



NEW ZEALAND SHORTHORN BEEF

Dear Shorthorn Members

NZ Beef Shorthorn AGM & Tour 2025

The 2025 Tour and AGM will be in the Hamilton area. We are planning to visit Russell & Mavis Proffit's farm, at Raupuha Shorthorns, where we will view the NZ Beef Shorthorn Progeny Program 18 months old steers, that we saw on last year's tour. We will also see the 2024 born weaner steers with possibility of a field day and a variety of speakers. Another stop is to Hamish & Justine Brown's farm, at Brown Shorthorns, where we will see the first offspring of the Australian record price bull Ronelle Park Slurpie. More farm visits are still being planned. At this stage the tour and AGM is pencilled for the week beginning Monday 28th April 2025. Confirmation of dates and final details of the tour will be out early next year.

NZ Beef Shorthorn Progeny Program

The first report from the NZ Beef Shorthorn Progeny Program is attached with this newsletter. Below are dates about what is happening with the Progeny Program over the next year.

Date	Event
12 th Dec (approx)	Weigh steers (3 mobs)
19 th Dec	400d weight & BCS & hip height heifers prior to bull going out. DNA test all bulls.
20 th Dec (approx)	Bull out Heifers for approx. 45 days.
4 th Jan	Calf mark/DNA Calves. Cidr in for Mixed Aged Cows
22 nd Jan	260 MA Cows AI
20-25 th March	Pregnancy scan Heifers, weigh and BCS
1 st April	EMA Scan Heifers and 2 mobs of steers
16 th April (approx)	Wean MA Cows Steer Calves to Russell Weigh Docility Score
16 th April (approx)	Pregnancy scan MA Cows
30 th April	Shorthorn Field Day at Raupuha (Details TBC)
May	2 mob steers slaughter
Oct/Nov	1 mob steers EMA
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World Shorthorn Conference 2025

The Canadian Shorthorn Association are hosting the 18th World Shorthorn Conference and Tour in Canada from July 3rd to 20th 2025.

The 2025 World Shorthorn Conference Tour will include visits to twelve Purebred and Commercial Beef Shorthorn farms, four Beef Shorthorn shows, including the Alberta Junior Shorthorn Show and the Canadian National Junior Shorthorn Show, as well as

range of stops of interest that include: Lake Louise, The Calgary Stampede, The Royal Tyrell Museum, Niagara Falls and some great Canadian scenery across the Western prairies and Southern Ontario.

If you are interested in going to the 18th World Shorthorn Conference, please visit the Canadian Shorthorn Association website,

www.canadianshorthorn.com/worldshorthornconference where there is more information.

DNA Profile Sires

Have you remembered to DNA profile your 2024 joining sires?

It is important to DNA profile all sires that are used in your herd, preferably, before you join them with the cows. Please remember that you cannot register calves unless their sire has been DNA profiled.

Calf Registrations & Weights

Please remember to register your 2024 born calves before 31st March 2025. PBB have a number of resources to help you when you wish to register calves or weights online. Go to the PBBNZ website and click the heading Services and drop down to the Registry section. In this section there are tutorial videos to help you register your calves and to enter any weights online.

If you calve in August/ September, your 200-day weight is due at weaning about March/April. At this time, you can also weight your cows for their Mature Cow weight. The 400-day weight for the calves will be about September/October, just after the animal is a year old. The 600-day weight is at about 20 months of age, which would be an April/May weight.

If you are weighing your animals on farm please remember to record those weights, as the more data you have on an animal the higher the accuracy in the figures you will have with the EBVs.

Beef + Lamb NZ Beef Breeders Forum

B+LNZ Genetics is hosting a full-day forum in 2025 for beef breeders, followed by a sit-down dinner in the evening.

Date: Tuesday 18 March

Venue: Addington Events Centre, Christchurch

Forum opens at 8.15am and closes at 5pm.

Evening dinner at 6.30pm

This is an opportunity to get together with fellow stud breeders to discuss key issues, challenges and opportunities for you, your bull buying clients and the advancement of the New Zealand beef industry.

Registrations for the forum will open online from Monday 16th December. Tickets are \$100 + GST per person for those attending the forum and evening dinner, or \$70 + GST for those wishing to attend the forum only. Further information on the speakers and topics will be shared on www.blznzgenetics.com as well as through e-diaries and social media channels.

Constitution & Regulations:

The NZ Beef Shorthorn Council are going to meet in Christchurch before the B&LNZ Beef Breeders Forum to review our Constitution and Regulations.

As most of you will know the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 came into force on the 5th October 2023. All current Incorporated Societies have until the 5th April 2026 to update their Constitution and to reapply to be an Incorporated Society. Any changes that are made to the Constitution must go to an AGM to be voted on. For the Constitution changes to pass at the AGM, we must have a two-thirds majority. Any changes to the general regulations, do not have to go to an AGM but are set by the council.

210 Years of Shorthorns in NZ

On the 22nd December 1814, Samuel Marsden accompanied the first recorded cattle to reach the shores of New Zealand. A bull and two cows of the Durham breed, now known as the Shorthorns, landed at Kororareka on the Northern side of Bay of Plenty. It would be great to celebrate this milestone so if you have some pictures of Shorthorns on your farm throughout the years, please share them on Facebook around the 22nd December, to promote the Shorthorns and the fact that they were the cattle that helped shape NZ history.

I wish you all a safe and Happy Christmas. May the summer season bring you what you and your farm needs, whether this is more rain for the drought areas or less rain for the wet areas.

Christmas Holiday Hours

The PBB & Pivot Design offices will be closing for a short break from midday Friday 20th December and will re-open again on Monday 13th January 2025.

From My Corner of Paradise to yours.

Best Wishes

Anita Erskine

President

