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## AUSTRALIAN CHAMPION DOWN UDDER AMAIA \*Q\*

Owner Bryony LePodevin  
Breeder Alex Berry  
With Judge Vicki Mitchell



## AUSTRALIAN CHAMPION RODEN CACHE VERONA \*Q\*

Owner & Breeder Belinda Cardinal  
With Judge Nick Parr U.K.

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# President's Message

Purely a coincidence, but I am writing this on the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Society. The original Society was called the Milch Goat Society of Australasia and formally came into being on the 14<sup>th</sup> of July 1934 at a meeting held in Council Chambers, Brookvale (Sydney). Mr Kinneir-Tarte was elected as the first Chairperson and at its inception it had 15 members. In the 90 years that have followed the Society has undergone at least 5 name changes and at its peak had about 1500 members. Victoria was the first State to ask for their own Branch, which happened in 1946 but was not formalised until 1947 when the original Constitution of the Milch Goat Society was amended to provide a provision for States to have their own Branches under the umbrella of the National Body. Within 10 years all other States had followed Victoria's lead. Sometimes we should ponder what, if anything, we do to commemorate our Centennial in 2034.

Changing subject completely, elsewhere in this edition of the AGW you will find information relating to an additional and seemingly superior NLIS device for use with goats. We have email addresses for approximately 85% of our members and those members will have received this information some time ago via email. It is included in this edition of the AGW so the remaining 15% of our membership have access to the same information and hopefully see fit to also make submissions to the MLA requesting that trials of food-safe microchips implanted in the tail webbing of goats be carried out. If we don't ask we probably won't receive, and we'll be stuck with ear tags or leg bands (only) come 1 January next year.

In Victoria this year we are seeing kiddings already in some areas, whilst in other parts of the state some does haven't even been mated yet. Christmas kids? Sydney Royal seems to have been a success and the EKKA is on the horizon in Queensland. Elsewhere in Australia Royal Launceston Show has been cancelled for the foreseeable future due to overwhelming debt. Hopefully, with time and some additional funding from somewhere, this important show on the Tasmanian Calendar will return. In other states we are still seeing a decline in shows with goat sections, partially due to a decline in shows, but also partially due to lack of organisers, or stewards, or sometimes Judges. As a Society we are doing what we can to increase the numbers of Judges, but this will not happen overnight. Some Branches are also supplying some funding to help shows keep their goat sections. Shows aren't everything, but as I have said several times before, shows are one of our best vehicles in terms of introducing everyday folk to quality dairy goats.

Hoping you get what you want out of this year's kiddings.

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