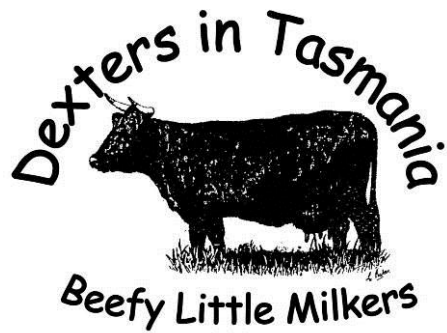


# Dexter Promotion Group of Tasmania



Hi Everyone

This is my first newsletter so I hope that it all goes well, and it is informative. If you have anything you would like to go into future newsletters please email me, I am only too happy to include anything of interest.

Our State A.G.M. was held on 7<sup>th</sup> July at Clarendon House in Evandale, where a new committee was elected.

- President – Andrea O’Grady
- Secretary – Catherine Thomas
- Treasurer – Peter Fleming
- Promotions Officer – Julie Hunt

Everyone brought along some lunch to share and had a good time catching up.

General Meeting – some notes

- Field Day in Scottsdale – show prep early September.
- Field Day down south – cattle husbandry
- Xmas – wine and cheese at Lavender Spires Dexters in Devonport
- Purchase of an A.I. can. See below
- Breed Show March 2013

More information soon.

## A.I. Can

It was decided at the general meeting after the A.G.M. that the group would purchase an A.I. can which would be stored at the Rawlings Dexter Stud as they have a can of their own and it is logical and more cost effective to have the two cans topped up at the same time. This can will be available for use by any current financial

member with the cost of the top ups being shared by whoever has semen/embryos stored in the Group can. Marg will keep a record of anything stored in the can. There are 6 pots in the can so a rough cost will be about \$10 per pot every 2 months. So if 2 people are using 1 pot then the cost will be approximately \$5 each. What a great service this is going to be for our members.

Please contact Marg Rawlings on 64291287 if you have semen/embryos you wish to have stored.

## Vitalic

Do you follow Pat Coleby’s ideas on farming and animal husbandry? If you do you can purchase her specific mineral mix from Waratah Launceston, 76 Bathurst St, Launceston, 63313682. You need to order it in, and it only takes a week. This is a fantastic balanced mineral mix and saves you buying all the different components. It comes in a 20kg box and costs \$62.90 inc. gst.



## Dexter tours in S.A. and W.A.

In late June Marg Rawlings and I travelled to S.A, first of all to look at a cow and calf that she was looking at to buy and while there we were taken to 5 other Dexter studs. For me personally

it was an eye opening experience to see other studs, and in their minds eye what they have as their picture of a good Dexter. It was interesting that most people's picture of a good Dexter is quite different. I have been doing a lot of fact finding and study on Dexters so that I can form in my own mind the type of Dexter that Ron and I want for our own stud. We will definitely be going down the polled line, using genetics that at the moment are not available here in Tasmania. This will give us a point of difference from other studs. The other stud I visited was in WA at Mundijong. Billabong is a well-respected stud, with large numbers and it was great to see so many at in one place.

It just goes to show how a \$10 item of promotional clothing (our green vests) with embroidery on it can invoke interest. Marg and I were at the Barossa Valley Markets when a stallholder stopped us and said he was so excited as he had just bought a dexter. We told him we were visiting Loralee from Green Glades Dexter Stud (also a stallholder). He was amazed as he had no idea she owned Dexters. We found that SA had lost their interest in promoting Dexters. What a shame, as we here in Tassie really know that it WORKS! Happy promoting.

## For Sale

If you have anything for sale (be it Dexters or just cattle related) please contact our Promotions Officer for it to be included in the next newsletter.

There are bottles of "Dexter Red" available for purchase. We have been fortunate to obtain a limited amount of Fleming's Wines of South Australia's 2008 Shiraz. This is a quality red suitable for drinking now or for putting away for later. For orders please contact either Andrea O'Grady on 6496 1969 or Peter Fleming on 6396 1136. Prices are \$10 each or \$54 for 6 or \$96 for a dozen. Be quick because they are selling fast!!!



Dexters in Tasmania mugs are available for sale again at the same low price of \$5 each. They

proved very popular last time with some going overseas and interstate. Ring Andrea O'Grady to place your order 6496 1969.

## From the Chair

Just 4 more calves to come for the year. One isn't due until the end of August & the other 3 from the end of September. The score so far – bulls 7, heifers 6. I'm hoping for all heifers (at least 2 out of my grade 3 cows) but I'll be happy with healthy, live calves.

Welcome to yet another new stud! When I moved from SA nearly 6 years ago our group had just 16 members! Who would have said in less than 6 years a group could nearly double!!? I think I would be safe to say that we are the only state going in such a forward direction!

Please remember that the group is here for YOUR benefit and your INPUT is essential for its success. The committee is no longer 25% of the group and we are here for our beloved breed. Even if you can't make it to a field day or meeting etc, please try and remember to at least contact one of us to let us know. If you have a question about one of your cows, contact us. Networking is an amazing tool and if the person you contact can't help, chances are they will know someone who can.

The show season is coming up quickly. Don't be afraid to have a go – it is a fun way to learn so much, even if it's just strapping for another breeder or leading a calf in the ring.

Happy Dextering.

Andrea O'Grady

## New Members

We have another new member for Tasmania. This takes our current membership to 30. Please everyone welcome Prof P. Sharpe & Dr D. Pennington, Mountain River Dexter Stud, **Mountain River, TAS** and hopefully they will attend the Field Day planned for down south in the early new year.

## NLIS Tags & PIC's

I have left this in from the last newsletter due to the fact that when we received our PIC in 2007 we were never told that we had to do this, so I now have 5 years of transfers to catch up on.

So don't delay, follow up and keep your information up to date on the database.

A PIC (Property Identification Code) is required by all owners of livestock to enable them to purchase and sell animals. This also forms the basis for the NLIS (National Livestock Identification System) and serves as a means of giving lifetime traceability to animals. An electronic tag needs to be applied to all animals prior to them leaving their property of birth. It is then the responsibility of the new owner to transfer the animal to their own PIC. The NLIS database is accessed by going to [www.nlis.mla.com.au](http://www.nlis.mla.com.au) or for more information contact DPIWE in Tasmania through their website <https://pras.biosecurity.tas.gov.au> or phone 1300 368 550.

## Dates for the Calendar

Burnie Show – 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Oct  
Royal Launceston – 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> Oct

If you are not confident in showing, come along to the field day being organised for early September in Scottsdale. Also we have some studs that need extra hands to lead calves during show season; it is a great way to start experiencing showing and gaining confidence. Why not give it a go.

Don't forget to visit our website  
[www.dextersintasmania.weebly.com](http://www.dextersintasmania.weebly.com)

## Committee Contacts

Please feel free to contact any one of us should you need some help, have any concerns or just ring for a chat.

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