

OBITUARY – JOHN CHRISTIE, LOCHDOCHART GALLOWAYS - LOCHDOCHART SCOTLAND



William John Cristie of Lochdochart O.B.E. passed away Friday 27th February 2026, he was aged 91yrs.

He was a big man with strong views regarding Galloway cattle.

I had met John at his Lochdochart property a number of times and had introduced a number of Galloways Australia breeders to him. The beautiful Lochdochart Estate of 2,500 Ha lies in upper Glen Dochart and over to Strathfillan. The closest village is Cranlarish. Most of the estate is woodland, hill and mountain. The family had had the estate since 1906.



When you first met John, he could be quite stern and would virtually examine you on your views on Galloways. Once he was sure you weren't going to waste his time he would happily take you around the estate to view his Galloways and talk of his respect for them.

Galloways first came to the estate in 1951 along with Highlands and Shorthorns but after a short while it was decided that Galloways were the best fit. Some disagreed with John's views that Galloways on the estate were there to survive, thrive and to produce high quality meat. They were not being bred for trophies. Lochdochart Galloways can be found throughout the UK including the Outer Hebrides and in the Czech Republic.

A few years ago, John had a video made featuring his Galloways and the crosses he produces having the Galloways traditional characteristics of hardiness, fertility, ease of calving and feed efficiency. You can view it on [You-Tube](#). (Images used in tribute taken from the video)

It was a pleasure to have known John.

Greg Stuart

Galloways Australia Registrar and Minto Galloway Stud founder