

NEW ZEALAND SHORTHORN BEEF

Dear Members

Tour April / May 2025

A very big thank you to Russell & Mavis Proffit (Raupuha Stud), Craig & Maree Morton (Morton Shorthorns), Bobbie & Diane Park (Stoneford Shorthorns), Ross & Esme Riddel (Roscliff Shorthorns) and Hamish & Justin Brown (Brown Shorthorns) for hosting the NZ Beef Shorthorn Association tour on the 29th/30th April and 1st May.

It was a very interesting three days, and I enjoyed seeing some parts of our wonderful country that I had not seen before, even if it was brief moments between the heavy rain. Along with viewing some great cattle, we also talked NZ Beef Shorthorn Progeny Program data with B+LNZ, eShepherd collars with Gallagher, Eating Quality grading with Silver Fern Farms and nProve with B+LNZ.

Thanks everyone who came and made the trip memorable for all. I had an interesting time getting home from Hamilton with plane delays, a bird strike, an intoxicated passenger and his not so happy partner, that I was sure the air hostess was going to have to call security on, apart from all that it was a great trip. I do hope that you all got home safely.

It was three days that wouldn't have been possible without our great sponsors and supporters of the Beef Shorthorn breed:

- NZ Farmers Ltd
- PGG Wrightson
- Shearwell NZ
- Gallagher
- Austins Ultrasound North
- Silver Fern Farms
- B+LNZ Genetics
- King Country River Care
- Agri Sea

Life Membership

Congratulations to David Blackwood, of Hinewaka Shorthorns, who received Life Membership of the NZ Beef Shorthorn Association at this year's AGM. David has been involved with Shorthorns for over 40 years. He was on the Council from 1997 to 2007 and President from 2003 to 2006. David has imported new Shorthorn genetics from Australia on many occasions and is a well-known judge throughout NZ.

Committee 2026

This year Russell Proffit stepped down from the council. Russell has been on the Council from 2013 to 2025, was Vice President from 2014 to 2018 and served as President from 2018 to 2024. Thanks, Russell, for your support and dedication to the breed.

We welcome John Hayward to the committee and look forward to his input.

The committee for 2026 is Anita Erskine (President), Aaron Harris (Vice President), Kylie Muggeridge (Treasurer), Nick Syme, Hamish Brown and John Hayward.

Incorporated Societies ACT 2022

The AGM approved the new Constitution and also agreed that we reregister as an Incorporated Society. Due to changes in the Constitution the Shorthorn Council will be now known as the Shorthorn Committee.

Subscriptions and Female Fees

Unfortunately like most association's we are facing rising costs.

In the year 2022 / 2023 we made a \$5,687 loss.

In the year 2023 / 2024 we made a \$11,992 loss.

In the current year of 2024 / 2025 we have budgeted on a \$14,128 loss, with the below increase costs coming into effect halfway through the financial year.

It was pointed out at the AGM, PBBNZ are upping their hourly rate from \$42 (\$50 rebated back to \$42) to \$75 (no rebate). That is an extra \$7,980 per year. PBBNZ base service charge is going up 4.7% or \$560. ABRI are increasing their charge by 2.2% or \$267, and the Audit fee has gone up 100% or \$1,500. This means that there is a total increase in spending, that we have no control over of \$10,307 per a year.

After robust discussion at the AGM about Subscriptions, (which have not risen since 2009) and Female Fee, it was moved that we increase the subscriptions for Breeding members to \$300 per annum and that we also increase the Female fee by \$4 per cow. This will take the Female fee to \$28, plus the \$2 promotion Fee.

Even with this increase in Subscriptions and Female fees, for the 2025 / 2026 year it is looking like we will still make a loss of over \$10,000.

DNA Regulations

We have updated the DNA regulations. It is very important that you read these, as this effects all calves born from the 1st January 2025.

The current DNA regulation is (a), with the others added this year by the committee. The regulations were also discussed at the AGM, and the consensus was in favour of the changes.

- DNA Regulations
 - (a) All sires used in stud, born from 2008 must be DNA profiled.

- (b) All sires used in stud, born from 1st January 2025 must be DNA profiled and correctly SNP sire verified.
- (c) Any female to be retained within your herd or on sold with a transfer, born from 1st January 2025 must be DNA profiled and correctly SNP sire verified. (NB: an animal shall be considered 'retained' when first entered into the registry records as a 2-year-old).
- (d) NZ Beef Shorthorn committee recommend that best practice would be to use the highest density chip available for DNA testing.

Animal Disposal List (ADL)

In mid-July you will get an email from the Registry Team at the PBB Office. This email will include your ADL as an attachment, in the form of a spreadsheet, and an explanation on how to fill out the spreadsheet, with the fate codes and disposal date for any cattle you wish to remove from your female herd. You will then save this updated form and email back to the office by the end of July.

If you do have questions once you have received your spreadsheet ADL form, please do not hesitate to contact one of the committee members or the PBB Registry Team.

Calf Registration Late Fee

Following is the Late Registration Fee Regulation.

Late Registration Fees: Apply on those calves registered after the 31st March cut-off date:

- Entered prior to the cut-off date - incorporated in the Female Fee
- Entered from the 1st April to the 31st December in the year following birth \$22
- Entered from the 1st January to the 31st December in the second year following birth (subject to approval of The Committee) \$44
- Entered from the 1st January in the third year following birth and any subsequent Year (subject to approval of The Committee) \$66

I hope that you have all registered your 2024 born calves, as the following is a reminder of what was in the April 2024 Newsletter.

In the rules it states: A Late Registration Fee applies on those animals registered after 31st March cutoff date.

*Where we have not enforced this, it has come to our attention that a number of calves are being registered two plus years after birth, and it is not just happening in our breed. For this reason, we as a committee have decided that it is time to enforce the late registration fee. The plan is to start implementing this on the 2024 born calves, so starting on the 1st January 2025, members have until 31st March each year following birth to register their calves. There is **no fee if you register your calves on time** and it is important to register calves in a timely manner, as the data from these calves can improve the accuracy of your herds animals.*

Next Years AGM

It was suggested that next year's AGM and Tour will be in the South Island. We are looking at February or March 2026 in the lower half of the South Island. More on where and when to come later in the year.

Wishing everyone the best for the winter and calving.

From My Corner of Paradise to yours.

Best Wishes

Anita Erskine

President