



2009 Angus Youth Management Committee

Annual Report

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Chairperson's Annual Report 2009

2009 has been an active year for Angus Youth and the Management Committee. Several new members joined the committee as well as Emma Weatherly as Extension and Youth Manager, Acting Angus Youth Coordinator Bob Dent and Extension and Youth Steering Committee Chairman Tony Golding.

In 2009, Angus Youth events held included:

- the annual Landfall Angus Youth Roundup,
- Leadership Clinic,
- National Judging Competition,
- Queensland Angus Junior Show,
- And the Paraders competition at Sydney Royal Easter Show.

Three overseas scholarships were also awarded and six ambassadorships.

The year commenced with one of the largest Roundup's to date in Canberra involving over 140 competitors and 150 animals. The larger numbers highlighted a few weaknesses in the organisation and procedures relied on in the past. Many lessons were learned and as we continue to grow we must also continue to adapt our organisation to manage events of that scale.

The Management Committee had regular meetings throughout the year. They also held a strategic review of the Angus Youth program in August. This involved the committee working through the Angus Youth Business Plan and working out which areas were achieving the set goals and where improvements were required. After the discussions each committee member researched and came up with a proposal on how best to achieve these new goals. The outcome of this review was as follows:

- The format of Leadership Clinic will be altered to enable general Angus Youth members to also attend.
- The nomination process for the Management Committee is to be made more accessible and also includes the opportunity for further nominations to be accepted at the Roundup.
- An active Angus Youth Alumni involving past scholarship winners and management committee is to be established.
- New promotional ideas such as an Angus Youth calendar have been researched for future committees to organise.
- Increase the number of publications to 3 newsletters for members per year.
- An Angus Youth email newsletter is also to be produced quarterly.
- To help increase State Angus Youth activity, mentor positions will be created to act as State Junior Advisors to support each State representative.
- The possibility of Angus Youth providing a work experience programs for members is also being researched.
- Strategic reviews of the Angus Youth program are to be run by the Management Committee annually.

Early in the year, the Management Committee applied to the Department of Agriculture, Forestry's and Fisheries (DAFF) for grant funding to hold tours of innovative beef operations for Angus Youth members in each state. This application was unsuccessful but some feed back was received on how to improve the application if in the future we would like to reapply. In November, we submitted another application for grant funding from DAFF to enable us to expand the Leadership Clinic to allow Angus Youth members to attend at a reduced cost. This application is still being processed by DAFF.

Overall, this year's committee has worked extremely well together. They have been highly involved in helping to improve the Angus Youth program for its members and it has been a pleasure to have had the opportunity to work with them. Thank you very much for your support and I have really enjoyed my year as Chairperson of this tremendous group.



Jasmine Nixon
2009 Angus Youth Chairperson

Secretary's Report 2009

My year as secretary has been an enjoyable learning experience and a great way to be involved with a good group of people, doing something that I enjoy. Altogether I acted as secretary for six meetings this year. We discussed and researched many interesting topics concerning Angus Youth during these meetings, and although it was a bit slow going to start off with, we managed to become more efficient as the year went on!

The greatest part for me would be the privilege of learning the skills of this position, which I can then add to my CV. The hardest part of the position would then be; learning to take minutes when everyone's talking at once, or too fast! All up, the opportunity to act as secretary for the AYMC has been a great one, and well worth the time and effort.

Monique Le Cerf
2009 Angus Youth Secretary

Angus Youth Financial Report 2009

Please note the Angus Youth 2009 Financial Report is to be published in the Angus Australia Annual Report.

Bob Dent (Acting Angus Youth Coordinator)
2009 Angus Youth Treasurer

2010 Roundup Coordinators Report

The time has come for the annual Angus Youth Roundup. The committee has been busy working behind the scenes to bring this successful event not only to the Angus Youth Members but to all youth who may be interested in attending.

The Angus Youth Roundup is a great event and on behalf of the committee we would like to thank all the participants, family and friends who attended to make it such a great event. There has been continual growth throughout the past years and we hope to see this continue to grow and further expand in many years to come.

The Angus Youth Roundup is all about giving the youth of today an opportunity to grow and expand their knowledge and further develop their skills within our 3 day event. There is alot of preparation that goes into running such an event and all is donated time and effort from the members of each years Roundup committee. Though there is alot of time and effort that has gone into such an event it is always worth the hard work to see the participants and the enjoyment that they have at the event. A sign of this is the continual growth of the Angus Youth Roundup. We hold one of the largest Youth events within the industry and again would like to thank all who participated, members of the committee and parents and friends who helped throughout the build up and event.

We look forward to many years of continual growth and successful Angus Youth Roundups in the future.

Simone Clarke
2010 Roundup Coordinator

Queensland State Report 2009

The past year has been an active one for Queensland Angus Youth.

We have held events such as the heifer show at Bell (April), the cattle assessment school at Dalby (June) and the Young Beef Producers' Forum at Roma (November). These have all been successful and provided a wide variety of valuable opportunities for the youth.

QLD Angus Youth has been promoted at numerous events throughout the state including Farmfest, AgShow, Beef 2009, Ekka and Roma Meat Profit Day.

The creation of the QLD Angus website mid way through this year has been a notable step forward, as well as the compilation of a promotional DVD for the state group.

It's with mixed feelings that I have decided to bring to a close my three year involvement with the AYMC. My time with Angus Youth has been thoroughly enjoyable, rewarding and beneficial on a personal and professional level. I plan to continue to work as an active committee member on our Queensland state group, which is chaired by my husband, Justin. I wish the incoming QLD State AY coordinator all the very best for 2010.

Thank you to Angus Youth and the people behind it who make amazing opportunities possible.

Kate Boshammer (nee Tickle)
2009 Queensland State Angus Youth Chairperson

South Australia State Report 2009

What a year it has been for SA. The year started off slowly with no events until mid winter.

Our first event was the "SA Junior Heifer Show" held at the Adelaide Showgrounds in the July school holidays, thanks to the past and present AY members that could make it to the Heifer Show 25th Anniversary Dinner, congratulations to all participants and well done to Jasmine Nixon who won the CGU scholarship.

On the 11th and 12th of August, the SA Beef Cattle Assessment School was held at Lucindale. It was encouraging to see the varying ages and experience of the people who attended, with a number of students from different schools in the region either participating for one day or the full two days. A lot of information was covered over the two days such as: understanding EBV'S, fertility and selection of males and females for your herd, as well as many other interesting topics. Thank you to Angus Australia, the SA State committee and the sponsors Merial, Magnus Australia and Rabobank for putting on the event, and thank you to the people who took the time to come and share their knowledge of the cattle industry and their experiences.

The last event for the year was the Royal Adelaide Agriculture and Horticultural Show held in the first week of September. This year was the Red Angus feature breed which saw breeders from all around Australia attending the show with 116 entries. Numbers for Angus were the same as previous years but this year at the AGM it was announced Angus will be the feature breed for the 2010 Royal Show. We are hoping to see a number of Angus Youth Members there.

Kate Fairlie
2009 SA State Angus Youth Chairperson

New South Wales State Report 2009

NSW Angus Youth have enjoyed a great start to 2009 after holding the National Round-up in Canberra where we saw large numbers of participants enjoying the wide range of activities and social atmosphere that was provided. The Roundup also saw NSW AY members Tim Davis, Murk Schoen, Kate Boardman Adam Walters and Scott Vale awarded as the 2009 Landmark Angus Youth Ambassadors. Another NSW AY member Eliza Newcombe won the Trans-Tasman exchange.

Dubbo Beef Spectacular showed a high level of AY participation in the stud section as well as the heifer show. Many AY members placed in the junior judging and paraders. Brothers Ben and Jack Emery, were the owners and exhibitors of PC Miss 0699 Bando who was awarded the Champion All Breeds heifer. This was a very pleasing result for Ben and Jack as this was their third show.

Sydney Royal Easter Show provided the location for the National Judging Competition finals to be held. NSW would like to thank our state representatives Shannon Lawlor and Eliza Newcombe for their high level of achievement. Eliza was awarded the University of Illinois Scholarship and Shannon awarded the Kathleen Cornell Award. We also saw the second running of the Parader's competition held in conjunction with the Angus judging which again had a high number of entrants. Tahnee Manton and Lauren Amor were placed on top by judges Des and Wendy Stubbs.

The NSW Cattle Assessment School was attended by just over 40 participants including several scholarship winners who received the place at the Assessment School from the National Round-up.

NSW Angus Youth would also like to congratulate Trangie's Stephen and Amity Chase on taking out the top award for NSW Young Farmers of the Year for 2009 at the annual NSW Farmers' Federation Conference in Sydney. Steve is a former president of NSW Angus Youth.

Sam Martin

2009 NSW State Angus Youth Chairperson

Victoria State Report 2009

The Bendigo Beef Expo was held again this year and while there was no official involvement by the Angus Society there were many familiar Angus Youth members faces in amongst the cattle classes and handlers competitions.

On the 14th of June a youth education day was held at Carol Grylls Pakenham property. Approximately 30 young people and another 15 not so young people participated in a series of workshops including junior judging, clipping, AI demonstrations, nutrition talks and ringcraft. It was agreed by all in attendance that the day was a roaring success with at least one school team going home to pester their principal into buying a set of clippers.

On Friday the 31st of July the Victorian State Committees Cattle Assessment Course began at the Northern Melbourne Institute of Tafe in Epping. This was two and a half days of very well organised activities. The cattle assessment component was held out at the Tafe's multi-million dollar farm Northern Lodge. Bruce Newport was generous enough to provide animals for the EBV assessment component. The last day of the course saw participants travelling out to Anvil Angus stud to complete a keep/cull exercise on their pregnant females. It was great to see the improvement people had made over the weekend and this exercise really highlighted it.

The Warrnambool Show was held the weekend beginning the 30th of October and was an Angus feature. A good number of animals were in attendance. After the cattle judging a handlers competition was held for the youth members as well as a junior judging exercise. It was a very enjoyable and social day and i thank everyone involved in its organisation.

Larisa Benson

2009 Victoria State Angus Youth Chairperson

National Judging Competition 2009

This year's NJC took on a new format and was held at both Tamworth and the Sydney Royal Easter Show. The first day of judging was held in Tamworth with the carcass classes being held at Cargill and the live assessment classes being held at Farrer Agricultural High School. The interviews and judging finals were then held at Sydney with the group all travelling down together. There were a total of 6 competitors from VIC, NSW, SA and WA. The overjudge for the competition was Ben Hill from QLD. The 2009 winner was Eliza Newcombe from Tamworth, NSW.

Strengths of the 2009 competition:

- Holding the judging final in conjunction with the Sydney Show exposed the competition to a lot more people and made the awards presentation more prestigious.
- Being able to use Farrers facility gave us access to a wide variety of stock
- A good overall learning experience for the competitors (eg. going through Cargill).

Weaknesses of the 2009 competition:

- Only six competitors from 4 states, ideally every state would be represented.
- First day of the competition very busy while the second day in Sydney had a lot of free time

For the 2010 National Judging Competition:

- Develop stronger links between AY and the state committees to make sure information on the scholarships reaches potential applicants in plenty of time. This will be made easier through the new development of State Advisors.
- Look at the option of adding something to the competition to make use of time on the second day
- Consider the option of adding some different classes eg. Steer pricing.
- If the past scholarship winner has returned allow time for them to give a presentation at the Alumni Dinner in Sydney.
- Have the past Illinois scholarship winner do a presentation at their states Assessment Course to help expose AY and the AY scholarships.

Matt Cherry

2009 National Judging Competition Co-ordinator

International Development Officer Report 2009

In 2009 three international scholarships were awarded.

- NZ Scholarship – Eliza Newcombe
- Michigan State University/Semex Genetics Scholarship – Kate Hallawell
- University of Illinois Scholarship – Eliza Newcombe

Issues that have been worked through this year include:

- Looking at ways to encourage more applicants for the scholarships. Additional promotion has been done including past winners doing a presentation at the Tocal Assessment Course. This generated a lot of interest among the young competitors and will hopefully be done again in 2010. Holding part of the NJC in conjunction with the Sydney Royal Easter Show also helped to raise awareness of the scholarships.
- We have also looked at ways to strengthen the communication between AY and the state committees in regard to relaying scholarship information. We have initiated the idea of having state advisors to act as a link between AY and the state committees in each state to make sure they are aware of what is currently going on with the scholarships and to ensure that information reaches the potential applicants on time.
- We have looked at ways to try and make the process of organising the scholarship for the winner easier. This has involved streamlining the paperwork requirements so winners have their relevant documents ASAP. We are also looking at trying to connect the new winners with past scholarship winners to get advice and tips for their travels. This process has been started by establishing an online Angus Youth Alumni group to make contacting past winners easier. In the future we also want to use this Alumni group to help source potential scholarship applicants.
- We have also been investigating if it is possible to provide the US scholarships with some extra funds for more of them to attend the National Junior Angus Show or US Leadership Clinic. These events are both very valuable but past winners have found it too expensive for them to attend.
- Both the UK and Brazilian Scholarships are currently being reviewed in regard to funding and co-ordination.

Overall 2009 has been a very successful year as we have addressed some of the problems currently facing the AY international scholarships. Hopefully in 2010 we can continue to use the AY Alumni group, state advisors and past scholarship winners wisely to better promote the great scholarships AY has to offer.

Shelley Piper

2009 International Development Officer

Sponsorship Report

No representative

Tasmania State Report 2009

No representative.

Newsletter Report 2009

It has been an incredible year for Angus Youth which was covered in the 2009 youth Newsletters. These were filled with great reports and photos from AY out and about achieving high results. States have once again provided results from their state judging competitions and what has happened in their state throughout the year. In each Newsletter there is a convenient update from your state and the upcoming events which you maybe interested in attending.

Autumn was produced filled with sixteen pages of exciting news from the Canberra Round-up to scholarship winners detailing their amazing experiences to results from the National Judging competition and much more. As part of the autumn newsletter, the 2009 ambassadors were introduced and Elle Moyle told her year so far as an Ambassador.

The spring newsletter highlighted many events that took place in the second half of the year with the Matthew George Young Stockman Award report making front page. Events that are to take place in 2009 were published for reference. Great reading was Matt's Illinois and Eliza's New Zealand experiences as well as Kate's time so far in America while being on the Michigan scholarship.

If any Angus Youth members have achieved high results in any area that AY should know about, please let your State Co-ordinator or the Newsletter Co-ordinator know. We welcome any ideas for the coming years' newsletters. I wish you all the very best for 2010.

Eliza Newcombe

2009 Newsletter Coordinator

Promotions Report 2009

My year as the Angus youth promotions officer has been an enjoyable experience and id like to thank all my fellow committee members, with particular mention to Jasmine Nixon.

Over the past year there have been some good movements in promotions and some great ideas being put forward. One of the most exciting has been the idea of a calendar being produced for the coming year 2011; this will be a great fundraising opportunity for Angus youth coming from both the direct sales of the calendar and the advertising within the calendar. This will be a must have for any Angus breeder. Outstanding work has been done by Kate Boshammer researching and getting the ball rolling, many thanks to Kate.

There has also been two pull up banners designed and made promoting the AY Roundup and AY in general, with the help from Tom Wilding Davies with the design, photography and artwork.

It has also been a busy year for the updated Angus Youth display board which has been clocking up many km's around Australia, travelling to many events such as AY RU Canberra, Sydney Royal, Queensland Royal, Adelaide Royal, AG Quip, Melbourne Royal as well as some local shows. A big thankyou to every one who has been involved in chauffeuring the display board to all these events. Finally the AY website www.angusyouth.org has received some much needed updating and changes.

That's all from me for now, and I would like to wish the incoming promotions officer good luck and again thankyou for the opportunity this last year.

Kate Boardman

2009 Promotions Officer

Ambassadors Report 2009

The 2009 year saw the Angus Youth Ambassadors out and about representing Angus Youth, Angus in General and themselves in many ways. This year we had 5 new Angus Youth Ambassadors Murk Schoen, Kate Boardman, Tim Davis, Adam Walters and Elle Moyle and 1 second year ambassador Scott Vale. They all attended the 2009 Leadership clinic in Armidale which allowed each to meet and greet not only with each other but also with the Angus Australia staff and Angus Youth Management Committee.

At the Leadership Clinic our Ambassadors were paired with mentors who were selected to best suit their interests and enable them to guide them to further progression within their preferred areas. All of our ambassadors attended various schools and events throughout their local areas and their local Royal Show. Most ambassadors attended the 2009 Sydney Royal Easter show where they were presented with their Landmark Angus Youth Ambassador clothing. Landmark has been a long time sponsor of the Angus Youth Ambassadors and provides a scholarship fee of \$500 per ambassador. This enables the Ambassador to use this \$500 towards anything (subject to AY managements approval) which will further their development or education within the rural industry.

The general feedback from the 2009 ambassadors is that throughout the program most have made new connections both friendships and industry related. The ambassador program not only allows the ambassadors to travel to events such as the Leadership clinic but also for them to make contacts within the industry which will last a lifetime.

All in all the 6 ambassadors have had a great year and we look forward to the continual growth and expansion of the Landmark Angus Youth Ambassador ship program.

Simone Clarke

2009 Ambassador Coordinator

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Trinity Golding

2009 WA State Angus Youth Chairperson

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