During 2014 the Kinross Wolaroi School Foundation has concentrated its attention and resources on improving the breeding stud stock and the infrastructure on Foundation farms. This has been achieved by both the commitment to ongoing, long-term objectives, and the implementation of new projects.

The Breeding Program

The breeding program which has been in place on the farms has seen the quality of the stud stock improve to the level where today the Foundation does not purchase outside stock. From each drop of calves, the very best are kept to improve and replace the herd numbers, and the rest are sold. In order to be producing at the cutting edge of modern breed standards and to access top bloodlines, we breed our own bulls from imported straws. By managing bloodlines so efficiently, the standard of our cows and calves is continually improved.

This successful model of a committed breeding program produces outstanding cattle for the KWS show team, which allows the students to achieve success in showing them, all the way to the Sydney Royal Easter Show, where our cattle return consistently outstanding results.

Our stud is now considered to be one of the top five black angus studs in Australia.

Improvements To Infrastructure

2014 has also seen improvements made to the infrastructure on the farms. All farms now have permanent water. During the past 12 months of very dry weather, which posed many challenges for primary producers in the Central West, none of our farms ran out of water.

The farm produced over 1100 round bales of oaten hay, with a market value of $80 each. Total value: $88,000. The majority of this hay is stored on the farms for use during the winter months.

Blayney Shire Council has approved the construction of a manager’s residence on Limestone, and the Foundation is funding this construction through a loan from the Uniting Church.

Additional to the residence, an all-weather road has been constructed, together with fencing, to complete the residence. It is envisaged the residence will be occupied by the Farm Manager from June 2014.

The completion of this infrastructure, combined with the value of the cattle on the properties, will conservatively value the Foundation farms at $6,500,000.

Outstanding Support

Special thanks go to Mr and Mrs John Gibb, who have for the past three years allowed the Foundation to graze cattle on their 300 acre property on Icely Road at no charge. This is a significant donation in like to the current and future students of Kinross Wolaroi School, and one which serves to consolidate the school’s financial position into the future. The Foundation’s appreciation of such a generous and valued gesture has been extended to Mr and Mrs Gibb.