QUEENSLAND BRANCH NEWSLETTER March 2011

I hope everyone is getting back to some normality after the floods & cyclones.

Sad news received Saturday morning the 26th Feb that Ray Daley, ex-Illawarra breeder from Maleny, passed away. While Ray hasn't been a member of the Queensland Branch for some time, he has remained a member of the Wide Bay Burnett I.C.C. and has always been the life of our Christmas parties.

Ray is survived by his wife Mona, daughters Christine and Robyn & families. Our deepest sympathy to you all. Christine Duncan's address is PO Box 19, Caloundra 4551 and Mona's address is 507 Stanley River Road, Maleny 4552

On December 3, 2010 James Johnston and Tia Samuel celebrated their wedding down by the creek on the farm (Hillcrest) at Malanda, Qld. The Reserve Champion Intermediate heifer from the 2010 Malanda Show, Hillcrest Bonnie, was their ring bearer. All the bridal party and guests wore thongs as their footwear, with everyone having a great time. Congratulations.

Congratulations to Steven Ledger (Riverwood Stud, Carters Ridge, Qld) and his long time partner, Cassie Gabiola, who have announced their engagement. Of course the wedding date needs to fit between the cricket and showing seasons. We wish them all the very best.

Athelglow Illawarras (Downes Family) situated at Berry NSW held their full herd dispersal on Tuesday, February 22, 2011. The quality offering of 106 animals of predominately pure Illawarra genetics averaged \$1938.00. Top priced animal, Athelglow May Queen 160, went to the Byrne brothers of Wyalla Stud, Jamberoo NSW for \$7000. Ellen Downes paid \$5100 for Athelglow May Queen 157, the second priced animal. The third priced animal was Lot 36, Athelglow Tiny 9 purchased by Dan Cochrane. Six animals came to Qld 4 to the Ledger Family and 2 to the Jondene Stud.

I thought I would give you an update on the average number of visits to www.illawarrasaust.com.au . The website came online in the middle of October. Average number of visits per day are:

October 11.52 November 23.43 December 30.19 January 38.32

The number of visits represents people who have actually opened a page on our website as against "hits" which are really someone who may have searched for the word Illawarra in Google and got a huge list of website addresses including ours. Keep all the interesting info coming in.

Please note that there has been a change of date and venue for the Queensland Branch AGM 2011. It will now be hosted by the SEQICC on September 11 2011. Venue still to be confirmed.

SHOWING CODE OF ETHICS:

Approximately 10-15 years ago, the Illawarra Society published a Code of Ethics on showing cattle. Betty has been requested to obtain a copy of it as it is probably time to remind everyone of what is expected of them when showing cattle. Can anyone help Betty find a copy of it?

Alison Teese Publicity Officer ©

BEAUDESERT COMBINED CALF SHOW

Judge: Daniel Cochrane

CLASS	EXHIBITOR	ANIMAL
Junior Champion Heifer	FS Johnston & Sons	Jondene Velda 8 th
Res. Junior Champion Heifer	F S Johnston & Sons	Jondene Dainty 109th

Senior Champion Heifer	F S Johnston & Sons	Jondene Tiddlewinks 6 th
Res. Senior Heifer	Ledger Family	Riverwood Fancy 5 th
Champion Bull	PA & CR Ardrey	Cheralyn Kosie
Supreme Exhibit	F S Johnston & Sons	Jondene Velda 8 th

WOODFORD CALF SHOW

Judge: Mr Ian Pike

Champion Junior - Riverwood Blush 3 – Ledger Family Reserve Junior- Jondene Velda 8 – F S Johnston & Sons Senior Champion:- Riverwood Fancy 5 – Ledger Family Reserve Champion:- Jondene Kitty 45 – F S Johnston & Sons Champion Bull:- Cheralyn Kosie – P & C Ardrey