

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### Seasons Greetings

I hope you have all had a good calving and that mating has gone well and you are ready to put your feet up and have a break with the family. It has been another pretty good year in the farming calendar with most parts of the country getting not too bad weather, with the odd ugly patch to deal with. The price for sheep and beef meat markets are looking really good, so let's hope that it stays and we don't have a big drop.

Council has a busy year looking into changing from ABRI to IGS EBV evaluation program. We are still waiting on some more information to come to hand.

We produced a Shorthorn magazine in August which we took to the World Shorthorn Conference and had very good feedback.

I would like to congratulate Ashley Park for representing New Zealand Shorthorn at the World Conference and Heifer show. Well done Ashley.

Remember if you have any Shorthorn news or Shorthorn cattle to sell talk to us and we can put it on the website and Facebook page. Remember you cannot sell a secret.

We had an amazing AGM and herd tour around another amazing part of gods own Northland. Thanks to all involved in organising this trip.

The 2020 herd tour is in the planning to commence in Hawke's Bay on Tuesday 24th March with the AGM to be held in Feilding on Thursday 26th March. Look forward to seeing you all there.

Looking at having the 2021 herd tour in Dubbo, Australia. This would be in mid-June to tie in with the Dubbo sale.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Happy Farming

**Russell Proffit** 

# REPORT FROM ASHLEY PARK WORLD CONFERENCE & HEIFER SHOW

On 29th September I was given the chance to visit other Shorthorn breeders of Australia. Starting in Melbourne I travelled with Kylie Winnell from Shorthorn Beef Australia and the first stud visit was to Rennylea Angus Stud running a massive stud operation calving 1,000 cows in the Spring and 500 cows in the Autumn and running cattle in very large groups.

The next day we then went onto the JBS Prime City Feed Lot that has a capacity of 35,000 head of cattle, where we joined up with the World Tour Group and went around the Feed Lot.

Following this we visited Sprys Shorthorns where we viewed a good line of yearling bulls and donor cows.

Over the next two days I attended the World Conference in Wagga Wagga learning more about the changeover to IGS and meeting many Australian and overseas Shorthorn breeders.

From there I travelled with Sam Martin to Dubbo where the Shorthorn Youth Heifer Show was held. Sam & Jodie Martin of





Southcote Shorthorns had a very nice red heifer for me to show and she was placed third in her class.

From there I moved on to Tamworth with Geoff & Bron Nelson from Kamilaroi Shorthorns & Calrossy Ag School where I spent two days helping out on the farm feeding and working with cattle. I also visited Nagol Park Shorthorns and Kingsley Vale Shorthorns just down the road.

My last days were spent with Sam & Jodie Martin and their family near Walcha, the home of Southcote Shorthorns running 180 breeding females. While I was there Sam showed me around their farm and neighbours property and took me to Ben Nevis Angus and Kilburnie Angus Studs. Later that evening we went out to shoot some roos.

Thank you to NZ Shorthorn Society, Craig & Maree Morton and Russell Proffit for sorting this trip out and all the Australian Shorthorn breeders that I had stayed with.

#### **Ashley Park**

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PBB will be closing at 12:00 noon on Friday 20th December 2019 & re-open at 8am on Monday 6th January 2020.

We wish you all the best for the holiday season.

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# 2020 TOUR & AGM DRAFT ITINERARY

#### **TUESDAY 24TH MARCH**

Waipukurau or Hawkes Bay

Council Meeting

#### **WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH**

Visit Hiwiroa

Two Stops in the morning

**Afternoon** - travel Highway 52 to Masterton stay overnight A visit on route to be arranged.

#### **THURSDAY 26TH MARCH**

**Visit Hinewaka** in the morning then travel to **Mark Collis'** property at Kimbolton.

**AGM and Dinner** in Feilding and stay in Feilding overnight. More information will follow when available.

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