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# WELCOME TO *Australia*

The Australian Ayrshire Federal Committee extends a very warm welcome to our World Ayrshire Federation (WAF) Youth Tour participants. Participants from representing countries Sweden, Canada, USA, UK, New Zealand, Australia and Finland will form the tour, together with hosts Andrew Gray and Imogen Steiner, and bus driver Greg Edmonds.

We hope the tour is informative and your farm visits enlightening to see how dairy farming is conducted in various areas of Australia. We trust you take home long lasting memories of our hospitality, dairying methods and the Australian lifestyle.

Australian Ayrshires South Australian Branch members are anticipating your stay in Adelaide, as they prepare for the Royal Adelaide Show, for which Ayrshires are the Dairy Cattle Feature Breed. You will be allocated an exhibitor to help at the Show, assisting with animal care and judging preparation. The exhibitors consider themselves an extended family – and we trust you will enjoy the experience of actively participating in this event.

We have formulated the itinerary to ensure you experience Australia and our lifestyle, dairy farming across two states, and the Adelaide Royal Show involvement – ask all and any questions you may have, and above all..... enjoy this unique experience.

**Greg Klatt**

*President Australian Ayrshires*

# TOUR Itinerary

## Tuesday 29th August

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- Arrive in Melbourne
- Welcome & accommodation (*Quality Hotel Melbourne Airport, 265 Mickleham Road, Tullamarine*)

## Wednesday 30th August

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- Depart Melbourne and travel to **Healesville Wildlife Sanctuary**
- Dinner at Newmason with Gippsland Cattle Club
- Accommodation (*Edinburgh Motor Inn, 61 Princes Way, Corner of Toorak Avenue, Warragul*)

## Thursday 31st August

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- Depart Warragul for farm visits in Gippsland (Victoria): **Blue Gum Park** (Jake Mathews); **Araluen Park** (Trevor Saunders & Anthea Day) – lunch provided by Anthea & Trevor; **Munden Farms** (Karl Munden & Imogen Steiner)
- Accommodation (*Otway Gate Motel, 52-56 Murray Street East, Colac*)

## Friday 1st September

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- Travel to Camperdown – breakfast supplied by Genetics Australia and Total Livestock Genetics
- Visit to **Total Livestock Genetics**
- Visit to **Parnell Ayrshire Stud** (Les & Julie Gass)
- Lunch: Western Districts Cattle Club
- Site seeing - **Great Ocean Road and 12 apostles**
- Accommodation (*City Heart Motel, 4 Spence St, Warrnambool*)

## Saturday 2nd September

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- Travel to and site-seeing in **Mt Gambier**
- Farm visit: **Boldview Farms** (Scott Braendler & Cheryl Liebich) – lunch provided (Australian Ayrshires SA Branch)
- Accommodation Naracoorte (*William MacIntosh Motor Lodge, 20 Stewart Terrace, Naracoorte*)

## Sunday 3rd September

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- Travel to Adelaide: accommodation (*Rydges South Park Hotel, 1 South Terrace, Adelaide: 5 nights stay*)
- Transfers to **Royal Adelaide Show**; introduction to South Australian Branch members
- **4.00 pm - Youth Tour Challenge event - CLIPPING**
- Transfers to accommodation

## Monday 4th September

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- Transfers to Royal Adelaide Show
- Transfers to accommodation

## Tuesday 5th September

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- Transfers to Royal Adelaide Show:  
**Ayrshire Feature Breed Judging: 8.00 am - Junior Show**
- Transfers to accommodation

## Wednesday 6th September

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- Transfers to Royal Adelaide Show:  
**8.30 am - Youth Tour Challenge event - LEADING**
- Ayrshire Feature Breed Judging:  
**9.00 am Intermediate and Senior Show; Inter-Breed Judging**
- Transfers to accommodation

## Thursday 7th September

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- Transfers to Royal Adelaide Show:  
**9.00 am - Youth Tour Challenge event - JUDGING**
- Afternoon free time
- **Evening dinner with South Australian branch members and Ayrshire Feature Breed judge: including presentation of Youth Challenge competition winners**

## Friday 8th September

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- Check out from accommodation and transfers to Royal Adelaide Show or Adelaide Airport (dependant on flight times)

**NB: breakfast, lunch and dinner provided daily**

# MEET THE Representatives

AMY HAYTER

AUSTRALIA



Hi all,

My name is Amy Hayter and I am from Euberta, New South Wales (NSW), Australia.

I am a NSW Australian Ayrshires branch member and have been Junior Vice President for a number of years. I am also the current Young Dairy Network Leader for the Wagga Wagga (NSW) area and surrounds. I graduated from Charles Sturt University in 2019 with a Bachelor in Animal Science.

I work full time managing our 550 acre, 250 mixed breed herd dairy farm with my mother in southern NSW. I became involved with Ayrshire cattle through my parents. My father's family has had Ayrshires for generations, making me a 6th generation breeder. I own Ayrshires in partnership with my mother, Brown Swiss in partnership with my brother and Guernseys on my own, all under the 'Werombi Vale' stud. My first show was Camden Show when I was 6 months old, and have more recently won broad ribbons:

- Champion Cow Sydney Royal Easter Show 2023 and 2022: Werombi Bethany Lass
- Champion Cow Sydney Royal Easter Show 2021: Spring Blossom Jumper Daisy
- Honourable Mention Champion Cow Sydney Royal Easter Show 2022 with Werombi Royal Noella
- Honourable Mention Champion Cow Sydney Royal Easter Show 2023 with Werombi Bethany Grace 2nd
- Honourable Mention Intermediate Champion 2023: Werombi Vale Bethany Prusand
- Brett Hayter memorial pen of 3 cows Sydney Royal Easter Show 2023
- Pen of 5 cows Sydney Royal Easter Show 2023

I wanted to join the tour to see more of Australian Ayrshire cattle in their 'working clothes' and visit local breeders properties to see their methods and practices implemented on farm. I also wanted the opportunity to meet people from around the world with similar interests in cattle, and to find out what was important to breeders (domestic and international) when it comes to breeding and genetic selection, and which traits increase longevity in their herds in the different environments from around the world.

**Favourite food:** Lasagne and Cheesecake

**Favourite drink:** Billsons Portello and Fruit Tangle

My other interests include horse riding, playing the guitar, shooting and vinyl records.

# LÉANNE MARTEL

CANADA



Hi all,

My name is Léanne Martel, and I am from Canada.

I am currently studying to get my bachelor's degree in teaching English as a second language. I am working for a summer work student exchange program for youth between 16 and 17 years old all around Canada. I am also working as a substitute in different schools and at dairy shows all summer long.

My father owns a farm, where we have about 80 Ayrshires in total and we milk 30 cows. I used to work on the farm every day since I was eight years old. We participated in dairy shows for as long as I can remember, and it has always been one of my passions. Even though I do not work on the farm anymore, I still help prepare our heifers for shows and work with different Ayrshire breeders at shows during the summer.

I showed Ayrshires in many local shows at Saint-Félicien, Chicoutimi, Deslile and some shows outside of my area in Trois-Rivieres, Saint-Agapit. I also showed heifers at bigger shows such as the Supreme Dairy Show and The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto. Every year I also participate at the Classique des Jeunes Ruraux where youth from all around Quebec show their heifers to represent their area.

I really want to get to know more people who are passionate about Ayrshires. In my area, not so many people have Ayrshires, and our shows are getting smaller every year. I want to learn more about the breed and how it is seen in other countries. I am also really excited to take part in the Royal Adelaide Show.

**Favourite food:** Marinated beef steak

**Favourite drink:** Iced Coffee



# MEET THE Representatives

## REA SORASAHU

FINLAND



Hi everyone,

My name is Rea Erika Sorasahi, and I am from Finland.

I am studying agriculture at Seinäjoki University of Applied Sciences, in my second year. In addition to my studies, I also do a few different jobs, including an animal caretaker on a cattle farm, and I drive a milk truck. Occasionally, I also drive the cattle truck, but now it's less and less. Anyway, I always work in agriculture.

The farm where I have worked for more than eight years and had the opportunity to participate in cattle breeding has led me to the wonderful breed of Ayrshires. I was completely taken with the breed because of its personality, endurance and nobility. I don't own cattle, but I had one Ayrshire cow that unfortunately had to be put down at Christmas due to a bad mastitis.

I have shown my friends' cattle at shows. Unfortunately, there were very few Ayrshire breeds with me in the ring.

I nominated to join the Tour to meet new people who have the same passion as me. In addition, I want to see what kind of breeding the Ayrshire breed has abroad and learn something new.

**Favourite food:** Elk meat, mushroom sauce and mashed potatoes

**Favourite drink:** Hard choice - dry apple cider or coca cola zero

My other interests: Animals are close to my heart and especially their breeding. I breed hunting dogs.

I hope we have a good trip and learn something new from each other.



# PAIGE DEMUN

USA



Hi all,

I am Paige Demun from Troupsburg, New York, United States.

I graduated in 2020 from Cornell University with a bachelor's degree in Animal Science with a concentration in Dairy and a minor in Business. I currently work as a bovine embryologist with Trans Ova Genetics.

My father has a herd of Ayrshire cows from which he gave me one as a Christmas present in 2008. My prefix is FiDe, and the herd consists of Ayrshires, Holsteins and Brown Swiss. Growing up on a family dairy farm instilled a passion in me from a young age for calves and good, high quality dairy cattle. My current interests are in the fields of genetics, nutrition, calf management, and the intersection of the three.

I also enjoy working with dairy show cattle and have experience with judging cattle in youth and collegiate contests as well as officiating some local shows. My Ayrshire showing history includes local and State shows 2009-present, All-American Dairy Show and World Dairy Expo 2018 and 2019.

I nominated to join the tour as I am excited to see and learn about the diversification of operations across the world.

**Favourite food:** Tacos

**Favourite drink:** Iced Tea

My other interests include reading and playing softball and basketball.

# MEET THE Representatives

**ELIN BENGTTSSON**

**SWEDEN**



Hi!

My name is Elin Bengtsson, a 23-year-old girl from Sweden.

I was born and raised on a farm that my mum and dad own and both work with on full time. Mum and dad have 36 cows (Swedish Red), 60 sows with piglets, 30 sheep, 6 dogs (3 border collie and 3 hunting dogs), 3 cats and 1 bird (budgerigar). The farm is about 105 hectares, of which 40 hectares is owned land.

I have spent all my free time after school in the barn with my mum, dad and all the animals. Growing up my sister and brother, (both older than me), and I played with the calves and ran around the cows when dad was trying to milk. When we got older, we started to help with the chores.

In high school I studied agriculture for three years and since I graduated 2019, I have worked with cows. One winter season I worked in the Swedish mountains, just for fun and to try something else. What I learned from it was that cows are my thing in life.

Since graduation I have worked in the same job - a farm that has 110 milking Swedish Red cows. They are milked three times a day in a tandem milking parlor. My two bosses are currently extending the barn and putting in two Lely Autronaut A5 milking robots. My work assignments are to milk the cows and feed the calves, but I also help with tractor driving in all forms.

In December 2021 my partner and I bought our own farm. Currently we have 22 beef cows, (Hereford and Aberdeen Angus), some black and some red. We run our farm alongside our two full-time jobs. Our farm is about 40 hectares owned land.

My first showmanship show with dad's heifers was 2014, and since then I have competed every year. I think it's fun to meet my friends at the competition, as it is a friendly community.

In 2021 I won a scholarship as "Sweden's best youth animal keeper". The prize was that I could go on a trip wherever I wanted if it was something to do with cows or agriculture. When I heard about this trip to Australia, I thought it would be a good idea to use the scholarship.

My favorite food is Swedish home cooking, (potatoes, meat and sauce), but I also like pizza, hamburgers and much more. My favorite drink is milk straight from the cow (cooled), but coke and beer is also good on the weekends.

My other interest is horses. I have ridden horses since I was nine years old, and owned my first horse when I was 12 years old, (before that I rode my sister's horse). In 2019 my horse got sick, and we had to put her down, since then I have ridden very little. I don't have a horse today but someday in the future I will have one more!

# ALMA HÅKANSSON

SWEDEN



Hi all,

My name is Alma Håkansson, and I am from Sweden.

I currently work on my family's dairy farm, which my father owns. We have about 100 dairy cows, and the same amount of young stock, of SRB (Swedish Red Breed) cattle. The cows are milking in two AMS. We harvest feed from 120 hectares of land, four times a year from May to September.

I also work one day each week in an agriculture school as a marketer.

My grandfather and grandmother owned and ran the farm before my parents, the herd comprising only SRB, so I grew up with the breed from an early age and became very fond of it.

I own my own cattle, my stud name being: Slommehagen

My interest in showing cattle started when I was pretty young, around seven years old, on a camp for kids and their calves (at the time with a lot of help from my dad). After that my interest has grown and I participated in showmanship competitions in every cow show I could. The shows became a very fun way to work with the cows/heifers in another way than working in a barn with them.

Because of my interest of showing our own cattle, my interest in breeding has also grown a lot - the breeding part is one of my tasks on the family farm, since I want a good heifer to show but also a good dairy cow. Now I try to help the youth in the agriculture school and my neighbours' kids to be interested in showing and learn more about showmanship.

I am a member of the SRB association, and I nominated for the Tour as I have a huge interest to learn more about showing so I can pass on information to our younger people, and it will be a big experience for me.

**Favourite food:** I kind of like the most food, but grilled meat with potato and béarnaise sauce is a big favourite.

**Favourite drink:** Pepsi Max (alcohol: Gin & Tonic)

I have a Youtube channel and a Instagram account about our dairy farm, where I post/blog what is happening on a Swedish farm and the life of a farmer, mostly to show our consumers a fair picture of how the farmers take care of the animals and the environment, and also to be an inspiration for young girls to take more interest and show the benefits of working in agriculture.

I have a shetland sheepdog named Theo, which we train, and he is always with me on the farm and the running tracks. I am a huge fan of fantasy books/movies such as Harry Potter, Game of Thrones and Lord of the Rings.

# MEET THE Representatives

SCOTT TAYLOR

UNITED KINGDOM



Hi all,

I am Scott Taylor from Scotland, representing the United Kingdom.

I completed my Bachelor of Science, majoring in Agriculture in 2017, and currently work on the family farm, where we run a mixed dairy, beef and arable enterprise however my focus is towards the dairy side of things. My job description would be herd manager.

I have grown up with Ayrshires, and our herd name is 'Old Mill'. I have a few cow families I've brought in of my own and mixed through the herd, however they are all registered under the 'Old Mill' prefix.

My family never showed for years until recently, which means showing Ayrshires is new to me and I've had a lot to learn! Over the years I've been part of the young breeders team at Dairy Day and Livestock event, attended the young breeders weekend and helped other herds through shows. This experience has helped me pick up the ability and confidence to show our own cows, initially at local shows, and now the Royal Highland and Agriscot shows.

I won the Hugh Stevenson Trophy at our annual Ayrshire young breeders weekend this year and as part of the prize have the opportunity to attend the 2023 WAF Youth Tour.

**Favourite food:** Lasagne

**Favourite drink:** Milk

My other Interests include participating in the local young farmers club however do not have any other interests outside of farming.

# CHARLOTTE STACHURSKI

NEW ZEALAND



Hi everyone,

My name is Charlotte Stachurski (but most people call me Charlie), from Taranaki, New Zealand.

I am 18-years old and a broke university student, currently living in Palmerston North while studying. I am in my first year of studying agricultural, science at Massey University.

I became involved with Ayrshire cattle through my parents, who are breeders owning the stud 'Balmaine', which my mum established in the 1980's and I hope to continue once I finish my degree. Unlike my siblings I lent more towards the reds over the black and whites. I had my first Ayrshire calf when I was six, her name was Balmaine Equerry Tiptop, Nippy for short and the rest was history. I was lucky enough to have guidance from not only my parents but also other breeders within New Zealand, including Zane Kite, Merv Livingstone, Peter and Lisa Megaw, and Abbie and Hillary Jane.

One of my animals that I am most excited about is my in-calf heifer Balmaine Cream Persuade who is out of my Kiteroa cow, Kiteroa Cream Perplex by my much loved ex-show bull calf Southwind King Quinn.

As far as my showing history goes, I haven't got much. I competed every year at primary school for our pet day, then in 2016 started attending boys and girls days within Taranaki. Later in 2020 we took a few calves to the StraWord A&P show, which was also the Royal Show for that year. My family and I hope to continue showing and take a couple cows and heifers in the coming years.

This year I was lucky enough to travel to the south island to help with Inglecorner (Merv Livingstone). While in the south island, I attended the South Island Champs for the Ayrshires and placed third in young handlers.

I nominated for the 2023 WAF Tour because I wanted to learn more skills and see how farming and showing was like across the 'ditch'.

**Food wise** - Attending Uni for the last six months, if it is cooked I will most likely eat it.

**Drinks** - My response is most likely going to be 'yes please'.

I also enjoy sport, mostly rugby. I've played in the front row for Taranaki for the past few Years, unfortunately missing the squad this year due to school commitments.

# MEET THE *Hosts*

## GREG EDMONDS

AUSTRALIA



**Hi All!**

**I'm Greg Edmonds and I will be your bus driver for our small tour of Victoria and on to Adelaide Royal Show.**

I have been involved with Ayrshire cattle since I was 14 when I helped an Ayrshire breeder at the Adelaide Royal Show who later gave me a Ayrshire heifer that I returned with the following year and gained my first ribbon at the 1971 Adelaide Royal Show.

Since then we have been very involved with Ayrshire Cattle in Australia with our Geelong Ayrshire Stud.

We have been regular exhibitors at all Ayrshire shows over the past 50 years with a bit of success and I have also been involved with Ayrshire committees at State, Federal & World level. I have also been to 7 World Ayrshire Conferences.

I look forward to meeting you all and finding out all about your own "Ayrshire Homes" as well as showing you some of our beautiful country in our short time together.

# ANDREW GRAY

AUSTRALIA



**Hi, my name is Andrew. I am a 24-year-old Ayrshire breeder from South Australia, and I will be a chaperone for the tour.**

I was first involved with Ayrshires at the Royal Adelaide Show in 2013, where I helped the Edmonds family of Geelong Ayrshires.

Following the show, Greg gifted me an Ayrshire calf - 'Geelong Thyme Bom' – starting my own stud, Long Gully Ayrshires. Over the years, I have participated at numerous National All Breeds Dairy Youth Camps, International Dairy weeks, and Adelaide/Sydney royal shows. In 2022, I had the privilege of joining the Australian team at the Young Breeder's School in Belgium.

I live in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne with my wife Dominique and work for a large corporate dairy company called Aurora Dairies. Aurora owns and manages many dairy farms across the southern states of Australia and New Zealand. In my down time, I enjoy visiting my small herd of Ayrshires that reside on Munden Farms. I am very excited to get to know all the delegates on this year's tour and hope everyone enjoys visiting the best cows and people Australia has to offer.



# MEET THE *hosts*

## IMOGEN STEINER

AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND



**Hi All,**

**My name is Imogen Steiner and I will be one of your tour hosts.**

I moved to Australia from New Zealand in 2021, after graduating with a Bachelor of Resource and Environmental Planning from Massey University.

I am a part of two Ayrshire studs, one in each country; Brookview Genetics (NZ), and Munden Farms (AUS).

My farming work has taken a step back to my office job as a statutory planner at our local council.

While not actively on the farm, I still complete marketing adverts for both studs, fly home to help at shows when I can, prep animals for International Dairy Week, and help on the farm when needed.



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To World Ayrshire Youth  
participants.*



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# ABOUT THE *Farms*

## ARALUEN PARK AYRSHIRES

TREVOR SAUNDERS & ANTHEA DAY



We farm at Shady Creek in Gippsland Victoria. We own two farms that are within two kms of each other. We milk 650 cows through a 44-unit rotary and Jake, our middle son, share farms on our second farm milking 420 cows through a 60-unit rotary. Registered Ayrshire's make up approximately 20% of the Araluen Park herd.

Araluen Park is a dry land farm with 36-inch rain fall relying on conserving fodder mainly rye and pasture into silage and hay. This is fed in times of diminished pasture growth, along with 2 tonne per cow of crushed grain and minerals in the bail. The second farm has 350 megs of water irrigated on approximately 120 acres through laterals.

Araluen Park Ayrshires are 100% AI bred and 50% of the semen used on our Ayrshire component is sexed. We are having tremendous success with the sexed semen on our Ayrshires. This is having a dramatic impact on our Ayrshire numbers and is a conscious effort to limit the numbers on the bobby calf truck with the view to eliminate that component of our business altogether.

With an eye on consumer demand Araluen Park is also developing a significant polled section of our Ayrshire herd. We are extremely proud of our bull Araluen Park Orlando Polled a very smart Burdette son (pictured below).

Our herd is a Ginfo herd so TSU's and type data are being collected for genomic verification. After working very hard for a number of years to convince the genetics industry to release Ayrshire genetic information as a stand-alone data set it was achieved twelve months ago. Every animal on our farm has been genomic tested. Araluen Park Ayrshires are currently the number three BPI herd in Australia.

We love showing our Ayrshires and enter the local herds comp and enjoy showing at IDW.

We enjoy judging when the opportunity arises.





# BLUE GUM PARK AYRSHIRES

JAKE MATHEWS



I've been share farming on this farm for 4 years I milk 420 cows off 140 ha. The herd is 2 thirds jersey and the remainder of the herd is made up of Ayrshires and Crossbreds with split calving in autumn and spring.

## BULLS I'VE USED

The heifers calving in this year are mainly sired by Heydale White Willow, Des Chamois Poker and Blue-Spruce Ringer. The calves being born this year are sired by Palmyra Lochinvar Reynolds, Marilie Selection and Magot Player.

Autumn joined cows are in calf to Brieryside Hail and Marilie Selection.

## GOALS

I'm aiming to have only purebred Jerseys and Ayrshires in the future.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

Rockvale Burdette Prim (pictured below) won Supreme Champion Ayrshire at International Dairy Week (IDW) in 2017 - she was also the first Ayrshire to ever win Interbreed Intermediate Champion at IDW 2017.

Kalinda Stardust won Champion Cow at Royal Melbourne Show and also the only cow to win the on farm challenge 3 years in a row.

I am also a Jersey Australia classifier.



# ABOUT THE *Farms*

## MUNDEN FARMS AYRSHIRES

MUNDEN FAMILY



Munden Farms is a family operated farm, running 1500 head of cattle on 500Ha (1000A). The Munden Family are Adrian and Gail, Tony, Karl and Michael, the family moved from New Zealand to their current location in 2009. Tony and Karl are full time on the farm, while Michael operates an engineering business on adjoining land aiding where needed. Adrian is slowly stepping back but takes pride in the calf rearing, while you can find Gail in her garden or helping when needed.

The dairy herd is a mix of Ayrshire and Holstein, with a sprinkling of Jersey and Brown Swiss. We seasonally split calve, with a 9-week spread in Autumn (March/April/May) and a 6-week spread in Spring (August, September), at peak the milking herd totals 650. The breeding objectives are simple at Munden Farms – breed for well rounded, high production cattle, and that shows through numerous production awards that Munden Farms have stacked up.

Further to well-bred cattle, Munden Farms is considered a high input farm. An in-shed feeding system provides 6kg of grain daily. Grass is supplemented with a mix of Oaten Hay, Vetch Hay, and Grass Silage whichever is available at the time. Pre-calvers are kept on a crop of ryecorn (Spring Calvers) and millet (Autumn Calvers).

The farm employs 1 full time staff member 6 days a week. Overall, at peak, 8 hours are spent in the milking shed. As such, we are reducing the overall milking herd and implementing a beef herd to reduce workloads on the family.



The showing aspect of Munden Farms is a hobby of Karl and Imogen's, focusing predominantly on International Dairy Week. We have seen great success in the last two years with Magic Park Shady Maiden winning Senior Champion Ayrshire and Grand Champion Ayrshire in 2022. Munden Farms Vancouver Blueway taking home Reserve Intermediate Champion at the 2023 show, after standing bridesmaid to her paddock mate Paschendaele Klassy Tri Time who went on to not only be Ayrshire Grand Champion but Australia's Grand Champion; the first ever Intermediate Cow and Ayrshire to achieve this title.



# ABOUT THE *Farms*

## BOLDVIEW FARMS

SCOTT BRAENDLER & CHERYL LIEBICH & FAMILIES



'Boldview' dates back to 1958 when a Jersey Stud was founded by Don Braendler along with his brother Brian.

The name 'Boldview' derives from the view from the Braendler family farm of Mount Bold Reservoir in the Adelaide Hills between Echunga and Meadows. Once Don married Lorraine, the Boldview stud followed them as they bought their own farm.

In 1970, after many years of showing at the Royal Adelaide Show and many country shows with the Jersey Stud, Don and Lorraine took the opportunity to purchase an Ayrshire heifer, 'Joylinda Starbright', which saw the beginning of the 'Boldview Ayrshire Stud'.

In 1977 we moved from the Adelaide Hills to a property at Jervois along the reclaimed River Murray flats. The initial farm consisted of 20 ha of flood irrigation and about 145 ha of dry land in a 300mm rainfall area. The opportunity then arose to purchase the neighboring property and some dryland out blocks resulting in the farming area expanding to 63 ha of flood irrigation, 12 ha of permanent sprinkler irrigation and 485 ha of dry land area.

In 2018, after battling with ongoing drought, water restrictions, water and fodder prices as well as the desire to expand the herd size, the decision was made to relocate 3 and a half hours south to Kalangadoo in the South East of South Australia. The new farm although being considerably smaller at 270ha, provides us with 110ha of irrigation via pivot and permanent sprinklers which are supplied by reliable underground aquifers. The rainfall of this area is also doubled at 620mm and a lot more reliable than further north.

We also upgraded from a 24 unit herringbone to a 60 unit rotary which has significantly reduced the amount of time spent in the dairy. Since moving, we have also been able to increase the herd size from 300 to 360 comfortably.



As the years went on the Boldview Stud's percentage of Ayrshire vs Jersey swayed toward the Ayrshire until about the year 2005 when it became 100% Ayrshire, of which it now continues that way.

The business enterprise of 'Boldview Farms' was initially formed as a partnership between the late Lorraine, and son Scott, with Lorraine's eldest daughter Cheryl who owns her own stud Cher-Bar Ayrshires, being a pivotal part of the running of the farm. Although, after a long battle with illness, Lorraine passed away, and so Cheryl stepped in to be the other director of the Boldview Farms partnership. Currently, Scott and Cheryl operate the farm on the daily basis along with Cheryl's daughter Britt and her partner Damian working full time across all aspects of the farm. Cheryl's husband Frank is also head of farm maintenance after 'retiring' when the farm moved to the South East.

Within the farm enterprise, the Boldview Ayrshire herd operates together with Cheryl's Cher-Bar stud which recently were merged under the one banner of 'Boldview Farms' although keeping the 2 prefixes. Boldview Farms is also home to animals from a further 20+ Ayrshire studs owned by various hobby farmers and family members and 3 Jersey Studs.

A strong exhibition at Australia's top shows has seen Boldview and Cher-Bar animals perform exceptionally well winning many Championships, Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor Awards, along with All Australian and All World Photographic Competitions. Many cows have been classified Excellent over the years with the highest classified cows being Boldview Far Knight Star EX 93-4E and Cher-Bar Rippa Lasselle EX 93-4E.

Currently at Boldview Farms we are using bulls from Canada, North America, United Kingdom, New Zealand and Australia, as well as some of our own bred bulls. We have imported embryos from New Zealand and Canada in the past, with a number of these and their progeny in the herd and show team. We have also exported Embryos and Semen in recent years to NZ & UK with great resulting progeny.

We strongly believe in the benefits of herd recording, classification, showing and AI breeding for herd and breed development and promotion and endeavour to do our best to help show what this wonderful Ayrshire breed can be and do for us.





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# MEET THE Show Teams

## GEELUNGA AYRSHIRES

EDMONDS FAMILY



Welcome to the Geelunga Show team for the 2023 Adelaide Royal Show.

Our team consist of 3 generations of the Edmonds Family exhibiting 8 head at this years' show.

Geelunga first exhibited at Adelaide in 1971 and we have always been very family orientated with some years 4 generations staying at the show looking after the cattle.

This year there are 4 head shown by Greg & Tracey, 1 by daughter Jessica Bailey, 2 by grand daughter Chloe Bailey & 1 by grandson Harrison Bailey.

Geelunga has over the years been very successful at Adelaide winning many Championships as well as most successful exhibitor awards. Last October we relinquished dairying and dispersed all our milking herd and recently sold the remaining heifers.

We still have quite a few cows milking on another farm (ones that couldn't be sold at auction) as well as keeping 4 sentimental heifers to be shown.

We look forward to working with one of our overseas Youth Tour members and I'm sure you will have some fun working with us.



# ENTERPRISE, BALWONNAH & HOMELANDS AYRSHIRES

MICHAEL, LEANNE, SAM & ALEX HENTSCHKE



These 3 studs will combine to form a team of 14 Ayrshires for the Adelaide Royal. The show team is a family affair with the animals from the Enterprise stud of Mike & Leanne and the Balwonnah and Homelands studs being owned by their sons Sam and Alex respectively.

Enterprise Ayrshires commenced in 1983 and have shown at Adelaide Royal for the majority of that time, missing only when their cattle were being managed in Victoria. They won their first champion in 1988 and followed this up with multiple successes during the 1990's.

Enterprise is a small stud and currently the animals are housed at Boldview Farms. We have been premier breeder and exhibitor at International Dairy Week and have exhibited both Champion and Intermediate Champions at this show.

Sam operates Balwonnah stud with animals housed at Boldview and a small number at Westdama near Mt Gambier. Sam has increased his cattle numbers with selected purchases over the years and now owns the majority of the showstring.

Alex has animals also at Westdama with the Aara & Rose families and their progeny.

We are all keen exhibitors at the show and take pride in fully managing our show team as a family and look forward to an international youth joining our team.



# MEET THE *Show Teams*

## JADEN, KYAMBERJADE & JADEY HILL AYRSHIRES

GREG & LIL KLATT, KYM ROTHE AND MADDI & TOM SUTTERBY



Greg & Lil Klatt have been involved with Ayrshires for over 40 years, and owner/breeders for over 25 years, supporting the promotion and progression of the breed nationally and in South Australia. Their interest in Ayrshires started with assisting family friend Neil Rothe at the Royal Adelaide Show, and they decided to extend their involvement through having their own animals. Establishing their Jaden Ayrshire stud in 1998, they have supported the Royal Adelaide Show and International Dairy Week as exhibitors for many years, and numerous South Australian country shows, both as exhibitors and conveners. Jaden Ayrshire Stud currently have 25 head in their herd.

Kyamberjade Ayrshire Stud was established in 2010, when forming a partnership with close friend Kym Rothe. Kym has a dairy background through Guernsey cattle, initially working on his parents' farm, showing at the Royal Adelaide Show, and later, milking his own Guernsey herd. Kym's move to Ayrshires occurred when he sold his Guernsey herd but wanted to maintain his dairy and showing interests. Kyamberjade Ayrshire Stud currently have 11 head in their herd.

Jadey Hill was established in 2016, when Greg & Lil's daughter Maddi was given an Ayrshire calf as a gift. Her ongoing interest in Ayrshires initiated from helping her parents at shows and having her own animals to show with husband Tom provided an added appeal. Jadey Hill Ayrshire Stud currently has five head in the herd.

Greg & Lil also own Jersey Stud animals: Je' Mappelle, which form part of the Royal Adelaide Show 2023 string.

Animals from the three herds are housed and cared for at Boldview Farms, managed by Cheryl Liebich, Scott Braendler, Britt Liebich & Damian Wallis.

Combined, the three studs have entered 11 head into the 2023 Royal Adelaide Show.

Greg has been the Australian Ayrshire South Australian Branch President since 2012, and the Australian Ayrshire Federal President since 2021, having been on Federal Committee since 2015. Greg

represented Australia as the delegate for the mid-term conference and World Ayrshire Federation (WAF) meeting held in Sweden in 2018, the WAF World Conference meeting in 2020, and again at the mid-term conference WAF meeting held in 2022 in the USA.

Lil has been the Australian Ayrshire South Australian Branch Secretary since 2012, and the Australian Ayrshires Minutes Secretary since 2015.



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# MEET THE *Show Teams*

## **BOLDVIEW, OMEGA-GEN & BLUE RIDGE AYRSHIRES**

**SCOTT BRAENDLER & CHERYL LIEBICH, BEN & CAITLIN  
HENTSCHKE AND BRITT LIEBICH & DAMIAN WALLIS**



Welcome to chaos! Haha!  
Or in other words, the Boldview Farms  
show team for 2023!

Our team consists of animals from  
Boldview Farms, owned by brother/  
sister duo Scott Braendler & Cheryl  
Liebich. Joining in the string are Cheryl's  
2 daughters; Caitlin and Britt and their  
partners Ben & Damian - oh and Charlie  
- the most important member of the  
team (who is completely useless when it  
comes to work as he's under 2)!

Boldview is the home to a large number  
of Ayrshire hobby farmers in SA. In total  
a little over 80 animals were prepared and have been brought to the Royal  
Adelaide Show this year. Thankfully, we only have to work with just over 30  
of them at the show! Whilst being predominantly Ayrshires, there is a small  
number of Jerseys, Holsteins and Illawarras in the mix too.  
Scott and Damian are at home running the farm, so Cheryl, Caitlin, Ben and  
Britt are doing the leg work at the show along with a few other additions to the  
team.

Boldview have been exhibiting at Adelaide Royal since 1970 with great  
success over the years. Notable achievements include Boldview Bonaparte  
Spect who was the first ever Ayrshire to win Supreme All Breeds Champion at  
Adelaide Royal. The following year, Boldview also won the All Breeds Pen of 3  
and the All Breeds Pen of 5 - again, a first for the Ayrshire breed.



Back in 2007, Boldview Armadilla was also All Breeds Supreme Junior Champion - the first Ayrshire to win this prize as well.

Cher-Bar MP Incarnate was also the first cow to win Senior Champion Cow of any breed for 4 consecutive years. Her herd mate, Cher-Bar Rippla Lasselle then took over and won Senior Champion for the following 4 years in a row.

Both of these cows were bred and owned by Cheryl.



Caitlin & Ben have been showing together for the past 7 years under the Omega Gen prefix, however prior to this, they both run their own studs - Ayrborne and Ben-E-Geez. Some of their notable achievements have included Honourable Mention Senior Champion in 2022 with Rockvale Burdette Janice and Junior Champion in 2018 with Ayrborne RD Tornado.

Britt & Damian established their joint stud Blue-Ridge only a few years ago and have had some great success including Intermediate Champion in 2019 with Enterprise HB Lorna. They are also making a bit of a name for

themselves in the Jersey ring having had the Honorable mention Senior Champion & member of the All Breeds Pen of 5 in 2022.



We look forward to getting to know you all and hope that you have an enjoyable time while at Adelaide Show - we always do - it's hard work, but great fun!

# MEET THE Show Teams

## NEILLUNGA, TYJA, DYNAMITE, TRACK & LEE-J-ROE AYRSHIRES

NEIL ROTHE, TODD ROTHE, TAITLYN ROTHE,  
CRAIG & TERESA MATHEW, LEO ROTHE & FAMILIES



From a young age my interest for cows started when my mother and father had a farm with the Guernseys.

Working on the farm and going to shows got me interested in having my own stud Neillunga Ayrshires which started in 1978.

Going to multiple shows and winning champion ribbons with my heifers and cows was exciting especially breeding great quality of my own through the line of Didja go and her family.

Having a big family of my own my kids Todd, Brooke, Eden, Taitlyn and Jedd enjoy going to shows with me for the experience, fun.

My eldest son Todd has started his own stud back in 2012 called Tyja Ayrshires, he has 2 boys Tynen and Jaxon who are following in his foot steps with coming to shows getting the experience not only from their dad and myself but also many other Ayrshire exhibitors.

After selling up in 1998 we now only have a few show animals and have milkers down the south east on the Boldview farm.

My youngest daughter Taitlyn also wants to start her own stud and started exhibiting at her first show in 2022.

I have always enjoyed showing its hard work, exciting, fun and the long time friendships that you make, makes shows enjoyable and the reasons why we come back every year.

- Neil Rothe





I started showing my animals only last year in 2022 at the Royal Adelaide Show.

I have been going to shows since I was a baby with my mum, dad and siblings.

I enjoy the cows and the people in the industry.

Truly grateful for my dad Neil giving me many opportunities with his cows and helping me start my very own stud too. Shows aren't always easy as I watch and see other exhibitors with larger numbers but having the Ayrshire crew supporting me makes it a lot easier.

I enjoy the experience and the memories that happen every year at the shows. Looking forward to the show - it's my favourite time of the year.

- Taitlyn Rothe



TRACK Ayrshires was born from my previous history in the Dairy Industry. When I left school I started work on the Family Dairy Farm. From there I started the On Farm Dairy Course through TAFE. It was during this course that I met Andrew Edmonds from the CEEJAY Ayrshires and began helping Andrew and the family at the Adelaide Show.

After a few years CEEJAY Ayrshires stopped showing so I approached Neil Rothe to help them with their Neilunga Herd at the Adelaide Show . After helping Neil and his Family at the show and then bringing my Kids, Kelsey and Regan and Wife Teresa for the odd night down the Show.

Their Love for the Cows and the experience at the show grew and we decided to purchase our First 2 Heifers from the Boldview Herd in 2016 and began TRACK Ayrshires ( Teresa, Reagan And Craig, Kelsey ).



2016 being our first year at the Adelaide Show with our 2 Heifers. From there we have Bred and Purchased other Heifers from GEELUNGA and more from BOLDVIEW.

We have about 30 head now. We have really appreciated the opportunity to buy Animal's from Boldview and Geelunga and all the help we have received from all the members of South Australian Ayrshire Family.

A highlight was a bred heifer we sold from an original Boldview Family winning its class at IDW - TRACK BFK Charleston Calipa. Also a First and Second in the 6 Month Class at Adelaide in 2018 with KARDINEA PARK Blink Pacifier and TRACK Gazen Marlee.





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