

South Australia

A highlight of last year for South Australia was our Youth member Heidi Corey being selected as the 2009 ALCA Youth Ambassador to the USA. Congratulations and extremely well done Heidi, winning such an important award against so many competitors from all the Eastern States.



Heidi learns to keep her feet in the snow helped by Brandon Enervold, a stockman at ALR vice-president Neil Effertz' North Dakota ranch.

2008 was a year that passed quickly, starting with the Kingston Show, where four South East studs attended, the only cattle at the show. There were no horses in action and we received lots of attention particularly in the grand parade. Next came Mt Gambier Show with Lowlines as the featured breed. A good turnout of studs, with a few hiccups on judging day, which were overcome with the help of the two Peters. The social side was great in our camping area. The beef dinner was a huge success with over 100 attending. Lowline cattle have been represented at every country show, demonstrating our commitment to the breed.

A good number of studs attended the year's first meeting (at Tailum Bend). A lot was achieved that day and the social side was well worth the trip. We met at Pat Weinert's the day before Beef Week was held with Lowlines on show and stock sold to new owners. Well done Pat and thank you for your hospitality.

The meeting at Colin and Bronnies at Warooga was very interesting as we had a guest speaker on what to look for in your stud animal when showing. Bronnie outdid herself again in the food department with dinner after at the Bellum and a good social night was had by those attending.

The last meeting was at Glen Willow where we had the president John Rowe attend as an invited guest. Many things were discussed and elaborated on and the labels for Lowline X meat were put into action. The Lowline x beef being sold into Fosters Foodland is progressing well with demand and supply of two animals a week being met. New stickers have been designed and will be added to the tray packed meat to really promote what we are all about, quality LowlineX meat.

In closing I would like to say and show my great thanks to Bronnie for the great job she has done as secretary of our group.

Klaus Emmerich, President, SALPG.



ABOVE: Lockridge High Paraders Day 08 with WALPG president David Collins doing his share. A Lockridge High steer was placed 4th out of 25 at Perth Royal and David Collins' Harcourt steer was placed 5th.

Western Australia

Congratulations to the lowlinecountry.com web site team. The site is proving to be a winner for everyone, ALCA members, breeders and the general public whether they are newcomers to cattle or just wanting more information. I encourage anyone looking into cattle to sign up and ask a question or learn something new from professionals and novices alike. The Western Australian Lowline Promotion Group have a section within the site and I encourage more breeders to join up, as well as anyone interested in keeping up to date with what is happening here in WA. You don't even have to own cattle to be a part of this site.

Many areas of WA have experienced rainfall into the new year, maintaining green feed for longer. Stock is looking good and herds will soon be expanding with calving due to start for some breeders. Congratulations must go to David and Stacey Collins of Harcourt Lowline Stud for winning the Champion Specialty Breeds Female at the Perth Royal Show with Harcourt Kewpea. It has been a close call for judges in the previous years and finally a win to Lowline. David also entered a Lowline steer into the hoof and hook competition.

During 2009 we are aiming towards closing the gap between our breeders scattered throughout our vast state. The lowlinecountry.com web site will surely make this an easier task. We are looking into holding workshops for members and interested people on a variety of topics. The hands on days will include general husbandry skills, animal selection, show preparation and management.

The 2009 Perth Royal Show Lowline judging will be taking place on the 26th of October, the first Saturday of the show. It is also expected to see more Lowline and Lowline cross animals in the hoof and hook competition, this will be the fourth year Lowlines have entered, each year having shown promising results for the breed.

Again Lowlines will be displayed at the Balingup Small Farms Field Day on April 18th. Holiwell Lowline Stud will display animals and be available to all whom are interested. With over 15,000 people passing through the gates during the one day event, we sure do get busy. And don't those "cute little cows" get a lot of attention!

Kellie Paterson, Secretary, WALPG.

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