

## TOTAL FIELD DAYS 1-3 MAY 2026 REPORT

Galloways Australia missed last year's Total Field days due to a number of factors including the NZ World Galloway Congress immediately preceding the field days and Bathurst Show being on the same weekend.

Total Field Days is a 3 day event held in the Hunter River Valley north of Newcastle.

Galloways Australia has generally attended Total for over 20 years during which time the field days have expanded enormously especially the machinery exhibits. The area is usually lush and green but this year is suffering drought.

There is a separate, but well connected to rest of site, area dedicated to all forms of livestock including cattle, chickens, sheep, alpacas and goats.



*Set up and ready for the gates to open for the general public*

Cattle breeds represented were Galloway, Belted Galloway, White Galloway, Square Meaters, Dexter, Lowline, Angus, Hereford, Speckle Park and Brahman. The field day organisers provide good quality, erected yards and sawdust for the animals. Top up sawdust is also provided.

Total is a friendly, easy going 3 day field day for livestock exhibitors. Local members who would be willing to assist at future field days are welcome to let the Secretary know of their interest.



Greg and Chris Stuart, Minto Galloways, provided the display's Galloway cow and calf, Belted Galloway heifer and White Galloway heifer.



Magnificent support was provided by Colin and Helen McNeil, Barra Dun Galloways who drove up from Bega to assist. Accommodation and inner man support was supplied by Greg and Kathy Venticinque, Edale Galloways. Thank you all for assisting.

There were some genuine enquiries, people enquiring were provided with a preprepared list of available cattle that members had provided prior to the field day as well as promotional information.



A local Newcastle butcher identified himself to our representatives and asked if local members could provide grassfed Galloway/Belted Galloway whole carcasses. Price being offered was \$10 per carcase kg delivered to his shop. His beef throughput is usually 2 and occasionally 3 carcasses per week. Some local members known to have herds capable of supplying perhaps on a monthly basis were immediately notified of the request. A follow up will be made.

Report by Greg Stuart