



BEEF AUSTRALIA

Full-day Tour

Belah Valley

Monday, May 3

Your Host Alf Collins and family welcome you to “Belah Valley” for a full day insight into the CBV Brahman operation, including genomics selection, cost effective production and soil health and wealth.

Alf Collins Snr, one of the most innovative beef cattle breeders in the world, was awarded the prestigious Helen Newton-Turner Medal for 2017.

Building on the foundations established by his father in 1955 at Wandilla Stud, Alf Collins Snr has applied enormous dedication, careful recording, and rigorous focus on breeding for profitability, to the continuous improvement of Brahman cattle in the Collins Belah Valley (CBV) herd.

To encapsulate 60 years of intense development of land, plants, cattle, and people, the CBV philosophy has been that all of the above must be adapted, quick, resilient, and low cost.

Alf continues to be an outstanding pioneer and innovator in real-world application of genetic technology, and the demonstration that it is possible to breed genetically fertile, productive and profitable tropically adapted cattle and is an inspiration.

Alf is a deep thinker about what cattle need to do in the tropical environment and has never been afraid to try novel approaches or include new traits if

they will help breeding cattle better, and better suited to the environment and to improving profit.

Alf has met these challenges head-on and collected performance records underpinning reliable EBV's and used the information backed by hard-nosed practical understanding of functionality and survival ability, to generate impressive genetic progress over several decades.

Perhaps the most outstanding aspect of that genetic progress is that it includes very substantial progress in female fertility – something that has effectively been treated as “too hard” by most breeders in tropically adapted cattle world-wide.

CBV has actively participated in industry R&D, including significant contributions to beef CRC I, II, and III. Collaboration in research is ongoing and intense. Leading scientists will be guest speakers on the day.

CBV genetics are in most states of Australia, and regions of S.E. Asia, Pacific, Latin America, Africa and USA. Guests will enjoy morning tea and lunch on this full day tour.



Itinerary

- 7.15 am** for 7.30am Coach Transfer
Departing Rockhampton Showgrounds
- 9.00 am** Arrive & cattle drive through
- 9.40am** Welcome & Morning Tea
- 10.00am** Presentations on:
Genomics Selection
Landscape Development
Soil Wealth and Health
- 12.30pm** Lunch
- 1.30pm** Discussion on:
Application of the theory to asset development
- 3:30 pm** Depart Belah Valley
- 5.00pm** Arrive Rockhampton Showgrounds

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Key Information

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Price: \$195

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