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2024 Newsletter

President's Report:

I have always said that the Dairy Shorthorn Association has gained various things from being a member of the World Shorthorn Council. One of these is meeting of like minded people and keeping in touch, so in early February my phone rang and on the other end was Sinead Flanagan from Ireland. Sinead, then 17 years old, was a youth ambassador to the World Conference held in England, Wales and Scotland, which had the theme of "Youth and the next Breeder".



From a farming background, she is very keen on her Shorthorn cattle. Her family has a beef herd.

Sinead has been in Australia since October 2023 and on arriving worked on the acclaimed "Weebollabolla" herd, she had met the owner Sandy Munro and his wife at the conference. She worked there for three months and then a few days at "Polldale Shorthorn" in Dubbo and the Job's herd at Yeaval.

After doing some sightseeing with travelling partner David, also Irish, but met after she arrived in Australia, they arrived in Victoria and stayed with Wendy and I for a couple of days. They had not seen Dairy Shorthorns used as beef mothers before and seemed to be impressed with the Tuerong animals. After expressing interest in attending a cattle sale, I took them to the Shepparton sale yards which they enjoyed. For a bit of sightseeing we went for a paddle steamer ride in Echuca.

Their sights set on Perth, WA, and working in the mines before going home in June, just in time for the Northern Hemisphere show season.

It was wonderful to see her again, and we both hope to see each other in 2025 at the World Conference in Canada.

Sale of DSAA Cattle

Demand continues for heifers and twelve unjoined heifers were purchased by a commercial dairy farm at Simpson in the Western District to eventually go into his Holstein herd. Other smaller lots of animals have been sold with one hopefully resulting in a new membership. Some bulls have also found new homes in dairy herds. If you have animals for sale please contact the Secretary Jenny Tuohey who will help to find new owners.

Member Farm tours:

A special thank you must go to two of our members for allowing their herds to be inspected.

Firstly, to Karen Doggett for opening the gates to her "Dryden's Run" at Newham, following a Council Meeting in October 2023. And secondly to Henry Dunn at Blackwood North. Both lots of cattle were worthy ambassadors for the breed and it was nice to see five other people turn up to view the breed.

Afterwards we travelled the short distance to Trentham for lunch and a council meeting.

Articles from the past:



1953

The First Cow in the Antarctic

Ref. P. S. Journal - 1971 - A Dairy Shorthorn

A cow bred by Mr. Gerald Shanahan of "Millside Stud" Myrning, Vic. was the first producer of butterfat in the South Polar Region.

"An interesting addition to the Macquarie Island's (Antarctica) animal population was a cow which adjusted itself successfully to the climate.

It not only calved, but produced 820 gallons of good quality milk in 1954. As a result the first butter ever to be made in Antarctica was produced. The Year's experience showed that the diet of expeditions on sub-antarctic islands could be supplemented with fresh meat and milk with the expenditure of a little time and effort. The animals were remarkably free of disease and did not suffer unduly from the climate. Amusingly enough, the cow had to be defrosted every evening during snowy weather when it became iced-up".

(Reference: Australia in the Antarctic by R. A. Swan - ent, first published in 1961 (pages 266-267). a book dedicated to Australia's Pioneers past and pres-

District Cow On Polar Mission

cow - 1953

Amongst a cargo of livestock shipped last week-end to Heard Island for the Australian Antarctic Expedition was a Short-horn cow bred by Mr. Gerald Shanahan, of Myrning.

The livestock comprised 12 sheep, six pigs and one cow. It will be interesting to learn how the Shorthorn thrives under the rigorous climatic conditions on the island, which has never seen a cow before.

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2023/2024 Council Members:

President: Malcolm Douglas, Vice President: Karen Doggett, Junior Vice President: Dylan Jewell, Council Members: Tristian Hornbuckle, Sophia Tomkins, Henry Dunn, Ian Douglas, Philip Cooper, Peter Macdonald. Honorary Life Council Members: David Clayton, Tom Dunn, Ian McDonald, John Armstrong.

2024/2025 Membership Renewals

2024/2025 Membership Renewals are due and payable by the 31st May 2024.

100th Centenary Badges



There is still 100th Centenary Badges available to purchase.

They are \$13.00 each plus postage.

Please contact the secretary if you would like to purchase one.

2024 Annual General Meeting

The 2024 Annual General Meeting of The Dairy Shorthorn Association of Australia will be held on Sunday, 2nd June 2024, commencing at 10:30 am at the Guildford Music Hall, 35 Fryers Street, Guildford Victoria.

Following the meeting there will be lunch available at the Guildford Hotel, 35 Fryers Street, Guildford, Victoria followed by a Farm Tour of Boonah Stud, 11 Main Road, Tarilta, Victoria

Please RSVP by 18th May 2024 if you are attending and staying on for a meal.

Stud Listings

The DSAA invite all registered Studs to list their stud on the DSAA website.

This is one off cost of \$66.00.

Online Classifieds

The DSAA Website now has a classified page.

This is available to all members who would like to advertise their registered cattle for sale. You can advertise one or more animals at a cost of \$22.00 including GST per listing. The listing will include a photo, animal name/s, registration number/s, sex, colour, price, contact details and location. Classified listing form is available on the website or by contacting the secretary.

Photo Competition

The DSAA is holding a photo competition. Entries are to be of a registered female calf born on or after the 1st July 2024. Full entry conditions are on the back page.

Semen for Sale

The DSAA has a list of semen for sale. The list can be found on the Dairy Shorthorn's website.

Centenary Celebrations:

2021 marked 100 years of the Dairy Shorthorn Association of Australia.

In 1921 the association was formed. After operating for 50 consecutive years a celebration was held in 1971 coinciding with the Royal Melbourne Show, a dinner was held and there was a fabulous line up of cattle to be judged by a visiting English Judge. The Shorthorn society of the United Kingdom gifted a Silver Rose bowl trophy to the Dairy Shorthorn Association of Australia to commemorate the 50 year milestone, it was awarded to the Champion Dairy Shorthorn cow and each year thereafter. The winner's name was engraved on it and the winning stud was able to take it home for the year.

Unfortunately the 100 years for the association fell in the covid period, so when able a belated celebration was organised to mark the occasion. On the 6th November 2022, a luncheon was held at the Bendigo Exhibition Centre, Prince of Wales Showgrounds, Bendigo.

Guests were asked to bring along any memorabilia they owned which formed an impressive display. Pride of place was given to the Silver Rose Bowl but there was also many photos, ribbons, trophies and catalogues.

On display also were some Dairy Shorthorn cattle, there were penned in the yards behind the pavilion which added something special to the event.

A lovely meal and many interesting conversations were had and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

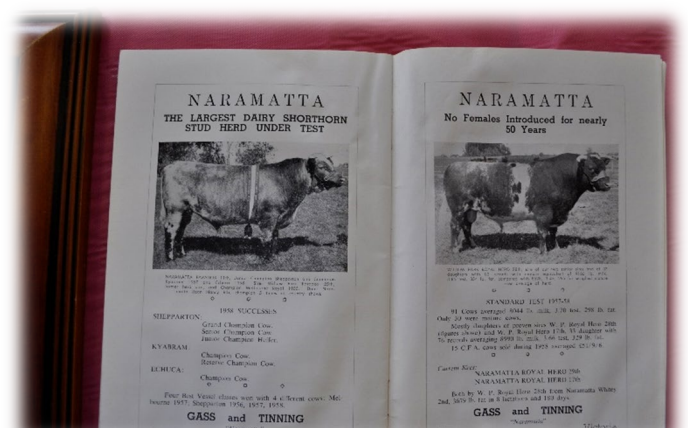
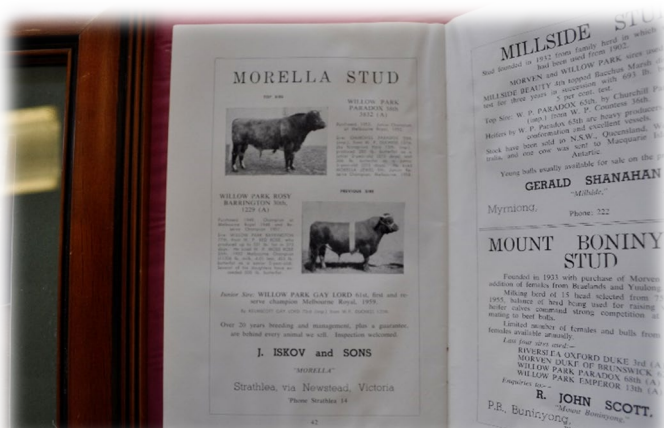
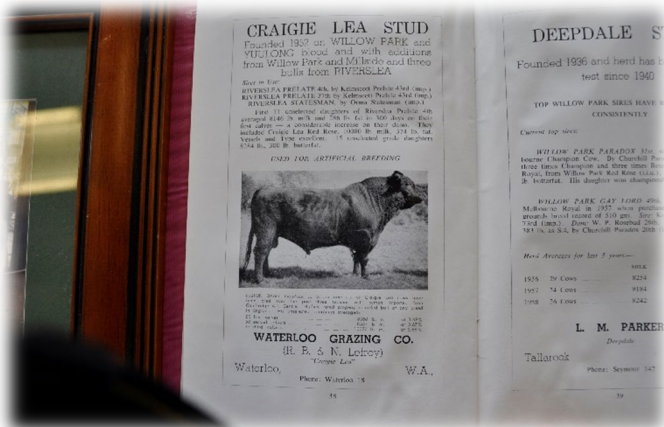
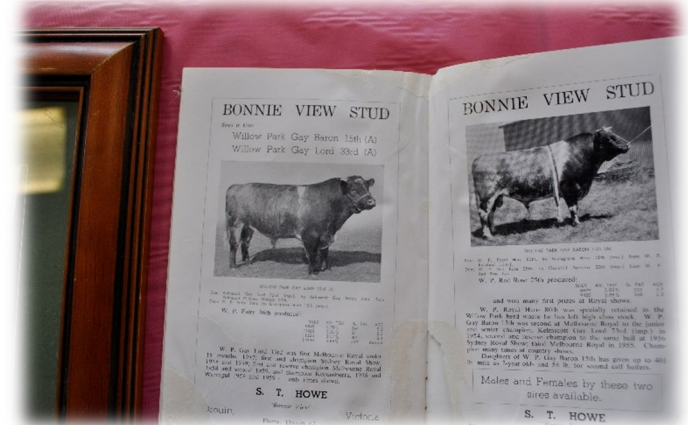
Also to mark the 100 years the Dairy Shorthorn Association of Australia commissioned a centenary badge which bore a resemblance to the badge awarded at the 50th anniversary.



100 years of the DSAA Celebration Luncheon



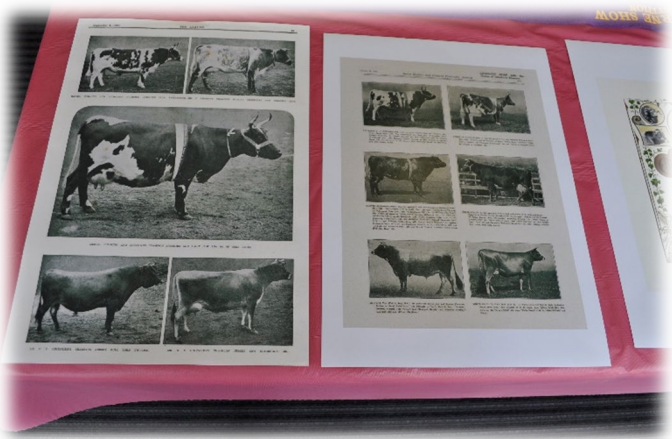
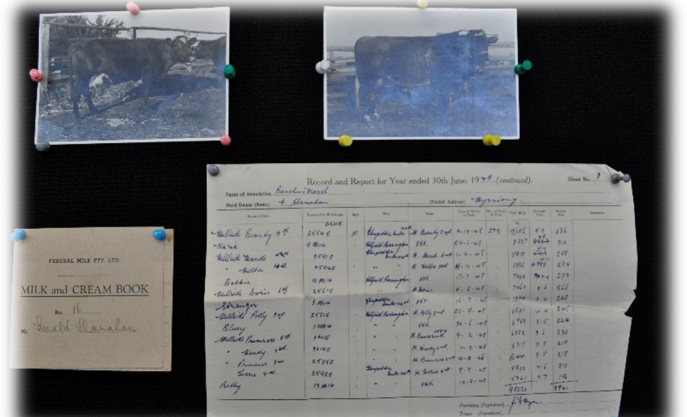
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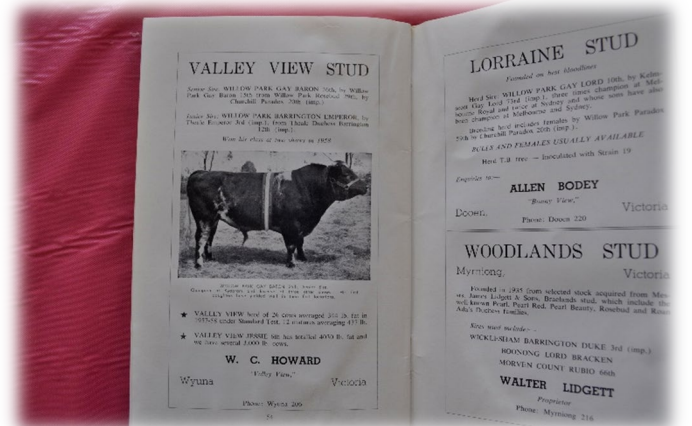


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2023 October Council Meeting and Farm Tour

Dryden's Run – Karen Doggett at Newham Farm Tour



2024 February Council Meeting and Farm Tour

Mount View – Henry Dunn at Blackwood Farm Tour



Photo Competition



Entries close 19th May 2024

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY:

- Animal must be a DSAA registered female born after the 1st July 2023.
- One photo per animal maximum of ten entries per membership
- Photo side on would be preferable (similar to the above photo)
- Entries including registration number, name and date of birth can either be emailed to dairy.shorthorn@yahoo.com.au or sent via post to The Dairy Shorthorn Association of Australia, PO Box 1319, HUNTLY VIC 3551

JUDGING:

- Each membership will be sent a copy of the entries via email or post and will be entitled to one vote, alternatively you can vote at the annual general meeting.
- Winner will be announced at the DSAA Annual General Meeting, Sunday 2nd June 2024.

Further information please email or call DSAA Secretary on 0448 588 417