

SMALL CATTLE WITH A BIG HISTORY

With male calves looming, the department hoisted the white flag to the former Naval officer and agreed to release two yearling bulls. Commodore (TRA J001) and Admiral (TRA J222) later became the first and second entries in the Bull Index of the Australian Lowline Herd Book.

It was 1991 when Des Owens bought his first cattle from his friend Ian Pullar. He was so impressed with their conformation and temperament that he attended all the Trangie sales and established a substantial herd, going on to great successes in the showing. The pictures on the opposite page feature his early champion bull, Mugga Majura

Des participated at the Low Line auction sale at Trangie on 8th August 1992, with six others, Ian Pullar, David Barnett, Don Burke, Carolyn Tebbutt, Kevin Everson and Bob Pringle. Afterwards they gathered beneath a gum tree at the auction site and formed the Australian Lowline Cattle Association.

Their names appear in the Australian Lowline Herd Book as Foundation Members along with the next 18 who joined. Those who continue, like Des, as active members today, are Keith and Moira Smith and Peter and Jeanette Stebbins. As Keith Smith explains it: "The reason we bought Lowlines was that they were small good quality beef cattle. We were "city slickers" with limited cattle experience and due to the Lowline's size they are easier to handle than larger breeds.

They were not "graded up" by cross breeding with other cattle so they had a consistent type and look. And they were very obviously beef animals."

The Smiths bought two cows with heifer calves at foot and two older heifers from Des and then more cows and a bull at the final dispersal sale at Trangie.

So who designed the logo?

That came from Trangie and visually depicts what the research centre was working with.

A small black bull (Low Line) superimposed on a larger bull (Control Line) on top of a very large bull (High Line). "The perfect logo for our association," says Des.

- Judy Sainsbury



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