



# THE BEEF SHORTHORN

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## NEW ALLIANCE BREEDS PREMIUM PROFIT

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*A team of bullocks, with a strong shorthorn influence, presented at Tasmania's AgFest during 5-7 May 2016.*

***The Society welcomes the following new members:***

Meredith Phillips	Moorak, SA
Tiffany McLauchlan	Mortlake, Vic
Lockie McLauchlan	Mortlake, Vic
Emily Ash	Hamilton, Vic
Carolyn & Darren Evans	Legerwood, Tas
Bruce & Lindea-Lee O'Keefe	Grahamvale, Vic

***Diary Dates***

Royal Adelaide Show Judging	2-11 September 2 September
Royal Melbourne Show Judging	17 – 27 September 24 September
Royal Perth Show	24 Sept – 1 October
Royal Hobart Show	19 – 22 October

***President's Report***

Dear all – It is pleasing to write this report knowing that we have had sufficient rain throughout most of Australia, to relieve the drought conditions that have persisted for so long. More rain is required to fill dams and replenish farm bores, but paddocks are green and the grass is growing.



A Federal Council meeting was held in Launceston in May to co-incide with the Ag Fest field days. Several members attended this event and were favourably impressed.

The Sydney Royal Easter Show was represented with cattle from Victoria and I extend my congratulations to all prize winners. Cattle prices have improved and remain high which is good for the industry. Demand is also good. Our thanks to Malcolm Douglas for presenting this Society's report to the World Shorthorn Conference held in Uruguay – Malcolm has prepared a report elsewhere in the newsletter. Australia will host the next World Conference in 2019. I offer this Society's thanks and appreciation to Mr Frank Milnes who announced his retirement effective the end of July this year after 16 years. Ms Milly Fyfe has been appointed chief executive of the Shorthorn and Beef Shorthorn cattle societies of the UK from 1 June.

We welcome our new members and invite all to contact any committee member with any enquiry. I encourage members to commence preparing their exhibits for the forthcoming Royal Melbourne Show, where we would like to see strong numbers of both Beef and Australian Shorthorns. Judging will be conducted on Saturday 24 September commencing at 9.00am, and all members and breed supporters are most welcome to attend.

A special thanks goes to Ross Pfeiffer for his diligent work in preparing our annual accounts. Finances once again remain in satisfactory shape. The Stud Beef Victoria Cattle Handlers camp is once again on in July at the Bendigo showgrounds. There will be a strong representation of our juniors and our breed, so get along for a look. Several of our member/breeders have attained some very healthy financial returns in the current buoyant market; the acceptance of shorthorns in the market being confirmed by higher returns than those given to more prominent breeds. Well done, and keep up the good work.

Membership subscriptions are now due, and I ask that if you have not already done so, please forward your annual memberships to the Secretary, or direct deposit into the Society's account promptly. The Society was very fortunate to have received from the Lugsdon family archival material in the form of booklets, pamphlets, sale catalogues and the like. The Society's history is broad and diverse and well worth knowing; hence printed media of the Society's past activities is being catalogued and maintained.

I hope to be able to meet with you in the not too distant future.

Regards, Bill Harwood, President



## **SBV Cattle Handlers Camp: 2016**

Another very successful event held at the Bendigo Exhibition Centre from 2 – 5 July. There were 159 participants ranging in ages from 8 years to 70 years.

40 volunteers gave up their time and expertise to ensure that the camp was well run, organized and worthwhile for all who were present.

Thanks and appreciation is extended to Scott Bruton who provided 14 ballot animals; there were a number of Beef Shorthorn Junior members who attended, that being Emily Ash, Kate Jackson, Tiffany & Lockie McLauchlan, Darcy Swan, Claudia, Nakita and Briana Spencer. The event is held annually during the July school holidays.

**Scottsdale High School Show Report -** The Scottsdale Cattle Handlers Team has attended six shows this season including Launceston Royal, Sheffield, Westbury, Scottsdale, Deloraine and Chudleigh. In beef breeds, the cattle have been highly successful with highlights including Champion Heifers in Red Angus, Angus, Beef Shorthorn, Dexter and Simmental. Winning the Angus group of three with the school Farm's Angus stud cattle was also a major success at the Scottsdale Show.

The Scottsdale Team were successful in the Sheffield Show Hoof and Hook Carcase Competition receiving Reserve Champion Heavy Weight steer of the show. The remainder of the steer team placing in the top five in each category - a major achievement given the large class of competitors and that this competition is contested by commercial cattle breeders and finishers. The team has also competed successfully in the Junior Beef Handlers competition over the season. Highlights have included Georgia Hayward winning Champion Novice Handler at Sheffield Show and Grace Chatwin winning Champion age class handler at Deloraine Show.

We wish to acknowledge the hard work of our cattle handling volunteers, Chris Hall, Olga Stack and Peter Bennett who contribute countless hours to assisting our team both at shows and with training the cattle. We would like to thank Jones Livestock Transport who very generously cart our cattle to all shows.

Thank you to the Breed Societies that have sponsored our cattle entries this year. Lastly, thank you to Elders Scottsdale who have sponsored the team which allowed us to be able to attend Launceston Show this year.

**Kylie Rattray**

Agriculture Teacher / School Farm Coordinator



# **Glenmount**



**Carolyn & Les Shannon**

**Glenmount Beef  
Shorthorns  
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**Visitors Welcome**

**Glenmount Will be attending the  
2016 Royal Melbourne Show**

**Exhibiting 3 Head sired by  
Morningtime Jabiru – daughters above  
(pictured at right)**

**Judging Saturday, 24 September 2016**



# 2016 SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW



**Grand Champion and Best Exhibit**  
**Morningtime Nara**



**Grand Champion Beef Shorthorn Female**  
**Morningtime Kiribati's Blossom 2**

## **Beef Shorthorn Results: Judge Mr Gavin O'Brien, Winchester Charolais**

### **Class 300 – Female 9 and not over 14 months**

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|---|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | Morningtime Kiribati's Blossom 2 | David Ashley & Grandchildren |
| 2 | Roly Park Lucy                   | Mr Scott Bruton              |

### **Class 301 – Female 14 and not over 20 months**

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|---|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | Morningtime Nantucket's Dame Melba | David Ashley & Grandchildren |
| 2 | Anderson Hill Kaystar              | Mr Scott Bruton              |
| 3 | Glenmount Angel Wings              | Mrs Carolyn & Les Shannon    |

**Junior Champion Female**  
**Reserve Champion Female**

**Morningtime Kiribati's Blossom 2**  
**Morningtime Nantucket's Dame Melba 2**

### **Class 305 – Female over 30 months**

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|---|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Roly Park Jessie    | Mr Scott Bruton |
| 2 | Dunnlea Indiana Lea | Mr Jarrod Lane  |

**Senior Champion Female**  
**Reserve Champion Female**

**Roly Park Jessie**  
**Dunnlea Indiana Lea**

**Grand Champion Female**

**Morningtime Kiribati's Blossom 2**

### **Class 309 – Bull 9 and not over 14 months**

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|---|--------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | Morningtime Nara   | David Ashley & Grandchildren |
| 2 | Spencer Family Zen | Spencer Family               |

### **Class Bull 14 and not over 20 months**

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|---|-------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | Laneway Noel      | Mr Jarrod Lane               |
| 2 | Morningtime Malmo | David Ashley & Grandchildren |

**Junior Champion Bull**  
**Reserve Champion Bull**

**Morningtime Nara**  
**Laneway Noel**

**Grand Champion and Best Exhibit**

**Morningtime Nara**

**Best 2 Bulls**

**David Ashley & Grandchildren**



**Lardner Park: Warrigul** One of Australia's premier regional exhibition venues and home to Farm World, country Victoria's largest agricultural event.

Widely recognised as Victoria's largest regional agricultural event - now in its 54th year, Farm World gives customers access to more than 700 exhibitors launching new products, showcase existing ranges and highlight the latest farming innovations. Attracting crowds in excess of 50,000 over four days, Farm World is the ultimate setting to connect farmers with manufacturers, suppliers and distributors

The Beef Shorthorn Society's trailer was on display for the duration of the event (7-10 April) courtesy of Mark Alberni sharing a site together with Shorthorns and Red Angus. We thank Mark and all concerned.



## Agri-Gene Pty Ltd

Agri-Gene Pty Ltd is Australia's largest privately owned leading Artificial Breeding & Merchandise Company based in Wangaratta in North-East of Victoria, Australia. Agri-Gene is an Australian Wide company who Import and Export Bovine Artificial Breeding Semen and Embryo's for all Beef and Dairy Breeds to all countries. These genetics are supported by a range of on-farm services, including the Agri-Gene Mating Program; Mistromate, provided by our team of knowledgeable Area Breed Consultants. Product is distributed Australia wide through a network of over 150 resellers. Agri-Gene offers a service to improve and maximize reproductive performance so that clients can maximize the gain they get from investing in genetics.

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## *World Shorthorn Conference – Uruguay 2016*

### *(A Report by Malcolm Douglas)*

**2/4/16:** A long way to get there but well worth travelling. Arrived at Montevideo at 5.00pm local time after nearly 30 hours on the go. Checked into hotel then to my room, on my way ran into other delegates who were already there.

Something we had to get used to was having our meals late, the restaurants don't open until 9pm!

Next day was a great day where a few of us took a bus trip around the city; a very big difference between the very modern and the very old. The country has a population of 3 million people and half of them live in the capital city. That night, we were driven to a reception at the British Ambassador's residence.

**4/4/16** – Departed hotel for our first farm visit which was an hours travel. Dr Hugo Lournaga, a small herd of 70 breeders. Their main activity was cropping which they refer to as agriculture. Cattle needed to be improved. The country has had a lot of rain and it was very wet under foot. All stock work at the farms is done on horseback by gauchos. Very competent horsemen.

Then onto La Pangaresa farm of Hector Bove, a commercial operation of 1600 hectares running 1500 head of breeders; quite impressed with temperament of cattle. They were brought out of corral by gauchos and walked past us – quite good cattle. Lunch was at a traditional BBQ, Uruguay style – pieces of beef cooked for six hours slowly. The meat was beautiful and we had it served up to us at nearly every farm visit; then off to Colonia for overnight stop.

**5/4/16:** Bus tour of Colonia, Spanish and Portuguese quarters which are UNESCO World Heritage listed – no farm visits today.

**6/4/16:** Depart Colonia for farm visit, El Timbo stud of Detjen family. The stocking rate for the country is roughly 8 head per hectare; this farm had 2 head per hectare,

and the soil was not of the best type, hence cattle lacked six and condition.

**7/4/16:** Travelled to Los Sauces of the Gilardoni family; the best quality cattle we have seen; farm size 2500 hectares and quite a lot of horned stock in this herd. They don't discriminate if cattle have horns. Thought there may have been a chance of getting genetics, but was informed it was a commercial herd. Medium framed cattle with good style and quality.

A problem the whole country has is that cow's have an average productivity life of 3 calves. The females are generally calved down at 3 years but they break down in the mouth, but they don't sell them immediately but instead try to fatten them before going to slaughterhouse.

Then onto Santa Haydee farm – cant get bus to house so every day is taken in by pick-up truck. This farm is on poorer soil. Cows in poor condition but doing a good job of their calves. Then to the yards to inspect 870 steers, cattle turned off at 3 years of age at approximately 550kg. Not taking the tops out of them, they all go prime or poor. Their value is approximately \$800US.

**8/4/16:** Travelled to Aguila Bianca stud which was transferred to the local sale yards because of the poor weather. Saleyards is a loose description, certainly not what we are used to. The owner brought approximately 70-80 head for us to inspect.







Malcolm and gauchos at Hector Bove

Travelled to Rivera for overnight stay, quite unique in that one side of the street is Uruguay and if you walk to the other side of the street, you are in Brazil!

**9/4/16:** Depart Rivera to travel 60 kilometers which took 2 hours; the roads are shocking as the further you get away from the big city and better roads. Arrived at Santa Maria stud of Dr Walter Mario Damboriavena. He runs Shorthorn cattle and Romney Marsh sheep. He also grows rice which they have their irrigation system of two dams, one of 40 hectare surface area and another of 90 hectares.

Uruguay is basically a flat country with no mountain and rolling country with an average rainfall of 48-50 inches and very windy. This herd was of top quality, very forward thinking using various genetics from around the World. Obviously a better management in use to produce these wonderful cattle. Other herds that we visited use Santa Maria stud sires.

**10/4/16:** Arrived at Estancia Guernica de Octacilio Echenagusia at Tacuarembó which is a stud herd. Inspected females and bulls then to stockyards where a judging competition was held. Ian Dibble (NZ), Sally Horrell (UK), John Guilfoyle (AUS), Charles Dowrey (ARG) and Oscar (URU). A bit of fun something different. Then for lunch – something different – a lamb BBQ with four whole lambs cooked at once.

**11/4/16:** Only one farm to visit today – all had the morning off, then early lunch and 3 hour trip that turned into 4.5 hours. Not much daylight left when we arrived. Owned by Laguna Merin de Bonifacio Nunez. Only a small herd of approximately 70 breeders. Cattle were of good quality.

**12/4/16:** First day of Conference at Conrad Hotel. Beef Shorthorn country report done in the morning session, Dairy Shorthorn report in the afternoon session.

**13/4/16:** Last day of conference. Lawrie Willett gave Shorthorn Beef country report. At the end of the morning session, a video presentation for an invitation to come to Australia in 2019.

World Council meeting after lunch where Mr Frank Milnes was presented with a gift in recognition of his many years as World Council Secretary, as well as a standing ovation from all delegates present.





# NORTH EASTERN Beef Shorthorns

***Semen for Sale: Minimum purchase  
of 3 straws – all lots***

The Federal Council has secured a number of straws in the following bulls. They are available at very reasonable prices and are stored at Agri-Gene in Wangaratta, Victoria.

Purchaser to be responsible for handling and transport costs.

**Faversham Driver (\$40 per straw)**

**Marrington Minstrel (\$60 per straw)**

**GVR Tradition (\$15 per straw)**

**Elsinora Jason (\$12 per straw)**

Note: Driver, Minstrel and Tradition are registrable in the Beef Shorthorn herdbook, whilst Jason is only registrable in the Australian Shorthorn herd book.

Contact the Secretary in the first instance at:

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VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME**



Top left: Malcolm with Augustin Damboriavera of Santa Maria Shorthorns;

Top right: Cows and bull calves at Santa Maria

Left: Cows and bull calves at Santa Maria



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# beef shorthorns

**Royal Easter Show 2016 – Four Head Exhibited:**

**Morningtime Nara (pictured) – 1st 9 – 14 months Bull class and  
*Junior & Grand Champion Bull & SUPREME Exhibit***

***Morningtime Kiribati's Blossom 2 – 1st 9 – 14 months Heifer class and  
Junior & Grand Champion Female***

***Morningtime Nantucket's Dame Melba – 1st 14 – 20 months Heifer class  
Reserve Junior Champion Heifer***

***Morningtime Malmo – 2nd 14 – 20 months Bull class***

***Most Successful Beef Shorthorn Exhibitor***

***Champion Pair one of only 7 “called out” in the prestigious Interbreed Hordern Trophy***

**Thanks to Ros Turner, Paul Hourn and Daniel Porter!**

***MORNINGTIME BEEF SHORTHORNS: STRUCTURAL SOUNDNESS AND QUALITY!  
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# Introducing New Members

The Beef Shorthorn Society would like to introduce new members Carolynn and Darren Evans.

Carolynn is the daughter of Tasmanian members Graeme and Cindy Walsh. Carolynn's interest in Beef Shorthorns began as a young child showing calves at Scottsdale and Ringarooma Shows. Carolynn attended university at Murdoch in WA. After graduation she spent time living and working as a veterinarian in the UK and throughout Tasmania and Victoria. Studies and career have taken Carolynn away from the family farm but she has spent weekends and holidays helping with the cattle when possible. After years away from the farm Carolynn has returned with her husband, Darren to take on the challenges and rewards of primary production and all that life has to offer on the farm.

Darren grew up in Southern Tasmania, spending his youth in Huonville. Darren spent 8 years in the army, which involved travel and interstate postings, security for Sydney Olympics and tours of Iraq. Since leaving the army Darren has worked as a fitness instructor, truck driver and labourer, but now enjoys the open spaces and reduced pace that country life offers.

Carolynn and Darren were married on the property "Woodlands" at Legerwood in October 2013. The farm and Cindy's garden provided the perfect backdrop for the ceremony and reception.



Carolynn and Darren moved to the farm in May 2015 and welcomed their son, John Henry in June 2015. John is the 6<sup>th</sup> generation to live on the family property at Legerwood and at 11 months already exhibits a keen interest in the cattle. He enjoys travelling in the tractor to feed out hay to the beef shorthorns around Woodlands.

Carolynn and Darren are keen to continue to work with Graeme and Cindy at the North Eastern Beef Shorthorn Stud. Currently there are 100 registered females and they aim to continue to increase the number of pure Beef Shorthorn cattle on the property. Beef Shorthorn bulls are bred and also used on the Wonder Valley property with the commercial herd of predominantly Friesian/Angus cross cows to supply the local markets with quality fat vealers. Carolynn, Darren and John are excited about the opportunities which the pure Beef Shorthorn breed offers to the continued operation of the beef farm at Legerwood.



Graeme and John  
checking on the cows



Yearling Registered Females



2 year old Registered Females



A passion for Shorthorn cattle began early for Rodney Rouse when he used to milk the Dairy Shorthorn cows as a boy. He admired the temperament and mothering ability of these cows; these same traits were also seen in the farm's Beef Shorthorn herd.

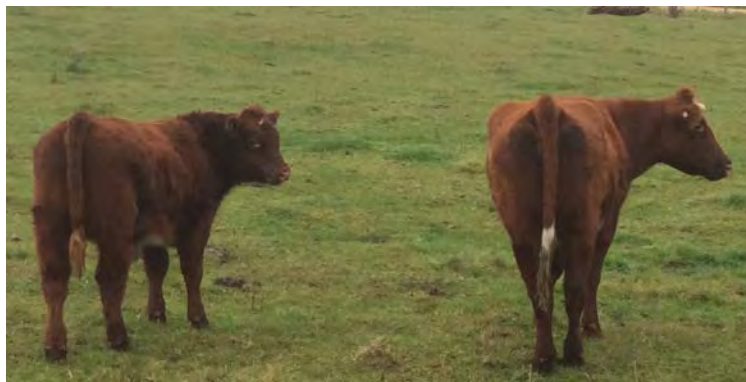
Rodney eventually lived on the Davies property at West Kentish, Tasmania. The dairy enterprise was relinquished and a Beef Shorthorn herd was established based on Egmont bloodlines. Rodney always admired the evenness of frame in the Egmont females, as well as their doing ability and milkiness.

Milking ability was always an important factor in the vealer operation. In 1990, Dairy Shorthorn heifers were purchased from the Bonnie View Stud (Ray Howe) in Victoria. The influence of these heifers can still be seen in the herd today as many of the older cows still carry these bloodlines.

Rodney felt he needed more length and stretch in his calves so a Saler bull was used on selective females; the result was dollar productive as he topped the local store cattle market with his calves for many years.

In 2002 Rod and Rob Smith began a partnership together and more acres were available with room to expand their herd. Dairy Shorthorn cows were purchased from the Morella Stud (Iskov family) in Victoria as well as Beef Shorthorn cows from the Jubb family at Burnie, Tasmania.

In 2010, after the Greenhills had sold Egmont, Bill rang and offered us his older stud bull, Clargo Stockbroker Y17 – the influence of this bull had over our cows was remarkable. All his daughters were kept adding extra quality to the female herd.



**Rodney Rouse  
Rob Smith**

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Travelling to mainland shows, we both noted how well the Wallstreet lines have competed.

In 2015, at the Royal Melbourne Show we made contact with David & Marion Spencer. This culminated in another trip to Melbourne when we purchased Roly Park K.V.A. the Junior Champion Australian Shorthorn bull at the 2015 Royal Melbourne Show from Scott Bruton, and two stud heifers with bull calves at foot from the Spencer Family.

We now look forward to our next drop of calves from Roly Park K.V.A. next summer.

Rodney and Rob from Springlodge Shorthorn stud anticipate a long and successful association with the Beef Shorthorn Society of Australia.



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Australian  
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the  
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