

Dexter Promotion Group of Tasmania



Hi Everyone

I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas break and lovely holiday time. It is now time for us to get back to work!!

Committee Meeting

We recently had a Committee Meeting at Low Head and have made a few decisions and set out a Calendar for the next few months, with May shaping up to be the busiest time with Agfest and three of our members having Open Farms as part of the National Trust Heritage Festival which this year is focussed on agriculture.

We are also looking at new fundraising ideas, and will keep you posted once we have some details finalised, but it may be feasible to run a cheese making course and add on a booking fee to raise funds for the group.

We have also put our hand up to host the DCAI AGM in October, we have not received any correspondence back to say if we have been successful yet but we will let you know as soon as we know further details.

It was decided to invest in new promotional signs for our Field Days which gives a much more professional image and as a flow on from those which arrived mid February it was also decided to purchase a new banner in similar colours and layout.

An informal gathering is planned at Ross for the 26 March with a lunch like we had provided for our AGM, so mark this date in your diaries and take the chance to catch up with everyone.

Marg Rawlings

From the Chair



Hi all

I can't believe it is March already! I hope everyone had a relaxing Christmas & New Year. We have had an amazing summer feed wise - it has not dried off at all! This does make it hard to do a thorough worming on the cattle - a vet I used to work for always recommended worming in summer when the grass "hayed off". With the dry grass the worms tend to not migrate in the body as much & you get a better "kill rate". The summer heat (ha ha) then tends to kill any eggs in the paddocks, so moving cattle to a clean paddock will generally do the trick. Be aware you may need to worm more often this year due to the good season.

Calving season started earlier than expected for us here at Goldshaft. Encore' has given us a bull calf about 12 weeks earlier than expected. He is a full term calf though - Demeter must have had a rendezvous with her through the only fence on the property not electrified! Paul has some work to do replacing it! It just hits home how good quality fences are essential (and that barbed wire is no deterrent for bulls & horny heifers!).



We have a busy year coming up - make sure you put all the dates on your calendar. We are hoping that we get the opportunity to host the DCAI National AGM in October - what a fantastic way to show the rest of the country we are as serious about our beloved Dexters as anyone and that we live in the best state!

It would be lovely to see as many members as possible at the various functions coming up - they are put on for your benefit!

See you soon...

Andrea

Proposed Field Day

We would like to hold another Field Day later in the year and think it may be nice if it could be held down south as the last few events have been held in the north. If you think you would like to have a Field Day at your property please email Catherine Thomas swnygwyntfarm@bigpond.com there is plenty of support from our other members to speak at your place on topics of animal husbandry, basic training, feeding, vet topics whatever you think is necessary information.

Think about it, it is a rewarding experience and gives you a great chance to show off your cattle.

We are also looking for expressions of interest for the Showing Workshop which was to be held at Rawlings Dexter Stud and had to be cancelled. Some members have suggested we run it over two weekends, with one day on each. Let us know when is the best time to try and schedule this event.

Dexters on Show

Dexters will be shown at Wynyard Show on 12 March this year, it is a nice country show, so make sure you come along and see how we go.

Dates for the Calendar

12 March Wynyard Show
26 March General Meeting - Ross
30 April Taste of NW - Sheffield
5 - 7 May Agfest - Carrick
Heritage Festival National Trust
❖ 14 May Open Farm Rawlings - Preston
❖ 21 May Open Farm Thomas/Herring - Low Head
❖ 29 May Open Farm Crawford - New Norfolk
June - Proposed Field Day down South
30 Sept - 1 Oct Burnie Show
6 - 8 October Launceston Royal Show
*15 October DCAI AGM -
*16 October Stud Tours and Food Tasting ? (*if DCAI AGM confirmed)
29 October - Ulverstone Show
11 - 12 Nov - Scottsdale Show
19 Nov - Deloraine Show
3 Dec - Circular Heads Show

Dexter Websites

A number of our members have recently updated or set up websites for their studs, you might like to check them out

www.goldshaftdexters.com.au

www.dexterbeef.com.au

www.petresadexterstud.com

www.deyrah.com.au

A website is a great form of advertising and on Goldshaft and Rawlings websites they have Blogs to keep up with antics on their farms.

Recent Floods

I know that recent rain in January had many dams threatening to break their banks and inundate lower lying ground with huge volumes of water, Railton was one such area along with Gunns Plains in the NW. Fortunately Dexters were safe in both areas with owners moving them to higher ground. I know for us in Preston 285 mm of rain in 2 and a half days is just too much!!



Dam at the O'Grady's



The main street of Railton

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