



**Bolinda** South Devons

# 2015 NEWSLETTER



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We at Bolinda South Devons wish a big Happy New Year for 2016 to all clients and followers of the South Devon Breed, which is slowly but surely gaining recognition as the breed of choice in the Australian Beef Industry.

2015 saw some high points for Bolinda South Devon, which we thought we might share with you.

## 2015 SYDNEY ROYAL BEEF CHALLENGE



At the 2015 Sydney Royal Beef Challenge a pen of six South Devon / Murray Grey cross Steers and Heifers entered in the 70 day Feedlot and Carcass Competition was placed 3rd out of the 55 pens that were in the competition. Also receiving awards for Individual Carcass Judging 1st and equal 2nd place, MSA Index Individual 2nd place and for the pen also 2nd place and in the Taste Test the pen was awarded a Bronze Medal. Below is a photo of the pen and a photo of the Individual Carcass Judging winner.



**1st Place Individual Carcass Judging 2015 Beef Challenge**



**2015 RAS Beef Challenge 3rd Place out of 55 Pens entered**



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## **2015 INAUGURAL MSA SALE GUNNEDAH**



On Tuesday 18th of August 2015 Gunnedah saleyards and the Gunnedah Stock & Station Agents Association conducted the inaugural MSA sale at the Gunnedah yards. Approximately 400 cattle were yarded that were MSA accredited and competition was strong for all types of cattle penned.

A highlight of the sale was a consignment of South Devon cross cattle from Rob & Cath Collyer, Booroomin Boggabri. Rob & Cath topped the sale with their South Devon crossed steers at 336.2c/kg averaging 572kg & \$1924 per head for a pen of 13 steers.

The consignment of 31 steers averaged 328c/kg for 553kg returning an average of \$1819 per head. The cattle were purchased by Coles Supermarkets & Teys Cargill.

Unfortunately, we don't have pictures of the actual pen that topped the sale. But afterwards we went to see Rob & Cath at "Booroomin", and photographed the next sale mob from the 2015 crop. One of those photos is displayed here. See the rest of the photos of Booroomin Beef's herd in the Bolinda South Devon user's section.



**Booroomin Beef 2 year old steer South Devon/ Hereford Cross just before sale December 2015.**



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## ABOUT SOUTH DEVONS



The **South Devon** is a British Breed, originating in a very fertile area of South Devon in England, known as the South Hams. The breed was originally known as the "South Hams" from the late seventeen hundreds until eighteen ninety one (1891), when a breed Society was formed and for reasons unknown the name was changed to South Devon. Since this period the Devon and the South Devon have been very distinctive breeds.

Through the twentieth century until the early seventies, the South Devon was known as a triple purpose breed: milk, butterfat and beef and it was the very high quality milk that the mostly small herds in Devon and Cornwall depended on for their income. It was also about this time that the South Devon was introduced to Australia and New Zealand. Records show that South Devons were shown at the Melbourne show from 1908 to 1920.





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The South Devon is the largest of the British Breeds and the quietest. Besides its outstanding growth potential, the South Devon has the ability to put on lean meat without excess fat. As well as being an excellent terminal sire, the mothering ability and ease of calving (low birth weight **Breedplan** recorded bulls recommended for heifers) and early maturity are all great assets of this breed. The South Devon has one unique trait that is very uncommon for most British Breeds that is it is very tick resistant.



The South Devon breed is recognized for its placidness; deviation from this characteristic is unacceptable in the breed. Other unacceptable traits include; broken colour, tight girth and ribs, weak, dropped back, crooked legs, scissor or uneven claws, large uneven udders with bottle teats, shallow and narrow rumps and rounds.

The South Devon is a very "middle of the road" breed, ideally suited to take advantage of various markets especially when used in planned crossing programmes.





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## BREED CHARACTERISTICS

### Coat

A fine, sometimes curly, coat of varying shades of golden red colour or black. Sometimes paler on the underline and legs, hide loose and supple.

### Head

Somewhat longish head with a broad, clean muzzle, free of discolouration. Horn, if present, fine white or yellow. Eyes- hooded and alert but placid. Ears-reasonably large and horizontal.

### Shoulders

Strong and fine blending smoothly into the body. Long neck, fine in a female but well developed in a mature bull.

### Body

Deep and full in the girth, ribs - well sprung with good extension. Deep in the flank giving a good clean underline. Back - long and straight, wide with thick loins. Hindquarters

**Rumps** - long and full, wide and square with wide pin bones and a level tail setting.

**Rounds** - deep and wide to the hocks. A strong tail with a good brush.

### Legs and Feet

Showing plenty of fine bone, reasonably straight and squarely positioned giving good, easy movement. Fore legs not too wide apart. Feet - medium sized with even claws, neither too long nor down on the pasterns. Structural soundness is paramount.

### Bull

Showing strong male characteristics. Testes to be pendulous and large in size. Frame score ideally between 5 and 7.1, with fleshing ability to attain a weight of 1000kgs plus at maturity, with a muscle score of C+ to B.

### Cow

Lighter and finer muscled and more wedge shaped than the bulls, but with plenty of volume. Showing a medium sized udder with even, medium sized well placed teats. Frame score ideally between 5 and 7.





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## **CAN YOU AFFORD TO IGNORE VERSATILITY AND PERFORMANCE?**

### **ATTRIBUTES**

- **Fertility:** Unlike many large breeds, South Devons exhibit early puberty, suiting any joining program. Combined with longevity, it is common for 15 year cows to still be producing top calves.
- **Temperament:** Known world-wide as the gentle giants, South Devons quiet disposition is a real plus, from small holdings to station country. We all appreciate less stress & bruising, to both man and beast!
- **Performance:** Outstanding results in carcass competitions and productivity trials have been achieved Australia wide, and overseas.
- **Carcass Quality:** Local and International research clearly shows that South Devons have very desirable carcass qualities. The ability to combine British quality with muscle and yield is unique.
- **F1 Females:** Hybrid vigour with added frame, muscle and milk, the South Devon F1 is a valuable addition to your herd, and much sought after at the saleyard.
- **Versatility:** Progressive commercial cattlemen currently use South Devons to produce vealers to bullocks, in both pure and cross breeding programs. Marketing flexibility is a real plus.
- **Marbling:** Local and international results confirm South Devons marble well, allowing access to the lucrative Japanese market.
- **Feed:** Whether grain or grass orientated, South Devons feed conversion ability will add profit to your operation.
- **Terminal Sires:** Yes, but why waste a great F1 female, you don't often get muscle and maternal qualities in the one package.
- **Cross Breeds:** South Devons are an ideal choice for cross breeders. Their suitability is proven in British, Bos Indicus and European based herds Australia wide

**Feed Efficiency Study**

**North American Study**



**South Devon Society**



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## **BOLINDA SOUTH DEVON USERS**

**Rob & Cath Collyer,  
"Booroomin" Boggabri NSW 2382.**

Rob and Cath Collyer run a commercial breeding and fattening operation on their property "Booroomin" located near Boggabri NSW. They have a breeding herd of 230 cows and 7 bulls. The cows are a mixture, mainly Hereford and Angus, the majority being Hereford.

About 6 years ago they began using Bolinda South Devon Bulls. Due to the incredible results in carcass, growth rate and hybrid vigour they now use them exclusively. When asked about the Bolinda South Devon breed, they can't say enough about it.



**One of the seven South Devon Bulls used on Booroomin**

"Since we started using Bolinda South Devon Bulls, our cattle lines have improved tremendously in all areas, calving, handling, carcass and weight gain. You can cross them with just about anything and get a greatly improved article in the progeny. We believe this is because of the breed traits.

For a start, problem calving's were greatly reduced. All the offspring come with a better frame, resulting in good looks and greater potential meat production. The offspring are all quiet and easy to handle,( no matter what the crossing breed is), which greatly assists us in processing through the yards, but more importantly, also increases the



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weight gain to time ratio, enabling us to turn good products out with better regularity and in less time. Of all the breed bulls we have used in our operation, Bolinda South Devons are the best by a very long way."

**Rob Collyer. You can contact Rob on 0427 674342 for more information.**

**Booroomin Beef 2 year old  
fat sale steers December 2015**





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**Booroomin Beef Yearlings  
December 2015.(2016 sale steers)**  
*Some examples of the cross breed  
carcass potential*



**Charolais/ South Devon**



**Charolais/ South Devon**



**Hereford/Angus?/South Devon**



**Angus/South Devon**  
(Can throw either red or black)



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## **Malcolm & Judy Donaldson, "Braemar" Willila NSW 2382.**

Malcolm and Judy Donaldson operate a commercial breeding and fattening herd at the property "Braemar" located west of the Grain Valley Way between Boggabri and Mullaley.

They operate a breeding herd of some 200 EU accredited cows, with Poll Hereford as the main breed base, originating from a Hereford Simmental cross. They began using South Devon Bulls 5 years ago, and they are very pleased with the results they have achieved.



Braemar South Devon X  
Weaners



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Weaners

"Bolinda South Devon bulls have made a very valuable contribution to the South Devon component of our herd. We found the progeny to have excellent frames and a very well-muscled body, resulting in a superior carcass overall. Weight gain to time ratio is excellent, and the cattle are overall very quiet and easy to handle. We have no problem recommending the South Devon breed to others as an excellent choice in cross breeding programs.

We have also found Bolinda South Devon Stud **Breedplan** information to be quite valuable when choosing sires for our breeding program"

**Malcom Donaldson.**

**You can contact Malcom for more information on 0429 436535**



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## **Danny & Kate Twist, "Juandah Downs" Mungallala Queensland**

Danny and Kate run a large commercial breeding operation on their property "Juandah Downs" in Queensland. Their breeding herd consists of 1200 cows, mainly Charolais / Shorthorn cross, crossed with South Devon bulls. They use 4 different South Devon stud lines, of which as far as they are concerned the Bolinda South Devons are by far the best. They sell the progeny as weaners mainly in Roma sale yards, Queensland.

"Introducing the South Devon line into our herd has given us tremendous results. Normally, we used Charolais bulls but constant use of them resulted in the progeny becoming too hard and a less than satisfactory carcass. The South Devon softened the progeny again, producing a great muscle profile and good frame, resulting in a more desirable product for traders and fatteners.

They also introduced quietness and ease of handling into the offspring, allowing us to virtually take them straight off their mothers at weaning time and send them to the sale without having to spend time breaking them in to muster. We will continue to use the South Devon breed in our operation, and recommend the Bolinda South Devon breed. "

**Danny Twist. You can contact Danny on 07 4623 2632**

## **GW & JL Miller "Glen Eden" Glen Innes NSW**

Greg and Jenny Miller run a herd of approx. 350 cows, breed base Red Angus/South Devon, majority South Devon. The progeny steers are carried through to 20 months of age, and sold to abattoirs at about 300-350kg carcass weight for export to the European market. Cull heifers are carried through to 26 months, and also sold to the European Market.

They use South Devon bulls exclusively, and of the Bolinda South Devon line had this to say:

"The Bolinda South Devons are well muscled, good framed, great doing soft cattle and produce good milking, fertile and very productive progeny. I have used them for many years, and will continue to do so."

**Greg Miller. You can contact Greg on 0428 640980**



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## OTHER NEWS & 2016 CALENDER

We are very excited about the bulls (pictured here) we are offering for sale in 2016. Already they have shown a tremendous weight gain compared to last year's offering, being almost 100kg heavier at the same age marker. We have of course experienced a much better season, but that does not explain completely the phenomenal gain they have experienced.

Sale bulls for 2016 are sired by Alpha G29 (7), Alpha G35 (4) and Bolinda Flagship (4). Pictured below are groups of the bulls, they are between 14 and 18 months of age when the photos were taken.

**Breedplan Alpha G29**

**Breedplan Alpha G35**

**Breedplan Bol. Flagship**

All bulls are registered and **Breedplan** recorded. We will be having our annual sale in August on Auctions Plus. We look forward to seeing you all in 2016.

**Keep an eye on our website for further details.**

**Brian James**

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High Compatibility+Dominant Characteristics  
**=Great For Cross Breeding**

Great Frame+ Great Muscle  
**=Great Carcass**

Quiet Handling+High Feed Efficiency  
**=Rapid Growth**

Great Taste+High Marbling+Good Lean Results  
**=Great Meat**

*All of which=Higher Yield & \$'s*

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To Try South Devons?**



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