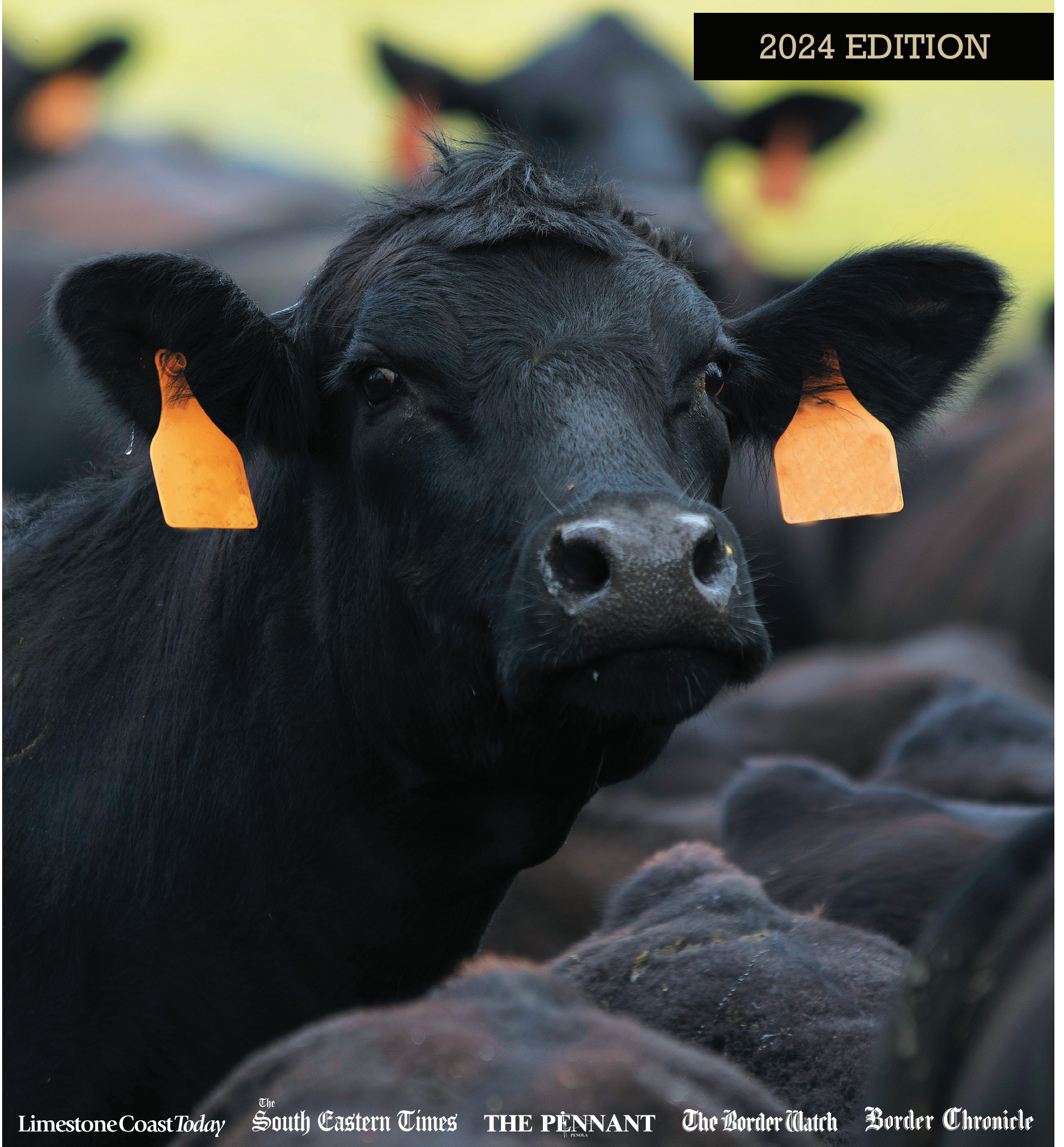


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He's best, make no mi-steak

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A Kalangadoo farmer has received top results in the Beef Eating Quality Producer Awards.

For the 2021-2023 period, beef producer Michael Jones gained recognition and a first place title in the Most Outstanding MSA Beef Producer (non-feedlot) Band 2 category for South Australia.

Every year, three and half million cattle are graded across the country in the Meat Standards Australia (MSA) grading system.

Abattoirs are required to upload results to a database when grading for MSA, which is then stored and compiled.

Every two years, a detailed analysis into that grading data is conducted to produce the Australian Beef Eating Quality Insights Report.

From this report, an analysis of national figures of compliance and index are analysed.

An further analysis is then done on each state and as part of that, MSA looks at the individual producer results.

About 10 years ago, they introduced the Beef Eating Quality Producer Awards to recognise the top beef producers in their respective categories.

For each state, there are 3 categories - Most Outstanding MSA Beef Producer - Feedlot, Most Outstanding MSA Beef Producer - Band 1 (for producers of larger (non-feedlot) MSA consignment volumes) and Most Outstanding MSA Beef Producer - Band 2 (for producers of smaller (non-feedlot) MSA consignment volumes)

Mr Jones' winning results were:

- Average MSA Index: 63.19
- Compliance to MSA Minimum Specifications: 96.7 per cent.

Mr Jones has been in the farming industry for 35 years after leaving school at 15 years old when he began working for his late father, Reg Jones.

He said due to his extensive industry knowledge over the years, he has a good grasp on what cattle is going to perform.

"Even an animal that is not that well bred will do well on the right pastures and shelter," he said.

"It is all about the way you manage them and you just try to do the right thing for your cattle to get the best results."

Mr Jones does sell some stock locally but sells predominantly to Teys in Naracoorte.

He said he was not aware of the awards prior to being contacted, and was surprised to receive the call.

"It is nice to be recognised for your efforts," he said.

"You feel like you must be doing something right and to come first feels like a good achievement."

Mr Jones gave acknowledgement to his late father and said that he would not be where he was today without him.

"My father was the one that taught me everything I know," he said.



ON THE JOB: Michael Jones with Jack the Kelpie.

Pictures: Melanie Riley

Mr Jones will receive a trophy in the mail in the coming months.

As the awards are not nomination-run and having graded cattle the only prerequisite, producers are generally not aware that they have been entered.

MSA communications and operations manager Deanna Jones said because of the award system, producers are often surprised when they receive the call.

"They are completely taken aback when we tell them that they have either won or have been a finalist because they have no idea that they were part of a competition," she said.

"Michael was quite surprised."



FARMING LIFE: Michael Jones with his award-winning cattle.

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Stud championship opens

BEEF Australia, the nation's premier beef industry event, has opened nominations for the Nutrien Ag Solutions Stud Cattle Championship, a crown jewel within the triennial event.

Beef Australia CEO Simon Irwin said the Nutrien Ag Solutions Stud Cattle Championship is recognised by the seed stock sector as our nation's premier stud cattle competition.

"Beef Australia exists for the advancement of the Australian beef community, and the Nutrien Ag Solutions Stud Cattle Championship is at the heart of what we do", Mr Irwin said.

"As with every event, the Championship will be closely watched as producers vie to secure a prestigious Beef Australia ribbon and be named the best of the best in stud cattle across the country.

"The results of years, and for some producer's, decades of work will be showcased over five days at the 2024 event, which is testament to the dedication shown throughout the industry.

"Beef2021 saw 1,700 stud cattle championship entrants, representing 30 breeds from across the nation.

"In 2024 we'll see the introduction of Ultras being judged in a category of their own, making the 2024 Championship more competitive than ever.

"We encourage breeders to nominate their top-quality cattle, vie for top honours and showcase the pinnacle of excellence within the stud cattle industry to the national and international audience that will be at Beef2024".

Beef Australia Stud Cattle Championship Committee Chair James Kent said the Committee have been working closely with the Beef Australia team to work through and finalise details for the 2024 Championship.

"The Beef Australia Stud Cattle Championship Committee, appointed by Beef Australia in January 2023, are proud to be working on such a prestigious championship within our industry", Mr Kent said.

"It's been a busy 12 months working through classes and criteria, prize money, entry fees and scheduling of events but the committee remain focused on creating a platform that not only showcases the finest cattle but also serves as a time to celebrate the hard work and dedication of the Australian seed stock sector.



ENTER: Nominations for the Nutrien Ag Solutions Stud Cattle Championship are open.

Picture: Supplied

"Planning for the Stud Cattle Championship involves an incredible amount of volunteered time to which end I'd like to thank the committee for their unwavering support and dedication as we head towards Beef2024".

Nutrien Ag Solutions NE Region Livestock Lead Colby Ede said Nutrien Ag Solutions is excited to continue their partnership with Beef Australia in 2024 as a principal partner.

"We are proud to support the Stud Cattle Championship, which showcases top quality cattle from across the Australian seed stock

sector", Mr Ede said.

"This championship is a highlight of Beef Australia events, of which we're thrilled to be a part of.

"As a principal partner, we look forward to collaborating with organisers and participating in this prestigious cattle Championship as entrants vie to be named the best of the best".

The Nutrien Ag Solutions Stud Cattle Championship will take place across five days, commencing on Monday, May 6, through to Friday May 10.

The Championship includes an Off the Lead Stud Cattle exhibitor meet and greet on Sunday May 5 at the Rocky Sports Club.

The Interbreed Championship winners will be announced on Thursday May 9 at Beef2024 in Centre Ring.

Nominations are open now for Nutrien Ag Solutions Stud Cattle Championship via <https://beefaustralia.com.au/compete/stud-championship/>

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Herefords Australia have been working with their members to collate the data and evidence from the MSA database to support what Hereford breeders know is a superior eating quality product.

With more than 35,000 carcass records contributed from all eastern states, there is

no doubt that Hereford and Hereford cross cattle are hitting the mark.

Herefords Australia CEO Michael Crowley said that "with an average MSA index of 60, this outcome exceeds most major customer brand specifications and places the breed at the top end of quality when benchmarked across the country".



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Nampara's robust offering

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With a focus on calving ease and a solid birth to growth spread, the draft represents one of the most even offerings at Nampara. Sires represented in the draft include Texas Powershift P632, Texas Brad Pitt P065 and New Zealand outcross sire, Cricklewood Pandemic.

The Powershift bulls sold exceptionally well in 2023 due to their outstanding calving ease and low birth weight combined with explosive growth and muscling.

The low birth weight Brad Pitt bulls are similar in type with style and presence.

They are smooth fronted bulls who offer a different option for those looking to maintain frame yet not loose muscling and skin type.

The punch of the Cricklewood Pandemic bulls is evident in their consistent type and shape. This outcross sire gives buyers a bull to join to cows looking for plenty of weight in their weaners.

Again approximately 30 bulls in the sale have been used to join 600 females destined for the January Feature PTIC Female Sales at Naracoorte and Mortlake.

These bulls have been specifically selected to join heifers.

Their TACE figures tick all the boxes for a heifer joining while the bulls themselves a smooth-fronted, long and well-muscled.

All Nampara bulls are structurally assessed, and fertility tested and are well known for their quiet temperament.

Buyers will again be able to operate at the sale through Auctionsplus even if they cannot attend in person. In addition, the bulls will be on display during Victorian Beef Week at the Mortlake Saleyards on Friday 2nd February.



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Water funds on offer

PRIMARY producers across South Australia will be able to access funding to install on farm water infrastructure with the opening of a new round of the on-farm emergency water infrastructure rebate scheme.

A further \$8 million, co-funded by the Australian and South Australian Governments, is available through the scheme, with eligible primary producers able to claim up to 25 per cent of the cost of approved critical infrastructure, capped at \$25,000.

Federal Minister for the Environment and Water, the Honourable Tanya Plibersek MP said Australians know all too well that extreme weather events devastate communities and take years to recover from.

"That's why these rebates are an important tool for many farmers, because

they help with recovery while also putting farmers in a better position to look after livestock and crops the next time they're confronted with drought, frost, or fires," Minister Plibersek said.

"I thank South Australia for co-funding this program so that we can help more farmers prepare for a future with a more variable climate.

Initially launched in 2018 to support drought-affected primary producers, the scheme has been expanded to all council areas across the state and includes those impacted by natural disasters which have occurred after January 1, 2022.

Applications close on April 30, 2024, or when all funds are allocated.

For further information visit: pir.sa.gov.au/onfarm-water-rebate



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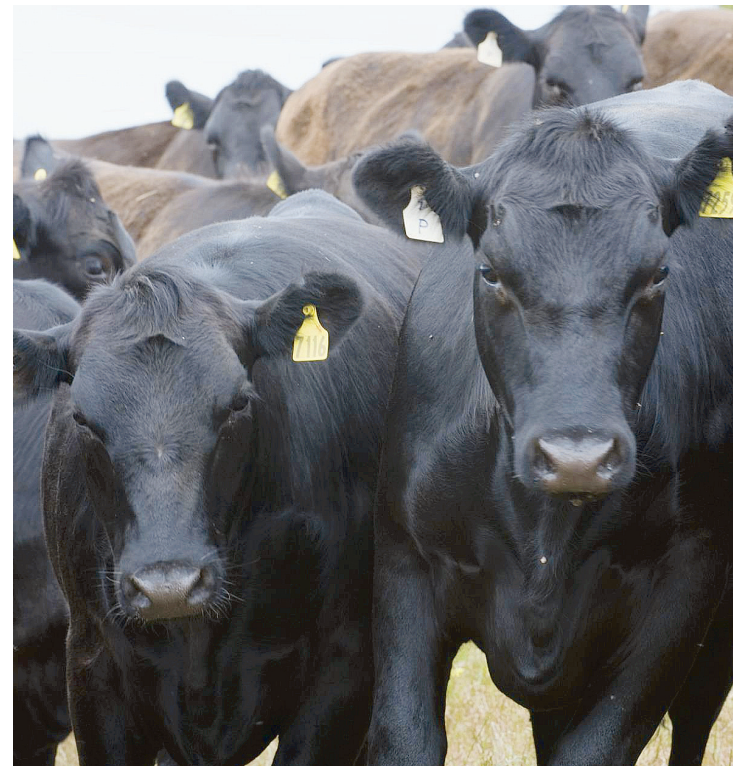


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BEEF WEEK: Claire, Shane and Jodie Foster presenting their 20th Annual Boonaroo Angus Sale.



SALE: Boonaroo Angus will host its 20th Angus Production Sale. Picture: File

Set for 20th year sale in 2024

BOONAROO Angus is celebrating the end of an outstanding year – both in and out of the pastures – and gearing up for a major milestone in 2024, when it will host its 20th Angus Production Sale.

Boonaroo principals, Jodie and Shane Foster said a huge thank you and all the very best for the new year to their clients, agents and everyone who has supported them in 2023.

“We couldn’t do what we do without the faith and support of clients – both new and returning – who use our genetics and we’re excited to be approaching our 20th Angus bull sale, in the new year.”

Shane and Jodie, with children Tom and Claire, started the Boonaroo Angus breeding program back in 2003, concentrating on structure and phenotype, retaining females which thrive in the stud’s sandy soils, with good feet and temperament number one on the ‘must have’ list.

They focus heavily on combining fat cover and muscling in their breeding program, along with marbling to produce cattle which can finish easily on grass or the feedlot meeting MSA targets.

“We’re really conscious of catering for those clients who support the annual weaner sales and are grass finishing in the paddocks, to meet modern markets,” Ms Foster said.

2024 will see 130 of the most consistent bulls ever produced at Boonaroo, to be offered in its 20th Angus production sale.

“We aim to breed bulls with perfect phenotype, soft, deep, with structural strength and docile temperament,” Ms Foster said.

“We are focusing heavily on fat cover, muscling and carcass quality in our breeding program, combining these traits to produce cattle which can run at higher stocking rates without losing their ability to finish and be fertile. “Our genetics aim to assist-grass finishing producers to breed an animal which can be efficiently finished year-round on grass.”

Generations of New Zealand genetics provide a robust, sound, and deep-bodied line of bulls, many years of dedication to performance recording creates performance predictability and Boonaroo bulls are guaranteed sound and fertile.

The 2024 line-up have great lines of high growth and calving ease bulls throughout the sale, including genetics by the famous Quarterback and Nobleman and by our walking bulls, Lawsons Charlie, Prophet P316, Boonaroo Genius and Kidman Effective.

2023 has seen Boonaroo calve down 500 stud cows and join 700 females with reinvestment into sires some of the country’s best bulls, purchased exclusively over the last two years to provide clients with the best outcross genetics in the country. Adding Te Mania Reaves R574, Resolution R970 and Sithes S797, Lawsons Quantum R652 and R238, and

Booragul Prime Minister S154 in 2022/23.

“These are an outcross to mainstream bloodlines, offering new, fresh genetics of bulls that aim to increase market versatility, feed efficiency, structural soundness and marbling without compromising type,” “At Boonaroo we focus investment into genetics that make cattle versatile and suited to all markets.” Ms Foster said.

Most of the 2024 sale group are ‘curve benders’ - bulls which offer calving ease without compromising growth and quality.

Boonaroo sires boast excellent hoof shape, growth without losing softness and finishing ability and exceptional temperament. “

Outside of the sale ring, Boonaroo’s major focus is pre- and after-market service, with customer satisfaction their top priority.

“We want everyone to walk away from our sale with bulls and genetics that work for their environment and their production system,” Jodie said.

“Providing extensive genetic information on our bulls and working with clients up to the sale to identify their needs, then touching base with them when we deliver bulls, learning about their individual businesses and just chatting one-on-one, is something that we really enjoy in what we do.”

Client focused, community driven IF YOU think you’ve heard the names ‘Foster’ and ‘Boonaroo’ many times outside Angus circles, you’d be correct and on top of their outstanding stud success, the family is celebrating a great year with several clubs and causes dear to their hearts.

President of the Casterton Sporting Motorcycle Club, Shane and with the rest of the family involved in various capacities, hosted the club’s 2023 round of the Victorian Off Road Motorcycle Championships, held on Boonaroo, judged by the state governing body as the best round of the series, this year.

At the Casterton Sandford Football Netball Club, they are the second and third generation of Fosters to be involved at every level from player to executive and this year, collaborated with the club and South West Young Farmers, to host the return Black Tie Ball fundraiser at Boonaroo.

Last month, Shane was elected president of CSFNC, for the second time; Boonaroo is also a major sponsor of the club and the Western Border Football League.

June’s Casterton Kelpie Muster weekend would not be complete without Monday’s Working Dog School, held at Boonaroo and every year, handlers and their four-legged workers from across the country sign-up for one of the coveted school places.

Our unique environment is also a major driver behind why we do what we do... we have Red-Tailed Black Cockatoo recording

sites all over the farm and we’ve retained those scrub blocks to keep the (Red Tail) habitat intact and promote their breeding,” she said.

“We’re really conscious of keeping that balance between the nature reserves on the property and those essential wetlands, and a productive farming operation.”

Boonaroo Angus can be found at Foster’s Lane, Corndale and Jodie and Shane can be contacted for information on 0475 239 687 or

0487 133 824. Boonaroo will have their first field day at “Clifton”, Hamilton on Saturday Feb 3 rd , 2024 where 40 sale bulls and 12 heifers will be displayed.

The SA Beef Week Field day will be at “Boonaroo” Monday February 5, with all sale bulls and a heifer display.

The 20th Boonaroo Angus Sale is held at “Boonaroo” Feb 16 , 2024, inspections from 9.30am, auction at 11.30am (Victorian Time).

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In addition, there will be approximately 10 stud and 20 commercial, high quality PTIC heifers available for selection.

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FIELD DAY 2024

All the sale offering will be available for inspection at our field day during the Victorian Beef Week on

Saturday February 3, 2024 as well as sires and stud females.

SALE DAY 2024

The 44th Annual Lindsay Production Sale will be held at Pigeon Ponds, Victoria on Tuesday February 27, 2024 at 11:30am.



FIELD DAY: The offering at Lindsay this year is represented by 30 high quality, trait leading young bulls sired by elite bulls.

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TOP CATTLE: Lindsay Murray Greys aim to produce phenotypically appealing cattle.

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The next LEAP off the bone

IN a world-first, a fully-automated beef boning program is a step closer, with a major pre-production demonstration of a striploin cutting module held late last year.

It is part of the LEAP4Beef program, which follows the success of an earlier project to automate lamb cutting and seeks to apply the learnings from that work to the beef processing sector.

Once fully developed and integrated, the system will unlock large-scale, high throughput and sophisticated automation to maximise cutting accuracy and yield.

Australian Meat Processor Corporation (AMPC) Chief executive Chris Taylor said the prototype module at JBS Australia would focus on striploin-rack-chine removal.

It will use a simple sensing approach to refine the mechanical elements of the module before an advanced sensing system is implemented to attain the full benefit of accurate automated cutting.

"This technology has the aim of improving workplace health and safety, increasing processing efficiency and enhancing profitability," Mr Taylor said.

"The prototype is an important step in making this technology accessible for the industry.

"We are also planning an industry demonstration event where we will seek feedback and assess interest from processors who might like to participate in hosting future stages of the project."

The program is a collaboration between the AMPC, Meat and Livestock Australia (MLA) and Scott Automation and Robotics in partnership with JBS Australia.

It follows the development of several pre-prototypes by Scott as part of a recent MLA Donor Company project in partnership with Teys Australia.



INNOVATION: a fully-automated beef boning program is a step closer, with a major pre-production demonstration of a striploin cutting module held late last year.

That work demonstrated an impressive \$29/head benefit from LEAP4Beef, delivering up to \$10M per annum return for a high throughput beef processor alongside significant labour savings and workplace health and safety benefits.

Prior projects and industry consultation have shown that a modular deboning approach, similar to the lamb LEAP automation system, could deliver high return on investment from yield recovery, labour efficiency, safety and quality, plus benefits such as

throughput efficiency, hygiene and reduced reliance on skilled labour.

Mr Taylor said that processing facilities could invest in the technology in a modular way, allowing them to start with the highest return modules and add further modules sequentially.

MLA Managing Director, Jason Strong, said the project represents the next steps to help industry improve safety, streamline boning operations and improve yield and profitability.

"Australian processing is among the most expensive in the world, and automating the beef boning process would reduce per head operating costs and increase boning room yield efficiency, for the benefit of the entire Australian red meat supply chain," Mr Strong said.

"It is another example of the Australian red meat industry leading the world with technology and innovation, and also showing the strong collaboration in R&D between MLA and AMPC."



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March sale date at Bayview

BAYVIEW will be holding its annual Bull Sale at their Stoney Point Complex, Naracoorte, on Wednesday March 13.

This year they will be combining their Angus and Shorthorn bulls in one sale with about 45 Shorthorns and 25 Angus.

Stud principal Chris Thompson said he was extremely pleased with this year's offering and said the draft of bulls have excelled on the

conditions they have had on their property.

"We have really focused on maturity pattern and easy doingness in our Shorthorn herd for years and since the inception of beginning our Angus program," he said.

They have followed suit with some outstanding Angus bulls on offer. An extensive ET and AI program have given Bayview sire lines including Beastmode, Moe, Pandemic, Quar-

terback, Iceman and Plantation.

Their Shorthorn program has been sourcing trait leading sires with maturity patterns that suit their environment, and as such will have on display bulls by Futurity Quinella, ProfitWise, Gigabytes and Times Square, along with the first progeny of the Stud's standing sire, Sprys Unlimited.

All animals are structurally assessed, have had Birth, 200 and 400 day weights, scanned

for IMF, Fats and EMA, along with being genomically enhanced.

They will also have their full vaccination program allowing Bayview customers to buy with confidence.

All sale bulls along with 2 elite heifers PTIC will be on display at the Bayview Stoney Point Complex during Beef Week on Day 3, Monday February 5, and everyone is welcome to come along and see the display.

Warmer early weather

FOR January, above median maximum temperatures are likely to very likely (60 per cent to greater than 80 per cent chance) for most of Australia, excluding south-eastern SA and much of the south-east of the mainland.

For January to March, above median maximum temperatures are very likely (greater than 80 per cent chance) for almost all of Australia, and likely (60 to 80 per cent chance) across southern SA and southern NSW. There are roughly equal chances of above or below median maximum temperatures over coastal South Australia and eastern Victoria.

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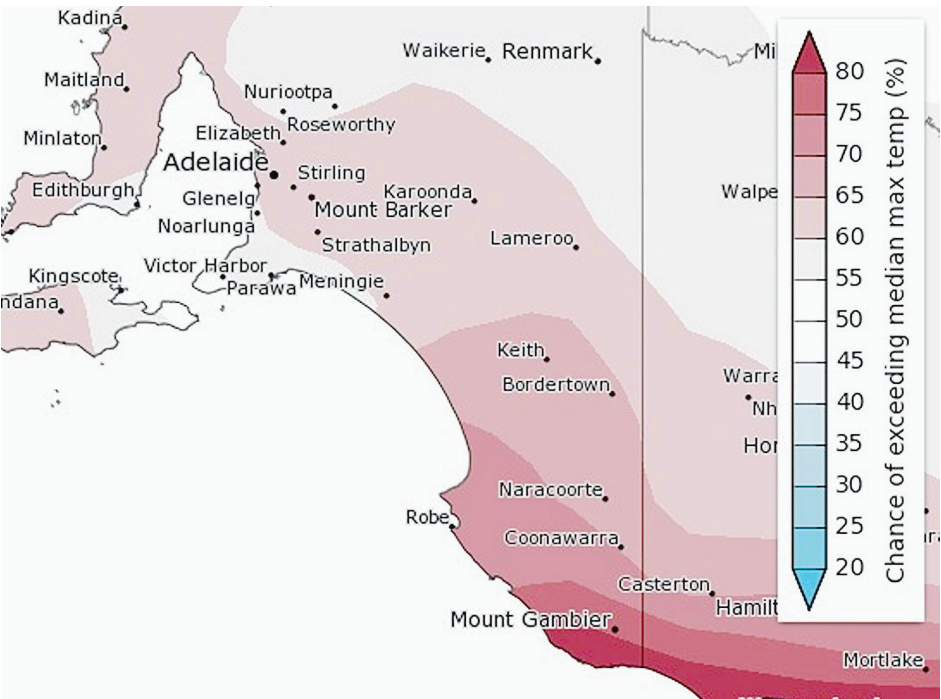
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Hotter than normal temperatures are forecast for the start of 2024 in the south-east of the state, most notably along the Limestone Coast.



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Their sale bulls are run in large contemporary groups and have been selected from 650 bulls, so they can guarantee that only the best will be offered for sale.

The line-up will feature some stand-out sire lines:

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The other large powerful sire group is from Nationwide, an Intensity son that sires incredible growth, thickness, structure and docility.

He is a sire that is extremely easy-doing. Complementing these thick bulls is the first large group of New Ground sons to come through the ring.

Also, the first big run of sons from calving ease sire, Quarterback, will be offered.

If you are looking for heifer bulls, Newly has been used widely as a docile, calving-ease, curve-bending specialist and has many impressive sons in the sale.

For those wanting to add doing-ability, the feature carcass sire, Intensity L519 adds extra fat and marbling, docility and structure, all in the Top 5% of the breed.

The 2024 sale team are an impressive group of bulls with extra capacity, softness and excellent carcass qualities.



TOP BEEF: Elle, Nick and Sara Moyle.

Picture: Tracey Kruger

They will be available for inspection at the Victorian Beef Field Day on Saturday, February 3, 2024 and the South Australian Beef Field

Day on Monday 5 February.

Bull sales are 11am in South Australia on Thursday, February 15 and 11am in Victoria

on Wednesday, February 21.

Please contact Nick, Sara or Elle for any further information.



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New sale date for Belmore

BELMORE are moving their 2024 sale to be held on Thursday, March 14 at 3pm following on from the Naracoorte multi-vendor sale.

The decision to change their sale date has been made with buyers in mind, allowing them the opportunity to source their bulls from the three Shorthorn bull sales over just two days surrounding Naracoorte.

Along with a new sale date Belmore will be holding the sale at Little Belmore, 1020 Boddingtons-West Road, Wild Dog Valley SA.

This venue will also be Belmore's BeefWeek site where their 2024 sale bulls will be on display.

Belmore bulls are JBAS 8, semen tested and vet checked, vaccinated against pestivirus, vibriosis and covered by 7in1 allowing clients to buy with confidence.

The Withers family have long supported performance recording, embracing Breedplan in the early days and continue with the IGS performance system producing EPD's for the Shorthorn breed, recording calving ease and birth weights through to weaning and yearling weights. Bulls will be scanned for carcase traits before the sale and DNA tested with the GGP-100K panel for performance data as well as parentage, poll and myostatin testing.

Looking to the future, Ali Withers has been promoted to stud manager, working closely with Belmore principal Andy Withers and Yatana manager Garry Sims.

The team are committed to producing industry leading genetics and using best practice in their daily management to provide cattle with excellent phenotype, fertility and temperament.

Belmore has a long history of supporting juniors in the industry and after a few years out of the showing, had a bit of fun with two heifers at the SA Junior Heifer Expo and the Shorthorn Junior Youth Show in Dubbo as well



NEW DATE: Belmore are moving their 2024 sale to be held on Thursday, March 14.

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a couple of local country shows with Belmore third generation Lottie Volker.

The Grove Playstation daughter Belmore Lara Croft won her class at the Shorthorn Youth show, was Reserve Junior Interbreed Champion at Naracoorte and won a lot of admirers in her journey.

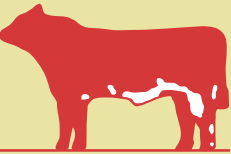
The 2024 sale draft comprises of first sons of Belmore Wrangler Q303, a red Crooked Post Stockman Belmore has used over heifers the last 3 years, along with two Yamburgan Gigabyte M1052 sons that are moderate framed with plenty of meat.

The Grove Playstation and Royalla Tre-

main sires of Belmore's 2023 show heifers along with red sire's Bayview Vagabond and Eloora Fortress will have another line of sons available.

Belmore look forward to displaying their 2024 bull sale draft on Monday February 5 for BeefWeek.

BELMORE



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NEW SALE DATE

14th March 2024 at 3pm

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Monday 5th February

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Hosts are encouraged to help connect South Australian producers and promote the great products they produce by sharing their barbecue event on social media with the hashtag #RedMeatConnectsSA

Sizzling pitch

FOR its 2023-24 summer campaign, Livestock SA late last year kicked off a series of 'Red Meat Connects Communities' BBQs to bring farming communities together and help promote South Australia's world's best red meat products.

Livestock SA president Joe Keynes said the barbecue initiative, generously supported by the South Australian Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hub and the Department of Primary Industries and Regions, would support communities getting together across the state, showcase the state's world-class red meat products and unite the producers responsible for growing it.

"There is no question that livestock producers are feeling pressure from the sudden reduction in sheep and cattle prices and deteriorating seasonal conditions, and it is easy to neglect social and community relationships that are really important for wellbeing during these stressful times," Mr Keynes said.

"While times are tough at the moment, the long-term outlook for the industry remains strong."

"We hope the barbecue series helps to connect some regional communities and celebrate the fantastic product that livestock producers provide for South Australians and customers around the world. What better way to

do that than get together and enjoy top-class SA chops, sausages and steaks?"

"Eligible regional groups can apply for a \$300 funding grant to help host their own Red Meat Connects Communities BBQ."

"So, if you're interested in hosting a Red Meat Connects Communities BBQ, have a look at the details on the Livestock SA website and complete the expression of interest form here."

"Hosts will be sent a start-up pack and funding towards the barbecue and are encouraged to help connect South Australian producers and promote the great products they produce by sharing their barbecue event on social media."

"We are also encouraging anyone wanting to promote red meat this summer to actively participate in sharing their Red Meat BBQ events on social media, using the hashtag #RedMeatConnectsSA."

For more information about this initiative and how you can get involved, please contact Livestock SA.

The South Australian Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hub (SA Drought Hub) is one of eight Hubs established across Australia through the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund.

Get listed on the hub

After its launch in 2023, the Aussie Meat Trade Hub has quickly become MLA's single-source for resources and services to assist with buying, selling, promoting and marketing Australian beef, lamb and goatmeat products internationally across global markets.

Australian exporters and/or producers may be eligible to be listed on the Aussie Meat Trade Hub Exporters Database.

What's available?

The Exporters Database is a one-stop service for importers and international customers to find suitable Australian exporters.

The database has several new features and tools benefiting both importers and exporters of Australian red meat. This includes the:

- Search results refining feature.
- Enquiry tools and form.
- Exporter profile feature.

The newly introduced search results refining feature will allow importers and international customers to quickly filter through the database to find the best exporter to meet their product needs and requirements.

The new enquiry form will also allow for importers to connect directly with potential exporters in a way that effectively communicates your required red meat qualities.

For exporters, the new enquiry tools and form will improve the quality of the enquiries they receive from interested importers.

The inclusion of mandatory fields within the enquiry form also enables each enquiry to be filtered by compatibility.

Additionally, exporters can improve their online presence via the exporter profile which now includes functionality to add:

- Business information, products and cuts, accreditations, certifications and countries serviced.
- Documents such as product catalogues and brochures.
- Videos and images to promote your business, brand and/or product range.

How to get listed

To apply to be listed on the Exporters Database or to improve an existing listing:

- Log-in to the Aussie Meat Trade Hub using your myMLA account details.
- Select 'Apply Online' or 'Maintain my business profile' from the Exporters Database section.

If you are experiencing any issues, please refer to the Aussie Meat Trade Hub's FAQs at mla.com.au/news-and-events/industry-news/get-listed-on-the-aussie-meat-trade-hub-exporters-database or email aussiemeattradehub@mla.com.au



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Change, one burp at a time

A new documentary from the World Farmers Organisation puts South Australia on the world stage as it follows farmer Heath Tiller and his efforts to help reduce methane emissions.

The international documentary series - The Future of Food - focuses on climate change and how farmers around the world are making changes to preserve the land for future generations.

Featuring only one Australian farmer, the documentary highlighted Warnertown's HB Rural, with owner Heath Tiller working with CH4 Global and CirPro to feed his cattle asparagopsis seaweed to help tackle methane emissions.

When fed to cattle, asparagopsis cuts methane emissions from their eructation (burps) by up to 90 per cent, which will have a significant impact on climate change in the coming years.

Mr Tiller said there was a responsibility among all stakeholders to acknowledge the impact that farming has on the environment and do what they can to make a change.

"I've been farming all my life with my father and my grandfather, and number one is to always leave the land in a better shape than you've had it so moving through the generations you always try and improve it," Mr Tiller said.

"The future of farming is pretty exciting with all the latest technologies, and especially things like asparagopsis.

"We are grateful for the opportunity to share CH4 Global's unique and seamless solution for methane mitigation for meat producers.

"Our collaboration with CH4 Global, and participation in The Future of Food, signifies our commitment to fostering sustainable practices in agriculture.



HB Rural owner Heath Tiller at his farm in Warnertown.

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"Leaving the country in a better place for the next generation, I'm going to be very proud of what I hand over to my three boys down the track and for generations to come."

Representing more than 1.2 billion farmers worldwide, the World Farmers Organisation is the driving force behind a series of short films regarding agriculture and climate change.

The documentaries help to shine a light on the collaborative efforts of farmers and food producers alongside governments, international organisations, and the private sector to

support the agriculture industry in securing its future and becoming more sustainable.

Zinc Media executive producer Elizabeth Fisher-Robins said the aim of the documentary was to inspire positive change and to highlight the best practices to manage and adapt to climate change.

"Our aim with this series is to lift a curtain and peer behind the scenes of farming today and understand how we can all contribute to a future in which farming is more and more sustainable and could hold the keys to a future



Warnertown's HB Rural owner Heath Tiller with documentary crew setting up a shot.

that is fair, equal and respectful for the planet and for us all," Ms Fisher-Robins said.

CH4 Global co-founder and chief executive, Steve Meller, said as the world confronts a convergence of challenges, it was essential to recognise the crucial role farmers play in addressing the issue of climate change.

"We were founded in December of 2018, really with the initial mission to impact global climate change at scale, with urgency," Mr Meller said.

"Today we can dimension that a little better, we believe we'll be able to reach gigaton reductions in greenhouse gases by 2030.

"Methane's really become more important in the last couple of years, since the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change announced in 2021 that it was one of the only ways for us to achieve total greenhouse gas reductions on the planet by 2030.

"And that's our goal, to contribute dramatically and significantly to that."

To find out more information about the World Farmers Organisation, or to watch the documentary series, visit <https://www.wfo-oma.org/wfo-video/>.



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Indonesia suspended live cattle imports from four Australian facilities in mid-2023 after allegedly finding cases of lumpy skin disease (LSD).

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Securing herd health

THERE are 300,000 doses of a vaccine against the serious cattle virus that causes lumpy skin disease (LSD) that have been secured in an agreement that will help Australia prepare for potential future outbreaks.

LSD, which also affects buffalo, has been reported in Indonesia but Australia remains free of this devastating disease.

However, if the disease got a foothold here, quick access to and effective rollout of these vaccines will help keep Australian cattle and buffalo safe.

"For now, the doses of the vaccine will be kept safe in a secure overseas location. They will also be made available for producers in our closest neighbours, Timor-Leste and Papua New Guinea, if required," the Australian Government's Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry said

in a statement in December 2023.

"The agreement to secure the vaccination bank is one of many measures we have taken to prepare for a possible outbreak, to make sure that LSD will not devastate our agriculture industry or impact the livelihoods of farmers.

"More information on what we are doing to prepare, and what will happen if there is an outbreak, is available on our website (agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/pests-diseases-weeds/animal/lumpy-skin-disease/govt-action).

Visit the lumpy skin disease page at agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/pests-diseases-weeds/animal/lumpy-skin-disease/govt-action to find other facts and resources, including how to protect your animals, signs of the disease to look out for, and how to report suspected cases.

Celebrity chefs to headline

BEEF Australia, a Queensland award-winning food tourism event, has announced the lineup of its highly anticipated 2024 Celebrity Chef Program.

Chief executive Simon Irwin said the Celebrity Chef Program is always a highlight on Beef Australia's calendar, attracting senior industry stakeholders and foodies alike looking for an experience like no other.

"Set in the heart of Beef2024 in Centre Ring, the Celebrity Chef Restaurant gets you up close and personal with top Australian and international celebrity chefs as they showcase their artistry, culinary techniques, and unique yet delicious beef recipes in a live lunch or dinner cooking demonstration, all while enjoying a beautifully curated three-course beef meal.

"We're excited to have not one, but two international chefs joining us in 2024, including none other than Australian-British Celebrity Chef John Torode and a crowd favourite from Beef2018, Iron Chef Sakai.

"The Celebrity Chef Program will also feature free cooking demonstrations across the week, a fantastic program option for those attending with the family looking to witness these culinary experts in action, cooking live on stage in a more casual setting.

"What sets this event's Celebrity Chef Program apart from previous years is its diverse range of domestic and international chefs, all of whom have garnered global acclaim for their exceptional skills, unique culinary perspectives, and dedication to using the finest Australian beef.

"The star-studded lineup of chefs includes John Torode, Iron Chef Sakai, Justine Schofield, Tom Hitchcock, Jess Pryles, Mark Olive and Matt Golinski.

Australian-born British Chef John To-



TOP CUTS: Beef Australia has announced the lineup of its highly anticipated 2024 Celebrity Chef Program.

Picture: Beef2024

rode MBE said he's excited to be heading to Beef2024 in Rockhampton, Queensland to headline the 2024 program.

"Whether you're a seasoned foodie, an aspiring home chef, or just someone who appreciates great food, the Beef Australia Celebrity Chef Program is an opportunity to enjoy beautifully curated menus by some of the world's best chefs.

"Join me alongside a stellar lineup of culinary talents as we dive into the world of Australian beef, craft mouthwatering dishes, and share our passion for food.

"The Celebrity Chef Program is an experience you won't want to miss, so mark your calendars and join me at Beef2024."

Federal Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Murray Watt said he was excited to see the line-up of chefs showcasing great Aussie products.

"This will be my third Beef, and the Celebrity Chef Program is a real highlight each time.

"Last year Aussies ate their way through over 560,000 tonnes of beef, so I'm sure we'll all be taking advantage of the chance to pick up some cooking tips and tricks from the experts."

Queensland Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries and Minister for Rural Communities Mark Furner said Beef2024's celebrity chef line-up was a great platform to showcase Queensland produce.

"Everyone knows that Queensland beef and a wide range of other produce are already international celebrities in their own right," Mr Furner said.

"Having some of the world's best chefs sharpening their knives and getting behind the burners to showcase Queensland cuisine will be an experience not to be missed".

Find more about the 2024 Celebrity Chef Program at www.beefaustralia.com.au/celeb-chef.

Celebrity Chef Program tickets are now on sale.

Beef Australia 2024 will be held May 5 – 11.

For further details on the event and to purchase tickets, visit www.beefaustralia.com.au

Livestock sustainability story on world stage

THE Australian livestock sector's progress and achievements in climate sustainability was put into the global spotlight at the COP28 summit in Dubai in December.

The annual COP ('conference of the parties') summit is a key international forum that discusses key issues related to climate change mitigation.

The Australian red meat and livestock sector participated in the conversation, including presentations on the flagship climate sustainability program CN30 (carbon neutral by 2030).

CN30 project manager, Julia Waite, attended the summit and said there was very strong interest from global stakeholders in the leadership and innovation being shown by the Australian livestock sector.

"The Australia livestock industry, in delivering on its CN30 commitment, has made significant investments through collaborative partnerships in new technologies and practice change to increase the efficiency and productivity of the Australian livestock sector," Ms Waite said.

"This includes improved land management such as the sequestration of carbon in soils and planting trees, development and adoption of feed additives, and new livestock breeding techniques and strategies.

"The session at COP28 was an opportunity to acknowledge that while livestock make a contribution to global emissions, our industry is part of the climate solution – while also playing a critically important role for global nutrition and food security."

Ms Waite was joined at COP28 by other representatives talking about the Australian livestock sector, including head of environment and sustainability at AA Co, Naomi Wilson, and CSIRO team leader for northern cattle production, Dr Stuart Denman.

"There was strong interest in solutions, with recognition that global challenges need local solutions," she said.

"This is exactly what CN30 is about – find-



SPOTLIGHT: The Australian livestock sector's progress and achievements in climate sustainability was put into the global spotlight at the COP28 summit in Dubai in December.

Picture: File

ing innovative solutions through research, development and adoption that have practical implications for livestock producers. CN30 is about ensuring our sustainability gains are very much focused on productivity and profitability as well."

MLA has invested over \$180 million into CN30, including investment from government and commercial partners. To date, industry has reduced its net greenhouse gas emissions by 65 per cent since 2005. MLA has worked closely with the Australian Gov-

ernment in raising the profile of the Australian livestock sector at COP for the second year running, highlighting the importance of the industry and its performance in delivering food security while mitigating climate impacts.

Beef Bulls to be presented

A tremendous group of industry focussed beef bulls will be presented at the Woonallee Bull Sale on February 8, 2024.

These bulls have been bred from an 800 plus cow herd with only the very best selected for this sale.

A great way to describe this draft is consistent and that's what Woonallee strive for so their clients have an abundance of options to select from.

The sale is made up of 110 bulls including Traditional, Black Simmental and SimAngus.

Each of these sections represent years of carefully selected breeding decisions focusing on increasing the performance, longevity, fertility and overall profitability for our clientele.

The traditional bulls are once again a wonderful group of bulls with more than 50 years of breeding stacked into a superior genetic package.

With the very best genetics sourced from around the world, They are excited to see what these bulls can do in your herd.

The first of the Kerrah G732 (P) sons are on offer and they will impress those looking for a high-end herd improving sire that offers calving ease and explosive growth.

Other sires represented are Woonallee Notice (P), Woonallee Redemption (PP) and Wilandra Marmaduke (P).

The Black Simmental draft is one that keeps getting better every year.

They have put an enormous amount of time, effort and money into producing an industry focussed black hided animal with superior carcase traits.

These bulls will appeal to those looking to add extra kgs to their weaners without sacrificing the colour.

The heifer portion of these calves have made a significant premium in the weaner sales as producers recognise the extra benefit of the Simmental infusion.

The sire groups of note will be the first of the LBRS Genesis (PP) to sell, Woonallee Rawhide (PP), Woonallee Rendezvous (PP) and



TREMENDOUS: A group of industry focused beef bulls will be presented at the Woonallee Bull Sale on February 8, 2024.

Woonallee P393 (PP).

The SimAngus programme is fast becoming a feature of our sale catalogue.

An incredible group of bulls that they can easily say are the best draft of SimAngus bulls they have presented.

As with the Black Simmentals the progeny

have been rewarded in the weaner sales with calves regularly being at the heaviest end of the sale.

We are proud to offer the first bulls by the \$240,000 Millah Murrah Rembrandt and we are confident they will impress the most discerning cattle person. Other sires represented

are Millah Murrah Quixote, Wombramurra Q129 and the new KBHR Honor.

Their SA beef week field day is being held on February 5 with the gates opening at 9am.

For any further information or would like to organise a time to inspect the bulls please feel free to contact us.

SA meat exporter inks \$60m China trade deal

AN international trade deal worth up to \$60 million per year has been signed by South Australian meat exporter Thomas Foods International (TFI) and a major Chinese food distributor.

TFI chief executive officer Tony Stewart said he was honoured to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

"I am delighted to be able to sign this MOU on behalf of Thomas Foods International which reflects both our strong partnership and TFI's expertise in and commitment to the Chinese market," he said.

The MoU commits to a target of annual red meat exports of \$AU30 million by the end of 2024.

The agreement also sets out to actively seek and identify new and additional business opportunities beyond this target.

Mr Stewart said TFI had had a "long and successful history of doing business in China".

"The backbone of this has been the strong relationships we have developed with trusted and highly capable partners," he said.

There are a number of TFI suppliers in the Limestone Coast, with the companies main South Australian processing facility in Murray Bridge.

The new facility was opened in May this year after a fire destroyed the old one in 2018.

However, TFI maintained long-term relationships with its overseas trading partners as it embarked on the construction of the new facility.

If this new facility achieves a China market listing, the MoU states the chilled and frozen red meat export target would increase to \$AU60 million annually, highlighting the potential for increased trade because of its commitment to meeting China's exacting market demands.



TRADE DEAL: An agreement signed by Thomas Foods International and a major Chinese food distributor commits to a target of annual red meat exports of \$AU30 million by the end of 2024.

Picture: File

Mr Stewart said the new facility would set "a new standard for the Chinese market".

"If approved for export, it would represent more than a business opportunity; it would be a transformative step forward for the Australian red meat industry," he said.

"For South Australia it would provide a significant boost in trade, job creation, and

overall economic prosperity."

Minister for Trade and Investment Nick Champion said the agreement highlighted the work being done by the government and industry bodies to strengthen ties with China.

"I congratulate Thomas Foods International on the work it continues to undertake

to ensure this relationship is not only maintained but thrives – as more South Australian businesses seek to leverage off these trading opportunities."

China continues to be South Australia's top export destination for merchandise, up 48 per cent for the year ending July 2023 to \$2.8 billion.



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Days Whiteface weighs in

ANYONE interested in improving the carcase merit of their herd needs to seriously consider the 2024 Days Whiteface offering.

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The 2024 offering is consistent in its carcase merit. Among these bulls are both calving ease, low birthweight, short gestation length sires and also the grunt bulls, those with plenty of growth.

Their consistent carcase performer Days Godfather N22 is again well represented.

He is a trait leader for IMF and is in the top 5% for EMA. A son of his, the \$40,000 Days Kingswood Q139 adds plenty of power to the equation.

His first son sold for \$102,000 for Talbalba last September.

Kingswood is top 1 per cent EMA, top 10 per cent IMF and is a trait leader for 200,400 and 600 day wt.

His sons definitely exhibit his strong carcase. Outcross sire Wirruna Qabita Q198 has a great performance profile highlighted by the fertility traits, scrotal size, and days to calving, top 5 per cent IMF and top 10 per cent 400 day wt.

The heifer options are led by the \$160,000 Injemira Robert Redford Q287 and include lots 5 and 6 both used in the stud.

He is a trait leader for short gestation and low birthweight, still has plenty of growth and has the EMA and IMF figures that we emphasise in our breeding programme.

Our other main heifer option is homebred sire Days King Pin Q201. He is also a trait leader for short gestation and low birthweight while being a trait leader for IMF.

This year as well as having our bulls on display on property on Tuesday February 6, we will have a small display at the Casterton sale-yards on Saturday February 3.

Any more information, phone Lachy on 0428521630.



LEADING THE WAY: Our consistent carcase performer Days Godfather N22 is again well represented.

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Balanced breeding approach at Allendale

ON February 19, Allendale will offer 40 Poll Hereford Bulls in conjunction with Day's Whiteface.

This years draft feature bulls with great Hereford quality, mid maturity and excellent doing ability.

The 2024 sale bulls are sired by a variety of Homebred and new sires. A key sire is Wirruna Querido Q266.

Querido has bred bulls with length, balance and excellent carcase figures – including an EMA of + 8.5 and breed leading IMF of + 4.4.

Querido is also Top 1% for all Indexes.

Allendale have used three of these yearling bulls in our stud this year.

Another sire impacting the top end of the draft is Injemira Robert Redford Q287.

He has bred very well with great thickness, muscle and doing ability. IRR Q287 is a trait leader for Gestation Length and Birth Weight, as well as outstanding Carcase figures and Top 5% Index's.

Allendale have used five yearling sons in our stud this year.

Cascade Magnate R007 (Jack) has bred a consistent line of cattle with excellent length, skin and very good birth to growth spread.

Homebred sires are represented by grandsons of Koanui Techno 6179 and Allendale Gambler L143.

All sale bulls will be fully vaccinated, semen tested, sire verified with genomic enhanced EBV's.

Our Beef Week Field day is on Tuesday February 6 and they welcome your inspection.

Contact Alastair anytime to arrange an inspection.



TOP QUALITY: Allendale's Lot 8 – Allendale Parker Hogan T060.

MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2024 AT 1:30PM SA TIME

SALE VENUE: Days Whiteface – 868 Naracoorte Rd, Bordertown



LOT 2

BW	200	400	600	MILK	SS	EMA	IMF
3.4	37	54	71	15	2.8	4.1	2.8



LOT 8

BW	200	400	600	MILK	SS	EMA	IMF
1.0	41	77	104	14	4.7	6.5	1.0



LOT 5

BW	200	400	600	MILK	SS	EMA	IMF
0.0	43	70	94	24	3.8	7.4	2.2



LOT 9

BW	200	400	600	MILK	SS	EMA	IMF
4.1	48	74	99	18	2.5	6.6	0.8



LOT 17

BW	200	400	600	MILK	SS	EMA	IMF
6.6	45	71	103	24	3.0	6.6	1.3



LOT 10

BW	200	400	600	MILK	SS	EMA	IMF
2.8	40	71	97	21	2.0	7.2	3.1



LOT 68

BW	200	400	600	MILK	SS	EMA	IMF
5.1	36	61	78	15	6.0	7.2	3.5



LOT 11

BW	200	400	600	MILK	SS	EMA	IMF
5.1	44	67	99	23	3.5	6.1	2.7

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Nature's riches unlocked

THERE would be no farm without its foundations of soil, water, birds and trees - it's known as natural capital - and now, La Trobe University researchers and partners have developed a tool that enables farmers and industry to unlock the value of this resource and use it to their advantage.

The project, known as Farm-scale Natural Capital Accounting, is the culmination of four years' hard work, spanning 50 farms.

Farmers can use the accounts to improve their management of natural capital and measure their farm performance, while maintaining natural resources and biodiversity.

Lead researcher Associate Professor Jim Radford, from La Trobe's Research Centre for Future Landscapes, said putting a value on natural capital has the potential to empower producers to leverage their sustainability credentials for commercial benefits.

"This is the first time whole-of-farm natural capital accounts have been produced in bulk from different geographic locations across a range of farming sectors, such as grazing, cropping, mixed farming and farm forestry," Dr Radford said.

"This project demonstrates that it is possible to generate detailed, comprehensive, farm-scale environmental accounts."

Asked what sparked the project, Dr Radford said it was a desire to recognise the contribution that farms - and farmers - make to nature conservation, and to develop a tool that enables farmers to recognise and measure the natural capital on their farms, and in doing so, demonstrate their environmental performance.

"The tool needed to be equitable, repeatable and applicable across all farms so that it could also enable others to evaluate the environmental performance of farmers," Dr Radford said.

The accounts demonstrate the incredible variety in natural capital that is present on farms, Dr Radford said, as well as the range of ecosystem services that natural capital provides - from production services like forage, shade and shelter, and pollination, decomposition and pest control, to public benefits such as habitat for biodiversity, carbon sequestration and soil erosion control.

About one quarter of all Australia's bird species were recorded across the 50 farms - across New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania - including 34 species listed as threatened, highlighting farms' importance in supporting biodiversity.

"Natural capital accounts measure the actions farmers take to reduce emissions and increase carbon sequestration, while improving their farm productivity and helping nature.

"It's clear that many farmers recognise the importance of natural capital as an input to agricultural production and that their operations are more efficient and productive when they build and look after the natural capital on their farms."

Dr Radford said the entire supply chain, including food, beverage and fibre manufacturers, retailers, financial institutions and ultimately consumers, can benefit from natural capital accounting through increasing transparency in the supply chain.

A key participant in the project was Orana Park, which is a cropping and grazing operation spanning 5250 hectares near Serpentine in Central Victoria.

Orana Park's account revealed the farm contained more than 70 species of birds and 145 varieties of plants, including four threatened species. The account showed positive trends in ground cover across the farm and overall, the property sequestered and stored more carbon than it emitted, mostly in the soil.

Farm manager Matt Davis, from Tiverton Agriculture Impact Fund (TAIF) which owns and operates Orana Park, said the vision for the farm and TAIF from the start has been to demonstrate how we can work alongside nature in a profitable farming enterprise.

"Some of the approaches include liquid biofertiliser (seeking to replace synthetic fertiliser and build soil healthy), soil carbon contract, extensive revegetation, dedication of 220 hectares into a threatened species sanctuary, scoping a fish ladder on the Loddon weir



The Murrumbidgee River.



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of which we will donate land to the cause."

"Our team has always understood the value of nature to farming and the future, but it was the lack of data for farmers about their natural capital which was the limitation," Mr Davis said.

He said the ongoing data from the accounts will enable the business model to increase its work alongside nature.

"We expect that buyers of our food and fibre will be expecting we can show how we work with nature and this data will put us ahead of the curve and enable us to sell our high quality products with confidence."

Sheep farmers Jo and Greg Bear, from Loddon Vale near Kerang in northern Victoria, expect this tool to be a "game changer" for sustainable agriculture.

"As long-term farmers, we have witnessed first-hand the tremendous impact that looking after natural capital has had on all facets of our business and our personal life, but we had no data or evidence to back up this experience," Ms Bear said.

"Natural Capital Accounting fills in the missing link by providing valuable evidence to

key stakeholders in our business now and into the future."

The tool is set to benefit the entire agricultural supply chain, including food and beverage companies, clothing manufacturers, retailers, financial institutions and, ultimately, consumers through increased visibility along the supply chain.

"Early results show that investing in natural capital benefits both finances and the environment, proving that when you care for nature, it cares for you," Ms Bear said.

"This is why we are so excited to continue working with the La Trobe team. It's a powerful tool for on-farm decision making, it reduces our environmental footprint, it aligns with market demands and partnerships, it shows the profitability of sustainable farming and it fosters discussions with banks and other authorities. And most of all - it brings wellbeing to farmers, families and communities. It is a game changer for sustainable agriculture.

"Being involved in the Natural Capital Accounting Project has been a rewarding experience. To be provided with expert knowledge and information about the ecology of the land



Farm manager Sarah Barrington has always believed natural capital was important.

and the wonderful and varied creatures that live on and within it is reward itself."

In Tasmania, about 50 kilometres north of Hobart at Apsley, merino wool farmer Sarah Barrington said the data will increase opportunities in the sale of their wool and associated higher and stable prices.

"This scientifically rigorous and independent data will allow us to inform users of our merino wool as well as those in the pipeline, who need to qualify or quantify natural capital on our farm," Ms Barrington said.

As farms varied in types and structures, the research revealed each farmer also had their own perspective on which elements of the accounts proved helpful in supporting their management decisions in farming operations.

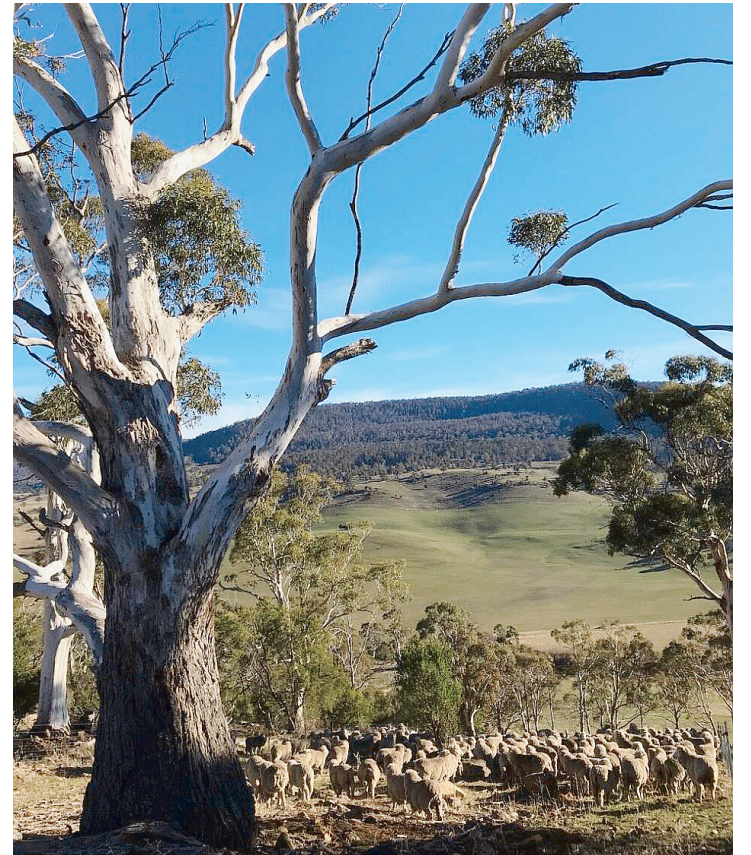
"This project has confirmed aspects of our natural capital that we were already aware of and enlightened us about new aspects, such as bird species and carbon balance," Ms Barrington said.

Farmer Rebecca Gorman said natural capital, or the total environment, is everything to their farm.

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Sarah Barrington is the farm manager of a merino wool sheep farm in Tasmania - a magnificent property in a deep valley with steep hills and large area of remnant forest on one side.

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"If it is not thriving, then the rest of the farm or enterprises on it, won't thrive. Focusing on this goal, of a thriving ecosystem, is not a simple process but it gives us great focus," Ms Gorman said.

"We have always understood the importance of trying to measure ecosystem function to keep on with the work of building it. But creating the notion of 'natural capital' i.e., nature taking an important place on the ledger, helps elevate the idea - matching it alongside

other assets."

Ms Gorman has enjoyed the rolling group of ecological specialists coming onto the farm - bringing new perspectives and knowledge.

"From soils and ground cover, grasses, trees and birds - it was a rich and rewarding process."

Ms Gorman said they're in the middle of long term planning for the future of the farm, which includes the expansion of woodland plantings, so the report - especially the bird analysis - would be most helpful.

Taking a long-term view, Dr Radford said there were a number of next steps related to increasing automation and streamlining processes associated with generating the accounts.

"These include making better use of artificial intelligence/machine learning and integrating the accounts with other farm management tools already in uses," Dr Radford said.

"The long-term benefits are threefold: a) farmers with natural capital accounts are better equipped to manage their natural capital to optimise production on their farms; b) natural

capital accounts will increase transparency in the agricultural supply chain, enabling farmers to leverage their positive management of natural capital for economic returns; and c) improved natural capital at the farm-scale will result in nature positive outcomes, which is good for biodiversity and good for society."

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