



Darlingrange Dexter News Summer 2011/12

Hi all,

It's been a very busy time for us at Darling Range Dexter's.

We have almost sold out of our release of this year with just a few quality Cows and a Heifer still available.

We have delivered some wonderful cows and calves from the Grampians all the way into the ACT and many points in between.

We have really enjoyed meeting many folk and visiting their farms.

We hope they all enjoy their Dexter's as much as we enjoy ours.

We are in the process of expanding our operation with new training facilities and holding paddocks being built.

Rose has been very busy training some of the recent sales and our show contenders for next year.

Gypsy Rose has been selected to form part of the show team [all be it against her will] and is reluctantly learning the ropes as a halter Girl.

We have again locked up our Lucerne paddock for hay this year and it's done well with 160 rolls of quality hay, one surprise has been the emergence of a self sown oat crop mixed in with the Lucerne, it is the remnant of last year's cut.

We are happy to announce the election to our national Dexter council of Margaret Rawlings, Marg and her husband Mark are friends from WA who moved to Tassie around the same time we moved to Victoria and many of their quality genetics have prominence in our herd today.

We wish Marg all the very best and congratulate her on her appointment to council.

Not to bring attention to us but in the interest of our national association I too ran for Council and was voted in and proudly represent SA, WA South West and NT to our national association.

I also hold the position of members services Chair person and will endeavour to promote additional services to our membership.

Other exciting news is that we have purchased 4 pregnant Ruby Red Devon stud cows.

Why did we do that? Well recently we saw a series called Edwardian farm and the breed featured in that show.

From the first glimpse we knew they were special with many of the characteristics that Dexter's have.

They are also a very old heritage breed that is fledgling in Australia, membership is just 20% of that of Dexter's and after some in-depth research and a few visits to a stud we decided to become the only registered stud in Victoria.



we had a very special windfall with this purchase as each Devon cow was a Heifer so we now have doubled the herd.

And the long awaited Dexter's from WA arrived tired but in great condition, they have after a short rest been introduced to Copper Top to do what Bulls do best.

Our plans for the farm in the next 6 months are to have all paddocks soil tested and implement remedial work with natural additives such as lime, Gypsum and mulching.

The last replacement fence will be done to again separate our creek from the house paddock after 3 floods undermined its already weathered structure.

Happy Dextering