

Well, what a year it has been here at Boambee!

With a fantastic start leading into the autumn, oats and rye grass crops were in and flourishing until a decent flood hit us in March. Unfortunately, this sent us into a very ordinary, wet winter. The team got the clean-up underway, and sowing began...again. Spring arrived, and the advantages of the second sowing paid off. The feed grew, calving went very well, the cows are looking fantastic and now the rain has returned! Only time will tell what Summer will bring.



Shows & Field Days

With Covid still in the country it has made it hard to get out and about this year, however we made the most of it early on and were lucky enough to attend three local shows and Tocal Field Days. A few of the 2021 local show highlights include:

Maitland Show

- ♦ Junior Champion Interbreed Heifer – Bara Q62
- ♦ Lucy took out Reserve Champion Junior Judge



Newcastle Show

- ♦ Lucy & Sophie represented Seaham Public School who came away Champion Primary School Team Junior Judging
- ♦ Sophie took out the Champion Primary School Individual Junior Judge
- ♦ Lucy was named Primary Champion Parader

Gresford Show

- ♦ Emelia was named Grand Champion Parader
- ♦ Alyvia took out the Champion Junior Judge Senior Division

Total Field Days 2021 saw records broken with crowd attendance over the three days, which we definitely saw through the livestock area. We enjoyed meeting a lot of new faces and catching up with clients and friends we hadn't seen in a while. It was a very successful 3 days, and it was topped off when we were awarded the '2021 Best Exhibit Livestock' Award.

Like everybody, we are hoping that the world can get moving again very soon, and field days & shows can take off again. We are all keen to get out and about with our cattle, especially the four girls.



Cattle Market

This year hasn't been all that bad with the cattle market seeing record prices and with the demand high each week it keeps getting stronger. In March, we sold 110 commercial weaner steers straight off the cows. They averaged 7 – 10 months of age. They topped the sale at \$1750, making an average of \$1640 per head. The agricultural industry looks to be in good hands for the next few years.

Genetics

We have had some exciting new genetics hit the ground from our AI programs. Sires include Musgrave Avenger, Ben Nevis Newsflash N239, Baldrige Alternative E125, plus our walking sires Sugarloaf Harvester N169 and Knowla National N64. These bulls certainly haven't failed, with an exceptional line of calves on the ground.

Joining has begun again. With AI programs coming up, we have some exciting new bulls heading into our herd. They include Sterling Pacific 904, Wilks Regiment, Exar Pillar and the 2021 record breaking Texas Iceman R725 who we happened to see sold at the 2021 Texas Bull Sale for \$225,000. We also had our own highlight out of the 2021 Texas Female Sale. Boambee Angus were lucky enough to secure the top priced female, Texas Undine M508 and her beautiful heifer calf, Texas Undine S184. S184's sire is Paringa Katapult N34. We are very excited to see the performance and breeding this unit will bring to our herd. Texas Undine M508 will enter an Embryo Transfer (ET) program in 2022. No doubt we will have some exciting times ahead!

Every day is a good day to be a farmer!

We are very happy with how our new cattle yards shaped up with the first animals running through very well! Crazy, but we were all excited to be working them too! Many thanks go to National Stockyard Systems, in particular Murray Schaefer, for his advice and expertise in assisting us to get this off the ground.

As anybody on the land would know life is always busy, even during Covid lockdown! There has been a lot of fencing work done – paddocks broken up, fences replaced, electric fencing work, new gates hung, and the list goes on. We have another tree planting program coming up also, as well as installing more troughs. We did get our spring/summer planting program underway, with some millet sown, however the rains have now put that on hold for the time being.

We were in Covid lockdown for a total of 10 week and this meant about eight weeks of home schooling for three of the girls. They would be the first to tell you that their home school experience hasn't been all that bad, as they were busy getting their hands dirty as much as possible helping out with cattle checks, vaccinating and drenching of stock, tagging of calves, handling some of the stud heifers, learning about AI programs (usually they're at school when these normally happen) and learning to drive the old series 2 Landrover.



Gloucester High School

Earlier in the year, Boambee Angus donated two commercial steers to Gloucester High School. The teachers and students have worked well to get the weight on and prepared for the Scone Beef Bonanza that was held in October 2021. They had very good success with their entries and we look forward to continuing our partnership with them in 2022.

Angus Australia — Angus Verified

Boambee Angus have jumped on board and registered our young commercial herd under the Angus Verified Program promoted by Angus Australia for purebred Angus cattle.

We believe the Angus Verified program is an excellent marketing tool for Angus commercial breeders to maximise their returns within the marketplace.

In the short time that Angus Verified has been operating many Angus breeders within our local area have jumped on board and it has been noticed that buyers are going out of their way to look for Angus verified cattle when buying.

It is an exciting program that is still only in its infancy, but we encourage all Angus commercial breeders to look into getting on board.



Bowe & Lidbury Spring Female Sale

The sale was held 30th October 2021 at Maitland Saleyards. We sent six 14 month old heifers unjoined, and three 2 year old heifers with calf at foot into the sale, all were commercial Angus Verified. We were overwhelmed by the result! Our cattle broke records for Maitland Saleyards in both their respective categories.

Six 14 month old heifers unjoined — \$3,000 per head

Three 2 year old heifers with calf at foot — \$4,900 per head



Young Sires

Boambee Ross R27

Sire: Sugarloaf Harvester N169
Dam: Witherswood Wilcoola M0356
DOB: 06/07/2020



Dance Drive R15

Sire: G A R Drive
Dam: Dance Federation J101
DOB: 06/03/2020



Christmas

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

We had all helpers on board to bring some festive magic to Boambee again this year.



On that note, we would like to thank all our clients for the support that you have shown us throughout 2021 and entrusting our genetics in your herd.

Thank you from *Team Boambee*

Give us a call to discuss your requirements

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