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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I have the privilege to serve on Council this year, which is now over 15 years since my last appointment. DCAI are very fortunate to have a group of Councillors who are dedicated to the continued prosperity of Dexters in Australia, and I thank them for their support. I would also like to thank and acknowledge the great contribution given by retiring Councillors Pauline Manly and Kate Harris.

A little about myself..... I have been breeding, exhibiting, promoting, and supporting Dexter Cattle since 1989. In this time, I have recorded over 1000 registerable Dexter births. As a family, we have had many wonderful moments breeding Dexters and they have always been at the forefront of our business. We are committed to producing quality livestock where many animals have found lovely new homes with new and existing members.

The current Council have a number of large tasks to complete and appreciate your patience whilst we work through them. Bearing this in mind, we are all volunteers and bring a varied set of knowledge and skills to the Council table. We may not have the formal training for certain tasks but rest assured, we will do everything in our power to make decisions in the best interest of our members and Dexter Cattle in Australia. DCAI also have a wonderful team at LBC who go above and beyond to ensure the business end runs smoothly. Thank you Anne, Janelle and Karen.

It has been disheartening that previous Council/s have been caught up dealing with many issues that have little or no consequence to the membership. This has meant many important tasks had to be put on hold and/or delayed. I urge members to be considerate of our position and consider if your interactions are in the best interest of moving Dexter Cattle and the Association forward in Australia.

We should all be very proud to acknowledge that the DCAI Dexter Cattle Herdbook is based on science, making it one of the most comprehensive and reliable herd records in the world. This reliable breeding information enables Australian breeders to produce excellent examples of true Dexter cattle with confidence and integrity. Our DNA parentage verification may be daunting to many but we are working to assist you with this process and encourage you to register your best Dexters and introduce new members.

Council have waived all late fees on registrations and transfers to assist members who have struggled to register their cattle. We are sympathetic to members who have suffered tragic losses with whatever Mother Nature has dealt and would like to assist wherever possible.

Wishing you and your families a Festive season filled with happiness, love and laughter.
Trish Cabassi

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Lex Leslie	Aspect	WA
KS & DM Iles	Kenmore	WA
Olga Chumakova	Ladoga	NSW
Samantha Muldoon	Rolling Hills	SA
Richard Alpin	Warumba	NSW
Karen Glover	GGFarms	QLD
Heidi Moore-Turner	Little Briar	VIC
Oberon High School	Oberon High	NSW
Matt Izett	Eagle Bay	WA
Don Hearne	Dun'N'Rusted	NSW



OUR DAY AT KELMSCOTT SHOW



What a disappointment that the WA Breed Show that was to be held at the Kelmscott Show was cancelled this year, but what a great Handler Training Day that the Dexter Cattle Promotion Group of WA quickly organised to replace it. They made sure that there were Dexters at the Kelmscott Show for people to see.

I registered for the day hoping to learn some new skills and I certainly wasn't disappointed. The day dawned a little cool but with brilliant sunshine, it couldn't have been any better for spending the whole day outdoors with plenty of shade to protect from the sun.

The area was beautifully prepared, lots of shade for the cattle and the people, and fenced off to keep other showgoers outside of the Dexter area due to Biosecurity.



The participants varied in their level of experience with handling and showing, from very new to more experienced, and we all learned something new.

We were started right from the beginning, first learning how to tie an animal up, then blowing it out before bathing, how to bath an animal, followed by blow drying for the best finish, and then finishing up with how to clip ready for the ring.

The day was finished in learning how to make a rope halter which all got to take home with us, and answering lots of our questions.



Many thanks to the WA Promotion Group for putting on such a great day, and particularly to Alex and Trish Cabassi along with Russell and Chris Cleghorn for their tutoring. I think that all the participants would agree that we all learnt so much and enjoyed our day.



USING ACCREDITED AI BULL SEMEN

There are 60 bulls accredited with DCAI for public use, and most of those bulls became available in the early years of the Association. Less than half of those bulls had available DNA to be SNP tested, and there has been generous donations of straws from members for others to have a SNP test performed which has been paid for by DCAI.

Many of these bulls no longer have semen available to be purchased, the only existing straws would be carefully stored away in private tanks as they would be precious to the owner of the straws.

Over half of the Accredited AI bulls have not had any progeny registered for more than 10 years, and in some cases it is 20 years or more since they have had calves registered.

DCAI is committed to paying for the SNP (Seeksire) testing of these bulls, however it is not a financially logical decision to seek straws on these bulls and have them tested.

If a member wishes to donate a straw on any of the untested bulls and send the semen off for testing, DCAI will pay for the cost of the Seeksire test.

DCAI has in place a process so that all calves will still be able to be registered by these bulls. The calves will need to be MiP tested and parent verified by MiP through either UC Davis in the US or Infogene (Massey University) in New Zealand.

If you have a calf from an Accredited AI bull that you wish to register, please notify Janelle at LBC which bull you are needing and which laboratory that you will be testing with (either UCD or Infogene). LBC will apply for the MiP report from Neogen and the MiP profile will be lodged with the relevant lab to use.

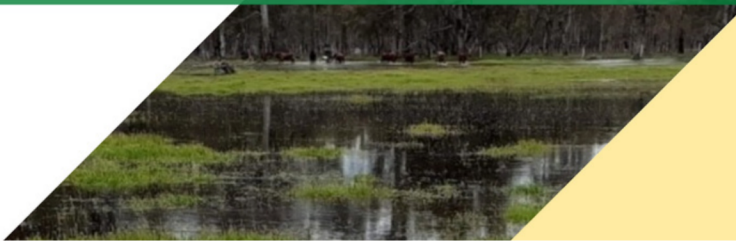
Your cow will also need an MiP profile to be able to parent verify.

Please allow several weeks for this process to occur as it does take some time to get the report from Neogen. You will be notified once the report is on the Laboratory database and you can then do your DNA application for testing.




DEXTER CATTLE AUSTRALIA INC

Council would like to send any DCAI Members affected by the ongoing flooding emergencies, their thoughts and best wishes.



- DNA Case No.: 157711
- If the Sire and/or Dam have an old DNA case number contact DCAI registrar Janelle at LBC, she will look to see if your Dexter(s) have a 16 point DNA profile on file for you. If she doesn't, she will advise you to contact Neogen to obtain a copy at a cost of \$11 per report.
 - Once you have a copy of the report, fill out a DNA test request form with Neogen to obtain an SNP profile for the Sire and/or Dam. An updated excel spreadsheet form for Neogen was emailed to members from Janelle at DCAI on , 2022 and when opened looks like this

Neogen Australasia Cattle Genotyping Application Form FY21									
Billing Name: Dexter Cattle Association Inc		Account Code: (existing customers)	261		Address samples for DNA Typing to:				
Billing Address: c/- Livestock and Business Centre, PO Box 189 KIAMA NSW 2533					Neogen Australasia				
Billing ABN 28 867 865 417					14 Hume Drive				
					Bundamba, QLD, 4304				
Submitting Station Details									
Station Name:		Address						DEXTER <small>I guarantee that I have the legal right to access the genetic information of the sires and/or dams that I have nominated for the purpose of parentage verification and the sample integrity is maintained.</small>	
Contact:		Phone:							
Email:		Mobile:			07 3736 2134				
Breed: Dexter		Billing Reference:			oai-lab@neogen.com				
Date:		Herd Prefix:							
EMAIL AN ELECTRONIC COPY OF THIS FORM TO nealab@neogen.com WHEN SUBMITTING YOUR SAMPLES FOR ANALYSIS. SEND A HARD COPY WITH YOUR SAMPLES. SAMPLES THAT ARE RECEIVED WITHOUT THE RELEVANT HARD COPY AND ELECTRONIC FILE WILL NOT BE PROCESSED***Please refer to the RED instructions tab (below left) for further details and clarification** Terms and Conditions are as per the Website					If requesting parentage against parents already on file, this declaration must be completed before parentage verification can begin				
LIMS IDENTIFIERS (Office use ONLY)									
Barcode 2		Barcode 1		Animal ID		Registration Number		Electronic ID	
CASE NUMBER	Collector Barcode (from Hair Card or TSU)	Animal ID	Registration	EID - Tag ID	SEX	D.O.B.	TEST 1	TEST 2	SIRE REGO / IDENT
									SIRE CASE NUMBER / BARCODE
									DAM REGO / IDENT
									DAM CASE NUMBER / BARCODE

- Click to allow editing, fill in your Stud and Contact Details in the top left hand side of the form
- Next fill in the Sire and/or Dam's DNA 'Case Number', 'Animal ID' this is their Name, 'Registration' this is their Herdbook no., 'Sex', 'D.O.B.', and the test required (there is a drop down bar under 'Test 1') which is 'Seeksire'. It will look like this

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- Next fill in the Sire and Dam info along the same line in the Neogen form.

SIRE REGISTRATION / IDENTIFICATION			
SIRE REGO / IDENT	SIRE CASE NUMBER / BARCODE	DAM REGO / IDENT	DAM CASE NUMBER / BARCODE



- Send the completed Application form to Neogen via email (email address can be found on the top right hand side of the excel spreadsheet) with the attached DNA profile report and cc Janelle at LBC.
- If there is enough genetic material in storage at Neogen of the Sire and/or Dam an SNP profile will be created and this will be sent via email to Janelle at LBC and forwarded to you and recorded on the Dexter(s) online pedigree and will look like this

DNA Case No.: 102401 MiP & SNP

- If there was inadequate genetic material in storage at Neogen for the SeekSire test to be performed you will be notified and fresh hair tail samples will need to be pulled from the Sire and/or Dam placed in hair tail sample bag(s) obtained from Janelle at LBC and sent via Australia Post with the Application form and the soft copy (digit copy) of the form re-submitted via email to Neogen. You will need to fill out on the form the Hair Tail sample bag number(s)

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Barcode 1		Animal
NUMBER	Collector Barcode (from Hair Card or TSU)	Animal
1		
2		

- Neogen will create a SNP profile from the new hair tail sample(s) and this will be emailed to Janelle at LBC, forwarded to you, and recorded on your Dexter(s) online pedigree and will look like this

DNA Case No.: 193022 MiP 717389 SNP

- Once an SNP number has been obtained for both the Sire and Dam, hair tail samples can be pulled from the progeny to be registered. Fill in another Neogen Application form with the details of the progeny and select the SeekSire + PV test from the drop down bar

TEST 1	
SeekSire + PV	

- Make sure to record in the form the SNP DNA case number for both the Sire and Dam of the progeny to be parent verified.
- Send the completed Application form (hard copy) with the Hair Tail sample bag via Australia Post to Neogen and soft copy (digital) via email to Neogen and cc Janelle at LBC.
- Once the progeny parent verify for registration and a SNP profile created by Neogen Janelle at LBC will be notified via email and the result will be forwarded to you.
- When you receive this notification you can log into the DCAI official website and fill out an online registration form.
- Once all necessary fees including DNA testing fees, please see current List of Neogen DNA Testing Fee Schedule (found in recent DCAI Newsletter dated Autumn 2022), and DCAI Registration Costs have been paid you will be notified by Janelle at LBC and the progeny are registered, Hooray!!



QUEENSLAND DEXTER BREED SHOW 2022 RESULTS

CLASS 1: PUREBRED BULL CALF 6 - UNDER 12 MTHS

1st Red Hill Gambler	Yarrabee Dexter Stud
2nd Greenhills Skittles	Greenhills Dexter Stud

CALF CHAMPION PUREBRED BULL

1st Red Hill Gambler	Yarrabee Dexter Stud
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RESERVE CALF CHAMPION PUREBRED BULL

2nd Greenhills Skittles	Greenhills Dexter Stud
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GRAND CHAMPION PUREBRED BULL

Yarrabee Norman	Yarrabee Dexter Stud
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CLASS 6: PUREBRED HEIFER CALF 6 - UNDER 12 MTHS

1st Greenhills Madison	Greenhills Dexter Stud
2nd Greenhills Isadora	Greenhills Dexter Stud

CALF CHAMPION PUREBRED HEIFER

Greenhills Madison	Greenhills Dexter Stud
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RESERVE CALF CHAMPION PUREBRED HEIFER

Greenhills Isadora	Greenhills Dexter Stud
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CLASS 2: PUREBRED BULL 12 - UNDER 17 MTHS

1st Yarrabee Norman	Yarrabee Dexter Stud
2nd Greenhills Ginger Meggs	Greenhills Dexter Stud
3rd Greenhills Jazz	Greenhills Dexter Stud

JUNIOR CHAMPION PUREBRED BULL

Yarrabee Norman	Yarrabee Dexter Stud
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RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION PUREBRED BULL

Greenhills Ginger Meggs	Greenhills Dexter Stud
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CLASS 7: PUREBRED HEIFER 12 - UNDER 17 MTHS

1st Mourylani Really	Mourylani Dexter Stud
2nd Greenhills Lilac	Greenhills Dexter Stud
3rd Yarrabee Shakira	Yarrabee Dexter Stud
4th Yarrabee Aiyana	Yarrabee Dexter Stud
5th Greenhills Clarissa	Greenhills Dexter Stud

CLASS 4: PUREBRED BULL 21 MTHS - UNDER 30 MTHS

1st Greenhills Beau	Greenhills Dexter Stud
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CLASS 8: PUREBRED HEIFER 17 - UNDER 21 MTHS

1st Frisia Rori	Frisia Dexter Stud
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JUNIOR CHAMPION PUREBRED HEIFER

Frisia Rori	Frisia Dexter Stud
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RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION PUREBRED HEIFER

Mourylani Really	Mourylani Dexter Stud
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CLASS 5: PUREBRED BULL 30 MTHS - UNDER 42 MTHS

1st Greenhills Vance	Greenhills Dexter Stud
2nd Red Hill Mr Bojangles	Yarrabee Dexter Stud

SENIOR CHAMPION PUREBRED BULL

Greenhills Beau	Greenhills Dexter Stud
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RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION PUREBRED BULL

Greenhills Vance	Greenhills Dexter Stud
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QUEENSLAND DEXTER BREED SHOW 2022 RESULTS CONTINUED

CLASS 9: PUREBRED FEMALE 21 - UNDER 30 MTHS

<i>1st Mourylani Ruby Red</i>	<i>Mourylani Dexter Stud</i>
<i>2nd Greenhills Rosie</i>	<i>Greenhills Dexter Stud</i>

CLASS 12: EXHIBITOR'S GROUP

<i>1st Yarrabee Dexter Stud</i>
<i>2nd Greenhills Dexter Stud</i>

CLASS 10: PUREBRED FEMALE 30 MTHS AND OVER

<i>1st Mourylani Quby Rose</i>	<i>Mourylani Dexter Stud</i>
<i>2nd Greenhills Frances</i>	<i>Greenhills Dexter Stud</i>
<i>3rd Greenhills Jaffa Silk</i>	<i>Greenhills Dexter Stud</i>

SENIOR CHAMPION PUREBRED FEMALE

<i>Mourylani Quby Rose</i>	<i>Mourylani Dexter Stud</i>
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RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION PUREBRED FEMALE

<i>Greenhills Frances</i>	<i>Greenhills Dexter Stud</i>
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CLASS 13: BREEDERS GROUP

<i>1st Yarrabee Dexter Stud</i>
<i>2nd Greenhills Dexter Stud</i>

CLASS 14: PAIR OF BULLS

<i>1st Yarrabee Dexter Stud</i>
<i>2nd Greenhills Dexter Stud</i>

GRAND CHAMPION PUREBRED FEMALE

<i>Mourylani Quby Rose</i>	<i>Mourylani Dexter Stud</i>
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CLASS 15: PAIR OF FEMALES

<i>1st Yarrabee Dexter Stud</i>
<i>2nd Greenhills Dexter Stud</i>

SUPREME CHAMPION DEXTER OF THE SHOW

<i>Mourylani Quby Rose</i>	<i>Mourylani Dexter Stud</i>
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CLASS 16: DAM'S PROGENY

<i>1st Red Hill Amber</i>	<i>Yarrabee Dexter Stud</i>
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CLASS 11: BEST UDDER

<i>Mourylani Ruby Red</i>	<i>Mourylani Dexter Stud</i>
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CLASS 17: SIRE'S PROGENY

<i>1st Red Hill Mr Bojangles</i>	<i>Dexter Stud</i>
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DCAI Council would like to
wish all our
DCAI Members a

Merry Christmas

and a healthy and
prosperous New Year

We would like to remind DCAI Members
that LBC will be closed from 4pm on
Wednesday 21st December 2022 and will
be reopening on Tuesday 10th January
2023.

Neogen will be closed on Monday 26 December,
Tuesday 27 December and Monday 2 January.
Neogen would like to advise there may be
slower than average turnaround times for
samples arriving after the first week of
December however, as always, we will do all we
can to minimize these delays.