

Staff

Steve Skinner Steve Skinner is the Manager of the International Beef Recording Scheme. In this role, Steve is responsible for all ABRI's services with beef breed associations and other corporate breeding groups from within Australia and overseas, including the BREEDPLAN genetic evaluation service. As well as running a number of GROUP BREEDPLAN analyses himself, Steve coordinates the routine operational management of a diverse team who are involved in the processing of BREEDPLAN records and who provide support and results from BREEDPLAN and related technologies. Steve is also the Executive Director of the Australian Registered Cattle Breeders' Association Inc which is the peak industry body for the Australian beef cattle seedstock industry. Steve has had practical experience in running sheep and cattle properties and has worked in a professional capacity for the beef and dairy industries. Steve can be contacted at (02) 6773 3091.

Brad Crook Brad Crook joined ABRI in 2000 and is a member of the BREEDPLAN Technical team. Brad's primary responsibilities involve the testing and implementation of enhancements to the BREEDPLAN analytical software, the provision of routine BREEDPLAN genetic evaluations for a number of beef cattle breeds (both domestically and overseas) and the provision of follow-up technical and diagnostic support to BREEDPLAN clients. Brad provides technical support to BREEDPLAN clients in North America, South America and Southern Africa, as well as engaging in contract R&D and customized genetic analyses on their behalf. Brad is responsible for the implementation and routine undertaking of the Pan American Hereford evaluation involving the Hereford populations in the USA, Canada, Uruguay and Argentina and is also investigating the possible development of across-country evaluations for a number of Bos indicus and tropically adapted breeds represented by ABRI's international BREEDPLAN clients. Brad can be contacted on (02) 6773 5263.

Keryn Hutton Keryn Hutton joined ABRI in January 2009 and is a member of the team responsible for processing BREEDPLAN performance data. Keryn is also Executive Officer of the Australian Red Poll Cattle Breeders Inc. and Belmont Australia. Prior to joining ABRI, Keryn worked in agricultural research, most recently in the field of Artificial Reproduction, as a Research Officer with the CSIRO. In addition she has owned and managed a sheep and cattle property in the New England region. Keryn can be contacted on (02) 6773 3059.

Samantha Barr Samantha Barr joined ABRI in March 2010 and is a member of the team responsible for processing BREEDPLAN performance data. Samantha is also Secretary of the Lincoln Red Cattle Society. Samantha is a graduate from the University of New England with a Bachelor degree in Environmental Science. She is originally from Moree but now calls Armidale home. Samantha has many years experience in customer service and has strong people and communication skills from her previous employment in both Moree and Armidale. Samantha can be contacted on (02) 6773 3032.

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Pilar Argente Pilar Argente joined ABRI in December 2012 and is a member of the team responsible for processing BREEDPLAN performance data. Before joining BREEDPLAN, Pilar completed a Bachelor of Science, majoring in Genetics and Biochemistry, at the University of Queensland. Following the completion of her degree, Pilar worked for a number of years as a Research Assistant and Laboratory Manager in a research lab within the University of Queensland and recently, before moving to Armidale, she worked the Glycan Array Facility in the Institute for Glycomics at Griffith University. Pilar can be contacted on 02 6773 4093.

Sharon Reynolds Sharon Reynolds joined ABRI in May 2005 and is a member of the team responsible for processing BREEDPLAN performance data. Sharon is also Registrar for the Australian Braford Society, Australian Red Poll Cattle Breeders inc. and Prime SAMM Breeders Society of Australia. Sharon previously worked in Administration at the Rural Lands Protection Board and the Department of Psychology at the University of New England. Sharon can be contacted on 02 6773 2327.