



ALC UPDATE

As I write, I'm pleased to share that all three properties have nearly reached their annual average rainfall, resulting in excellent pasture conditions. The rain however, only started just before Christmas, so by October last year, feed quality was very poor following the good wet season and a subsequent dry period. By October 1st, all calves were born, and bulls were introduced for 42 days with heifers and 75 days with wet cows. With females in low body condition, we anticipated the outcome anxiously. Despite the challenging conditions, the herd pleasantly surprised us with an 82% wet rebreed across all three properties, including a remarkable 65% rebreed rate for 2-year-old calving heifers. Amazing result, considering the condition they were working in.



Lignified grass at
"Gundaroo" 10/11/23



"Gundaroo" 2yo calves— 06/11/23 (middle of joining season)

We firmly believe that implementing a dry season mating period and retaining only those cattle that exhibit a wet re-breed capability, enables us to identify the most efficient and adaptable animals. This trait proves invaluable in ensuring functionality, regardless of seasonal conditions, a key factor in driving down production costs. It's widely recognized that the real profit lies in minimizing production costs.

The tight joining period facilitated completion of pregnancy testing and weaning in the last two weeks of March. The recent rainfall has transformed the weaners, showcasing impressive phenotype and temperament during weight collection. With the current favourable conditions, our goal of selling all empty females by June 30, will be achieved.



Cows and calves at "Gundaroo" in March 2024 just prior to weaning

Interesting fact – Form follows function. Although we have never selected for weaner weight (as our main focus is wet re-breed), these females have weaned 53% of their body weight, regardless of the tough start.

With pregnancy testing and weaning complete, our focus shifts to compiling the data for drafting bulls to sort and select this year's keepers and sale bulls. **The 2024 ALC Bull Sale will be held on property "Gundaroo" Nebo on Wednesday 3rd July. For more information regarding the sale, please go to www.alcbrahmans.com.au**



Tapiolas Family—
"Brides Creek"

This month we farewelled Sam Townsend from Brides Creek, as he moves back home to be closer to family and friends. All the best for your future endeavours Sam. To our pleasant surprise, Liam and Emillie Tapiolas answered the job advertisement for "Brides Creek" so that is where they now reside, and we warmly welcome them back!

Looking ahead, we anticipate meeting up with many of you at Beef Week in May. From the ALC team, we wish everyone a joyous Easter.

Regards, Alf



Your true success in life begins only when you make the commitment to become excellent at what you do. — Brian Tracy

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