

# SHORTHORN FLYER

December 2012



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Dear Members,*

*December is here again and with it the usual Xmas deadlines, school break-ups and prize givings, club and sports group barbecues and socials and in many cases A&P show preparations. No wonder everyone needs a break around New Year!*

*I recently spent two days in Feilding attending a range of meetings. Talking with farmers from throughout NZ some have had a dryer spring than normal, some wetter, but the one thing they all agreed on is that it has been colder. So much for Global Warming! The southern South Island has been getting regular rain of late so no drought worries here yet. I don't think many lambs will be going out of Southland this year.*

*In my Xmas newsletter last year I said lamb, wool and beef prices appeared to be holding up. Not for long! It appears lamb priced itself out of the market and wool just went back to where it had been before the sudden surge in prices. We can only hope beef holds its value.*

*Council met in Hamilton at the Royal Show again this year. Thanks to the Syme family and Timothy Plummer for keeping Shorthorns represented. Most of our time was spent discussing Beef Expo and how to improve our presence there. Success breeds success and vice versa and over the last couple of years Shorthorns haven't been too successful at Expo bull sale.*

*We must endeavour to have around 12-14 bulls presented to prospective purchasers. It is certainly not acceptable to have 12 bulls catalogued and only 7 on sale day. Subject to inspection I feel an entry submitted must be a commitment to bring the bull to Beef Expo. Regarding inspections, at the Beef Expo AGM last week the proposal is to have the same inspectors across all breeds. We will report further if that is confirmed. Breeders considering bringing bulls must ensure they are*

*scanned prior to 10th February to get all the data back in time for the Beef Expo catalogue.*

*Another proposal for Expo is to hold an all-breeds in-calf heifer sale as the successful Queen of Hearts heifer calf sale. Shorthorn calves have been successful in this event over the past 2 years so we must continue to support it.*

*All the PBB breed service agreements are due for review and the options for the individual breed associations were discussed at a PBB Forum in Feilding on 27th November. Your council will be working through this process over coming weeks and while no figures have yet been mentioned one thing for sure is that hourly charge out rates for office time will be increasing. Shorthorn administrative hours have varied between 760 and 660 per year over the past 5 years. On-line registrations and other livestock recording reduces the office hours required substantially. Some of the other breeds are charging extra if not done on-line. This obviously makes it fairer to other members.*

*World Conference plans and registrations are progressing well. Judy has a Conference report included.*

*All members are encouraged to attend part of the tour and please make a special effort to attend the 3 day Conference at the Bay of Islands. Our AGM is to be held at around midday of Sunday 24th March, before our visit to Dromgools for their farm visit and evening meal.*

*Lindy and I look forward to meeting up with many of you during March. Have a Merry Christmas and a successful New Year.*

*Kindest regards*

*John Dobson  
President*

## WORLD SHORTHORN TOURS AND CONFERENCE MARCH 2013

Planning and Bookings for the World Shorthorn Conference and Tours are well advanced. We have an excellent number of people booked for the Tours, coming from all around the world – South Africa, England, Ireland, Canada, USA, Argentina, and a very good contingent of our Australian friends as well as some Kiwis.

Please remember that the final deadline for booking for the Conference and Tour is the 10 January 2013. Places are filling fast. Don't leave it too late and be disappointed.

If you are thinking of coming for the AGM and Conference, you still need to book through the Conference Package as the room rates have been considerably discounted.

I would like to have a display of old photos, trophies, books and magazines at the Conference. If anyone has anything that they are willing to bring along to the Conference please let me know. Any photos of the last World Conference in New Zealand 20 years ago would be a good talking point as well.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding the World Shorthorn Tours and Conference

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.  
Judy Austin



PBBNZ Office will close for the Christmas break from 5pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2012 and re-open at 8am on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2013. PBBNZ would like to wish all Shorthorn Breeders a *Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.*

## SHORTHORN REGISTRY NEWS

### DNA RULE

*All sires used in stud, born from 2008 must be DNA profiled. This needs to be addressed prior to calf entry to avoid delaying registrations. Envelopes for hair can be requested from the office.*

### CALF ENTRIES

*Final date for 2012 calf registrations 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012 or financial penalties will be incurred.*

*Year number for 2012 born calves is 12.*

### GROUP RUNS

*These are now happening monthly, so the deadline date for data to be at the office is the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. Notification of resulting reports is emailed. If you don't have an email address you will not be notified. Please contact the Office for assistance with this. NB: If you are faxing documents please follow up with a phone call.*

*Wishing you all a very Merry Xmas, and a safe and happy New Year!*

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