



Gordon and Wendy Hellyer's Belted Herd at Flag Swamp

President's Report

Autumn is well upon us throughout the country with temperatures dropping down in the Tasman District having the lowest so far which has been down to minus 8 degrees. Luckily our galloways have their thick winter coats which will see them through these cooler temperatures with ease, along with the backbone of our herds who are carrying the next generation of calves which most of us are all eager to see leading up to spring or autumn for those who calve then.

It's been a tough season here in Canterbury with the drought and having to feed out through summer, autumn and winter which is yet to come although the herd has done an amazing job keeping in condition given the circumstances, cows rearing stocky calves and getting in calf like normal. The old saying "When the going gets tough, the tough get going" and that is much to be admired about our amazing breed! Various other breeds of cattle aren't always as efficient during tough times when feed is low or of poorer quality although galloways seem to thrive whatever is put in front of them which is how they have stood the test of time.



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We held our 2024 AGM in April and I would like to send a special thank you to the southern group organisers for their efforts the past few months putting on a great weekend down in Dunedin for our event. The venue was nice and easy to find with great parking and the conference room was a nice touch having exposed stone walls which fitted the Galloway breed nicely.

Since having our AGM on the Saturday we welcome onto council this year Angela McNaughton (Vice President) and Karen Futter (Secretary) along with the councillors Gus Smith, Jill Maxwell-Strang, Sarah Pinfold, Tracey Berkahn, Ulrich Snyman (treasurer), Virginia Poole and John Berridge (registrar). I was elected as president for this exciting term which will see us hosting the World Galloway Congress in 2025. John Berridge our registrar who has done an outstanding job working his way through the ADL and calf returns for those who have completed these which is no easy task with numerous hours along with the ongoing work on breed mate and working alongside our I.T person Nicholas Archibald which has not been for the faint hearted. I would like to thank the councillors for volunteering their time and skills from their busy lives to fill these positions as without them the society wouldn't be able to function, I look forward to working with you all.

The council will be having an in person meeting on the 30th June 2024 , I would like to encourage any members who have any questions or queries they would like addressed to contact myself or their local councillor who can bring this up at the June meeting or any other meetings in the future.

I would also like to thank the breeders who opened their gates for us to view their herds, given the drought like conditions, the animals looked great and the calves on their dams were as round as they were high. It's pleasing to see that even though the conditions were a bit tough our hard-working breed managed to hold their own and their offspring.

There was a great talk from Adam Rivett from chopped butchery about their business model and plans moving forward helping us as a society push our galloways into the meat market place and restaurants to hopefully keep the continued orders for Galloway beef flowing. We went for a tour of the chopped butchery site along with having a look at some of the marbled galloway carcass's ready for processing.

Congratulations to all those who participated in our virtual show this year which was a challenging task for our judge Bruce Robertson as there was 49 animals entered and the standard of animals is something everyone should be very proud of as they weren't easy to judge which is a true testament to all who entered as we all have the same objective of breeding quality animals with longevity. There was a good mixture of young calves through to our stud sires and dams with a variety of Belted, Riggitt and White Galloways.

Thank you to Gus Smith for being our president the past year and all the work you have put in leading the society through some challenging times in the North Island with the floods along with having to deal with your own farm and landslips during this period. Your support and efforts haven't gone unnoticed and it's great to still have you on council with your ongoing support to the society.

Kind Regards

Nick Rattanong
President



From the Desk of the Registrar

By John Berridge

Since November last year I have been emailing Registrar Updates to all Financial Breeder and Associate Members. These have contained information and advice on a variety of matters as well as providing progress reports on various activities.

These have included logging on to the GCSNZ website to progress the 2023 ADL/Herd Audit and both the 2022 & 2023 Calf Returns as well as how to search for animal information stored in the GCSNZ Herd Book Breedmate.

The results of all 3 of these returns has been progressively updated as more and more of these are completed as has the impact on overall animal numbers.

In May there was a Zoom Demonstration for breeders needing advice of how to progress these Returns as well as check details of their animals that are recorded in the Herd Book. There were 9 breeders who participated; a further Demonstration is schedule for 9 June.

The Demonstration and the Updates have been well received, and have resulted in an increasing numbers of Returns – thank you to those Breeders who have taken the time and effort to participate and complete their Returns.

The numbers of animals listed in the 2023ADL/Herd Audit in some of the larger herds were huge. Some had over 200 animals listed, many of whom were then reported as Sold or Dead.

Sadly the response rate for all 3 of these Returns has been much less than expected – overall only 50% of each of these Returns have been received since they were available for completion. The 2022 Calf Return has been available for over a year and both 2023 Returns have been open for over 4 months.

The recording and registration of Belted Galloway calves has also proved problematic; roughly half of all new born Galloway calves are belties and half of those being reported in Calf Returns are ineligible for registration; either their Sire and/or their Dam does not have a Mannosidosis Status recorded in the Herd book. While most are probably “Clear by Parentage”, having to provide the evidence of this means breeders have to go back up to 4 generations to confirm the calf’s ancestors are “Clear” and their subsequent progeny are all “Clear by Parentage”. Understandably those breeders involved have found this very time consuming and frustrating despite the Guidelines that are available showing how best to do this.

The 2024 “on demand” Calf Return will be available in the near future, and starting in January 2025 there will be an annual Herd Audit that will be prerequisite for breeders then seeking to register their calves born later on in that year. More information on these 2 processes will be in future Updates

John Berridge
Registrar GCSNZ



NEWS

BULL FOR SALE

Dunollie Harold

\$2400 inc gst

DOB: 20/03/2021

Phone: Susan - 027 2317 399

Email beltie.susan@farmside.co.nz

For pedigree information and further photos [click here](#)



CONGRATULATIONS!

10 Year Breeder Badges were awarded to:

Tui & Jurie Snyman – Dunollie Belted Galloways

Tracy Berkahn – West Harbour White Galloways

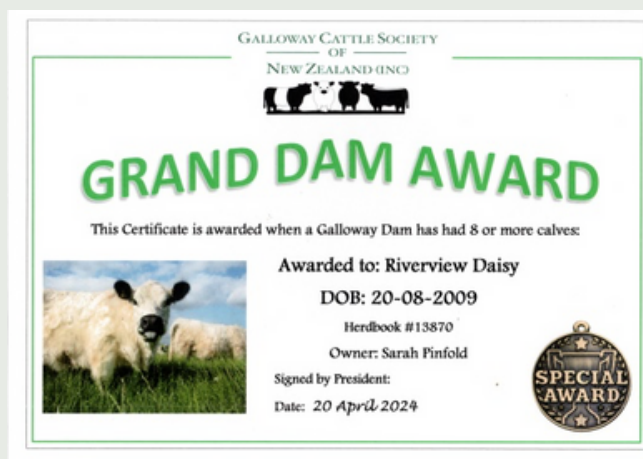
Have you been a member for over 10 years? And not received a badge please let us know info@nzgalloway.co.nz



SOMETHING NEW - GRAND DAM CERTIFICATES

What is a Grand Dam? A registered Galloway Cow that has had 8 or more calves.

If you would like a certificate please supply Cow's name, DOB, Herd Book # and a photo to info@nzgalloway.co.nz



NAME BADGES

If you attend AGM weekends or are planning on attending next year's World Congress, or attend local events where you can promote our Galloway Breed these are a good form of advertising.

With a magnet back (no need to pin your good clothes) these are now available for purchase for \$20.

Email info@nzgalloway.co.nz to place your order.



AGM Weekend Report

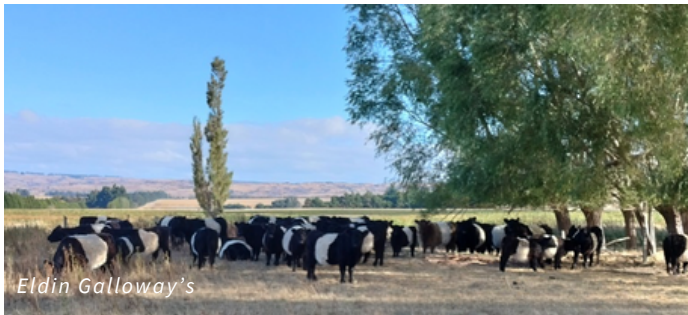
By Sarah Pinfold

Photo: Eldin Galloway's

The 2024 AGM weekend was held in Dunedin, a special thank you to the Southern Group organisers for their efforts putting on a great weekend, also a big thank you to Angela McNaughton for being our chauffeur over the weekend.

On Friday afternoon the members that had arrived, travel by minibus from Dunedin to Middlemarch to visit Peter & Susan Lawson's Belted Herd at the foot of the Rock & Pillar Range, what an amazing scenic place to farm.

We then headed to the butchery site to see some of the marbled Galloway carcass's hanging ready for processing.



Eldin Galloway's



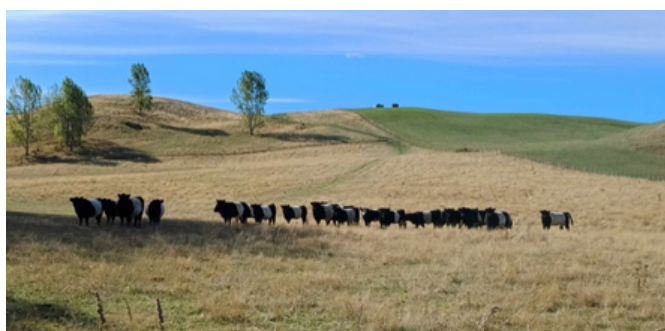
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Whitestone Cheese Cafe in Oamaru was our lunch destination, as there wasn't Galloway beef on the menu many members enjoyed the Blue Cod meal.

After an early breakfast on Saturday morning the minibus left Dunedin and headed north on SH1 to visit Chopped Butchery's stall at the Waimate Market. Adam Rivett explained to us the story behind the butchery, about their business model and plans moving forward to help us as a Society to push our Galloways into the meat market.



After a yummy relaxing lunch we visited Gordon and Wendy Hellyer's Belted Herd at Flag Swamp, another spectacular place to farm.



Thank you to the breeders who opened their gates for us to view their herds, given the drought like conditions, the animals looked great and the calves on their dams were as round as they were high. It's pleasing to see that even though the conditions were a bit tough our hard working Galloways manage to hold their own and their off spring.

On arriving back to Dunedin Leisure Lodge (a little later than planned) the AGM was held, with the election of two new council members, welcome back to council Angela McNaughton and Karen Futter.

The new Council is as follows -

- Nick Rattanong - President
- Angela McNaughton - Vice President
- Karen Futter - Secretary
- Ulrich Snyman - Treasurer
- Councillors - Gus Smith, Jill Maxwell-Strang, Sarah Pinfold, Tracey Berkahn, Virginia Poole
- John Berridge - Registrar
- Bob & Karen Curry - Patrons

The evening was then completed with a lovely smorgasbord dinner followed by the Virtual Show and Silent Auction.

On Sunday morning some members that didn't have flights home till later in the day, visited Larnach Castle on the ridge of the Otago Peninsula. The 25 room Gothic building is a historic house, (also called a mock castle) built as the private residence of William Larnach in 1871.



Silent Auction

A big thank you to everyone that donated goods for the Silent Auction, especially the items donated from Graeme Clinton's Estate.

A Dun and White Calf Skin

A dun calf skin

1970 belted Galloway Breeders edition

Wooden belted Galloway wall clock.





Virtual Show 2024

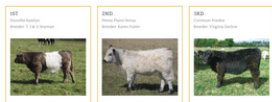
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Congratulations to Nick Rattanong, winning the Champion of Champions with his stunning Bull - Mountain View Sydney.

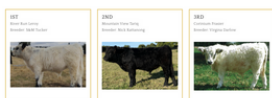

All the results can be found on our website, click the button below.



Class 1 - Heifer Calves



Class 2 - Bull Calves


2024

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

IS PRESENTED TO

MOUNTAIN VIEW SYDNEY

BREEDER NICK RATTANONG




Highly distinctive breed in paddocks

Anne Boswell

Galloway cattle breed, reminiscent of the rugged Scottish landscape from which the breed originated, is highly distinctive in paddocks around New Zealand – particularly Belted and White Galloways.

And although Upper Hutt farmers Bob and Karen Curry have dispersed the purebred White Galloway herd they established in 2003, they are far from finished with the breed that exemplifies hardiness, manageability and longevity.

The couple – official patrons of the Galloway Cattle Society of NZ (Inc) – established Suncrest White Galloway stud 20 years ago with four cows from Ngutunui, near Otorohanga (John and Beryl Cleland).

The Galloways replaced Hereford cross cattle as cross-grazers on the Curry's farm, complementing their then 'herd' of 30 American Miniature horses.

"With cyclic low returns from the beef market, we started looking at moving into breeding pure-bred cattle to on-sell to other breeders and life-stylers," Bob says.

Through a combination of out-sourced sire services, further purchases and home-bred bulls (Suncrest Arctic Bayley and Suncrest Arctic Ivan) the fully pedigree, registered herd became established in numbers to 20-30 head. The White Galloway was first registered with the New Zealand Galloway Society in 1994. It is mostly white with black around its muzzle, ears and eyes.

Bob says the breed has much going for it. "They are sturdy, mid-size animals with bulls around 900kg, and second only to Wagyu for marbling," he says. "Calves are smaller than other breeds (around 25kg) so dairy farmers love to use the bulls over their heifers for ease of calving.

"And their white-with-black-point colour pattern is dominant, so when bred with other breeds it is very easy to identify the progeny as crossbreds, rather than replacements in the paddock."

The Curry's breeding philosophy was to breed for good temperament and conformation.

"The breed is known for its quiet temperament, but conformation was a little more complicated," Bob says. "Traditional Scottish Galloway have short legs and a deep body, while the Canadian line, from which New Zealand Galloway are descended, are taller and rangier.



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"Through careful selection of bloodlines we bred a mid-range type with a very deep body.

We seemed to do well at shows, and our genetics have been sought after overseas, so I guess we did something right."

Suncrest genetics have been instrumental in establishing the first White Galloway herd in two other countries.

"Our genetics were used to form the first White Galloway herd near Durban, South Africa in 2011, and near Santiago, Chile just last year," Bob says. "Galloway cattle are well-suited to these environments because they are efficient feed converters. When feed gets tough, they can maintain their condition and thrive on very little."

Now their pedigree herd has been dispersed, the couple has come full circle: they are now grazing crossbred calves descended from their own White Galloway genetics, keeping the grass down while being raised, fattened and finished.

And having just returned from the World Galloway Congress in Switzerland, Bob and Karen were delighted to invite delegates to the next Congress - here in New Zealand in 2025.



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World Galloway Congress 2025

27 March - 2 April

WE WELCOME YOU TO THE WORLD GALLOWAY CONGRESS 2025 IN INVERCARGILL AND QUEENSTOWN, NEW ZEALAND

Invercargill in the deep south of the South Island is our starting point for this exciting time of shared experiences, great food and fellowship from Thursday 27 March to Wednesday 2 April.

Following registrations in the afternoon, we share a Cultural Welcome and Dinner at the Marae on Thursday evening. Friday and Saturday's tours will include herd visits, local attractions in Western Southland, the South Coast and the Catlins Coast, before a visit to Glen Islay Station for a BBQ dinner. Sunday morning allows for free time before departing by bus to travel north through Central Southland to beautiful Lake Wakatipu and our Southern Lakes district.

We will arrive in Queenstown by mid afternoon and check-in to our hotels, then enjoying a relaxing evening taking in the lake and mountain views. Monday morning starts with our Conference meeting held at the Copthorne Hotel, followed by a buffet lunch.

The afternoon is free to enjoy the attractions of Queenstown, gondola, kiwi and bird park, walk in the gardens, or explore the shops. Assemble at the Steamer Wharf at 4.30pm to board the TSS Earnslaw Vintage Steamer for a trip across the lake to Walter Peak Station, farm demonstrations and an amazing BBQ dinner, returning by 9pm.

Tuesday is the final day of the congress with 2 options, a farm tour of Historic Royalburn Station above Arrowtown, followed by lunch in Arrowtown and wine tasting at a Gibbston Valley winery, OR a trip via the Kawarau Gorge and Lake Dunstan to Central Otago for a herd visit in the Alexandra Basin, followed by lunch and wine tasting at a local winery. We all return to Queenstown in the late afternoon, and meet in the evening for a final gathering at our Farewell Dinner with a Kiwi Quiz and entertainment.

***You can find the forms online
and download them [here](#)***

Registration for the World Galloway Congress 2025 in New Zealand

One copy for an Individual or Family

Name/s: _____

Name/s: _____ (Include age if under 18 years)

Email: _____

Home Address: _____

City/Prov/State: _____

Country: _____

Post Code: _____

Please advise if you have any dietary requirements or require assistance with mobility:

Registration to be completed by November 30, 2024 please.

Invercargill – Thursday 27 March to Sunday 30 March – 3 nights

Please arrive in Invercargill before 4 pm Thursday 27 March, register in the Hokonui Room at Kelvin Hotel. We have a block of rooms reserved at the Langlands Hotel and the Kelvin Hotel, please choose one hotel:

The Langlands Hotel - Room \$247 per night single or double occupancy _____

OR The Kelvin Hotel - Room \$168 per night single or double occupancy _____

No payment is required until you check-in at the hotel, show ID and Credit Card on arrival.

Queenstown – Sunday 30 March to Wednesday 2 April – 3 nights

We will arrive in Queenstown in the afternoon by bus from Invercargill. We have a block of rooms booked at the Copthorne Hotel, or book online at the Ramada hotel, choose one:

Copthorne Hotel and Resort Queenstown Lakefront - Room \$320 per night single occupancy, \$350 per night double occupancy, includes full breakfast _____

OR BOOK YOUR OWN HOTEL ROOM ONLINE <https://ramadaqueenstowncentral.co.nz/>

Ramada Queenstown Central has a selection of hotel rooms and studio, 1 bedroom and 2 bed 2 bath apartments. 20% discount with online bookings. _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO: angelamcnaughton3@gmail.com

You will receive an invoice within 14 days for payment of the registration fee/s to GCSNZ.

Angela McNaughton, Chairman WGC2025, phone +64 27 4418519

WORLD GALLOWAY CONGRESS 2025 PAYMENT INFORMATION

GALLOWAY CATTLE SOCIETY
OF
NEW ZEALAND (INC)



After receipt of your registration form, your accommodation will be allocated according to your request. Any special requests will be addressed at that time and confirmed by email. (See Accommodation Options page for details.)

No payment for accommodation is required until your arrival at the hotels, when you will be asked to show ID and your Credit Card.

Within 14 days of receiving your registration form, GCSNZ will issue an invoice for your Registration fees, this includes all bus travel, all herd visits and activities, and most meals.

Payment should be made following receipt of your invoice to:

Bank account - GALLOWAY CATTLE SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND INC.

SWIFT/BIC CODE: WPACNZ2W

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 03-0399-0646080-001

**Registration fee is NZ\$1250.00 if paid by 31 August 2024 (Earlybird special)
OR**

NZ\$1350.00 if paid after 31 August 2024 and no later than 31 December 2024.

Please contact WGC2025 Chairman Angela McNaughton if you have any questions or problems, on this dedicated email address for WGC2025:

angelamcnaughton3@gmail.com

NORTH ISLAND PRE-TOUR

A Pre-tour is being offered by a group of breeders in the Waikato region of the North Island, from Friday 21 to Monday 24 March based in Cambridge.

Please contact Beth McVerry for more details if you are interested in joining this pre-tour: mcverryclan@xtra.co.nz

WORLD GALLOWAY CONGRESS ACCOMMODATION



On receipt of your Registration form, rooms will be allocated according to your preference from the blocks of rooms booked, no payment or Credit Card is required until you arrive at your hotels. Please make any special requests regarding accommodation when submitting your Registration form by email.

All hotels in NZ have non-smoking policies.

INVERCARGILL 27, 28, 29th MARCH 2025

Conference registration will be in the Hokonui Room at the Kelvin Hotel on Thursday afternoon, please plan to arrive before 4pm if possible.

Kelvin Hotel 3 stars 20/22 Kelvin Street. Block ID 4487

Free parking, breakfast extra, guest laundry available.

Room types – all rooms are spacious with ensuite bathrooms, mini fridge, tea/coffee making, bath with shower over available on request.

1. Classic Queen room, 1 Queen bed, sleeps 2 persons **\$168 per night.**
2. Classic Twin room, 1 Double + 1 single or 2 Double beds, sleeps 1 - 3 persons, \$168 for 1 - 2 persons + \$28 per extra person.
3. Classic Triple room, 2 Doubles + 1 single beds, sleeps up to 4 persons, \$168 for 2 persons + \$28 per extra person.

The Langlands Hotel 4 ½ stars 59 Dee Street Block ID 5876

Invercargill's newest hotel. Reserved parking \$15 per day, breakfast extra.

Room type – all rooms are spacious, and have ensuite bathrooms with walk-in showers.

Superior Queen room, 2 x Queen beds, sleeps 1 to 4 persons, or 2 adults and up to 2 children 10 years or under free of charge. **\$247 per night** for 1 - 2 persons, extra charge for extra adults.

The Kelvin Hotel and The Langlands Hotel are located less than 5 minutes walk of each other, around the corner and walk one block.

Buses will depart from the front of Langlands Hotel on Dee Street.

QUEENSTOWN 30, 31st MARCH, 1st APRIL 2025

Copthorne Hotel and Resort Queenstown Lakefront 4 stars

Corner Frankton Road and Adelaide Street

Block ID WGC2025

Breakfast is included in room rate. Single occupancy \$320, double occupancy \$350 per night. Extra charge for more than 2 adults per room. Parking \$15.

Room types – all rooms are spacious, have ensuite bathrooms with walk-in showers, bath with shower over available on request.

1. Superior King rooms, 1 King bed, sleep 1 or 2 persons with lake or garden view.
2. Superior Twin Rooms, 2 x double beds, sleep 2 or more.

Ramada Queenstown Central 4 stars – book online for 20% discount

24 Frankton Road, corner of Stanley Street and Frankton Road.

<https://ramadaqueenstowncentral.co.nz>

Breakfast extra, parking \$25 per day.

Room types – hotel rooms are compact, the studio, 1 bedroom & 2 bed/2 bath apartments are from 27 to 56 square metres.

Room rates start **from \$295 per night** for single or double occupancy in a hotel room. Apartments offer self-catering and laundry facilities suitable for families or groups of friends.

When booking include 'WGC2025' in 'Personal request'.

**Copthorne and Ramada hotels are located across the road from each other.
Buses will depart from the front of the Copthorne Hotel.**