included many championship titles for their new owners – IDW Champions, State Show Champions, and Royal Show Champions at Melbourne, Brisbane and Hobart.

In the 2021 On Farm Challenge, four Murribrook-bred animals were named Champion cow for their region for their new owners – Verbena in Northern Victoria, Victory in the North West, Lola in the Southern Riverina and Chloe in South Gippsland.

Murray’s love of deep pedigrees, high production cows and the true-to-type Holstein has seen him take a progressive approach to breeding.

Murribrook-bred sires have made an enormous impact on the Australian Holstein population, including the Roybrook Starlite son, Murribrook Starlite Loyalty (MBSL), boasting nearly 19,000 herd record daughters across 3,000 Australian herds.

Travelling the globe, Murray has been responsible for importing elite bloodlines from around the world, many that have greatly influenced the breed in Australia. The Peggys and Candaces are just two

that made their mark, along with one of Australia’s leading Star Brood Cows, Walkerbrae Triple T Toni-IMP EX-1E 24* 2xEP 1xM 1xF, a live import from Canada in 1988 as an in-milk second calver.

Local bloodlines have also played a pivotal part of his success. Murray’s famous ‘V’ family, descending from the matriarch Holstein, Carmar Dixie EX-3E 6*, headlined his Murribrook Dispersal Sale in October 2020. Several family members topped the sale, contributing to the dispersal average of a whopping \$6,340, grossing more than \$1 million, and demonstrating the power of the Australian Holstein and a Master Breeder.

Master Breeder and Lex Bunn Memorial Award winner, Murray Sowter.



A team effort creates back-to-back victories for Western Districts

In a commendable display of confidence, patience and teamwork, the Western Districts dairy youth team claimed back-to-back victories in the International Dairy Week Holstein Australia Youth Challenge Trials.

Describing their success as a “real team effort”, Western Districts sub-branch member Jo Dickson praised the team for their willingness to participate and help each other out during the challenge.

“The whole group worked really well together,” Jo said. “It was harder this year with some families not able to come to Dairy Week, but the kids were able to sort themselves out, and jumped straight into their different roles.”

In the past, the sub-branch used its annual youth camp to coordinate the teams and allow participants to hone their skills. However, with many recent events cancelled, the team had little preparation this year apart from a short clinic during the Noorat Show in December.

IDW Youth results

Winner: Western Districts dairy youth

Runner-up: North West Sub-Branch

Third: Australian Ayrshires

Judges:

Clipping: Andrew Pacitti – Empire Holsteins

Parading: Kelly Bleijendaal – Winwood Holsteins

Judging: Jayke Fisher – Quality Ridge Holsteins

Jo acknowledged the support received from local businesses Cobden AB and Reids Stockfeeds, and the help of local members Emma Castles, Fiona Hanks, Donna Edge and the new sub-branch president Rhys Jansen van Beek who filled the roles of mentors, coordinators, coaches and support crews for their local youth.

“It was a whole sub branch effort really,” Jo said.

Overseeing the clipping discipline was South Australia’s Andrew Pacitti. Having competed in the trials himself in the past, Andrew understood the skills involved,

and praised the challengers for their ability to work professionally as a team.

“It can be pretty tough working with four people to get a heifer ready under tight time constraints,” Andrew said. “The winning team showed great teamwork in the way they moved around the animal.”

Andrew felt the clipping teams overall did a brilliant job. “The standard was excellent with some younger kids in the teams working in really well too. It’s such a great experience for kids of all ages to work together, and challenge each other at Australia’s premier dairy show.”



Western Districts dairy youth. Back: judge Andrew Pacitti, HA President Gary Carpenter, Jacque Dickson, Abbie Hanks, Isla Fleming, Cally O’Shannassy, Nash Coverdale, Jake Rundle, judge Jayke Fisher, judge Kelly Bleijendaal. Front: Rachel Dickson, Leah Dickson, Anna Dickson, Toby Fleming.



Andrew selected the young Ayrshire competitor Lilly Eagles for his Junior encouragement award, and Holstein member and Western Districts participant Leah Dickson for his Senior encouragement award.

"Leah was really professional in the way she worked, and did a fantastic job to stand out in that team," Andrew said.

Youth Challenge Co-ordinator Justin Johnston said he was encouraged by the

enthusiasm of the competitors, and is looking forward to the event returning to full capacity next year.

He also recognised the fantastic support the youth receive from local members and businesses. In particular the contribution of Brent and Kim Mitchell, Mitch Holsteins, in supplying their heifers, as well as donating their time to train and prepare them for the event. Also Daryl Collins and Chris Mitchell transport, The Cattle Shop

Youth encouragement awards: Lead Dickson, Lilly Eagles, Jayke Fisher, Beth Tivindale, Kelly Bleijendaal, Aleisha Tomkins, Toby Fleming, Andrew Pacitti.

for their sponsorship, and Australian Ayrshires for organising cows for the judging component.

"Well done to everyone who took part and thanks for making it such a success," Justin said.

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Sheri Martin Memorial Youth Showmanship winner from SA

Each year, large strings of dairy youth, representing all breeds and all states, put their skills to the test when they compete in the International Dairy Week - Sheri Martin Memorial Youth Showmanship competition.

In the primary section (11 to 13 years), Holstein breeder Shae Tweddle topped the highly competitive class.

The judge was Victorian Illawarra breeder Zoe Hayes. A lauded showman herself, Zoe is a previous five-time winner of the Sheri Martin Youth Showmanship award.

Zoe said she was impressed by the young handler's overall confidence and ringcraft.

"She knew exactly where to stand as I moved around the ring. She was a little softer on the halter and kept her eye on the judge," she said. "On the move, they moved together as one."

At just 13 years of age, Shae is already a seasoned showman, having won the Junior Showmanship title at IDW in 2019, along with showmanship awards at Mt Gambier and Adelaide Royal.

Shae chose to lead the April-born yearling,

Benlargo Jacoby Jacobonia. "She was the easiest," Shae said. "She's real quiet and walks better on the halter than the others."

When she is not on the halter leading her favourite black and white, the young South Australian enjoys showjumping on her thoroughbreds, Cutler and Nugget, at local pony club and young rider carnivals.

Shae said IDW is a regular part of her family's summer holiday, and enjoys spending the week at Tatura with her parents Ben and Angela and younger brother Connor. Angela said her family looked forward to Dairy Week each year, catching up with friends, and spending time with their "dairy community".

"We just love it – and it's a great time for the kids, and a great opportunity for Shae to do what she loves."



Shae Tweddle topped the primary section (11 to 13 years) of the Sheri Martin Youth Showmanship competition.

IDW Youth results

Judge: Zoe Hayes, Llandoverly Holsteins and Illawarras

Senior Champion Handler – 18 to 20 Years: Rebekah Love; **Reserve:** Tahlia Railton.

Intermediate Champion Handler – 14 to 17 Years: Sienna Ross; **Reserve:** Anna Dickson.

Primary Champion Handler – 11 to 13 Years: Shae Tweddle; **Reserve:** Ruby Polson.

Junior Champion Handler – 8 to 10 Years: Ainsley Bawden; **Reserve:** Isabella Polson.

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VIEW FORT DICTATOR DOTTIE EX 90

1ST AGED COW & BEST UDDER

SENIOR & GRAND CHAMPION - NATIONAL HOLSTEIN SHOW

SUPREME CHAMPION ALL BREEDS IDW 2022

6YR 11,928L 440KGF 3.7% 353KGP 3.0% 305D

DAM: BOLTON / GOLDWYN EX 90 (95 MAM) /

BRIDGEVIEW GIBSON DOTTIE EX 96 3E 1ST PRODUCTION COW, RAWF

& HM ALL CANADIAN MATURE COW 2009 / STORM EX 92 5E

Dictator Dottie has daughters by AFTERSHOCK and HIGH OCTANE

OTHER RESULTS...

COOMBOONA PETY SATIN VG 86

1ST 6yr old, best udder in class & HM Senior Champion

CAIRNSDALE VF ABSOLUTE RED DELIGHT VG 88

1ST 5yr old Red Holstein, Best Udder & Res. Senior Champion Red Holstein

Owned with Stewart Menzies.

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Glyncol Holsteins

Graeme, Helen and son Gerard Newbridge, Victoria

North-Western Victorian Breeders Graeme and Helen Collins of Glyncol Holsteins, along with their son Gerard, have received Holstein Australia's Master Breeder award.

Graeme and Helen are both third generation dairy farmers. They bought their first farm in 1983 and began milking on the 73 ha property along the Loddon River at Newbridge, Victoria. Back then it was an old-style walk-through dairy.

A few years later the family upgraded to a 20 a-side herringbone dairy, milking every day during the two year-long conversion. "It was a long, slow process because Dad and my uncle built it themselves, digging out the pit and concreting it, all while still running the farm and shearing sheep," Gerard said.

The herd still operates from that shed and the family supplies milk to the same factory in Bendigo, milking every day of the year. In 2001 they registered Glyncol, almost a year after a trip to a local Holstein on-farm first stage dispersal in Rochester where they bought eight cows.

"We didn't have any intention to have registered ones but after we started looking through the Glynari catalogue, we became very interested in registered cows." He said the photos and pedigrees featured in the sale catalogue inspired the family to begin the stud. "That's how we got Glyncol; we took half of their name and put the start of Collins on the end," Gerard said.

The family kept the now 22-year-old catalogue and two of the cow families bought at the sale have prominent descendants in their herd today.

Like many dairy businesses, they have faced challenges over the years including high interest rates, no irrigation water

Farm facts

Females bred:

VG: 126

SBC: 2

Production awards: 31

Lifetime production awards: 27

Points required: 476

Points earned: 525

allocation and weather extremes.

In 2011, Helen said, the water came to the top of the high side bank and spilled over in places where it was usually a 40 foot drop to the water's edge.

"We added a few dry blocks along the way for heifer raising and to crop-to-cut and bale our own feed making us more self-sustainable," she said.

One of the challenges they faced was breeding up through the appendix system. Gerard said back in the 80s his Dad wasn't interested in having stud cows. "We bought 10 Cha Hol calves and six cows and only one cow got a pedigree so the others had to come up through the grading system. The Cha Hol lines have been one of the most important cow families in the herd." From then on they selected their best cows to bred through the appendix system and bought in registered cows that had all their information in check.

Helen said that Gerard took interest in the breeding and genetics from early on, with the aim to know pedigrees inside-out.

"He can look at cows and recall the dam and great dams and even great-great dams off the top of his head," she said.

Achieving the Master Breeder award has been a balancing task for the Glyncol stud as they had to pause classification services, missing out on 6½ years' worth of points. They resumed classification in October

Holstein Australia services

- ✓ Registration
- ✓ Classification

2021 and the results were pleasing. "We got 49 VGs," Gerard said.

He said classification was an important herd management tool they used from the beginning, especially when production was lower. In the past 10 years milk production significantly increased and cows received production awards putting them back on the Master Breeder path.

"We were all very anxious to find out if we had enough points and met all the requirements," Helen said.

While the Master Breeder wasn't an accolade the Collins family actively pursued, it was always an aspiration.

"Now we can look back at the many great cows and cow families we've had in the past and feel the years of work have been worth something," Helen said.

She said breeding profitable cows with good longevity kept them in business for a long time and the excess stock created extra income during challenging times.

One of the most fulfilling moments was when Brian Leslie and Lee Hamilton complimented them on their breeding and the overall health and style of their cows last December in their first stage dispersal, where they sold a third of their herd in preparation to retire from dairying.

"Winning the Master Breeder gives us recognition that we have been breeding good cows for many years," Helen said.

Years in the industry: 39 years

Generation: Graeme and Helen are both 3rd generation dairy farmers, Gerard is 4th

Land size: about 600 ha

Cows milked: about 200 average over 20 years

Important cow families: Pooley Bridge Champion Blackrose 21, Eureka Herodien Jadie, the Big River and Cha Hol families

Favourite bull used: Luck, Val, Redstar LB Jordie Red Poll (herd bull), Bullbar, Buddha, Picola and Budlight

Current Bull Team: Maebull, Medallion, Southpole P, Loganx P and Truenorth PP
Important traits: Fertility, BPI, temperament and rump structure

First EX cow: Rockwood Park Rudolph Dreamgirl-ET EX90 2E



Glyncol Lea's Graeme and Helen Collins with their son Gerard.



Byrne Lea Holsteins

Craig & Fiona Fisher

Heywood, Western District, Victoria

After 37 years of dairying, Craig and Fiona Fisher of Byrne Lea Holsteins have been awarded the Master Breeder just before their retirement.

Having sold the bulk of their herd in April 2021, the Fishers were caught by surprise by a call from Holstein Australia CEO, Rohan Butler, to tell them of their accolade.

"It came out of nowhere and it just blew our socks off! It was just unreal," Craig said.

Craig is a second generation dairy farmer who admits that he never thought he would achieve the prestigious award but it was something he always really wanted.

Having grown up with Holsteins, Craig left school at the age of 16. He and his brother Matthew immersed themselves in breeding and showing, taking notes at every opportunity from their neighbourhood mentors and the local Holstein community.

In 1995, Craig married Fiona and soon after left the family business to work for John and Harley Gardiner of Avonlea.

"Having had the opportunity to work for and learn from the Gardiners was amongst the best years of our lives and I'll be forever grateful," Craig said.

The same year Craig and Fiona established Byrne Lea Holsteins by merging the prefixes of his parents and his employer. Byrne Lea started with a handful of foundation heifers they had bought for a "very reasonable price" from Gardiners and immediately used classification, AI and started flushing cows. "Those heifers have

Farm facts

Females bred:

EX: 9

VG: 143

SBC: 11

STP: 14

Production awards: 88

Lifetime production awards: 22

Points required: 492

Points earned: 741

gone on to breed some of the best families that we had in our herd," Craig said.

Earlier this year at International Dairy Week, their home-bred cow Byrne Lea Octane Buttersnap (now owned by Rowlands Park) was crowned Senior 3-year-old and Reserve Intermediate Champion at International Dairy Week. She can be traced back to the famous Australian cow family Mangoola Storm Buttercup that was bred from the Brundell Buttercups.

The Fishers herd tested every month, keeping a close eye on cell counts and protein with aim to breed for high production and high classification.

Craig regularly participated in sub-branch events, attending many farm walks and classification days, applying what he learned in his business along the way.

He said farm walks and classifying days help young breeders understand the type of cows they wanted to breed as well painting the bigger picture of a modern Holstein cow. "I can't put a price on what it meant; it was just so invaluable and I really hope they continue them for the youth today," he said.

One of the biggest lessons was the power

Holstein Australia services

- ✓ Registration
- ✓ Classification

of good cow families. Their breeding program was based around selecting animals from good lineage that had a lot of lactations, high type and good production.

"If you can get into those really good, consistent cow families the results will come and that was true for all the sires that we used," Craig said.

Even with the genomic era, Byrne Lea used bulls whose mothers had depth of classification and lots of lactations to safeguard fertility and mastitis resistance.

Craig said the bulls Wiabuna Sandman Justin (son of Wiabuna Kriss Shona bred by Pam and Phil Malcom) and Hanover Hills Starbuck were extremely significant in their breeding program.

"They helped change our cows from commercial looking cows to more registered looking cows with nice big wide ribcages and really good bone quality with a bit more height and great rear udders that increased milk flow," he said.

Another key factor in Byrne Lea's success was the start his parents gave him. "Mum and Dad provided a strong foundation and grounding that propelled us into our dairying career," Craig said.

Last year, Craig and Fiona made the hard decision to retire from dairying. They have downsized to a new property in Jack River and sold most of their herd.

"We are completely chuffed with the award and knowing that we actually got there makes myself and Fiona extremely happy," Craig said.



Fiona and Craig Fisher

Years in the industry: 37 years

Generation: 2nd generation

Land size: about 203 ha

Cows milked: about 270 all year round

Important cow families: Jacobonias, Debbiees, Connies, Essies, Buttercups

Favourite bull used: Wiabuna Sandman Justin

Important traits: good udders, big bodied cows with hard loins, big open ribbed cows with strong heads, tremendous cows that could look after themselves and last.

First EX cow: Byrne Lea Rudolph Jacobonia

Loretto – all the things you could want in a good dairy cow

When it comes to breeding, West Gippsland dairy farmer Colin Armstrong (Thornhill Creek Holsteins) doesn't like extremes. He prefers a moderate-sized cow that is well balanced, gets pregnant easily, has a strong will to milk – and with a bit of class. It is therefore no surprise that a cow family like the Loretto's, renowned for high performance, consistent longevity and true-to-type conformation, has performed so well.

Colin and his wife Deborah, along with brother Dale and his wife Fiona, milk 330 Holsteins at Darnum, 10 km south-east of Warragul. The Armstrong's herd grazes 140 hectares of permanent ryegrass and clover pastures, supplemented by 2 tonne grain/pro-mix per cow per year, with an additional 250 hectares of leased country used for growing pasture silage and rearing dry stock. The herd averaged 8,500 litres last year at a 3.3% protein and 4.2% fat, with a 50:50 split calving pattern. Last year, two members of the Armstrong's Loretto family won their class for the West Gippsland Sub Branch On Farm Challenge – including the overall Champion Cow, Taraglen Fever Loretto EX-91-2E.

Now a fourth generation Excellent, Fever Loretto was an easy choice for judge Nicola Templeton, admiring her for her outstanding dairy strength, strong topline and silky udder texture – traits that are synonymous with the Loretto bloodline.



Deborah, Colin, Dale and Fiona Armstrong from Thornhill Creek Holsteins.

A master partnership

The Loretto's were introduced to Thornhill Creek through a partnership with local Master Breeders Col and Val Gardner. The Gardners dispersed their Taraglen herd in 2000, however Col maintained his passion for breeding, and continued to invest in high-end pedigrees thanks to his arrangement with the Armstrongs.

"Whenever Col had heifers that he was flushing, he needed recipients," Colin said. "He would put the embryos in our heifers, an in return we would get a share in the calves."

Over the years, the Armstrongs milked several of the Gardner's investment cows, the favourite being the brood cow, Inverwood Donante Loretto 938-ET EX-90-2E 6* 1xM.

Bought by the Gardners as a calf from South Gippsland breeders Jamie and Jude Nicholls, Donante Loretto spent her entire milking life at Thornhill Creek. She exceeded 60,000 litres from six lactations, peaking at 11,353 litres and 769 kg milk solids in 305 days, with an average PI 105. Flushed extensively as a young cow, she produced three Excellent daughters,



West Gippsland OFC Champion 2021 and 4th generation Excellent - Taraglen Fever Loretto EX-91-2E.



West Gippsland OFC 2021 1st place 4-year-old - Thornhill Creek Rambo Loretto 4757 VG86.

including the champion Fever Loretto, all of whom were either owned, or have since been purchased by the Armstrongs.

“The Donante was a beautiful milk cow – not a ‘show cow’, but a real balanced type of cow that could really breed on,” Colin said, highlighting the Donante’s EX-93 mammary and EX-91 rump. “Like all the Loretto’s, she had a good strong topline and great texture – her udder really milked down to a rag.”

A flush to Gillette Stanley Cup resulted in four daughters, three scored VG, with the first to classify Excellent, Taraglen Gillette Laveda-ET EX-90-2E, now on her fourth lactation.

Thornhill Creek Palermo Loretto 3787 EX-90-1E 2* is the daughter Colin says is most like her Donante dam.

“She has that silky black hide and great slope to her rump like the Donante,” he said. “She is very fertile too, like her mother, and milks really well with a super soft udder.”

Last year, OFC judge Nicola Templeton selected the Palermo’s granddaughter, Thornhill Creek Rambo Loretto 4757 VG86 as her winning four-year-old for West Gippsland, noting her exceptional body capacity and the snugness of her mammary.

The Rambo is a favourite for Colin who describes her as very stylish, and more upstanding and ‘showy’ than his typical Loretto’s.

“She’s an exciting young cow in the prime of her life,” he said. “She looks a million bucks and is possibly one of the nicest young cows we’ve had here.”

Finishing her second lactation, Rambo Loretto produced a little over 10,000 litres



Thornhill Creek Sidekick Loretto 5051 GP84 (2yrs).

and 600 kg milk solids in 305 days, with a PI 110. Due in the autumn to Kings-Ransom G Dylan, Colin is enthusiastic about her development as Rambo Loretto heads towards her third lactation. Despite showing not being a regular feature for the Armstrongs, Colin says they may make the effort for the Rambo if she looks well enough after her next calf.

“We’re not really set up for it and don’t ever seem to find the time for the shows,” Colin admitted, “but when a cow like this one comes along, we really should try and get her out.”

An established reputation

Prior to their success at Taraglen and Thornhill Creek, the Loretto’s had already established a reputation for elite production and consistent type in the Master Breeder herd of Shane and Toria Patten. The Loretto’s spent three decades at Ryanna Holsteins, winning at

local shows, topping sales and regularly providing return-to-service sires for the AI industry.

Now a classifier at Holstein Australia, Shane has many proud memories of his Loretto cow family, and said they featured prominently at his Ryanna Dispersal in 2010.

“The Loretto family is so strong,” Shane said. “They had all the things you’d want in a good dairy cow. They had power and strength. They were big production cows and great type cows. And consistent – just so consistent.”

Shane purchased his first Loretto in 1978 for \$1,000, when he was just 18 years old. He had been looking for a high production cow to start a foundation at his stud when he attended the Overley Holsteins Dispersal of Jim Lewis. He remembers the pregnant five-year-old, Coolabah Lynne Loretto VG85 8*, bred by J.T. Strachan, as an “amazing-framed cow with a really high



The foundation cow – Coolabah Lynne Loretto VG85 8*, bred by J.T. Strachan, owned by Shane and Toria Patten.



Ryanna Boudewijn Loretto EX-91-2E 9* 1xF LIFE1, owned by EJ & JA Nicholls, Inverwood Holsteins.

Australian Holstein Cow Family

fat test” – though he admits he bought her “because she was a Linmack.”

Eager to use the latest “high-profile” genetics, Shane secured some rare doses of the breed-leading production sire Roybrook Starlite. Such was his confidence in the mating, Shane not only flushed his Loretto to Starlite, but also bred her to Starlite for three successive years.

The combination of Starlite’s extreme milk yield and the Loretto’s extreme components proved successful, with several daughters, including Ryanna Starlite Loretto-TW VG88 3* 1xF and Ryanna Starlite Loretto 2nd VG88 3*, providing sons and grandsons to AI at Riverina Artificial Breeders (RAB) and Genetics Australia (GA).

Shane selected Glenafton Enhancer for Lynne Loretto’s final flush (as a 10-year old), resulting in another successful brood cow and bull mother, Ryanna Enhancer Loretto 4th-ET VG86 3*. The Enhancer combination not only maintained the Loretto dairy strength and high components, but also introduced the red carrier gene. Enhancer Loretto produced three sons that graduated as return-to-service sires including Ryanna Starbuck Luke (LUKE), Ryanna Active Explorer (EXPLORE) and the popular ‘brindle’ bull, Ryanna Action Lineage-BR (LINEAGE), Superior Sire 1996.

“We had six bulls in a row from the Loretto’s return to the proven team,” Shane said proudly.

Continuing to build the profile of his stud, Shane prioritised the latest and high-type sires for his breeding program.

“I always focused on type,” Shane said. “I wanted to use the best bulls in the world – and they clicked with the Loretto’s.”

Despite his focus on type, Shane was not prepared to compromise on production. So, when To-Mar Blackstar burst onto the global scene, Shane was quick to secure semen for his Loretto’s. The combination of Blackstar with the Southwind daughter, Ryanna Sago Loretto-ET 8* proved particularly successful.

Described by Shane as “an amazing cow”, Ryanna Tomar Loretto-ET VG89 3* featured prominently in the Patten’s show team. Her ET sister, Ryanna Blacklight Loretto-ET VG85 4*, did not receive the showing opportunities, though Shane admits she was possibly the best brood cow.

“Blacklight Loretto had great dairy character – so much silk from the Blackstar, but still with the Southwind muzzle and strength,” he said.

Another sister, Ryanna Blackstar Loretto-ET-OC EX-90-2E 7* LIFE1, was named Champion cow at the Sale Feature Show in 2004. Her daughter, Ryanna Cash Loretto-ET EX-90-1E 3* boasted an average 4.6% fat test and PI of 111 across six lactations and was the dam of the return-to-service sire, Ryanna Million Dollars-TW (DOLLARAMIN).

Headlining the Victorian State Sale in 2001 was another Eastland Cash daughter, Ryanna Cashier Loretto EX-90-3E STP 2* LIFE2. Bought by North West Victoria’s Stu and Clare Modra, Avalon Holsteins, Cashier Loretto exceeded 74,000 litres from eight lactations from an EX-94 mammary. Like

her sister, she too produced a return-to-service son by Elite Gold Bullion, Avalon Bullion Labyrinth (LORETO).

Genetic connections

With her angular frame and exceptional udder, Cashier Loretto had many admirers at the Victorian State Sale, including Jamie and Jude Nicholls. The couple regretted not buying the 3-year-old Cash daughter, and so contacted the Pattens about a private sale.

“Jamie rang me after the sale and said he was kicking himself for not buying her,” Shane said. “He asked me if I had any more Loretto’s for sale – I told him everything was for sale at the right price.”

Upon visiting the Ryanna herd, Jamie came across the 2-year-old Holim Boudewijn daughter of Blacklight Loretto, Ryanna Boudewijn Loretto EX-91-2E 9* 1xF LIFE1.

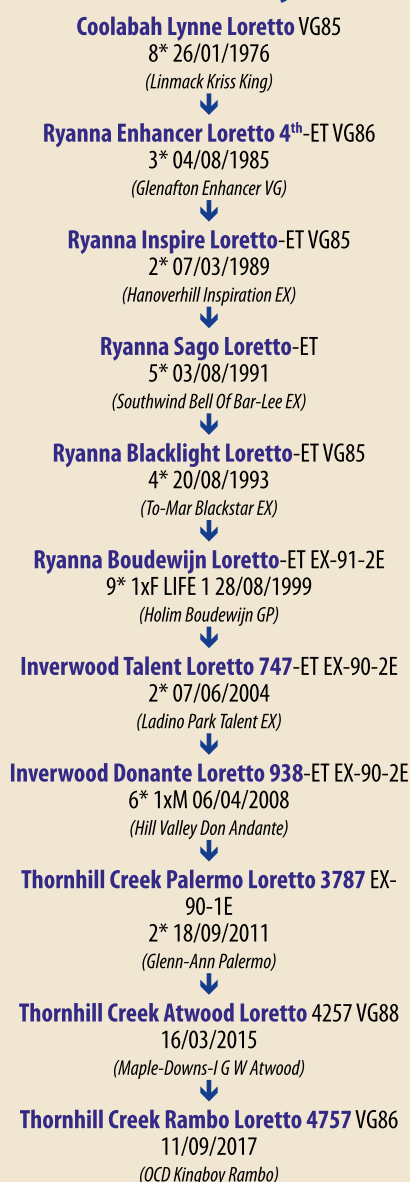
“She was a beautiful heifer – nice udder and amazing temperament,” Shane said, telling how the heifer stood while Jamie scratched her head in the paddock. “She selected herself really!”

A private deal was done, and Boudewijn Loretto joined the Inverwood herd where she completed eight lactations at 72,744 litres averaging 4.5% fat test and a PI 130. She scored Excellent at the Nicholls with an EX-92 mammary, sent seven sons to AI service, and produced four VG88 daughters and four EX daughters, including Inverwood G Juror Loretto 657-ET EX-90-1E 4*, Inverwood Talent Loretto 747-ET EX-90-1E 2*, and the Goldbullion daughters Inverwood Gold B Loretto 676-ET EX-90-2E 1* and Inverwood Bullion Loretto 674-ET EX-91-5E 7* 3xM 1xF 3xP LIFE 1.

The latter was sold at the Genetics Australia Connections sale in 2004 for \$5,500 to Tasmanian dairyfarmers Gary and Bev Carpenter. Gold B Loretto had an immediate impact at Garerley Holsteins, calving consistently until her last calf at 13 years, producing nine VG daughters, and one Excellent, Garerley Jack Loretto EX-90-1E.

In 2005, the Nicholls submitted another daughter of the Boudewijn to the GA Connections sale with Bushlea Farms paying \$9,100 for Inverwood Talent Loretto 751-ET. Her ET sister, Inverwood Talent Loretto 747-ET EX-90-1E 2*, remained with the Nicholls where she was flushed to Hill Valley Don Andante, producing the

Loretto family tree



heifer calf selected by Col and Val Gardner, Inverwood Donante Loretto 938-ET EX-90-2E 6* 1xM.

Consecutive Excellents

With three fourth-generation Excellent daughters of Donante Loretto now at Thornhill Creek, the Loretto's have rapidly established themselves as a dominant bloodline for the Armstrongs. Colin says his dream is to breed more Excellent cows, and to develop pedigrees with generations of Excellent breeding.

"When you breed good cows there's benefits from every avenue," Colin says. "Every line of heifers we are now bringing in are improving each year, with the better cow families always at the top."

As a seven-year-old on her sixth calf, having already exceeded 5,800 litres in just 124 days, Colin hopes Fever Loretto is on her way to another 11,000 litre lactation, and has left her unmated with plans for an autumn flush program.

Of her four daughters to date, Taraglen McCutchen Loretto VG85 has already scored VG on a second lactation, while the Fever's 2019 daughter by Woodcrest King Doc also has Colin excited.



Thornhill Creek Control Loretto 4698 VG85.

"I saw the King Doc heifer the other day and she's looking really good," he said.

"She's a deep bodied and silky thing like her mother – she looks a mint."

Another young cow Colin believes is showing real promise is a granddaughter of Palermo Loretto, Thornhill Creek Control Loretto 4698 VG85. She displays all the characteristics of her pedigree, from the silky texture and sloped rump of her dam, Thornhill Creek Mascialese Loretto 4042 VG87, to the hard top, youthful mammary

and smooth fore udder of her sire JK-Eder-I Control.

The consistency of the Palermo's influence can also be seen in her last daughter, the rising three-year-old Thornhill Creek Sidekick Loretto 5051 GP84 (2 years).

"She's really following that Loretto line – deep body, good rump – just an excellent type of cow," Colin says proudly, hoping this young cow could be the fifth generation Loretto to achieve the elusive Excellent status. HJ

Tasmanian 'queen' has a Loretto influence

BY JON HOLLAND

Garerley Showman Jamie 2 EX-93-2E 1xP is "the queen of the herd", according to Tasmanian dairy farmers Gary and Bev Carpenter (Garerley Holsteins). "She's an absolutely phenomenal cow," Bev says. "When she walks to the dairy, she struts around with her head up as if to say 'look at me!'"

Gary and Bev manage two dairies along Tasmania's north-west coast. Jamie spent her early years at their second farm, until she was scored Excellent by the HA classifier, at which time she was moved to the robotic dairy at Gunns Plains.

"We were blown away when she went Excellent at the other farm," Bev said. "I've got her here now – and she's not going anywhere."

Jamie quickly established herself as a herd favourite, and was second in her mature cow class in the 2021 Tasmanian On Farm Challenge.

Her sire, Garerley Showman, was used as



Garerley Showman Jamie 2 EX-93-2E 1xP, bred by Gary and Bev Carpenter, Garerley Holsteins, Tas.

a natural sire, before the Carpenters sold him as a young working bull. However, after the success of his early daughters, Showman returned to Garerley as a 7-year-old and was privately collected.

"He had some great daughters. They were good type, good production – good everything," Bev said proudly.

At 91% GP or better progeny, Showman carried the high milk yield, correct leg set and stylish refinement of his sire Comestar Stormatic, combined with the dairy strength, high components and superior udder quality of his dam, Inverwood Bullion Loretto 674-ET EX-91-5E 7* 3xM 1xF 3xP LIFE1.

Australian farmers and Holsteins inspire success In Pakistan

When Mudassar ‘Hass’ Hassan decided to establish a dairy farm in Pakistan, he turned to Google and searched for Australia’s best Holstein dairy farmers.

One of the names that came up was Bryan Dickson and the relationship they formed started a flourishing international connection that has now expanded to include genetic exports.

After reaching out on social media, Hass visited Bryan’s farm near Terang in south-west Victoria and convinced him to sell five Holsteins, thus starting a flourishing herd.

He eventually secured cattle from three different farms; Bryan’s Emu Banks, Eclipse and Vala Holsteins, with an emphasis on high quality.

“I only took elite cattle; all pure Holsteins,” he said.

From the initial export of 180 cows in 2017, the corporate dairy operation HRM Dairies, where Hass is CEO, is now milking nearly 400 Holstein cows, all imported from Australia.

The international connection has been strengthened with HRM Dairies entering an exclusive partnership with Genetics Australia to distribute Australian genetics in Pakistan.

Hass came to Australia in 2003 to study commerce at the University of Ballarat, became a permanent resident in 2008 and an Australian citizen in 2010.

He plans to retire in Pakistan and wanted to maintain a business connection in his homeland.

“I saw in 2017 that there was a huge gap between supply and demand in Pakistan and the quality of the dairy cattle in Pakistan wasn’t up to the mark,” he said.

“When I thought that I was going to do dairy, I googled best Australian farmers and Bryan Dickson came up right at the top.

“Bryan totally changed my perspective about cattle. I didn’t know what genetic



Australian cows and genetics work in Pakistan, Hass feels Australia could do way more to capitalise on the huge potential offered by Pakistan.

testing was at that time. I thought all black and white cows were the same but the way he explained it took us to another level. “He was my lucky charm.”

HRM, which stands for Holstein Research Management, wanted quality over quantity.

“We lead from the front and do a lot of trials and studies at our farm,” Hass said.

“There were Holsteins in Pakistan but not to the genetic quality I was after.

HRM Dairies is a barn-based operation and Hass hopes to be milking 1000 by the end of 2024.

Although temperatures can sometimes hit 50 degrees, the high-tech barn is kept

Pakistan is the fourth-largest dairy-producing country in the world, but it still needs imports and can struggle with what Hass describes as “non-descriptive” stock.

around 35 degrees thanks to a fan and sprinkler system.

About 90% of cattle at corporate farms – usually considered the higher tier of Pakistani farms – are from Australia.

HRM Dairies and Genetics Australia have combined for two shipments of genetics to Pakistan in late 2021 and plan more and larger shipments this year. The partnership was officially launched in Pakistan on 26 December 2021, with Holstein Australia banners on display.

Hass predicts the industry could grow immensely. “If I talk in dairy language, Pakistan is just at the weaning stage,” he said.

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“It’s a huge market but in Australia it is very underrated; Australia could do way more to capitalise on the potential market.”

Hass said many Pakistani farmers didn’t realise Australia exported semen. “People thought Australia only imported genetics from the US or Europe to A.I. their cows,”



More than 350 farmers attended the HRM launch of Genetics Australia in Pakistan on 26 December.

he said. "We have changed that now and people realise Australia is independent in terms of producing genetics."

Hass has created a huge social media following, not only in Pakistan but in India and Bangladesh. He has produced videos of interviews with Australian farmers, including Bryan Dickson and other Holstein farms breeders, attracting up to 100,000 views.

"This is the first time in Pakistan history that Australian genetics has come to Pakistan and we can show them the bull's daughters performing in another country, as well as those in our own herd. It's a showcase to farmers that it really works."

Hass is a firm believer that Australian genetics work in Pakistan. "We have similar conditions and If someday we had an index, it would be pretty close to the Australian BPI system.

"Like Australia we want stronger cows that have good feet and legs, an open chest, dairy strength, good mammary systems, and are healthy and fertile and able to cope with hot and humid conditions."

HRM is the only farm in Pakistan that does genomic testing and Hass hopes to close the gap and help farmers understand the value of good genetics in improving fertility, health and profitability.

"Genomic reports give you enough information for what you need to improve, without that you're just guessing but most Pakistan farmers don't have it," he said.

"Profit is not all about milk production; profit also means less expenses. If your cow is doing 12,000 litres but having mastitis twice and taking four doses to get pregnant, you won't be making that much profit, but if she's producing 8-9000 litres and getting pregnant easily and not

having health problems, she's probably more profitable."

Last year, almost 97% of the HRM herd got pregnant, it had one of the lowest mortality rates and best-ever production. Minimum production from any cow was 10,000 litres but the average was more than 12,000 litres, success Hass attributes to genetics, management and nutritional control.

Hass is happy to say he's a "Holstein guy".



Bryan Dickson Emu Banks Holstein cows at Terang impressed Hass and inspired him to import Australian Holsteins. His interview was viewed more than 100,000 times.



Hass feels DataGene has developed a world class evaluation system and has led the world on traits such as Heat Tolerance, Mastitis Resistance and Feed Efficiency. Pictured here with DataGene Extension Officer Peter Williams.

"I like the way they look but they have to work for you. With the choice of bulls from Genetics Australia, we have enough to create cows the way we like them with good milk solids, staying longer at the farm, getting back into calf quickly, and being resistant against heat.

"You have to give credit to DataGene and the research that has taken place in Australia. In the last 10 years, they have developed

a world-class evaluation system and led the world in traits such as feed efficiency, heat tolerance and improvements in the Holstein breed to fertility and mastitis resistance."

While Hass describes Pakistan as a largely untapped market for Australian dairy and a viable alternative or back-up to China, he says that quality is paramount and that breed organisations should apply minimum standards for live exports.

"At the end of the day, Australia's name is on those heifers; they are Australia's ambassadors."

About five years ago Genetics Australia Export Manager Rob Derksen identified Pakistan as a country of interest for Australian genetics.

"We were looking for a distributor in Pakistan and we appointed two distributors, but both had little interest in genetic merit, they just wanted to focus on getting the cheapest possible product. We decided at the time to place greater emphasis on exporting genetics to other countries, particularly China as they were prepared to focus on better quality genetics and promote the Australian Breeding Value system.

"In less than five years China became our number one export market. In more recent years, as the relationship between Beijing and Canberra deteriorated, we were unable to obtain import permits for China and decided to again look at options in Pakistan," Rob said.

"After a chance meeting with Hass and his partners it quickly became obvious their focus was on wanting to breed better quality animals.

"We decided to appoint HRM as our exclusive distributor and his dairy will become a showcase in Pakistan for Australian genetics. Other farmers can't believe the high production better quality Australian cattle are doing."

Rob said that apart from the growth in semen there was great opportunity for Australian farmers to sell better quality surplus heifers to Pakistan.

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Mature cow Aleta blitzes the competition

When the 9-year-old Coral Hill Longtime Aleta EX-92-3E walked into the yard, in full form, and on a sixth lactation sporting an EX-94 point mammary system, OFC judge Lindsay Moxey was certain he'd found his champion.

"Wow! What an outstanding dairy cow with an incredible frame," Lindsay said. "She just ticks everything for me – her length of frame, openness of frame, depth of frame, openness of rib and a near perfect udder. She has height, she has width, she has depth of seam, and her teat placement is just superb."

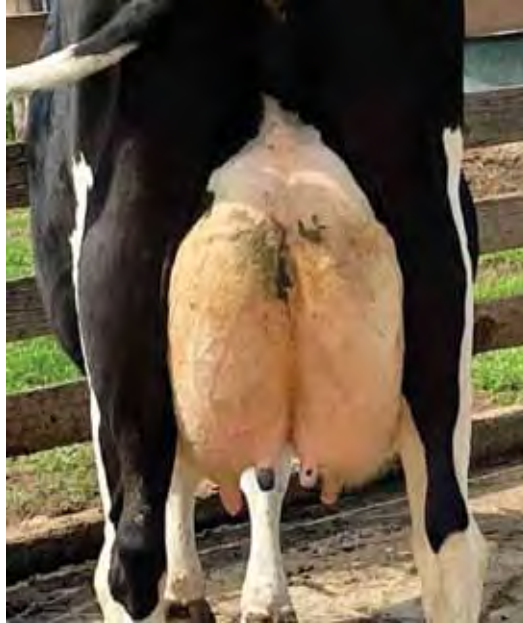
Bred by Master Breeders Brett and Sue McGinn, Aleta stems from a local cow family that the McGinns have worked with for more than 20 years.

"The Aletas have never been big or tall cows, but they are very functional, very consistent and one of our main families here," Brett said, remembering a year when three Aleta family members placed in the top 6 of the NSW OFC State Finals.

Brett said Longtime Aleta was a trouble-free cow that is never sick, milks well and calves regularly. "You wouldn't notice she's even here most days to be honest."

The McGinns milk a little over 100 Holsteins year round at Belmore River along the NSW north east coast, midway between Coffs Harbour and Port Macquarie.

The herd grazes kikuyu pastures through the summer and annual ryegrasses in winter, with their PMR (partial mixed ration) diet supplemented by corn silage, brewers' grain and confectionaries.



Dorrigo-Kempsey NSW Champion OFC – Coral Hill Longtime Aleta EX-92-3E, exhibited by Brett and Sue McGinn, Coral Hill Holsteins.

Left: Coral Hill Longtime Aleta's udder.

Brett likes to breed "good showy type" cows, believing the show cow should be true to the ideal Holstein type – a high-producing cow that is built to last. For him, Aleta fits this mould.

"Aleta is probably the best-uddered cow we've ever bred," Brett said. "She is a big producer, but her udder just hasn't changed

– even after all the calves she's had."

While Brett is considering flushing Aleta in the future, for now he hopes she continues to get in-calf to sexed semen and produce more daughters for him.

"She is just so functional and sound – I really feel and hope she'll keep going for many more years."

Sub-branch / Region: Dorrigo-Kempsey NSW

Judge: Lindsay Moxey

Champion: Coral Hill Longtime Aleta, exhibited by B & S McGinn, Coral Hill Holsteins

Class	First	Second
2-year-old	Coral Hill O Astra	Marloo Acrobat Maressa
3-year-old	Golden Valley Defiant Sally 2nd-RED	Coral Hill Jacot Alert-RED
4-year-old	Marloo Sidney Cressy	Grade cow -Tag 616 (Stormatic)
5-year-old	Valleyrose Defiant Luna	Brushy Mountain Camelot Lady
Mature 6+ year-old	Coral Hill Longtime Aleta	Grade cow - Tag 150 (Windhammer)

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TASMANIA

Caressa is the classic on-farm champion

South Australia's Angela Tweddle enjoyed the week judging the OFC for Tasmania, travelling around the state, meeting breeders and talking endlessly about cows.

"I really like the On Farm Challenge as a competition, and it was great to see Tassie for the first time, and meet a lot of new people," she said. "I saw a lot of good cows and it was fairly competitive across all the farms. And the hospitality was awesome – I really enjoyed it!"

When declaring Fairvale Corvette Caressa 43 VG86 as her Tasmanian OFC Champion for 2021, Angela described the 4-year-old as "the best uddered and most balanced cow in the whole competition."

Exhibited by Fairvale Holstein's Ross and Leanne Dobson, Caressa joined a long list of Tasmanian champions bred by the two-time Holstein Master Breeders. Leanne admits the Caressa family has never been one of their more prominent cow families, but one that "still pays the bills".

For Leanne, Corvette Caressa is quite typical of the family.

"Like most of the Caressas, she's never going to be a tall cow, but a well-balanced cow," Leanne said. "She's the real 'classic On Farm Challenge cow' – balanced, good udder, huge capacity and width, great depth of rib and dairy bone – and just a lovely temperament to go with it."

Leanne has worked with the Caressa family for more than 30 years, founded at Fairvale with a cow from Leanne's parents William and Marie Gurr, Willarie Holsteins. Willarie Broker Caressa VG87 STP 4* 1xM 1xF LIFE 3 exceeded 90,000 litres from 11 lactations, and produced three VG daughters at Fairvale, including the show cow Fairvale Boulet Caressa VG88.

"The Charles cow (Boulet Caressa) had a beautiful temperament," Leanne said. "She used to love eating our doughnuts at the show."

Calving in September, Corvette Caressa competed fresh on her second calf after an extended first lactation. Leanne explained that with their split calving pattern, they often allow their first calf heifers an



ABOVE AND RIGHT: Tasmania Champion OFC – Fairvale Corevett Caressa 43 VG86, exhibited by Leanne and Ross Dobson, Fairvale Holsteins.

extended lactation, allowing them to body down and mature.

"It gives them a chance to grow that extra depth and rib – but they've still got to milk through and they've got to be profitable."

Caressa's extra capacity was also noticed by the judge who praised the young cow for her dairy quality and overall dairy strength. "As soon as she walked in the yard to be judged I picked her out," Angela said. "She certainly was not the biggest cow, but just a great dairy cow with everything in the right spot."

Angela said it was that combination of correctness, functionality, dairyness and beautiful mammary system that made Caressa an easy choice for her Champion.



Sub-branch / Region: Tasmania

Judge: Angela Tweddle

Champion: Fairvale Corvette Caressa 43, exhibited by R & L Dobson, Fairvale Holsteins

Class	First	Second
2-year-old	Southwick Unix Alaska	Fairvale Doorman Caressa
3-year-old	Humevale Park Octane Biscuit	Datumvale Unix Dellie
4-year-old	Fairvale Corvette Caressa 43	Cradleview Lauthority Beets
5-year-old	Humevale Park Monetry Biggirl	Sedara 1676
Mature 6+ year-old	Dial View Steady Belle	Garerley Showman Jamie 2

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

First class 3-year-old Champion for WA

Western Australian OFC judge Leon Giglia was impressed by the overall quality of the entries, praising the consistency of the cows and spread of quality across all the competitors.

“The competition itself was very deep,” Leon said. “I saw lots of really good cattle right through the competition – every farm I went to had very competitive cows.”

Yet for Leon, the 3-year-old entry of Wayne and Belinda Owston, Broselinda Park Chief Lagertha BP12-ET, was a clear winner.

“The 3-year-old was easily my favourite of the competition,” he said, admiring Lagertha’s maturity and overall capacity.

“She was so deep and open in her fore rib, with great capacity and width throughout,” Leon said. “Her udder really was first class – it could not have been more snug or firm in its attachments.”

Lagertha is a descendant of world-famous Canadian brood cow, Ravenswell Lydia EX-92-1E 19*. Seizing an opportunity to bring the cow family to Western Australia, Wayne bought Lagertha as a contract of embryos from Fleyas Holsteins in Gorae, south-western Victoria.

“I enjoy the gamble and playing with genetics, and trying new things and different bloodlines,” Wayne said. “I don’t want to just buy something that everyone else already has, and even though the Lydia family has been around a while, they weren’t in WA.”

The Owstons got two heifer calves from the two embryos, with Lagertha’s ET sister sold at the WA Holsteins Sale in 2019, with the proceeds donated to the charity Autism West.

As a yearling, Wayne already had high expectations for Lagertha, particularly after her genomic test results placed her as the number one genomic Holstein for overall type in the southern hemisphere (based on a Canadian proof gLPI). Locally Lagertha still boasts a remarkable ABVg Overall Type of +111, Overall Mammary +112 and BPI +153.

“She is an extreme animal – but balanced. Very tall and very strong – but with



Western Australia OFC presentation: Lachlan Fry, Belinda and Wayne Owston, judge Leon Giglia.

finesse,” Wayne said. “But it’s really her temperament that sets her apart. She’s a great feeder and has a great nature. She just loves being around people.”

Wayne said Lagertha displayed real promise on her first lactation, but unfortunately plans to take her a show in 2020 did not eventuate with local shows at Brunswick, Harvey and Perth Royal all cancelled during the pandemic.

Fortunately, Brunswick Show did proceed in 2021, with Lagertha crowned Supreme Dairy Cow on her second lactation – even beating the Owston’s Excellent mature Jersey entry for the title.

“Lagertha had a lot of admirers that day,” Wayne said.

Despite achieving regular class placings in the local OFC, Wayne says they have never had a Champion, so Lagertha’s success was a real thrill.

“We like to give the On Farm Challenge a go most years,” he said. “But when you look at the calibre of local cows and breeders you come up against – even if you just get

a placing, you know you’re doing bloody well!”

Lagertha has two daughters at Broselinda Park, a Woodcrest King Doc yearling Broselinda Park Lovey Bp 19 with an ABV(g) Overall Type +110, Overall Mammary +113, and a polled 2021 born calf by Coomboona Zipit Mirand-PP, Broselinda Park Mirand Lilibet BP22-PO.

“They both have Lagertha’s gentle nature and class,” Wayne says proudly. “That cow family just never misses.”

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Western Australia Champion OFC – Broselinda Park Chief Lagertha, exhibited by Wayne and Belinda Owston, Broselinda Park Holsteins

Sub-branch / Region: Western Australia

Judge: Leon Giglia

Champion: Broselinda Park Chief Lagertha BP12-ET, exhibited by W & B Owston, Broselinda Park Holsteins

Class	First	Second
2-year-old	Karnet Mirand 978	Treeton Impression Rhoda
3-year-old	Broselinda Park Chief Lagertha BP12-ET	Shade River 8013
4-year-old	Elgin First Class 2509	Acero Solo B Rae
5-year-old	Elgin Commander 2365	Carenda MVP Fran
Mature 6+ year-old	Treeton Impression Joy	Acero Raesmin



Classification Tour Results

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Central & Western NSW

CUMBEROONA HOLDINGS PTY LTD

EX-91-1E	Cumeroona Whatabull Beauty	6 Lact.
VG85	Cumeroona Russian Jo	1L 2.5Y

GAVANA HOLSTEINS

VG86	Gavana Bolton Claire	1L 2.10Y
VG85	Gavana Dundee Liz	1L 2.10Y

Dorrigo-Kempsey, NSW

N BOOKER & A MARKS

EX-94-4E	Leader Shottle Sugar	7 Lact.
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B A & S E MCGINN

EX-92-3E	Coral Hill Longtime Aleta	5 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Coral Hill Atom Daphne	4 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Coral Hill Attitude Midas-RED	6 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Coral Hill Ms Kate	3 Lact.
VG85	Coral Hill Jacot Candy-RED	1L 2.11Y
VG85	Coral Hill Jacot Kate-RED	1L 3.5Y
VG85	Coral Hill O Astra	1L 2.11Y

Far North Coast NSW

T K & L M NORTHFIELD

EX-91-2E	Kaloola Talent C Betty	6 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Kaloola Atwood D Liz 1st	6 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Kaloola Corvette Bunty	3 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Kaloola Corvette Ja Betty	3 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Kaloola Pronto Rae-ET	8 Lact.
EX-90-4E	Kaloola Goldwyn Liz-ET	8 Lact.
EX-90-3E	Kaloola Fever Meg 2nd	6 Lact.
VG86	Kaloola Eudon Belinda	1L 2.10Y
VG85	Kaloola Eudon Satin	1L 2.10Y
VG85	Kaloola Solomon Gc Bunty	1L 3.4Y
VG85	Kaloola Solomon Meggie 2nd	1L 3.1Y
VG85	Kaloola Tatoo C Betty	1L 2.7Y

T K & T J WANT

EX-90-1E	Clarendon A Janet	7 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Clarendon Shott Paula	7 Lact.

Far South Coast, NSW

HILLGROVE DAIRY PTY LTD

EX-90-1E	Clinton Park Blaine Bonnie	6 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Sea Breeze Orlando Satin 2nd P-PO	5 Lact.

PROGRESSIVE HOLSTEINS

EX-92-3E	Progressive Toystory Currency	8 Lact.
VG85	Progressive Roble Beauty	1L 2.10Y

WARWICK FARM ENTERPRISES

EX-90-1E	Warwick Farm Shottle Marigold-ET-CNF-DPF-BLF 9 Lact.	
VG85	Warwick Farm Byway Candy	1L 3.3Y

YATTARNA TRADING

VG85	Yattarna Bradnick L Gold Waterlily	1L 2.9Y
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Hunter Valley, NSW

HASSETT FAMILY

EX-90-1E	Halewood Fever Paris	5 Lact.
EX-90-2E	Strongbark Goldchip Lavish-IMP-ET	6 Lact.
VG85	Strongbark Byway Geo	1L 3.0Y

A S R SHEARER & SON

EX-90-1E	Wyoming Windhammer Daisy	3 Lact.
EX-90-2E	Wyoming Ladenzel Pontiac	6 Lact.
VG86	Wyoming Sunlight Daisy	1L 2.6Y
VG86	Wyoming Tatoo Nell	1L 2.5Y
VG85	Wyoming Tallula Mary	1L 2.10Y
VG85	Wyoming Tatoo Priscilla	1L 2.8Y

TALGARTH PARTNERSHIP

EX-91-1E	Fordwich Crolly Fancy	4 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Fordwich Guthrie Avril-CNF-DPF-BLF	4 Lact.

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EX-91-2E	Wyoming Fever Brenda	7 Lact.
EX-90-3E	Wyoming Darylrae Pontiac	5 Lact.

Manning, NSW

O P DALEY & B K BRATFIELD

VG87	Promenade Geography Toni	1L 3.7Y
VG85	Promenade Salt Jackie	1L 2.8Y

CHRIS & BRENDAN BUTLER

EX-90-1E	Arrallik Allen Meg-ET	3 Lact.
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C R & D EMERTON

EX-90-1E	Regemo Shotgun Hettie	6 Lact.
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M D & P M GRAY

EX-91-1E	Bowthorne Frazer Nona	6 Lact.
EX-91-1E	Bowthorne Salin Mulga	8 Lact.
EX-90-2E	Golden Valley Shottle Trillpearl	6 Lact.
EX-90-2E	Marloo Policy Lassie	8 Lact.

P M HURRELL

EX-91-2E	Springwood Park Shadow Quality	5 Lact.
EX-90-2E	Springwood Park Impression Dianne	4 Lact.

KILLARRA PARK

EX-91-4E	Killararra Park Mm Fussy	7 Lact.
EX-91-2E	Killararra Park Aftershock Fussy	6 Lact.
EX-90-2E	Killararra Park Dundee Meg	8 Lact.
VG85	Killararra Park Candy Grace	1L 1.10Y

KLAMEEA HOLSTEINS

EX-90-2E	Klameea Absolute Angel-RED-CNF-DPF-BLF	5 Lact.
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A D & Z R POLSON

EX-90-1E	Oxley Vale Future Susie	5 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Oxley Vale Lavanguard Rosebloom	5 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Oxley Vale Reginal Susie	7 Lact.
EX-90-3E	Oxley Vale Ernesto Fussy	8 Lact.
EX-90-2E	Oxley Vale Damion Fussy 6-ET	6 Lact.
VG86	Oxley Vale King D Mistress Et-ET	1L 2.3Y

MURRAY POLSON

EX-90-1E	Mario Park Braxton Fanny-CNF-DPF-BLF	5 Lact.
EX-90-2E	Mario Park Atwood Midas-ET	4 Lact.

RIVERSIDE PARK HOLSTEINS

EX-91-1E	Riverside Park Stormatic Jo-IMP-ET	7 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Riverside Park Dolman Mandy	8 Lact.
VG85	Parrabel Rs Awesome Style-IMP-ET	1L 3.6Y

CAMERON YARNOLD

EX-91-3E	Arrallik Goldsun Meg	6 Lact.
EX-91-2E	Arrallik Atwood Candy 2-ET	5 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Arrallik Diamondback Meg	3 Lact.
EX-90-2E	Arrallik Bolton Meg-ET	6 Lact.
VG85	Arrallik Stanleycup Piebe	1L 2.6Y

Murrumbidgee, NSW

K N & S K JOLLIFFE

EX-90-1E	Currajule Eliminator Deanne 2151-ET	5 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Currajule Mascalse Toyane 2141	5 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Currajule Super Golden 1737-CNF-DPF-XIF-BLF	7 Lact.
EX-90-2E	Currajule Paradise Faith 2191	7 Lact.
VG85	Currajule Zipit Letitia 2838	1L 3.0Y

J W & S V O'SULLIVAN

EX-92-3E	Rosewood Globe Gay 2nd	8 Lact.
EX-92-3E	Rosewood Latrobe Leah	8 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Rosewood Latrobe Hanna	9 Lact.
EX-90-2E	Rosewood Jim Honey	5 Lact.
EX-90-2E	Rosewood Model Brandy-RED	7 Lact.
EX-90-2E	Rosewood Windbrook Felicity	5 Lact.

South Coast & Tablelands, NSW

MARK BISBY

VG86	Marloe Byway Fussy	1L 2.7Y
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BOSCAWEN HOLSTEINS

EX-92-4E	Boscawen Kokomo Manhattan 4058	11 Lact.
EX-91-3E	Boscawen Powerplay Jewel 4417	10 Lact.
EX-90-1E	Boscawen Charjurus Chloe 5140	8 Lact.
EX-90-3E	Boscawen Ginjack Star 5287	8 Lact.
VG86	Boscawen Mafia Manhattan 8149	1L 2.9Y
VG85	Boscawen Avalott Lillie 8377	1L 2.3Y
VG85	Boscawen Octane Bones 7827	1L 3.7Y
VG85	Boscawen Solomon Queen 8345-ET	1L 2.4Y

CASSAWARRY HOLSTEIN

VG85 Cassawarry Doorman Frosty 1L 2.9Y

CRAWFORD FAMILY

 EX-91-4E Coolea Sizzling Debutante 6 Lact.
 EX-91-2E Coolea Aftershock Debutante 5 Lact.
 EX-90-1E Coolea Braxton Treasure 5 Lact.
 EX-90-1E Coolea Fever Trish 3 Lact.
 EX-90-1E Coolea Leelan Debutant 6 Lact.
 EX-90-1E Coolea Lol Bess-CNF-DPF-BLF 4 Lact.
 EX-90-1E Coolea Sunny Dawn 6 Lact.
 EX-90-1E Horizon Aftershock Jessica 2 5 Lact.
 EX-90-1E Hullabaloo Aftershock Leona 7355 6 Lact.
 EX-90-3E Anne Well Denzel Fairy 6 Lact.
 VG85 Coolea Byway Alison-ET 1L 3.2Y

A R CRAWFORD

VG85 Mayfair Poseway Posey 1L 2.7Y

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Genomic testing helps farmers to:

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- Make more informed decision on which heifers to sell
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- Verify parentage or clarify pedigree.

In the past 12 months the number of genomic tested heifers has more than doubled. This growth is expected to continue to the point where it becomes routine practice on most farms.

NEXT SESSION DETAILS

Date Wednesday 6 April 2022

Time 7:00-8:30 pm

Location Online (Zoom Meeting)

TO REGISTER

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'It's Showtime!' an international hit

BY SARAH KEENS

A children's picture story book based on a Holstein cow has caught the attention of patrons at IDW and further afield.

Young dairy enthusiasts and their parents congregated at the book stand to buy 'It's ShowTime'.

Kathryn Bowden, the book's author and illustrator, said she was inspired to write the story after discovering there were few books and resources available for young children to learn about cattle showing.

Kathryn, a high school teacher from Kiama Downs, grew up on a seven generation NSW dairy farm and won both youth parading and judging competitions in the past.

The mother of two based the story on her favourite childhood cow from her parents Gerringong dairy farm.

"I've had so much interest that I was asked to be promoted by a dairy company in the USA. It's an extremely exciting journey," she said.

The book has been promoted through social media and Kathryn has sponsored many local calf shows to gain exposure in Victoria and NSW.

Since being published last year the book has sold to international buyers across the UK, US and Canada with about 20% of copies selling overseas.

"We're very thankful for the support that we've received. It feels pretty amazing for a small business like ours," Kathryn said.

She said she was thrilled with the support



Kathryn Bowden (holding Hamish) with her husband Archer (holding Matt).

at International Dairy Week, particularly from an IDW sponsor who bought the books as prizes for the IDW Youth Show. By the end of IDW, book sales had increased by 60%.

"I've actually sold so many that I've had to do a reprint," Kathryn said.

Copies have made their way into some local libraries from supporters who have donated the book.



Kathryn Bowden was inspired to write *It's Showtime* after discovering there were few books and resources available for children to learn about cattle showing.

'It's ShowTime – Holstein Day!' is part of a six-book series and the Holstein story follows a cow named Nancy, who journeys from the farm gate to the show ring, documenting all her parading steps along the way.

The series is aimed at children aged three to seven years old. Each book in the set will feature a different cow breed; the latest release features a Jersey.

"I'm hoping to publish a new book to the series every six months," Kathryn said.

Kathryn said the book highlights the passion and care farmers have for their cattle.

"Showing is an art that has been shared among many generations and I thoroughly enjoy teaching other children about the process," she said.

The book series and print artwork is available online in the UK, Canada, US and Australia via theartmum.com. **HJ**

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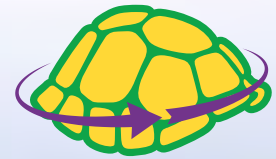
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T-2	7.1 - 21.1	69.1	25.0 - 61.6	0	3.2 - 8.1	69.1
ZEN - Zearalenone	54.8 - 63.2	87.1	10.4 - 16.7	2.0	45.6 - 56.6	85.4
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