

This year is our 67th year of offering bulls for sale and the 96th of breeding cattle here on Curracabark. Careful phenotype selection and the access to improving data are raising our bull team standards to even better levels. Genomics is still in its infancy with less than 100,000 animals tested. However, when there is some consistency in back ground genetics, it looks like providing better results at a more useful younger age.

Our lighter country and even lighter rainfall has resulted in us having to sell 103 cows and calves and 115 weaners. In a dire straits water problem, we have had a young man (89 years of age!) divining for water with a rod and a bit of metal on a string. He was spot on twice for the two bores we were wanting which has resulted in 20km pipe and 32 troughs plus good water!

Another part of our solution has been continually selecting for high constitution cattle with muscle.

The use of slow release fertilizer Bio Ag phosphate and soil biota improving treatments has certainly got more out of less rainfall. Paspalum, Jeronimo prairie grass and chicory have been the best surviving pasture species we have sown being green all summer and autumn through some extreme heat.

Of interest is some trial work being done by the DPI on the Angus progeny test cattle to find a more true indicator of muscle than EMA data. The results are looking promising regarding muscle shape to reveal overall muscularity and we feel on the right track as this has also been our approach to selecting for muscularity for a long time.



CRKP104 Sire - Oak Downs Lawloit L75



ESHN46 Sire - Musgrave Big Sky

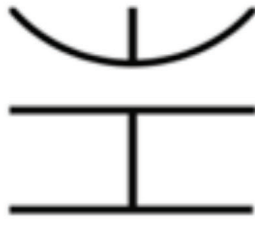


CRKN33 Sire - Talbalba Advance K134



ESHN32 Sire - Pathfinder General K7

Stud Stock & Bloodstock – Armidale Mike Wilson Mob: 0418 960 036	Gooch Agencies – Gloucester Ph: 6558 1205 James Gooch 0409 923 068 Bill Dwyer 0427 582 990
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HEREFORDS & ANGUS

HEREFORD STUD ESTABLISHED 1950 | ANGUS STUD ESTABLISHED 2000

Fortunately some areas have received good falls of rain allowing them to maintain some of their breeding herd or even purchase breeders, which have stayed at quite a good value throughout.

We have abandoned our usual winter pasture program with only a meager amount sown. The bulls will have to learn to share!

Interestingly a dryer coastal season has seen some people have their best weaners ever as their pastures have had a higher nutritional value. Whilst weaner sale results have been fairly varied and totally rain related regarding growth rates and sale timing, MSA and feedlot rates have been very good and have been part of our solution. Feeding \$50-\$90 of pasture pellets /per head has allowed a good return for surplus and empty heifers and got them away. Curracabark constitution and a bit of grass in the paddock was important in this case.

We remain committed to our supporters by searching for new sires with great genetics, not just great data sets, and have viewed over a 1000 bulls this Summer/Autumn across Eastern Australia.

Our sale bulls have not had much green grass in their time, however they are a great team of bulls. In the Angus sale bulls we have some power sons of Myra Jacko J16 with N40 & younger bull N61 particularly attractive. Pathfinder Goldmark G497 brings his usual exceptional thickness with N26 & N28 being well worth a look over.

There are three E.T. sons of multi-sale topping sire Dunoon Highpoint H744 and from a power house cow H65. There are also sons of Tehama Upward Y238 which are rugged bulls with muscle and will handle tougher going with N62 being one of the standouts in these.

Calving ease sire Pathfinder General K7 has some good bulls with muscle and low birth weights, a difficult combination to achieve and highly profitable. K7s have been very highly sought after in the Victorian and Southern sales this season.

In the yearlings, E F Compliment and Te Mania Lennox L676 have stretchy, calving ease sons with muscle.

Looking to improve herd longevity we have added Wattle Top B159 to our donor program. An attractive cow that has been sound to 12 years old, she has sons N62, P1 and P4 in the sale.

The Hereford team again carries sons of super sire Allendale Anzac E114. There are three, 3/4 brothers to last year's record \$30,000 sale topper, Curracabark Northern Lights N003, and they also look the goods. A. Anzac E114 again led the Hereford feature show/sale at Wodonga with sons topping at \$40,000 this year. Bulls by E114, N139, and N140, look pretty classy. Days Columbus G20 sons and grandsons are bulls with shape, calmness, quality and growth with N50 being an attractive package to read attractive star lot.

There will be our first sons by the \$20,000 Talbalba Advance K134. This looks like being a sire to follow bringing phenotype and data being +8 for EMA and 1.4 for IMF. He has an outstanding run of yearlings just being joined this autumn.

Also in the yearlings there are the first calves by \$40,000 Injemira Anzac L027 for sale that show thickness and quality and will be very interesting.

We also aim to offer some of our usual EU breeder heifers out of the hills plus some first calf cows.

OPEN DAY
Saturday 13th JULY 10.30am – 4pm
or Inspection by appointment if required.
Myra ,2796 Curracabark Rd Gloucester

BULL SALE
Monday 22nd JULY 1pm
NEW SALE DAY

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Delivery within Kempsey, Wauchope, Armidale, Tamworth, Scone, Maitland and Bulahdelah districts and to those saleyards.

CURRACABARK GENETICS PERFORM



The Sansom family have capitalized on Curracabark genetics to achieve their highest values ever. Mates of these steers made over \$2000 per head for 0-2 teeth MSA grades at Wingham Beef.



J R Higgins and families, steers at Faulkland, Gloucester. Brothers to these steers have been averaging about 265kg dressed at 16/17 months old and selling to Woolworths in Tamworth.



Kevin and Robyn Lowrey top the E U sale again in 2019. A great testimony to genetics and good management. Steers all by Curracabark bulls.



The Bignell families have been using some of Curracabark bulls for a few years now. "They have been really great steers. All have graded well under the MSA system averaging around 320kg dressed for 0-2 teeth cattle. The females are bloody good heifers and the lead of our replacements."

- David Bignell

OUR POINTS OF DIFFERENCE

- Robust doing ability to thrive in dryer times and tougher commercial grazing country
- Mid maturity frame size to suit both grass and grain fed markets
- Mix of visual and measured trait selection
- Recognizing breed strengths and improving breed weaknesses
- Diligent stud sire selection
- Optimal fertility, adequate growth, higher muscle content carcasses for grass and grain fed beef production
- The presence of visual muscle and shape is a reliable way to increase muscle.
- Optimum growth and high carcass data helps profit a lot



Health Treatments and Soundness

- Semen test and vet checked
- 3 day sickness vaccinated
- Tested negative pestivirus
- Vibrio vaccinated
- 7 in 1 vaccinated

55 SALE BULLS



CRKN24

Sire - Hunter Lakes Fonz F15



ESHN69

Sire- Dunoon Highpoint H744



CRKN50

Sire - Days Columbus G20



ESHN33

Sire- Pathfinder General K7



CRKN51

Sire - Glendan Park Keno K060



ESHPI6

Sire- Pathfinder Complete K22



CRKN49

Sire - Days Columbus G20



ESHPI23

Sire- E F Compliment