



ALC UPDATE

Since our last Newsletter cattle prices have bounced back, and look to continue in a positive direction and interest rates have lowered. The only missing ingredient is rain!! This wet season might be the one! Good news; is the bottle neck of cattle supply is clearing, allowing this dry season to be the first I have ever experienced where we are selling empty cows at \$4.00/kg and steers for \$2.25/kg. We can make money reducing our stocking rate to match our carrying capacity and better utilize the available feed on our most productive stock.

In our commercial herd we did an early pregnancy test and sold any cows 8 years or older and any cows less than 12 weeks in calf. We now have a young herd calving early in the calving season, at a stocking rate we believe we can go through the next rain without spending a lot of money on them. And got paid well to do it! Turned a negative into a positive and gave us that good feeling you get after you cleaned up the shed!

The Tondara pregnancy test result was 79% on 200mm of rain for the year, so it was a pleasant surprise that we had to take the tale off some pregs to achieve our desired stocking rate. The genetic program is working! This reproduction has taken ALC Sires to average in the top 1% and Dams average top 5% for Jap Ox and Live Ex \$ Indexes in the Brahman Breed. This has been achieved whilst maintaining moderate growth.

The pregnancy test result for the ALC herd at Gundaroo was 88% on a dry year also. The main difference was an early start to the wet in October to get the ball rolling. Unfortunately, the rain stopped in February and with a very hot March grass went brown very fast. This year I think will be a good test for the breeding herd with body condition starting to come off springing heifers already. No doubt the cream will rise to the top! 40% of our yearling heifers will calve this year with an 88% rebreed rate on last year's two year old calvers. Let's see where this takes us!

It was great to catch up with so many people at Beef 2015. Congratulations on the organisers on another very well organised event and a unique opportunity to have so many people from our industry in one place. There are a lot of people who were there that I would have liked to have seen and still missed. There was a lot going on to say the least!

I was asked to do presentation on the power of genetic selection in the MLA innovation marquee at Beef 2015 which has been put on our web site if you missed it and would like to have a read.

Our 5th ALC bull sale will be held on Friday 3rd of July at Gundaroo. This year's sale will consist of over 100 bulls. They are in good condition and ready for work. As usual, the bulls will be presented straight off grass and sold under the Helmsman bidding system. This gives buyers plenty of time to walk through and select bulls, whilst analysing the data supplied, without pressure. All bulls will have four generations of female fertility data available as well as age of puberty and scrotal measurement. EBV's for growth, scrotal size and days to calving are also presented.

For more information on reading ALC bull catalogues go to www.alcrahmans.com.au and click on "Semen/Bull Sales" tab then go to "How to read ALC Sale Catalogue". Catalogues will be available online the week prior to the sale. If you do not have internet access please feel free to contact Louise or myself for more information, to discuss which bulls will best suit your requirements or a catalogue. Our door is always open.

Please note, we have slightly changed the format of the Helmsman bidding system for this year's bull sale in order to create a more user friendly format. These changes will be placed in the front of the catalogue and are also on our web site under the "Semen/Bull Sales" tab, "2015 ALC Bull Sale". Also found on this page is a list of local accommodation and their contact details.

On sale day we will have sires on display as well as groups of cows on display while entering "Gundaroo".



ALC sale days are about two things, matching genetics to meet your requirements and goals and meeting with leading like minded cattlemen from around Australia. Please feel welcome to bring other interested producers.

If semen is what you'd prefer for this year's mating, please go to our web site www.alcrahmans.com.au and click on "Semen/Bull Sales" tab, then go to "Semen Sales".

Hope to see you soon at "Gundaroo",

Kind Regards,

Alf



MARK YOUR CALENDAR:



2015 BULL SALE

8AM FRIDAY

3RD JULY

ON PROPERTY -

"GUNDAROO"

NEBO QLD



JULY 2015						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	ALC bull sale- "Gundaroo" 8 am inspections, 10 am start Helmsman Bid System				11
12	13					18
19	20					25
26	27					

Unable to Attend? Alf Jnr is happy to select bulls on your behalf; please contact us. We may be able to arrange to have your bulls included on a truck to your area, from the sale day.

Take this opportunity to introduce ALC's internationally proven Brahman genetics into your herd...

- **Fertile**—Total of 84 cow days exposed to bulls
- **Fast Fleshing-Rapid Growth!**
- **ALC demands rapid reproduction every year!!**
...Calving completed by Dec 12 every year!
- **No Dips, No Sprays, No Drenches**
—Generations of ALC Adapted Genetics
- **Grass-raised Genetics ... These Bulls will NOT fall apart when you get them home**
- **Incentive for volume purchases**
- **Extensive Commercially Significant Data**

THE SALE BULLS ARE PROGENY OF THESE SIRES AND MANY OTHERS



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The 2015 Sale Bull Catalogue will be available on our web site one week prior to the sale. Alternatively, you can contact Alf or Louise for your email or postal version.

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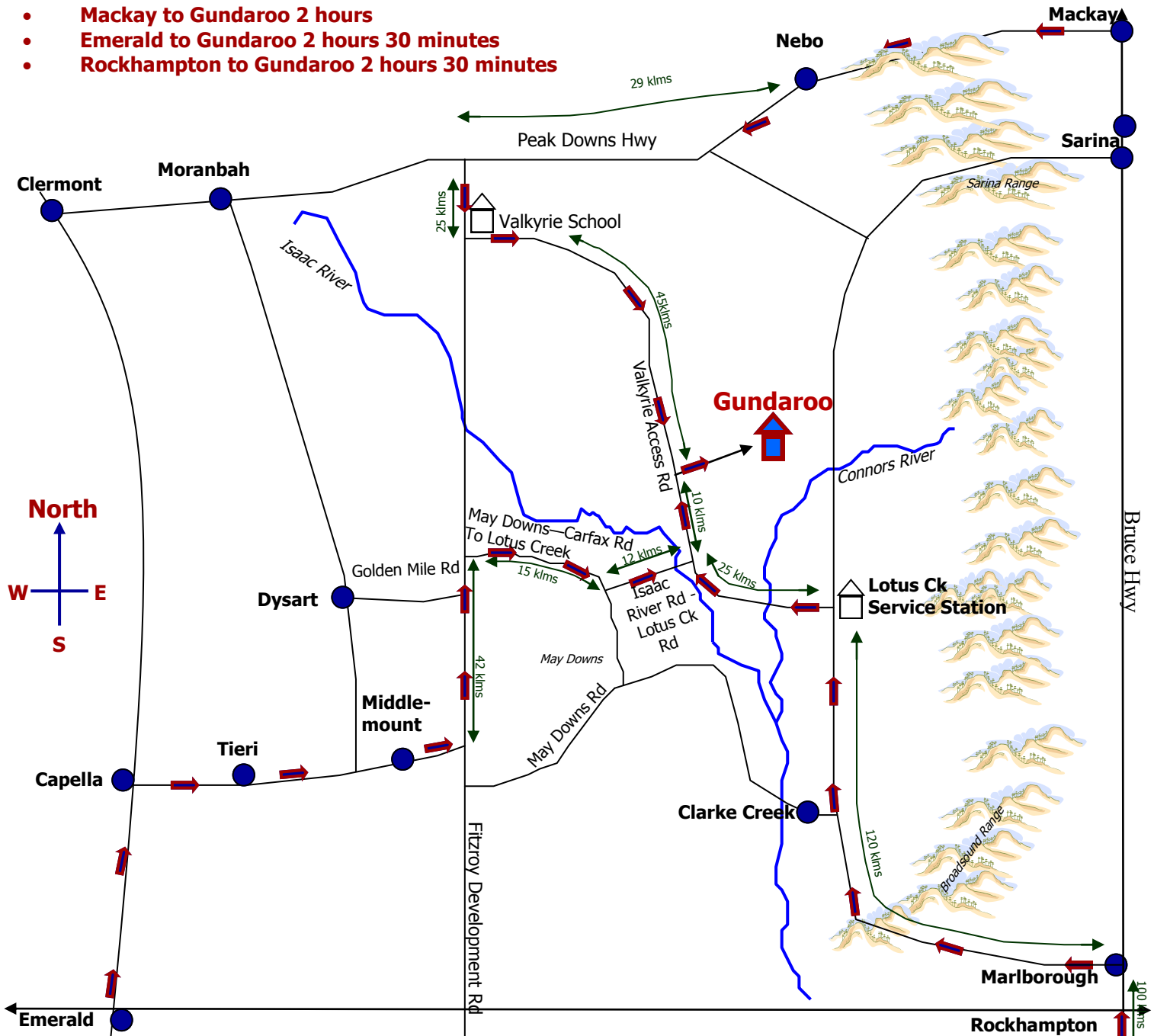
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ALC BULL SALE - FRIDAY 3RD JULY 2015



ON PROPERTY - "GUNDAROO" NEBO QLD
8AM INSPECTIONS 10AM START

- **Mackay to Gundaroo 2 hours**
- **Emerald to Gundaroo 2 hours 30 minutes**
- **Rockhampton to Gundaroo 2 hours 30 minutes**



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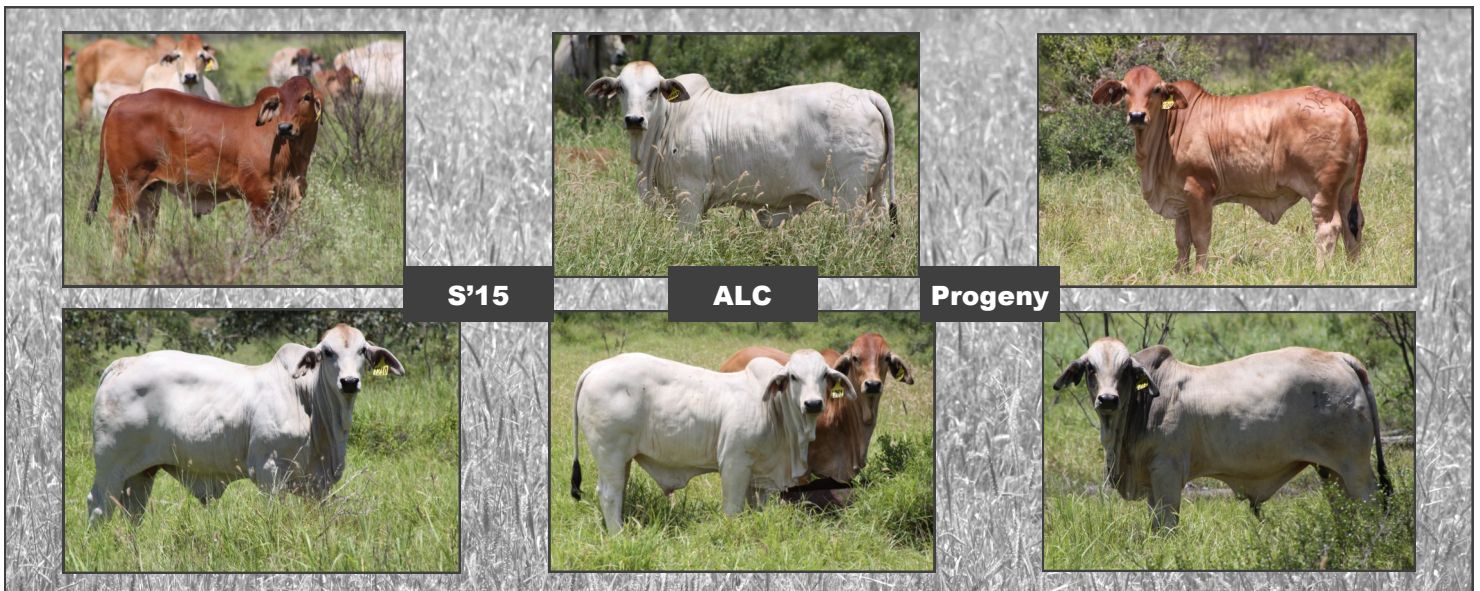
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