



Annual on property bull sale
and open day.

Friday 14th July 2017

****“Pick of the Drop” female****

****28 Bulls****

****20 Registered Heifers****

Celebrating 60 Years of Breeding for Rayleigh!

2017 marks 60 years of producing quality poll Hereford cattle at Rayleigh! In this time we have strived to produce a climatically suitable, efficient and sound beast that meets market demands. *Repeatability = Consistency*, and what better way of achieving this than with 60 years of breeding and careful selection.

We will celebrate this milestone at our *2017 Annual on Property Sale and Open Day*, to be held on *Friday the 14th of July 2017*. On offer will be a selection of top quality sires, vaccinated, semen and soundness tested and ready to work. There will also be a number of registered female lots.

A **feature ‘pick of the drop’ heifer lot** will be a feature of this years sale. The successful bidder will be given the selection between our two **choice heifers from the ‘M’ calving year**. This is the first time that we have offered any of our leading females for sale at Rayleigh, providing a unique opportunity to add top end genetics and quality into any breeding program.

Sale Highlights for 2016

2016 Annual on property bull sale saw an *83% clearance and \$4700 average*. The bulls topped at \$7000, with Rayleigh Kingdom K47 going to long standing clients HR & RF McAlary. All female lots sold, to pleasing prices, reflective of the ongoing strength of the cattle market.



Rayleigh Lancelot L60 sold privately as a yearling for \$18 000 to Mountain Valley Poll Herefords (pictured above)

Rayleigh Klincker K77 sold for \$16000 to Lynwood Pastoral Company at Dubbo National Show and Sale (above left)

Rayleigh Knight K52 sold for \$16 000 to Tahlan and Lachdale Poll Hereford Studs at Dubbo National Show and Sale (lower left)



Bowen Calibre K207 (AI)(ET)(P)

New Genetics at Rayleigh in 2016

In July 2016 Rayleigh were the successful purchasers of \$70 000 bull *Bowen Calibre K207*. Calibre is the most complete bull we have seen to date, combining soundness with an unrivalled carcass, to be highly relevant in any modern beef breeding operation. Calibre was successfully joined to 50 cows, which are due to begin calving in Autumn 2017.

The Courallie retirement sale offered a golden opportunity to obtain some leading outcross genetics for our program. Purchased were 4 females, including top priced heifer *Courallie Dawn L511* for \$9000. *Courallie Game Day L600* was also purchased as a new sire for our program.



Northern NSW Junior Show 2017

January 2017 saw Rayleigh attend another heifer show in Inverell, what a team of wonderful young people we had, to present our 8 entries. All children and cattle did us proud, with some very pleasing results.

- Champion bull of the show
- Reserve Junior Champion Heifer
- 3 x 1st, 1 x 4th and 1st-4th in the same junior heifer class.

We would like to thank you all for your continued support, and hope to see you on the 14th of July.
Many thanks, the Holcombe family.

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