

DUNLOP PARK

Angus Stud

2011 NEWSLETTER

To our friends, clients and fellow Angus breeders,

Welcome to our 2011 Newsletter, which has been produced to keep you up to date about what is happening at Dunlop Park. As this newsletter is being written Queensland is in the grip of devastating floods, and we can't begin to imagine the heartbreak that this will cause our fellow producers there. Our hearts go out to them.

We have faced some challenges in Tasmania in recent years, especially with the loss of McCains, but in comparison to those in Queensland we are extremely lucky here, we have a moderate climate and a quality product. As well as this the tide seems to be turning and people are starting to realise the importance of food security. If we take the right approach we can be positive about the future of farming in Tasmania and especially the beef industry.

At Dunlop Park we have two major events in the next few months, a beef field day and our annual sale. We hope that you can make it to at least one of these events and hopefully both.

All the best for 2011.

The Stewart Family

Dunlop Park 2011 Beef Field Day

**You are cordially invited to attend the 2011
Dunlop Park Beef Field Day**

Theme: Feed Efficiency

When: Wednesday 16th February

**Where: 'Dunlop Park', 4938 Exeter Highway,
Thirlstane**

Starting Time: 10.50am

Field day Program and details overleaf

Morning Tea and Lunch will be provided. You are welcome to turn up on the day if you make a last minute decision to come along, however it would help us to know how many to cater for if you could let us know that you are coming beforehand.

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Dunlop Park Annual Bull Sale

Friday March 4th

1.30pm

**Please note the later time than in
previous years; this has been changed
so that we no longer overlap with the
Quoiba livestock sale.**

*A BBQ lunch will be available prior to
the sale*

Viewing from 10pm on sale day or prior to the
sale any time by appointment

**Catalogues will be available mid
February and can also be viewed on
our web-site**

<http://www.dunloppark.iinet.net.au>

Dunlop Park 2011 Beef Field Day

Following the success of our field day in January 2009 Peter Ball of the MLA's 'More Beef From Pastures' program suggested that we make it an annual event and having given it a bit of thought we have decided that we will. It is an opportunity to bring the latest research and development in the beef industry to producers and others in the industry.

If this continues to be successful, each year we hope to focus on a particular theme covering an aspect of beef production. This year we have picked the theme of Feed Efficiency and we are privileged to have Associate Professor Wayne Pitchford as our main speaker. Associate Professor Pitchford leads the program researching feed efficiency, maternal productivity and responsible resource use at the Co-operative Research Centre for Beef Genetic Technologies (Beef CRC). Wayne is based at the University of Adelaide's Roseworthy Campus, however the research program he heads involves research centres in SA, WA and NSW as well as 15 cooperating stud herds.

More information can be found at the web-site <http://www.beefcrc.com.au/Reducingfeedcosts>

We will have a number of females in the stockyards for Wayne to speak about and use to illustrate his message. Wayne has been working in the area of feed efficiency for 20 years and will have much interesting information to impart. His work has shown that selecting cattle for improved feed efficiency can lead to improved efficiency in steers and help improve the productivity of cows, however Wayne will be expanding on this.

Other speakers will include a representative from Pfizer speaking about their Genestar test for feed efficiency, Peter Ball from 'More beef from Pastures' and Aidin Larke from Elders who will give a presentation on weaning management. Robin Thompson from DPIPWWE has kindly agreed to present a talk he gave to the Scottsdale Rotary Club on Issues that will influence the future direction of agriculture and the beef industry.

We have put together a program which we believe will be interesting and educational and we do hope that you will be able to attend.

Program:

10.50am	Welcome - Brian Stewart (Dunlop Park Angus Stud)
11.am	Associate Professor Wayne Pitchford
12.00am	GeneSTAR feed efficiency - Pfizer Animal Health Representative
12.20 pm	Lunch
1.15pm	Peter Ball (TIAR) – 'More Beef From Pastures'
1.40pm	Weaning management and Rumen Development - Aidin Larke Nutritionist Elders Scottsdale
2.05pm	The Future Direction of Agriculture – Robin Thompson (DPIPWE)
2.30pm	Close



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Some photos from our field day Jan 2010

2011 SALE

Our 2011 sale will be on held on Friday March 4th starting at 1.30pm.

Once again we will use the Helmsman auction system to sell our bulls. This year we have retained 30 bulls from which we will select our sale team.

Catalogue: We hope that this will be available mid February. If you would like a copy and are not on our mailing list please let us know and we will send you one. A catalogue with colour photos will also be posted on our web-site

Scanning: The bulls were scanned on 5/1//2011 and the results submitted to breedplan, hopefully the figures will be available by the time the catalogue is produced, if not they will be available on sale day. This year the bulls have shown some of the best EMA data we have had.

Sires of Sale Bulls:

Dunlop Park Blackmore B73 The New Zealand bloodline of this bull shows up strongly in his muscling. Until this years scan he was our highest figured bull for EMA

Talooby Zulu Z98 This bull has put extra frame into his calves. Has also bred some calves with excellent muscling

Dunlop Park Ambassador A82 this impressive Dunlop Park bred bull has sired some handy calves.

Dunlop Park Zane 108 A son of Westminster W50 the first of two Talooby bulls used by us. He is throwing some very good calves.

Netherton Lord Jordan UKI542697200402 The first progeny of this impressive Scottish bull will be available at the sale.



Dunlop Park Earl E30

This son of Netherton Lord Jordan will be available at the sale. He recorded our best ever ultrasound scan EMA



Dunlop Park Excelsor E10

A son of Talooby Zulu Z98

We believe that the strengths of the Dunlop Park Bulls include

- * Alternative bloodlines to those normally available (including some you may have thought lost)
- * Traditional Angus but with growth
- * Outstanding feed efficiency (many Dunlop Park animals rank very highly on Pfizer Genestar)
- * Calving ease



Dunlop Park Equerri E5

A son of DP Blackmore B73

2010 in Review

2010 was an eventful year at Dunlop Park. The cessation of McCains' vegetable processing in Australia (apart from potatoes) has meant a major change in our enterprise mix and the cattle have become an even more important part of our farming business. Bruce retired from the board of Angus Australia after many years of service and received a presentation from the Tasmanian Angus committee to acknowledge his service. Brian served as a member of the TFGA meat council and also as president of the Tasmanian Division of AIAST (Australian Institute of Agricultural Science and Technology)

In **January** Bruce and Pat and grandchildren Thomas and Rachel attended the Landfall Angus Youth Roundup in Wodonga. Also in January we held our first Dunlop Park Beef Field day. Speakers included Dr. Aduli E.O. Malau-Aduli from the University of Tasmnai and Deb Collins and Terry Farrell from Pfizer. The topic was the use of gene markers in beef cattle selection. In **February** the final year Agricultural Science students for the University of Tasmania visited Dunlop Park.

In **March** we held our annual sale, which brought both new and repeat buyers.

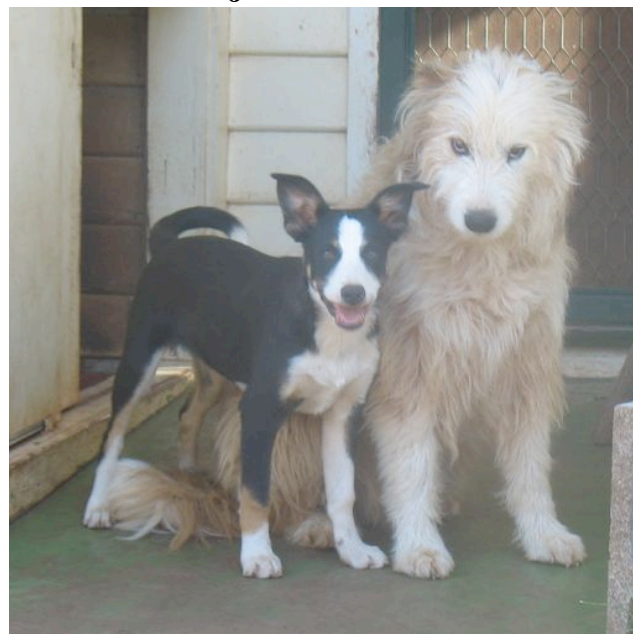
In **July** Bruce and Pat travelled to the mainland to see among other things lake Eyre in flood. They also caught up with Peter Grieve of the Taloooby Angus stud. Dunlop Park has had breeding success with several Taloooby bulls in recent year

Spring is traditionally the show season in Tasmania and most of the family was involved in on way or another. Brian was invited to judge a section of the beef cattle at Deloraine Show. We all continued our heavy involvement with the Devonport Show, stewarding in the beef cattle section.

Thomas and Rachel gave our two "Scottish" bulls their first show outing exhibiting them at Circular Head Show. Despite having come out of the mating paddock they acquitted themselves well and E31 was awarded grand champion Angus bull

Also in **November** we had a new arrival "Joe" who featured on the Dunlop Park Christmas card for 2010

Joe and Patch



Rachel with Dunlop Park Edinburgh E31 at Circular Head Show
