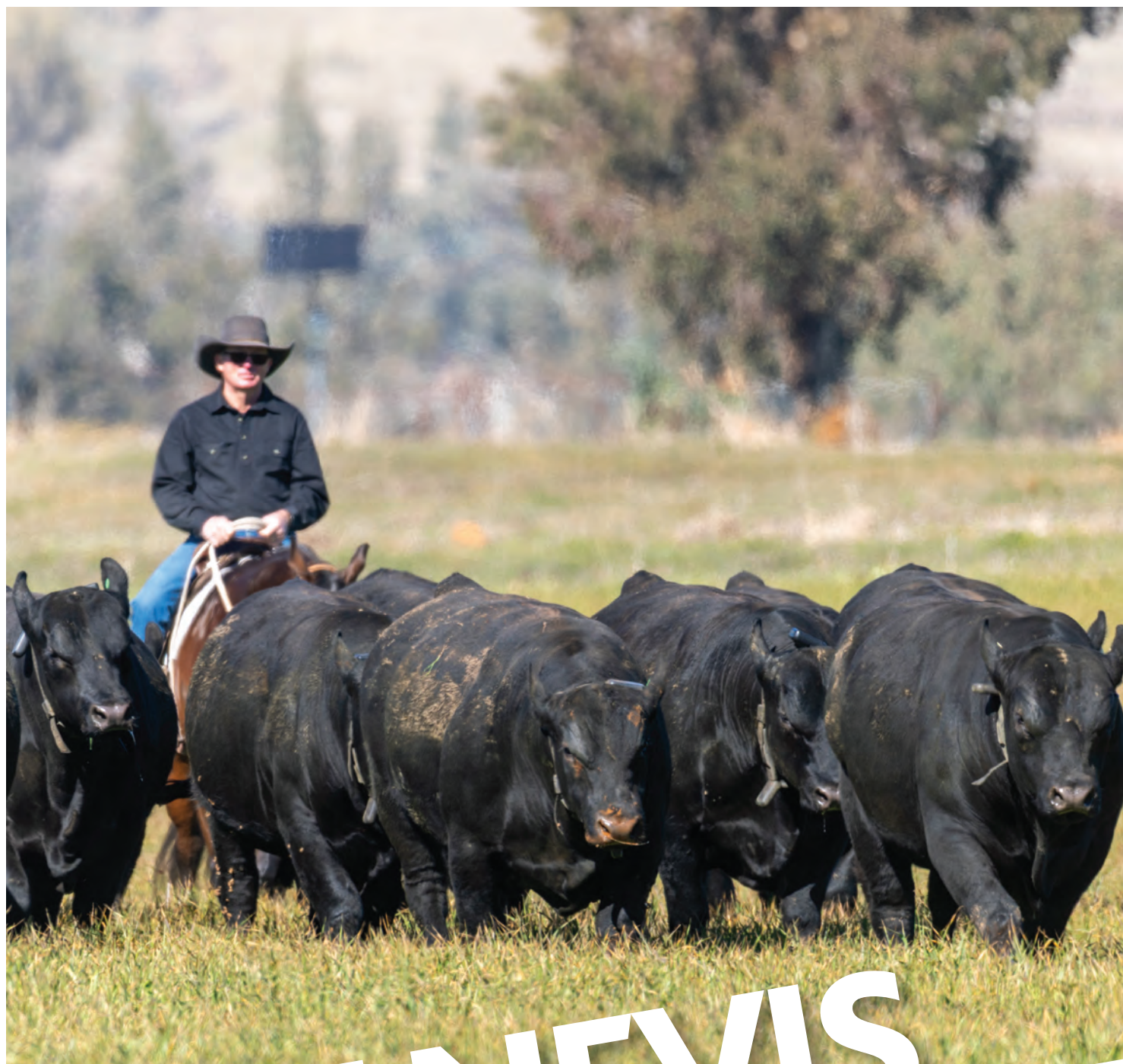


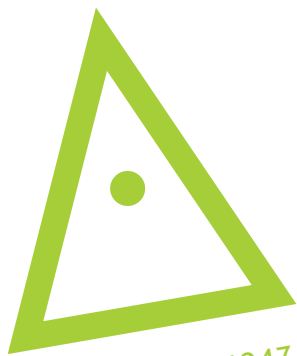


BEN NEVIS

ANNUAL SALE

9 SEPTEMBER

100 BULLS



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Who needs outside entertainment when the Australian climate, political climate, global drama and beef industry are keeping us right up on the edge of our toes.

Seasonally the cycles of extreme dry and extreme wet are continuing and in our area we have moved from a few years cycle to a few months.

Last August after months of rain and ice we got a foot of snow only for the tap to turn completely off. So much so, it's the first time we haven't been able to get a crop in for the bulls at our home base of Walcha and we have seen an unprecedented sell off of cows in Northern NSW, backed by great prices and PTSD from the 2017 – 2019 drought.

"I need some good news sitting here sippin' on cold truths" –

Shaboozey

The good news is that we will meet the market as we have our biggest and best offering yet and it will provide people from across Australia the opportunity to invest in a Ben Nevis bull.

In other good news – with our niece Bonnie Cox and her partner Will McIlwain we have invested in Hazelwood at Attunga, an irrigation block to winter the bulls on crop and grow us fodder in the summer. Having not even owned a garden sprinkler this has been a steep but extremely worthwhile exercise with the boys stepping into a lush crop with cereal hay, and green feed lick in early July. This will see them powerful and well developed by sale time. There is absolutely no better sound than cattle tearing off lush green grass and it's great to expand the business with our family.



GLOBAL SIRE POWER

We are delighted to secure the Australian rights to Taimate V15 who broke the New Zealand Record for a top price of \$168,000 (a record for a whole 7 days!! but a worthy record holder at that).

He was purchased by Dean McHardy on behalf of Tangihau and is by Alpine Real Deal, a bull we are doubling down on after the sale of our \$100,000 Real Deal son Ben Nevis Ultra in 2024 to Boambee Angus. Those who have used him know Real Deal is the real deal and he makes exceptional cows with the highest scores for udders and feet while driving silky skin, docile disposition and high marbling. Taimate V15 has all that and more, deep sided, perfect feet with great depth of heel, exceptional structure, top 3% IMF. Plus, he is backed by terrific people.

Taimate V15 adds to our exclusive sire offerings in the pipe-line with calves dropping by international sensation Rob Roy of Stern (where we share an elite semen package with Ascot, Banquet, Bowen and Coolie and now the Stevenson family at Down T Montana), Mohnen Stability (who we share with Raff Angus) and the \$230k Banquet Tom Cruise by our own Ben Nevis Rambo.



Taimate V15



Rob Roy of Stern

THIS YEARS' BULLS

THERE WILL BE 102 BULLS IN OUR 2026 SALE –
(59 x 18 MO AND 41 x 12 MO BULLS)

Our efforts to concentrate genetics in our top cow families continues to pay off, with easy fleshed, slick coated sons that reflect the quality of the Ben Nevis style with above average growth and IMF. All bulls have been independently assessed by Roger Evans for their ultrasound, structural scores, coat scores and most importantly temperament.

Independently assessed by Roger Evans (Accred No 1012), 99 get the highest temperament score of 1.



Introducing NEW SIRE GROUPS



Hart Network



LVVF Tanker



Ben Nevis Rambo



Millah Murrah Tiny Dancer



Dunoon Sunstone

New Sire groups this year include **Hart Network** who has impressed all that have used him for his power and thickness and depth- they stand down hard on the scales and are eye catching and commanding in the flesh.

They nailed it when they named our next new sire **LVVF Tanker** and just wait til you see them. Upstanding, big and powerful they absolutely pack a punch with the most incredible birth to growth spread. They mature well ahead of the average Angus bulls looking like real men at just 12 months of age and yet they keep growing. We went to see his progeny in Peak Dot in Canada in November 2024 and went on to use him well.

Millah Murrah Tiny Dancer is a highlight in the yearling bull section. They are the type of calves you get excited about, with broad, masculine heads, long, strong spines and enormous growth. The quality in them is undeniable.

PROVEN PERFORMERS

Our most successful purchase sire to date has been **Dunoon Sunstone** and although we purchased him as a walking sire his use and re-use has been so high in the industry that he has had a permanent home at TLG lately and we have been left using semen like everyone else. The biggest highlight for us are progeny reports from other breeders. He breeds big, deep and soft with exceptional females and docility a feature. He corrects hip to pin and tail head set up.

Our two Pathfinder purchases in **Pathfinder Seismic** and **Pathfinder Underdog** have made us very happy and have standout offerings in the top pens of yearlings. The docility of both these bulls is a real credit to the Pathfinder program.

Rounding out the group is our very own **Rambo**. We used four of his sons this year in our Autumn joining who met the highest grade for type and performance and they will feature in the sale from Lots 11 – 14. These four sons will feature in the 18mo section. Rambo has the largest and most consistent offering in the sale with that elusive mix of marbling and muscle in a completely outcross package. He is our edge going forward.



SALE BULLS 18 MONTH OLD



LOT 4. NBN25W418 Ben Nevis War Hammer W418 Tanker x Jean P153 (ET)

BW	600	EMA	P8	MBC	IMF
+2.8	154	+7.8	-0.5	+0.42	+2.1



LOT 16. NBN25W085 Ben Nevis Warlock W85 Tanker x Dormist Q360

BW	600	EMA	P8	MBC	IMF
+3.8	137	+5.6	+0.5	+0.38	+3.3



LOT 2. NBN25W703 Ben Nevis Wayfarer W703
Rambo x Jean M72 (ET)

BW	600	EMA	P8	MBC	IMF
+5.0	115	+9.7	+0.4	+0.32	+2.8



LOT 3. NBN25W070 Ben Nevis Wickham W70
Tanker x Dormist N174

BW	600	EMA	P8	MBC	IMF
+2.9	124	+7.3	-2.2	+0.36	+3.9



LOT 17. NBN25W092 Ben Nevis Warragul W92
Rambo x Geranium S58

BW	600	EMA	P8	MBC	IMF
+3.6	143	+11.3	-4.3	+0.51	+2.9



LOT 1. NBN25W719 Ben Nevis Wing Commander W719
Network x Dormist N202 (ET)

BW	600	EMA	P8	MBC	IMF
+6.1	129	+10.0	+0.6	+0.44	+1.9



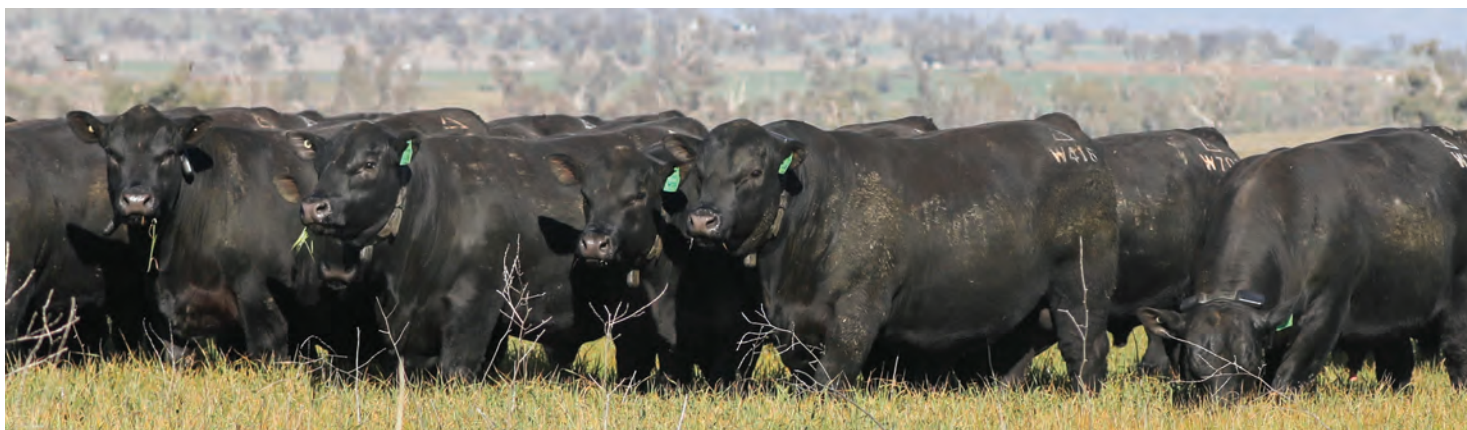
LOT 14. NBN25W082 Ben Nevis Winning Streak W82
Rambo x Jean Q2

BW	600	EMA	P8	MBC	IMF
+0.8	120	+7.7	-2.0	+0.34	+3.8



LOT 12. NBN25W017 Ben Nevis Weapon W17
Network x Geranium U20

BW	600	EMA	P8	MBC	IMF
+0.7	120	+9.1	+5.8	+0.40	+6.0



ROMANIA

In April Stu and I went on the European Angus Forum which was based in Romania.

They talk about Ukraine being the food bowl of Europe but just to the west over the Transylvanians Alps is the richest, most productive agricultural land we have ever seen and a glowing hot coal for the global Angus industry. The transition from communism to a free economy and some smart operators has seen the development of large, vertically integrated beef businesses from paddock to plate. Romania only entered the EU in 2012, and they used EU money to develop state of the art on-farm feedlot and processing plants. Some even own their own brands that they sell into Supermarkets as well as high end restaurants.

What they don't have spot on yet is the genetics. They (and the EU in general) see Australia as one of the leading sources of genetic material to help them excel. This is a great opportunity for the Angus breed to advance globally and consolidate on its reputation for eating quality and maternal excellence and we are pleased that Ben Nevis genetics will play a part in that with our Jean S47 and P153 cows being in high demand joined to Tiny Dancer and Valentino as well as Paringa Statesman. This is an Australian celebration of all that is good.



Ben Nevis Jean S47 – Dam of Lots 19 and 45

Ben Nevis Jean P153 – Dam of Lots 4, 5, 34 and 58

STU ON ANGUS AUSTRALIA BOARD

Stuey and I have swapped roles essentially as he moves into the Angus Australia Board Room, and I get back to ... (well let's just say you don't want me building your fences but ...), back in the paddock more. As a trained large animal vet and with his experience in reproduction and genetics Stu has a lot to offer the Board. We both strongly believe in Angus Australia, want to give back to what it has given our family and believe in proactively being part of the solution. This means listening and identifying the issues, concerns and opportunities for members. Angus Australia have a great Board and we hope he really enjoys the experience.



MATURE COW DISPERSAL

In what was tough seasonal conditions at the time we were blown away with the support for our program shown at our Mature Cow Dispersal in April. We hold these every five years or so and sell the whole drops. Donors and we have a policy of not selling cows in between, so people know that the cows on offer are our very best, proven genetics.

Everyone wanted to get their hands on their very own Jean or Geranium and were following our path of recognising proven bloodlines. In total 96/96 females sold to \$54,000 (Lot 15 Ben Nevis Jean P303 to Premier Angus and Niaroo Angus and Charolais) and averaged \$12,246. Volume buyers were Glencorrie Angus of Kangaroo Island SA who purchased 25 beautiful cows for their herd. We would like to thank all the bidders and underbidders for their support.



BEN NEVIS JEAN P303

Sold for \$54,000 to Premier and Niaroo NSW



BEN NEVIS JEAN N238

Sold for \$42,000 to Ballawinna WA

WELCOME JESS

We'd like to welcome Jess Taylor to the team. Jess finished school last year and we are delighted to have her working with us. Jess is great with cattle, dogs and horses and can even speak fluent 'Stu'.



LOCOMOTION PROJECT

For so long we have been seeking better ways to understand structure and its effect on performance and longevity.

While still working on the low methane beef project Mags has also got us into trialling animals for the Locomotion and Structural Soundness project which evaluates animal gait, posture, and mobility using objective scoring or sensor technologies to improve livestock welfare, longevity, and breeding programs. Watch this space.



EMPTY NEST ... AGAIN

Ok so they keep coming back, and we love that!! But they've gone again and Stu and I have been flat bickie feeding, calving, haltering and getting the bulls to our new Attunga block. Thanks goodness that came with Bonnie and Will!

Jack and his partner Jess have up to two years ranching in Canada and are travelling and working around that beautiful part of the world starting at Cudlobe Angus. As long as Jack doesn't pull on a rodeo clown outfit (Ed Hordern), or chaps and spurs (Hobbsy) like his careers advisors did in Canada, his mother will be happy.

Mags and her partner Tom are also in Canada camping for three weeks. These guys will all meet up at the Stampede (oh to be young and no responsibility).

NAMIBIA JUDGING



I have been fortunate enough to work with international judge PJ Budler many times now in his Champions of the World Competition but also in the Czech Republic World Angus Secretariate Judging.

PJ has landed me a plumb job judging the Windhoek Show in Namibia in early October. It is the biggest industrial and agricultural exhibition in Namibia attracting close to 100,00 people.

The judging will occur over three days with all breeds including many native to Africa. It is the first time they will have had a lady judge (no pressure) and I am both excited and challenged by the prospect.

SALE BULLS 12 MONTH OLD



LOT 27. NBN25W330 Ben Nevis Wrecking Ball W330
Pathfinder Underdog x Geranium T25

BW	600	EMA	P8	MBC	IMF
+2.4	131	+12.7	+3.3	+0.43	+3.9



LOT 28. NBN25W328 Ben Nevis Wrangler W328
Pathfinder Seismic x Jean S243

BW	600	EMA	P8	MBC	IMF
+5.7	158	+5.3	-3.4	+0.35	+3.0



LOT 31. NBN25W268 Ben Nevis Wellington W268
Pathfinder Seismic x Jean R403

BW	600	EMA	P8	MBC	IMF
+2.8	144	+6.5	-1.5	+0.45	+5.4



LOT 29. NBN25W675 Ben Nevis Whetstone W675
Pathfinder Underdog x Dormist N202

BW	600	EMA	P8	MBC	IMF
+4.1	139	+7.0	+1.6	+0.44	+3.0



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