



Shorthorn News Brief December 2023

Wow 2023 has flown by. It has been a very interesting year for most farming regions in NZ and 2024 is lining up to be one of the more challenging ones that we have had in recent years.

As a Council we are super excited about the calves on the ground from the Shorthorn Beef Breeding Program and the second mating is just about to take place. We have our annual herd tour and AGM planned between the Monday 8th & Wednesday 10th April 2024 to see these animals. The details of the tour are being finalised but the dates are confirmed. For anyone flying in, we will start in New Plymouth on Monday 8th April.

Day 1 Monday 8th April

Two Options for the Monday (depending on whether the steer calves end up at Russell's place)

Option 1:

Visit Mill Valley Shorthorns (Whangamomona) from 11.00am then head to Colvend Shorthorns at Taumarunui from 3.30pm then stay Taumarunui the night.

Option 2:

Visit Raupuha Stud (Mahoenui) 11.00am to look at steers in sire lines then head to Colvend Shorthorn (Taumarunui) from 3pm then stay Taumarunui the night.

Day 2 Tuesday 9th April

Leave Taumarunui 8.00am and arrive at Bevan & Mary Proffit's (Burrells Road, Whanganui) by 9.30am for a farm tour to look at cows and weaned heifer calves. Beef +Lamb NZ representatives will be present to have good robust discussion on the Shorthorn Beef Breeding Program etc. Accommodation at Feilding.

Day 3 Wednesday 10th April

AGM at PBB office, Feilding. Meet the team from PBB and they will give us some demos on the new DNA Portal. Lunch at 12 noon then depart for a safe trip home. If flying home, you would fly out of Palmerston North.

I hope calving has gone well and mating is under way so please remember to enter your 2023 born calves and when you put the bulls out make sure you have DNA sample from them. This is the time of year you complete your 400-day weights of your 2022 born animals. The team at PBB are very good at helping with this if you have any questions. All of this does not cost you any extra money, just a bit of your time, as it is all worked out in your per cow fee that you all pay. The benefit is that we have more data to put against our EBVs which makes them more accurate and reliable.

If you haven't booked in to scan your animals yet, the contacts are as below:

South Island	James Westgarth	027 777 5566
North Island	Hugh Boulton	027 339 5222

So, from all your Council, have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I know we are all busy but make sure you take time to put your feet up and reflect on your piece of paradise.

Keep living the dream.

Russell Proffit
President, NZ Shorthorn

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY HOURS

The PBB & Pivot Design offices will be closing for a short break from midday Friday, 22nd December and will re-open again on Monday 8th January 2024.

*We wish you a very Merry Christmas
and a prosperous New Year.*

