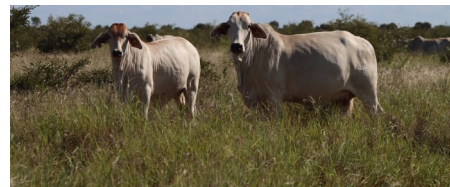


ALC UPDATE

For ALC, the season for the last 12 months has been the best I can remember. After thinking we were in for another dry year, the rain started at the end of April last year then came in almost perfect falls. As we had already reduced stocking rate to align with our rainfall to April, the lower stocking rate allowed our country to fully recover in one season. This has allowed us to bring all cattle back from agistment, fully stock our own properties and given us some amazing production results. Our thoughts go out to our clients and friends in the North who are still cleaning up after some extreme weather events this year.



Windmill Paddock at "Gundaroo" in November 2021



Windmill Paddock at "Gundaroo" in March 2023

This year we shortened our joining period by two weeks on wet cows to 75 days to keep the pressure on in this excellent season. The combined results over the three properties are 90% wet rebreed (including 85% in two-year-old calvers) and a 77% yearling pregnancy test. Reality tells me this season and results are not the norm and we will see dry times return, but it sure is gratifying. Using dry time pressure to make genetic selection is helping us achieve consistent genetic gain, for economic important traits in our herd. When good nutrition is added, results explode.

Almost all empty cows are now sold with the remaining few to go before the end of June. Our tight and early calving period allowed us to complete weaning in one round on all properties in the first week of April. After shortening our joining period and culling for pregnancy test over the previous two dry year's, we still had further to go in reducing stock numbers, so we took the opportunity to tidy the herd up through structure, phenotype, temperament, and fly bites etc. The results were evident in the weaner pen this year with a very uniform line. The weaner heifers will be joined this October and we look forward to the results.



"Gundaroo" calves just before wean 2023

Drafting sale bulls is another enjoyable time for us at ALC. We take the time to use all performance information, along with a phenotype selection, to not only select herd replacements, sale bulls and culls, but analyse our sires to make sure they are delivering the traits we selected in them. We are seeing very pleasing results in our fertility data across multiple generations, increase in two-year-old calving females, early age of puberty and overall, more pleasing phenotype.



Semen collection of 2023 Sale Bulls

The 2023 ALC Bull Sale will be held on property "Gundaroo" Nebo on Wednesday 5th July. The sale will be conducted via Helmsman Auction onsite and interfaced with AuctionsPlus online simultaneous bidding. Over 100 bulls will be on offer and as usual, will be presented straight off grass. They are mature and ready to work. The catalogue will be available online from the ALC Brahmans website three weeks before the sale and will consist of the usual multiple generations of fertility data from the Dam and Sire sides as well as the sale bull's EBV's and index's, age of puberty, scrotal measurement, and horn status. All sale bulls are sire verified, semen and morphology tested. All clean headed bulls were poll tested and verified as either **(PP)** Homozygous Poll or **(Polled)** Heterozygous Poll. We are happy to announce that we have substantially more PP polled bulls in the sale than ever before, and half the sale team are either Polled or Scurred. Over half the sale bulls are out of two-year-old calving Dams or Grand Dams. **For more information regarding the sale, please go to www.alcbrahmans.com.au**

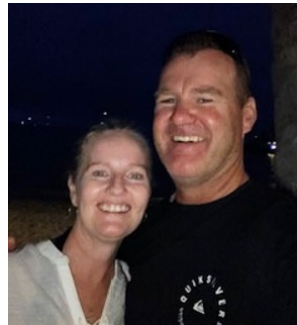
A list of accommodation close to "Gundaroo" can be found on the sale page of the ALC Brahmans website. The Homestead at Lotus Creek is now open and offers meals and accommodation. It's only 35km from Gundaroo however has limited number of Villas so be sure to book early if you wish to stay there for the ALC bull sale. <https://lchomestead.com/>



Regards, Alf



Farewell Liam and Emillie From Tondara. We wish you all the best with your family business and congratulations on the birth of your second child Isla.



Welcome back Tony and Iria. Your enthusiasm Tony is infectious.



Congratulations Alec and Elley on your recent wedding.

I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear. – Nelson Mandela

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