



Queensland

This year has seen a few changes in the leadership of the group with Tim Franzmann as president, Gail Barrowcliff as secretary and Dennis Hickey graciously agreeing to continue as treasurer and give the group the benefit of his extensive experience. We acknowledge and appreciate the contributions made by Lee LaBrie and Patricia Atkinson and wish them all the best in their continuing endeavours to promote the Australian Lowline breed.

For 2009, the QLPG hopes to instigate a breed show and social weekend somewhere towards the middle of the year. This is still in the planning stages but promises to be a terrific opportunity to network with other Lowline breeders at an informal get together. More information will be provided as the planning proceeds.

In addition QLPG will be actively involved and represented at Beef Australia 2009 in Rockhampton in May. There will be a promotion site and all members are encouraged to contact Tim or Gail with promotional material for their studs or with any ideas they may have to share. Of course, assistance will also be appreciated.

The group would also like to initiate smaller, localized groups of breeders to promote the breed in their areas with support from QLPG. You know what you need and we would like to support your efforts in your local area.

Finally, those Queensland members of ALCA who have not nominated to join a promotion group, please reconsider doing so, as the QLPG can provide you with a wealth of experience and advice, people who share a common interest and love of our Lowlines and support for promotion of the breed in your area.

Tim Franzmann, QLPG president

Top left: Australia Day at Rockhampton Heritage Village, Janette Hodgson and Tim Franzmann, promote Lowlines to some of the 5,500 visitors.

Top right: Toowoomba Royal 2008 and Sarah Follington of Pittsworth State High School shows her handling skills with Grand Champion Lik Lik Blinky. Bottom right: Tammy Rhiel, also of Pittsworth High, makes a confident Associate Judge at the 2008 NZ Royal Show at Christchurch.

Lowline Plus

Lowline Plus and Queensland have both had a busy year judging by the number of new Queensland members. It is encouraging to see the breed continuing to grow and move further and further northwards.

At Boonah Show, in May Lowlines were the feature breed and with over 10 studs participating had excellent numbers. This is a growth area for our breed so gave us good exposure.

At Brisbane Show, in August, Lowline Plus hosted the Ekka drinks after the show. Our judge, Fiona Sanderson, was very enthusiastic, as always, about our breed and joined the members for drinks. Our international guests David and Donna Whitehead from the Bonanza Stud USA were also present so it was nice for them to meet some Queensland members.

As part of the Toowoomba Ag show activities, Lowline Plus provided funding for a Queensland Lowline youth member to travel to New Zealand as an Associate Judge for the Royal Canterbury Show in Christchurch in November 2008. Airfares and travel insurance are provided and the winner is billeted with New Zealand Lowline members. Congratulations to Tammy Riehl from the Pittsworth State High School the 2009 winner.

It is a wonderful opportunity to travel overseas, be an ambassador for the Australian Lowline Asso-

ciation and experience judging at an international royal show.

Other Lowline Plus activities included running the food tent at the Small Breeds Open Day which is our major fundraiser for the year. Last year was well attended with nearly 400 people. Breeders are also invited to display their cattle.

A wonderful day AGM and Christmas Party was held at Goomburra Lowline Stud which is situated on the edge of a national park. This would be a wonderful site for a youth camp with established camping facilities and bunk rooms. Lowline beef was cooked in the camp oven and over 30 members attended, including lots of new faces!

Lowline Plus will once again be supporting its members to attend Beef Australia 2009, the biggest Beef Expo in the southern hemisphere, by providing funding to assist members in their transport costs. As in previous years we will arrange a truck so everyone can travel together. This assistance will make it easier for smaller studs to participate in this fabulous event.

Margo Hayes, LPPG chairperson

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