

NEW ZEALAND SHORTHORN BEEF

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Giddy Team

I trust this newsletter finds everyone well and right in the middle of calving and lambing which I hope is all going well.

I would like to thank the members who took the time to respond to the questionnaire that was sent out following the AGM. It was disappointing that so few replied.

I would like to make a special mention of the Morton family for a great show on Country Calendar a couple of weeks ago. This would have to be the most exposure the breed has had to the public for a long time.

I am sure you will all join me in passing on our condolences to the Reeves family on the passing of John, a life member of the Shorthorn Society. Also, condolences to the Dromgool family on the passing of Jim, a great supporter of the Shorthorn breed for a very long time.

The bull sales for the season are all done and dusted with some good results. A couple of female sales, which have been well supported which has resulted in some new members joining the society which is a great thing for the breed

We are currently working on getting a couple of bulls into Beef progeny trials. Hopefully this all goes to plan and we can compare our great breed with others in the same commercial environment. This will come at a cost to the society but we believe it is very important to be a part of.

Anita is working on a calendar of events to go out to all members and hopefully you all find that useful. It will also go on the website and be easily changeable so if you have a sale coming up or know of a good Shorthorn/Cattle event that you think should go on it please let us know.

The 2019 Herd Tour and AGM will be held in the Northland region with the approximate dates 26th-28th March 2019. Thank you to the Dromgools and the Odys for organising this. Further details will be in the pre-Christmas newsletter when more information is available.

The Shorthorn World Conference is in Australia in September 2019, which is not a great time for New Zealand farmers, but it would be good if some of us could attend parts of the tour. Hopefully we are all praying for a bit of rain for them as some places look terrible.

We feel we are a very approachable council if you have any ideas

or matters you want brought to our attention please do not hesitate to contact anyone of us on the council. We have a meeting coming up on the 2nd November.

Happy Farming
Russell Proffit



WORLD SHORTHORN CONFERENCE

“MEATING THE FUTURE”

The Australian Shorthorn Family invites you to the 2019 World Conference & Tour.

The Pre-Conference tour starts Monday 23rd September 2019 with 3 nights in Adelaide, during this time you will view Bayview Stud, Bundaleer Stud & Carlton Stud.

While in SA the home of some of Australia's best wine, you will visit one of the oldest & best wineries, Yalumba (Est 1849)

From here you will travel to Mt Gambier via Belmore Stud. You will be spending 2 nights in Mt Gambier visiting Shepherd's Noola Stud & the famous Blue Lakes at Mt Gambier.

The tour will then proceed to Ballarat Victoria, visiting the Eloora Stud & Rockgrove Stud. Following this will be the Royal Melbourne Show, with the Shorthorn judging taking place



Sunday September 29th 2019. 2 dairy herds in the Gippsland district will be visited, followed by a visit to the world-famous Phillip Island Penguin Parade.

From Melbourne we travel to Griffith (NSW) viewing a restored heritage wool shed at the Tataila Stud near Echuca on the Murray River.

Near Griffith we will visit a JBS feedlot where the Thousand Guineas Shorthorns are fed. We then travel to Wagga Wagga via Spry's Stud where the 2 day conference (3rd & 4th October 2019) will be held at the Charles Sturt University. With 'Meating the Future' as our theme, Excellent speakers & lively (we hope) discussions & a visit to the University Veterinary School being organised.

Following Wagga Wagga the post conference tour will feature The Shorthorn Youth Expo being held in Dubbo which includes their annual Heifer Show.

Other Studs are then visited on the way to Sydney via Coonabarabran & Tamworth.



The tour will conclude with a Sydney Harbour cruise & final dinner on Thursday 10th October 2019.

A further post conference tour will follow in Tasmania for 4 nights.

A more detailed itinerary will follow soon.

Tour & Conference Organising Committee

WOODCALL SHORTHORNS

Thanks for all the support at my Herd Dispersal sale in Northland on 18th December 2017.

A small nucleus herd of 30 animals were kept and moved to the South Island to breed from.

Woodcall Beef Shorthorns has now re-located in Takaka, Golden Bay. Woodcall Taskforce bulls available for inspection and sale, along with semen from Rough Ridge Primo 10004

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JOHN REEVES

Shorthorn New Zealand lost a prominent and enthusiastic long-standing member on the 19th of May, John Livingston Reeves. John & Helen Reeves in the many years that they have been members of the breed society have taken a number of bulls to the National Sale and also shown cattle in Waikato shows.

John was a member on the council for a number of years, and his passion, drive and love of the Shorthorns will be missed immensely. John was our longest serving member of Shorthorn New Zealand and he and Helen were present members at most of the Shorthorn functions over the years.

His spark and drive for Shorthorns is a great loss. And Helen and her family, are in our thoughts as they mourn the loss of one of the greats.

JIM DROMGOOL

Jim Dromgool of Kaitaia passed away on the 4th of July, he was in his 90th year. Our thoughts are with Shane, Dot and family. Jim was a prominent commercial Shorthorn Breeder in the Northland area for many decades.

SHORTHORN SALE RESULTS

NATIONAL VIDEO SALE

Shorthorn was part of the National Video Sale held in Palmerston North on the 14th May.

Five vendors entered 8 Bulls which were videoed for the sale but remained at the vendor's property.

Four sold at the Video auction to a top price of \$11,000. Longview Meatpacker 16062 on account of S & D Dromgool was purchased by Ody Bros. C Stewart and R Proffit also made purchases.

Overall the sale was well attended but perhaps lacked strong commercial support.

TAHUNA & HIWIROA BULL SALE

We held our first on Farm Video Bull Sale at Flemington on June 7th. The new format worked well and we sold 8 of the 10 Bulls penned. Six sold for a top of \$5,000 and an average of \$4,700.

MORTON SHORTHORNS BULL SALE

8 out of 11 Bulls sold average \$5,916, 4 sold to stud. Thank you for all our clients support.

RAUPUHA SHORTHORNS

Sold 7 of the 11 bulls offered average \$5,500. Highest price \$7,000 to Bullock Creek Station.

HINEWAKA BULL SALE

A successful sale on June 6th saw 15 bulls sell for an average of \$6,200.

Top price was \$20,000 for Lot 2 Hinewaka Balance 72/16 purchased by Colvend Stud, the Park family and Hiwiroa Stud, the Syme family. Two other stud bulls sold, lot 5, Hinewaka Target 69/16 to Hamish Brown for \$12,500 and lot 15, Hinewaka Bal 30/16 to Anita Erskine for \$4,500.

ROUGH RIDGE BULL SALE

9 out of 10 sold. Highest price \$8,500 with an average of \$4,833

LONGVIEW BULL SALE

11 bulls sold with an average of \$7,300 and 35 heifers with an average of \$1,800.



REGISTRY REPORT

ADLs - Thanks to all those breeders who have returned their ADLs (Active Dam List). If you haven't, please get it to me ASAP.

2018 Calf Registrations - These can be completed either online through Internet Solutions or on paper forms which have been posted out. Please contact me if you need help or require further information.

DNA for sires – Please ensure you take samples from joining sires at mating. Sires must have a DNA profile before any calves by them can be registered.

Transfers – For any animals sold to stud a signed transfer form needs to be completed and sent to me to process. Transfer forms can be found on the Shorthorn website under 'Download Forms' or I can post/email a copy. Registration certificates for transferred animals are available on request.

Monthly group run – Data to be included needs to be with me by the 10th of every month.
All the best for a successful calving season!

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