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GETTING ON WITH BUSINESS IN 2021

Welcome to the June edition of our newsletter.

It has been a busy start to the year with many groups holding shows and field days.

This has been quite the achievement during the uncertainty of doing business in a pandemic.

BULLETIN EDITION 102

With the publication of Bulletin No 102 we were able to continue the tradition of providing Members with a magazine type publication. The Bulletin provided a mix of local and international articles and information about matters relating to the Dexter breed and Members of our Association.

With assistance from LBC, Council has been able to appoint an Editor to ensure that technical issues with compiling and publishing of the Bulletin can be managed.

Feel free to give us feedback on articles that were included in Bulletin 102 or any suggestions that we may be able to include in future editions.

Council would like to thank all contributors both local and international for their input to the last Bulletin.

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WELCOME

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Ian Cesa	Tintaldra VIC	TINTALDRA
Adam Fontana	Strath Creek VIC	HOLISTIC PASTURES
Katherine Dignam	Lord Howe Island NSW	LORD HOWE ISLAND
Andre & Kathy Rix	Harvey WA	KHAYA LAMI
Victoria Sheehy	St Andrews VIC	TEAPOT FARM
Ian Elliott & James Nicholson	Berry NSW	BERRY HAPPY
Theresa Johnson	Postmans Ridge QLD	RINTALA VALLEY
Nicholas Robins	Michelago NSW	TINDERRY
Kate Grosseck	Lang Lang VIC	ELOEURA
Don & Jenny Jewell	Parkes NSW	EMERALD HEIGHTS

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Lyn Richards	Railton TAS
Peter Dixon	Wootton NSW
William Hickey	Faulkland NSW

FULL MEMBERS REJOINING

Council would also like to welcome back the following Member who has rejoined after a short break:

Lynda Hoare	Buln Buln East VIC	MANNAGUM
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MARGARET PAYNTER (LIFE MEMBER) - LEAVING THE FARM

In his Executive Officer Report published in Bulletin No. 56 Spring 2002 Willam Hughes gave the following tribute to Margaret Paynter for her contribution to the Dexter Association:

“By now you will have noted that several members of the outgoing Council decided not to re-nominate. These were Peter Little, Margaret Paynter, Susan Hannaford and Andrew Wadsley. Peter and Margaret were on the Council when I first became involved with the Association in 1996, and have put in a massive effort for the Association, and are continuing this effort with their work on the World Congress Committee.”

This is one of many tributes that have been made over the years for the service provided by Margaret Paynter. Margaret has decided to leave her rural property and move into town to better care for her husband Phil and look after their other personal needs.

Thank you, Margaret for your consistent and inspiring support for Dexter Cattle in Australia. Our thoughts are with you during this significant change in your life.



USE OF DCAI LOGO

The Australasian Dexter Association Inc. (ADA) held its inaugural meeting on the 13th of March 1987 with representation from Dexter Breeders in both Australia and New Zealand. The Logo adopted for this organisation incorporated the New Zealand Fern and Australian Gum Leaf as shown below (left):



Following the establishment of separate Dexter Breed Groups in New Zealand in 2000 the Association was renamed Dexter Cattle Australia Inc and the logo (above right) was adopted.

This Logo plays an important role in the promotion and marketing of the breed to the community. To that end, this Council would like to encourage Promotion Groups to utilise the Logo as they go about their activities to fulfill their primary role of promoting the Dexter breed, and furthering the purposes of the Association in their area.

Accordingly it was recently decided that Promotion Groups be advised that this Council approves the use of the official DCAI Logo on promotional material prepared by the Promotion Group to publicise and promote group activities. The logo may be used on Letterheads, Newsletters and Banners.

The Logo may not be used for individual stud communications.

DID YOU KNOW?

We now have DCAI Key Rings and
Tea Towels available for purchase!

Check out the Merchandise Form on the DCAI Webpage
<http://www.dextercattle.org.au/dcai-forms>





PHOTO COMPETITION

The Photo Competition was a success with some excellent photos submitted. The winning entries were posted on the DCAI Facebook page on 27th April. Congratulations to the following winners:

1. Kids & Cow - Winner Kathy Baker
2. Best Steer - Winner Lyn Kruger
3. Best Cow - Winner David & Sue Goebel
4. Group of 3 - Winner Bowiem Harris
5. Best Bull - Winner David & Sue Goebel
6. Other Dexter Photos - Winner St Francis of Assisi Primary School

Each of the winning studs will receive one free Female animal registration valued at \$44.



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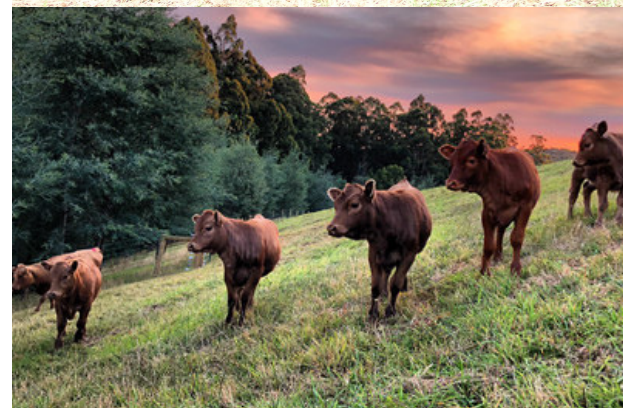
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NEOGEN \$3 HAIR SAMPLE TEST FEE

Many of you may be aware that from the 1st January 2020, Neogen has been charging a \$3 +GST hair sample surcharge. This Fee is for each and every test, not a “per sample fee”.

As an example, if you were to do a Seeksire, a PHA and a polling test on an animal, that is 3 different tests so attracts a \$9 +GST extra fee. This is totally out of the control of DCAI and Neogen charges DCAI this amount.

Last year with all the problems that our members were dealing with, the drought, the bush fires, the flooding, and Covid on top, Council passed a motion to absorb that extra fee to be reviewed at the end of March 2021. It was also decided that with the last Neogen contract renewal in May 2020, DCAI would absorb all price increases for this last year.

DNA testing has been running at a loss during this time, consequently Council has made the financially responsible decision to pass these extra fees onto the user.

As of 1st July, 2021, the \$3+GST (\$3.30) hair sample surcharge will be charged to our members who test with Neogen through DCAI, and this fee will be on every hair sample test requested by the member. Neogen treats the Dexter Bundle option as one test and it attracts a single fee. BVD testing is the only test that is exempt from the fee.

Those samples that are currently being tested with Neogen will still have the fee absorbed, but any that are invoiced by Neogen to DCAI after the 30 June, 2021 will be charged the extra fee.

If members are finding that these DNA price increases are affecting their Dexter breeding and registering, it would be worthwhile investigating the options of testing privately with Neogen or testing with UC Davis in the USA or Massey University in New Zealand. You may find this to be more cost effective.

Louise Ball Treasurer

NEOGEN DNA TESTING PRICE SCHEDULE

Prices apply from July 1st 2021

Dexter Standard Bundle	\$77	Collectors & Accessories	
Includes:		Hair Cards (Supplied free by DCAI)	FREE
GGP SNP array (100K)		Allflex Tissue Sample Unit (Single)	\$3.30
Parentage Verification (SNP only)		Allflex Tissue Sample Unit (Pack of 10)	\$33
Horn/Poll		Allflex TSU Applicator	\$120
Chondrodysplasia Test 1 (BD1)			
Genomic SNP Array	\$57	Service/Additional Fees	
GGP SNP Array (100K)		Parentage Verification only (PV)	\$5.50
Stand Alone Tests		Consult Fee (hourly rate)	\$110
Seeksire Parentage (500+SNP)	\$37		
Horn/Poll	\$37	Examples of services attracting the Consult fee are adding External SNP profiles to the database, reissue of results such as MIP certificates, requested reissue of results to a third party.	
Chondrodysplasia (BD1)	\$37		
Pulmonary Hypoplasia with Anasarca (PHA)	\$37		
Red/Black Coat Colour	\$30		
Dexter Dun Coat Colour	\$37	Please note that all prices are inclusive of GST.	
Vet Diagnostics (only available in conjunction with testing listed above)			
BVDV/PI (Pestivirus)	\$15	The Hair sample Fee is applied to each test performed. The Dexter Standard Bundle is considered one test so one Hair sample fee will be charged. There is no Hair sample fee charge on BVDV/PI.	
Sample Type Fees			
Hair Sample Fee (applicable to each test)	\$3.30	DCAI will cross charge members the Hair sample fee of \$3.30 that Neogen charges to DCAI.	
Other (eg semen, blood etc)	\$5.50		
Non-approved collector (i.e. not Neogen hair card or TSU)	\$2.20		
Sample Retrieval and Pull (applied to DONE samples)	\$1.10		

SHOWS AND FIELD DAYS - APRIL 2021

April was a big month of activity around the country with Shows, Expos and Field Days in 4 States (see separate article for each event).

Queensland Coordinating Committee hosted their 30th Annual Dexter Breed Show with 30 animals displayed by the following 8 Studs:

Kelly Wilson and David Anders (Running Creek), David and Susan Goebel (Kerridale), Aleck and Katrina McCloskey (Greenhills), KW and H Mourilyan and TM Zahnow (Mourylani), Luke and Tara Cooke (Lukara), Hazel Innes (Newinn), JTRT and D Gillmore (Yarrabee), Lyn Kruger (Pine Spur).

The breed dinner and an amazing raffle was enjoyed by all.



The **Victorian Dexter Promotion Group** participated again in the annual Seymour Alternative Farming Expo held over 3 days from 16th to 18th April. Animals were supplied by the Francis of Assisi Primary School Dexter Cattle Stud and Paradigm Dexter Stud. Jordan Hoban as a Volunteer coordinator of the the Francis of Assisi Cattle Club helped with preparing the animals and also trained the children from FOA to take on the role of spruiking the merits of their Dexter Cattle.

Members from the following 9 Studs participated and assisted in the display over the weekend:

St Francis Assisi School (St Francis Assisi), Matt Stevens & Rose Mayne (Darling Range), John & Pam Thompson (Larph n), Kate Joyce (Paradigm Farm), Peter & Ruth Den Brinker (Petru), Tania Holliday (Moonah Park), Jenny Hince (Donnybrook), Jeanette Brennan (Branrach), Peter & Celia Gulbin (Hideaway).

In NSW the **Manning Valley Dexter Promotion Group** participated in the Tocal Field days from 30th April to the 2nd May. The Group was represented with animals supplied by LRB Dexter Stud (Ron and Libby Brown) with support from Jackie Clarke and Alan Edenborough from Downalong Dexter Stud and Associate Member Peter Dixon. The Manning Group has also been fostering contact with several local Dexter Cattle owners who have been participating in both the Group's Face to Face and ZOOM Meetings.

While in Western Australia the **Dexter Cattle Promotion Group South West of Western Australia** participated in the annual Williams Gateway Expo. The Group was represented by Tracey and Julian Higham (Barraminning) and Lyn and Frank Mills (Millview).



VICTORIAN PROMOTION GROUP - SEYMOUR ALTERNATIVE FARMING EXPO 16-18 APRIL

Dexter Promotion Group of Victoria, again attended the Expo with two pens in the Cattle Pavilion. St Francis of Assisi from Wodonga displayed on behalf of the group this year.

We had a Dun single polled 2.5-year-old bull (Hunky Dory)

Black double polled 2.5-old Cow (Midge) and her black steer calf (Smidge)

Black double polled 2.5-year-old Cow (Maolissa) and her black steer calf (Ash).

All cows and steers were long leg and the bull was a short leg.

The group funded a great idea by Jordan Hoban of a selfie square for visitors to come and take pictures with the Dexters.

What were some of the favourable comments?

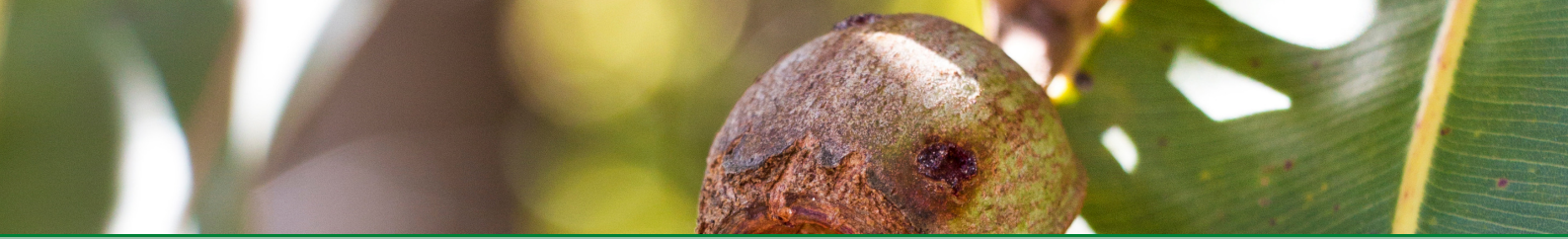
Many people commented on how calm Dexters are and how well the children handled them. Many people came specifically to look at Dexters and to compare size and temperament with mainstream beef breeds. There was a lot of interest in Dexter beef production and commercial viability. Some discussed at length suitability of milk and milk products. Some people were surprised that they were able to touch them and do selfies with them. There were a few discussions on the height of Dexters in relation to other breeds. There seemed to be a genuine interest in Dexters and we had the most people stopping compared to the other cattle displays.

We are hoping to encourage the St Francis of Assisi Catholic school to participate again as it was such a great experience for all, Jordan Hoban and the school kids did an outstanding job.

Other breed displays were very impressed with the school involvement and made favourable comment to us.

Rose Mayne





MANNING VALLEY DEXTER PROMOTION GROUP 2021 - Tocal Field Days

Our Manning Valley Dexter Promotion Group had a great team working throughout the weekend. Ron and Libby Brown, Jackie Clarke and Alan Edenborough were in attendance all 3 days.

Associate member Peter Dixon came on both Saturday and Sunday to lend a hand. New Associate Member William Hickey, with a property just out of Gloucester, called in specifically to meet members of the Manning Group.

Myall Beth (Bella) and LRB Rocky Ned remained relatively relaxed and comfortable throughout the three days. Rocky Ned was particularly agreeable and provided many excited and brave children a chance to get close and in some cases pat their first bull.

The Livestock display area was well represented by other breeds. Our site was next to the Angus display and opposite the Lowlines giving visitors a good opportunity to compare the size of the different breeds. We took down details from over 30 people interested in learning more about Dexter Cattle. A significant number of these people indicated that they had a strong preference for acquiring Dexter animals to put on their property in the short to long term.

Our experience with displaying our Dexter Cattle at Tocal is that it provides an opportunity to connect with potential new buyers and people who have purchased Dexters as commercial animals in the past. This is the first step toward getting new Members to join the Association. The facilities had been improved this year with new higher and more secure yard panels being provided. On-site camping had also been made available this year allowing us to check on our animals and ensure that they were settled throughout the night.

Ron Brown



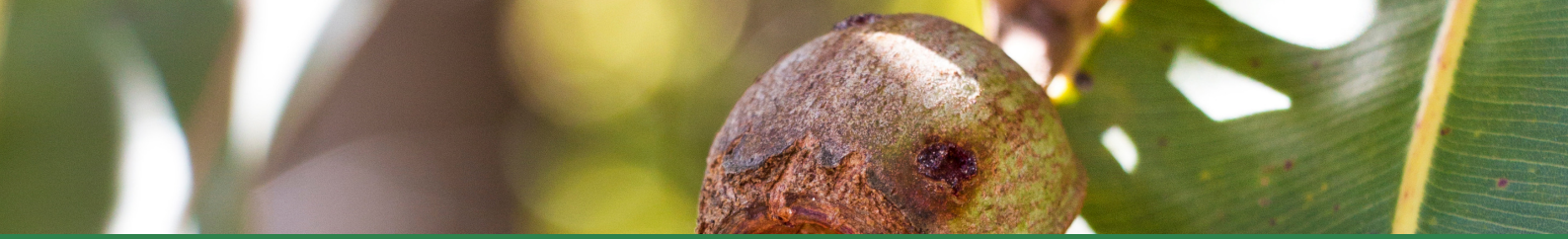
Libby Brown, Jackie and Don Williams from Myall Dexter Stud



Rocky Ned and Bella



Libby and Ron Brown LRB Dexter Stud, Jackie Clarke and Alan Edenborough Downalong Stud



WELLINGTON NSW SHOW - MAY 2021

Samantha Sparks posted this report on the Dexter Cattle Australia Inc - Facebook page:

What a fantastic day at Wellington Show! Congratulations to all of our show team members for their efforts today!

Thankyou to Sally McMahon for assisting with transport!

Final results:

TCS Kallie Rose - First Heifer 6 - 12 months

TCS Penelope Rose - Second Heifer 6 - 12 months

TCS Kallie Rose - Champion Junior Female

Paradigm Karan - First Female over 24 Months

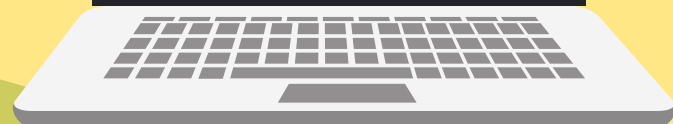
TCS Patsy Cline - Second Female over 24 Months

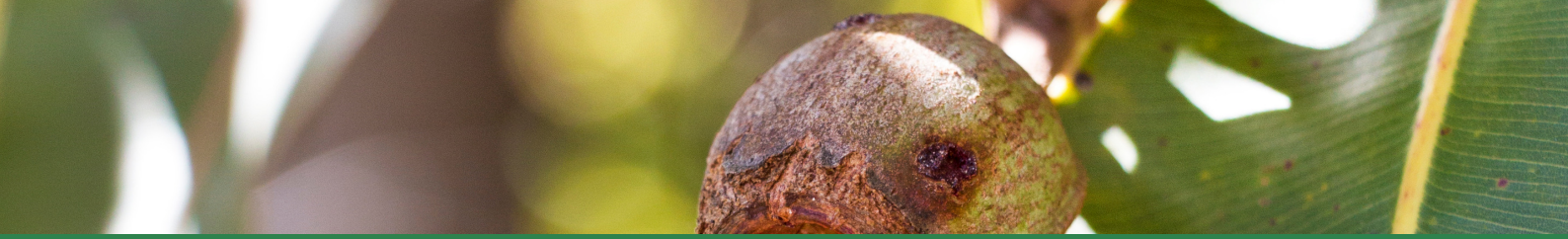
Paradgim Karan - Champion Senior Female



WEBPAGE

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QLD CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE 30TH ANNUAL DEXTER CATTLE BREED SHOW

After the last-minute cancellation of the 2020 show, we were all looking forward to the opportunity of showing off our Dexter cattle.

For most exhibitors, arrival day was Friday to set up camp, wash and groom and to line up for measuring. The traditional Friday night barbecue could not be held due to covid restrictions governing agricultural shows.

Eight studs were represented with 30 animals, numbers were down on previous years. (A combination of covid uncertainty and drought conditions for some.)

The final winners were Grand Champion Female, Mourylani Majik and Grand Champion Bull, Lukara Quill, who went on to be Supreme Champion. Judge on the day was Donald Patch, a well credentialled and national judge from Dalby.

Rounding off the day, a dinner was held at the Nanango RSL where exhibiting studs were presented with a pamper pack organised by Kelly Wilson, Running Creek Dexter Stud, who also organised the raffle and prizes.

Thanks to all the Exhibitors and helpers over the two days.



Lukara Quill (Tracey Nuttridge)



Mourylani Majik and calf (Heather Mourilyan, Tracey Nuttridge, Robert Nuttridge)



Judge, Donald Patch, Luke, Tara, Addison and Parker Cook (Lukara Stud)



Judge, Donald Patch, Katrina McCloskey, Heather Mourilyan (Mourylani Stud), Robert Nuttridge.