

2012 Salers AGM and Stud Visits

The Salers Association of Australia 2012 Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday 17th November in conjunction with a well attended day of farm and stud visits in the Mount Gambier region of South Australia. Members from Qld, NSW, Vic, SA and WA attended, with a special mention to Ray and Toni Hughan who drove over 6,200 kms from WA to Mount Gambier and back just for the meeting!

The day started with a visit to Cara Park Salers Stud hosted by Ainsley and Roz Curtis. Roz and Ainsley are relatively new members of ASA who currently have a herd of just under 20 registered Salers cows.



Roz and Ainsley Curtis talk about their Salers operation to ASA members.



Cara Park has already enjoyed some successes with their cattle in the show-ring at the Mount Gambier Show. Ainsley identified easy calving as a key factor in his decision to work with Salers.



ASA members inspect Salers cattle at Cara Park, South Australia.

Following an excellent BBQ lunch at picturesque Valley Lake (with a brief cricket match), the group moved to a commercial breeding operation at Marandaly run by Allan and



Salers cows and calves at one of Alan Kranz properties near Mount Gambier.



Jennifer Kranz. This herd comprises approximately 70 Salers and Salers-cross breeders on 3 different properties. Allan explained his selection of Salers based on a need for cattle that

could calve easily on his different properties without supervision.

The final visit was to ASA President Steve and Jenny McCourt's Le Wonga Stud where



ASA President Steve McCourt with Le Wonga Garcon

visitors were treated to an impressive selection of purebred Salers and Salers/Angus cross animals. Steve's breeding program has focused on early maturing and muscle with a moderate frame and quiet temperament. The progress made by Steve and Jenny were clearly on display, as were his show winning bulls Le Wonga Finke Big and Le Wonga Garcon.

Overall the day was a huge success with old acquaintances

renewed and new ones made. Thanks to Ainsley, Roz, Allan, Jennifer, Steve and particularly Jenny (for the pavlova!) for organizing and hosting the weekend.

Following the farm visits and an early evening AGM, a successful day was capped off with everyone enjoying a meal at a local restaurant in Mount Gambier.