**SA report for Australian Salers Association AGM 2017**

SA Salers members have had a very up and down year in 2017.

The year started on an up when Salers were on display at the 2017 Combined Beef Week Field day at the Mt Gambier show grounds.

This was followed by a down of sorts, when long standing Salers breeder Steve McCourt had a sea change and is in the process of trimming his herd as he has sold his property and will be moving onto a smaller place. Steve’s trimmings were sold to the buyer of his old farm along with animals from Allan Kranz and will form a nucleus of a Salers herd there.

We then went up again when Salers cattle played a part in the SE cattle handlers school in Mt Gambier.

The very big low this year for the cattle community in the Lower South East of SA as well as the Salers community was when Allan Kranz suddenly passed away in June. Our thoughts continue to be with Allen’s family.

July saw the Australian Salers Association sponsor the SA Junior Heifer Expo where nearly 200 participants took part. Although not handling a Salers animal at this event, a first time participant who has strong Salers connections was placed 5th overall in their class of 32 at the end of the event.

The year ended on an up as during October until November Salers were displayed at 5 regional shows. Cara Park Mate-It won Interbreed Junior Champion Bull at Mt Gambier show against a very strong selection of breeds. Allan had 2 steers in the led steer competition there also and we hope they make another clean sweep as his animal did last year.

That’s it from me, take care everyone.

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Cara Park Salers