



# Aussie Red

## Newsletter April 2013

### A New Aussie Red Progeny Test Team is Born

Karen and Steve are very pleased to announce that Auzred Xb has been developing its own team of Aussie Red sires from genetically elite Aussie Red cows. And that our first two sires, **AXBCJ** and **AXBFonterra** are currently at Total Livestock Genetics (TLG) completing their health tests, with **AXBCJ** now on collection. Auzred Xb's first semen from its own Aussie Red sires is expected to be available for distribution in the next two weeks. They will be jointly marketed and Progeny Tested here in Australia by **CRV**, and with the possibility of also being Progeny Tested overseas.

**AXBCJ** is bred from the highest genetic merit Aussie Red cow to be selected as a bull dam to date. **AXBFonterra** has 5 generations of exception cows at the Bealands Aussie Red stud behind him. The promotional flyer for these two exciting young Aussie Red sires is included with this mail out or can be viewed on our website [www.auzredxb.com.au/](http://www.auzredxb.com.au/)

Auzred Xb has two equally exciting very high genetic merit young sires that will begin health testing in June, **AXBBlackwood** and **AXBGladiator**

#### **AXBBLACKWOOD (ARBBonjovi x Fynaks)**

##### **Blackwood Park 872**

**He was the equal No.1 pick by the ARDB Progeny Test Selection Committee** in the last round of selections.

Bred at Australia's highest genetic merit Aussie Red herd of Jan Raleigh, at Scotts Creek in Western Victoria. Jan has won the award the past two seasons for the highest genetic merit herd.

The herd is run in a low input system feeding between 1 and 1.100 tonne of pellets per year. Hilly country and bred to graze in tough high competitive conditions.

His maternal line is exceptional with his;

- Dam having 6 lactations with top PI 123
- GDam having 6 lactations with top PI also 123
- His GGGDam also did 6 lactations with a top PI of 142
- His dam is a medium sized cow with heaps of capacity
- **Super-efficient**, producing **1.28 kg ms/ kg bw** last season
- From the most consistent maternal line in Jan's herd, with every generation of the maternal family making large increases in genetic gain.
- The udders from this maternal line are all peas in a pod and are very tidy

Auzred Xb is very excited to have this ARBBonjovi son from Jan's best cow family in our stable.

## **AXBGLADIATOR**

**Waikato Farm Gladiator**, half-brother to the No.1 Aussie Red sire ARBBonjovi

Sire; **V Foske**

**Dam Bosgowan Primula 278 Ex 91**

- Died last spring at the beginning of her 13<sup>th</sup> lactation
- Dam of the No.1 Aussie Red sire, ARBBONJOVI
- Very high components,
- High positive deviations are a feature of her son Bonjovi
- One of the breeds exceptional bull dams

**Gladiator** himself is a very impressive looking young bull that we have lot of faith in.

**Auzred Xb** also has three sires currently undergoing their on-farm health tests and if all goes well are due to be available in early spring, they are as follows;

**AXBTopdeck, (V Foske x Stensjo)** is the half-brother of ARBLippman, who is now being used in contract mating's by Auzred Xb.

**AXBCommodus (V Foske x Fynaks)** This exciting young sire was the No.2 pick by the ARDB selection committee for the young bulls born July – December 2011

**AXBMaximus (G Edbo x Hedaker)** Auzred Xb is very impressed with both the Dam and GDam of this young sire.

### **Contract Matings;**

**Auzred Xb** are currently sourcing and helping to develop genetically elite bull dam lines and putting into place contracts on these elite cows. Currently Auzred Xb has contracts in place using sires, VR Cigar and ARBLippman as the sire of sons. The progeny from these contract mating's will start to be born in August.

### **The Future;**

**Auzred Xb** has a strong belief in the Australian Red Dairy Breed, and look forward to helping develop the breed into the future, with the strategy it is using, to breed and develop these new extremely high genetic merit bull dam lines. Overseas interest in Auzred Xb establishing its own Aussie Red bull team is high, with our international contacts closely following what we are doing.

Karen and I are very pleased with the support we have had from the ARDB members that have contacted bulls to Auzred Xb

We are also very pleased with the volume of semen already ordered from our first two bulls prior to them becoming available.

We look forward to a healthy, vibrant and long future for the Aussie Red.

Cheers, Steve & Karen