

THE DAIRY SHORTHORN

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DSAA Council member Julie Bull with cows from her Dairy Shorthorn herd at Clydesdale, Victoria.

Saturday AGM a success

For the first time in many, many years, the Annual General Meeting of the Dairy Shorthorn Association was held on a Saturday. And probably for the first time ever, it was held in the central Victorian town of Kyneton. This came about because the meeting rooms where the council has convened for a number of years were no longer available. The results was a new location and a new day of the week which in return resulted in a good number of council members and association members attending. Just for the record, it was held at the RSL rooms in Mollison Street which were provided free of charge provided people purchased lunch!

The meeting welcomed new association members Trevor Rumble from Stroud, NSW and Rohan and Fiona Morris from Maryvale, Queensland and in person, welcome was extended to new member Henry Dunn who was also welcomed as a new council member. While the face is new, the surname is not. Henry is the son of long standing DSHA members Tom and Mai Dunn, who were among those present at the meeting.

Of course, being an AGM, office bearers were elected. After 12 years at the helm, President Karen Doggett decided it was time to step aside. She was presented with a 'trophy' noting her time as president and outstanding contribution to the association. Karen has taken the role of senior vice-president, Ian Douglas was elected junior vice-president and his brother Malcolm Douglas is president. An added bonus at the meeting was the presence of secretary Wendy McInnerney who was flown down from Queensland by the association and hosted by Karen Doggett for the weekend.

It is now planned that council meetings be held at various locations around the state to enable members to attend from time to time and not have to travel too far from home. Any suggestions of a location are most welcome. Phone Malcolm Douglas on 0429 956 906.

President's report 2016-17

Dear members,

I wish to submit to you my 12th report as President of the Dairy Shorthorn Association of Australia.

The past year for our association has been very positive but we have also had some sadness. The Association is travelling well financially and our membership base is still expanding. The first highlight of the year, was the 2016 AGM which was held in Devonport, Tasmania. We had the most numbers of members present at an AGM for quite some time. Three Council members travelled to Tasmania for the AGM. The AGM was combined with some farm visits and a social night. It is always great for members to have a reason to catch up with other members that they wouldn't see otherwise.

2016 was the year of the World Shorthorn Conference. The conference was held in Uruguay and we were lucky to have Malcolm Douglas attend and represent the Dairy Shorthorn Association of Australia. Malcolm Douglas submitted a report to the World Council on our behalf and in turn presented a report to our Council. The next World Conference is to be held in Australia in 2019 and the planning for this special event has begun.

Another highlight was without doubt the second stage of the Tuerong stud dispersal held at Shepparton in July. This sale also incorporated the dispersal of the Turramurra stud after some 58 years of breeding Dairy Shorthorns. All Dairy Shorthorns sold wonderfully well and the females were keenly sort after.

2016 also saw a change of secretarial services. At the AGM it was deemed necessary to change to a more cost effective and transparent service. Wendy McInerney was elected secretary and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Wendy for the efficient and helpful service that she provides.

Unfortunately, the past year has been tinged with sadness as we saw the passing of two Council members. In February we lost a valued council member and friend. Mr Tony Parker of Don, passed away after a long illness. We are grateful to have spent some quality time with him on our AGM visit.

Just in the last few weeks we have seen the passing of a breed stalwart in Mr Norman Fry. Norm was a Life Council Member and was recently bestowed the honour of Life Membership. Norm made an exceptional contribution to the Dairy Shorthorn Association. On the subject of Dairy Shorthorns he was a wealth of knowledge. He will be sadly missed by all.

Lastly I would like to thank our Council members for their attendance at meetings. Thank you to Valerie Hornbuckle for our newsletter and also to Kevin Livingston for auditing our finances, both who volunteer their services saving our association valuable funds.

This will be my last report as President as I will not be seeking re- election for this position. It has been a privilege to serve the Dairy Shorthorn Association and I wish all our members all the best for the year ahead.

Yours Faithfully,

Karen Doggett



Norm, from with Malcolm Douglas and Karen Doggett when he presented with life membership at his herd dispersal sale last year.

Vale: Norm Fry

As Karen mentioned in her president's report, the association has been saddened by the death of long time member, in fact, honorary life member, Norm Fry. Norm's input into the association and into the breed was held in high esteem. Over many years he developed the Turrumurra herd, firstly as a milking herd and then as a beef herd, at the property he and his wife Lorna had in Warrenbayne, north eastern Victoria.

He was instrumental in organising the importation of semen from the UK for the association a number of times so fresh bloodlines could circulate among local Dairy Shorthorn herds. He was the person to do this because he, if anyone, knew what made a good bull. In the past 20 or so years when Dairy Shorthorns were exhibited at Melbourne Show, the Turrumurra bulls were outstanding showstoppers. Luckily, Norm has straws taken from his top bulls so their genetics still prevail today.

Norm is missed, but his contribution to the breed was such that it will endure in various ways for quite some time to come.

Vale: Tony Parker



Sadly, the Dairy Shorthorn breed lost another stalwart breeder and friend in Tony Parker of

Tasmania. Tony is pictured above as is a small number of Dairy shorthorn cows and calves in his herd.



A shining piece of history

When the Dairy shorthorn Association of Australia turned 50 way back in 1971, a beautifully crafted silver rose bowl was presented to it by the Shorthorn Society of Britain and Ireland to commemorate the Golden Jubilee.

That rose bowl has been a 'must have' for so many exhibitors of Dairy Shorthorn cattle at the Royal Melbourne Show. Although in more recent years the breed has not been exhibited at the show, in the days when the rose bowl was first presented, numbers of the breed competing were high and this rose bowl, the trophy for the Grand Champion Dairy shorthorn Cow of Heifer, was of course, highly prized.

The trophy still sits in pride of place in a glass cabinet in the office foyer of the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria at the Melbourne Showgrounds.

The names of each year's winner engraved around the base reads very much like a who's who of Dairy shorthorn studs, some of which are a thing of the past.

The trophy was first won in 1971 by Willow Park Farms W.P. Duchess 249. In 1972 it went to A. Iskov and Son's Morella Pearl 125. Willow Park took out the trophy for the next nine years and then in 1982 Bonnie View Pastoral Co's Bonnie View Moss Rose 168 was the awarded female. In 1885 another stud's name appeared on the trophy – Wilson Blue Hills' Blue Hills Daisy 8.

R.L George's Ravenswood Park Rhododenron began a six year run of the trophy for the Ravenswood Park stud. There was a single win for L.S. and L. M. Bonazza with Willow Park Dainty 160 in 1992 then the next first time appearance of a stud on the trophy was for M. And I. Douglas's Tuerong stud with Just Ada 2. All up only six Dairy shorthorn studs have won the rose bowl in all the years it was competed for.

When the Shorthorn World Conference comes to Australia in 2020 it is hoped to have the rose bowl on display at an appropriate location.

Now...for all those ears in 2017!

Here's hoping you already know, but the 2017 tattoo letter Dairy Shorthorn calves is G !

