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*Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year*



"Scott Bruton holding Reserve Interbreed Junior Champion Bull sash awarded to Roly Park Tasmania at the 2018 Royal Melbourne Show; Bella Batchelor on the lead and David Bolton, Chair Beef Cattle Committee"

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PRESIDENTS REPORT



As the song goes, It's the most wonderful time of the year – to bring families and friends together to celebrate and give thanks. There are sacrifices that come with being a passionate breeder – this business is time consuming and all of our families make sacrifices because of it. Please take the time to thank your family for being part of the “Shorthorn” family this Christmas season.

This time of year is also good to reflect on the past year and look forward to the year that lies ahead. The year in review has shown that the breed has continued to succeed and excel.

The combined showing of “Shorthorns” at both the Sydney Royal Easter Show and the Royal Adelaide Show proved to be a resounding success where both Beef and Australian Shorthorns performed exceptionally well; then again at the Royal Melbourne Show where Roly Park Tasmania was awarded the Reserve Interbreed Champion Junior bull. He also since claimed interbreed titles at both Bendigo and Echuca shows. Congratulations all round. Regional events also provided an opportunity for further championships – champion and reserve champion carcasses to Meadow Vale Australian Shorthorns at the recent Whittlesea Show.

Australian Shorthorns performed very well at the Royal Melbourne carcass competition; this year a contingent of 3 pure bred Australian Shorthorn steers were very competitive in the led section of the competition and resulting in a very credible 7th overall placing in the Borthwick trophy.

I would like to acknowledge the support provided

to the Society by McLardy McShane, Mr Tim Dickson is the contact point should you wish to make contact; very competitive quotes have already been taken up by Society members today.

Of considerable importance is the forthcoming World Shorthorn Conference and Tour to be held mid 2019. Please make plans to attend this event as it will be a great time to visit and share ideas with fellow breeders. The Society's website details the conference itinerary, booking form and costing for your information.

I welcome your participation at this event, whether it be as a member on tour or a member who has opened their property for a visitation, or a member attending the conference component. The organizing committee has worked diligently to ensure that a balance of cattle and tourist related activities are covered. The tour will also take in cattle judging at the 2019 Royal Melbourne show and should you wish to participate at this event with cattle entries, please let me know and I will ensure you are informed of the entry process; it will provide a very valuable opportunity to showcase your genetics and breeding program.

The beef cattle industry is currently experiencing periods of fluctuation solely driven by the climate. Persistent drought conditions have resulted in increased slaughter with a high component of females being sold. It is very difficult to remain optimistic in these trying conditions but we can only hope that the forthcoming period will bring better than expected seasonal cycles.

The Thousand Guineas branded product continues to grow from strength to strength. Premium prices are being paid for shorthorn or shorthorn cross-bred cattle entering the JBS program – a very unique partnership with exclusive benefits. Regular grid prices are highlighted on the Society's web page for your reference. All other relevant information is also available including the JBS Program Declaration and JBS Livestock Buyers list.

I trust you have enjoyed receiving the “In the News” emails. They are designed to keep you up-to-date and informed on the various activities your breed and Society are engaged in. Should you wish to make a contribution, simply email me with any information you wish to be circularized.

Wishing you all a safe, happy and merry Christmas.

Marion Spencer
President



Breeder / Member of the Year



John Alberni

Congratulations to John Alberni who received the Breeder/Member of the year award at the 2018 Royal Melbourne Show. John operates the Fulham Beef Shorthorn stud with wife Judy (Federal Treasurer).

John has been the Beef Shorthorn steward at the Royal Melbourne show for well over 20 years ensuring that all exhibitors and cattle are presented in a timely fashion. His passion for the breed stemmed from his father Marty who originally operated the Fulham stud many years ago. John is also a Victorian Committee member.

Diary Dates

Stock & Land Beef Week

26 January – 3 February 2019

AGM of Members/Federal Council

19 January 2019

Canberra Show

22 – 24 February 2019

Sydney Royal Easter Show

12 – 23 April 2019

(Tentative Shorthorn Judging date)

13 April

Youth in the Spotlight



The Victorian Agricultural Shows (VAS) State Paraders Final this year was won by junior Society member Claudia Spencer at the Royal Melbourne Show. Judged by Mr Tim Lord, Claudia will travel to the Perth Royal Show next year to represent Victoria at the National Finals.

Younger sister Briana was also successful in her paraders competition when she was sashed the Reserve Junior Champion parader at the Stud Beef Victoria handlers competition.

The 2018 Shorthorn Youth Expo held at Yanco Agricultural High School has concluded and Society members to participate were Paris Hourn, Claudia, Nakita and Briana Spencer. Although run by the Youth Committee of Shorthorn Beef, this event is open to all youth members far and wide.

It proved to be a very successful event for our junior members "Spencer Girls" with Briana taking out the Champion Pee Wee Handlers and Pee Wee Judging, Nakita winning the Champion Junior Judging in her age group, and Claudia the recipient of two scholarships - the Elders Stud Stock Award and the SYCA Education Award shared jointly with Sarah Rayner.

It is anticipated that next year's event will be held at Dubbo to coincide with the World Shorthorn Conference.

2019 World Shorthorn Conference Update

Dear Shorthorn Breeders, enthusiasts and friends around the world:

The World Conference and Tour Organising Committee has now settled the full itinerary and costings for the 2019 triennial event in Australia.

Your Committee which has comprised representatives of the three Australian Societies, has worked hard to arrange an itinerary that includes a representation of the best of our cattle both dairy and beef as well as some of Australia's unique tourist attractions as the tour travels through south and eastern Australia where most Shorthorns are located.

Australia is a large country by world standards (roughly equivalent in size to mainland USA excluding Alaska). So it has not been possible to include places like the Great Barrier Reef, Central Australia or the Kimberley in north Western Australia. Equally we have not been able to include all the farms which are worthy of a visit. However we have selected a range of properties which will enable you to gain a broad overview of Shorthorn beef and dairy breeding in Australia.

At the request of the last meeting in Uruguay Conference in 2016 we have included two visits which will enable participants to meet and see our youth conducting their own heifer show and Judging, and a visit to a secondary School with a well established Shorthorn herd and agricultural facilities.

We have selected one of Australia's leading inbound and outbound rural travel agencies, Quadrant Australia as our tour operator as they have an excellent record in farming tours. They also have first hand experience in cattle production and working with cattle societies generally. They also have established relationships with counterparts in other countries where the breed exists and they would be able to assist if societies would like assistance.

The Australian Societies invite you all to come and enjoy that which we have to offer. We all very much look forward to meeting and greeting you in Adelaide on 23 September, 2019.

Yours sincerely,

Lawrie Willett
AO President World Council

2018 Royal Adelaide Show

The 2018 Royal Adelaide show was a resounding success for Victorian breeder Scott Bruton of Roly Park Beef and Australian Shorthorns. For the first time (as was at the Sydney Royal Easter Show) Beef, Australian and Poll Shorthorns were exhibited in the same ring.

With 6 exhibits Scott was awarded the Senior Champion Female, Reserve Senior Champion Female, Senior Champion Bull, Breeders Group, placed 2nd in the Male & Female pair, placed 3rd in the Pair of bulls and placed 2nd in the pair of heifers.



Pictured above is Biddy Ashby (Bundaleer Shorthorns) presenting Scott with the inaugural Graham Ashby Most Successful Exhibitor award and ribbon.

A Rose Between the Thorns

Marnong Estate at Mickleham in Victoria is a 155 year old holding. It was once called Green Grove which started off as a portion of a run called Bank Vale which was held in the 1840's by William John Turner Clarke.

It is here that under the gables of a newly refurbished restaurant called Bank Vale that the Thousand Guineas product is currently being served amongst 5 other Black Angus options.

Head Chef Matt Coates was very pleased and enthusiastic about the popularity of the Thousand Guineas product and said that it was one of the most sought after dining options to date.



Tasmanian Extension Tour

20 bags of ice, 14 kilos of onions, 8 kilos coleslaw, 34 loaves of bread - shopping carts and wheelbarrows. Smiles all round from Fiona Swan, Margaret Hallyburton, Marion Spencer, Rebecca Wickham and Carolyn Shannon.

The RMS Exhibitor BBQ run in conjunction with the Gun Fitter Competition; also assisting but not pictured Therese Ash, steak masterchef Graham Ash, Leo & Darcy Swan and Les Shannon. The steak and sausages sponsored by AMG. It takes some know how to pull this off.



Thousand Guineas News

Thousand Guineas on the Move Thousand Guineas product in refrigerated transport sighted in Hay, NSW.

Sydney Royal Show Spring Fine Food branded beef competition. During Friday night's awards presentation, 28 gold, silver and bronze medals were evenly shared among entries from brand programs across NSW, Victoria, Queensland and South Australia. JBS Thousand Guineas from Dinmore, Qld was awarded a Gold Medal in the Grain Fed Beef classification.



Tasmanian Extension Tour

The Tasmanian extension tour will also prove to be very worthwhile visiting various studs in the Launceston region together with the very famous tourist attractions this area of Tasmania is renowned for. At this point Day 6 of the mainland tour will visit Society members Daryl and Anne Clark's "Deepdene" stud (pictured) located in the undulating volcanic country at Darlington.

Other members of the Society to host the tour are Neil and Helen Shepherd's Noorla stud at Mt Gambier (Day 5). Not to be missed the tour will then enjoy dinner at The Barn Steakhouse in Mt Gambier.



Please Note: All Booking Forms, Booking Conditions and Full itinerary are available for download via the Society's website – or contact the Secretary for a copy via the post.

Success for Rockgrove at Mortlake

A brief report by Daryl Clark, Rockgrove, Darlington Victoria. Some of our spring drop 17 and the last piece of a stone wall remaining. Over the last month (November) we have topped the market for cows, steers, bullocks in the fat and topped the store for the highest price for heavy steers and overall at Mortlake. The point here is that the trade is so interested in Shorthorns even here in the middle of Angus country.



The Society would like to Welcome New Members

The Society welcomes the following new members:

Graham & Therese Ash
(Hamilton, Victoria)

Sarah Sutton
(Sulky - Victoria)

Skye Spence
(Northern Territory)

Allan Spencer
(Northern Territory)

Stacey Spencer
(Bacchus Marsh - Victoria)

Mrs Belinda Anderson
(Kanyapella – Victoria)

Mr Tim Anderson
(Kanyapella – Victoria)



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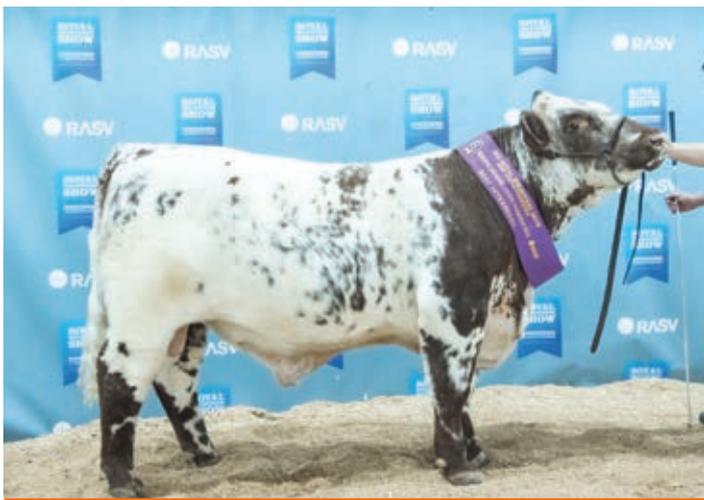
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Roly Park Maple

- Senior Champion Female Royal Melbourne Show



Roly Park Tasmania

- Reserve Interbreed Junior Champion Bull & Supreme Exhibit Royal Melbourne Show
- Supreme Exhibit Bendigo Show & Echuca Show
- Champion Senior Shorthorn Bull Royal Adelaide Show

G E ASHBY Memorial Trophy Winner

For the first time at the Royal Adelaide Show the Beef Shorthorns, Australian Shorthorns and Shorthorns were judged together in the same ring, with over 50 exhibits. It was a great honour to be awarded the G E ASHBY Memorial Trophy for the most Successful Shorthorn Exhibitor.



Roly Park Duchess of Neptune

- Reserve Junior Champion Royal Melbourne Show
- Reserve Champion All Breeds Heifer Whittlesea Show



The Roly Park Team with the winning group of three at the Royal Adelaide Show

ROLY PARK NEWS

Roly Park would like to thank Kevin Shead from Echuca for the purchase of Roly Park Nate.

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MR TALENT and HIS FAMILY
DROVE THIS BULLOCK FROM MILDURA TO MELBOURNE

Dan Willis There is a great story behind it. It was all for a Fifty Pound bet Herald (Melbourne, Vic. : 1861 - 1954), Thursday 17 November 1938, page 3

For a £50 bet, Mr John L. Talent, farmer, of Nowingi (near Red Cliffs), is going to try to drive from Mildura to Melbourne — 350 miles — with his wife and three children in a home-made caravan— drawn by a bull.

Billy the bull is a Shorthorn, five years old, and he is fattening up on chaff now for the trip. Mr Talent intends to start next week, and he expects to be in Melbourne In 10 weeks, he said today. Ever since he was a boy, Mr Talent has had a weakness for bulls and their kind. At the age of 12 he was earning 30/- a

week driving a bullock team in the Mallee. After a' dull mechanical interlude as a cable-tram driver In Melbourne, Mr Talent was back on the land. There he acquired his first pet bull by swapping a cow for it when a neighbor was going to shoot the bull. "He was a Friesian," said Mr Talent today. "I broke him in, and soon he could do everything a horse could do - ploughing, carting,' and making himself generally useful round the farm. "When he died I got' Billy and broke him in to harness— and now he's going to bring us all to Melbourne."

An endless battle against drought and bad seasons decided Mr Talent to try his luck in Melbourne. Messrs Pegler and Dempster,

Red Cliffs butchers, made the bet that Billy could not take the family there in 12 weeks, and now everything is ready for the adventure. The caravan, like a great box, is mounted on motor springs and wheels. It is fitted with bunks, and will carry a radio. Billy is to be insured for £150, and will have special shoes ready for him so his feet won't get sore on the journey.

It reached Melbourne on 11 February 1939, a week ahead of schedule. I have never been able to find if the bullock had to walk home again.

Dandenong Journal (Vic. : 1927 - 1954),
Wednesday 18 October 1939, page 19

1000 MILES BY BULL CARAVAN

THE Bull Caravan, which was seen in Dandenong some months ago, is now back home again, having traversed over 900 miles with the Talent family aboard.

"Billy" the bull seems unaffected by his 1000-mile trek. Since winning their £50 wager by arriving in Melbourne within three months, having 11 days 1 to spare, they have entertained and interested many of the Melbourne public. Despite all types of weather —from a heat wave on the way to Melbourne to snow at Ballan on the way home —the family say they have enjoyed every moment of their journeyings.

Incidentally, it may be mentioned "Billy" has had an additional few pounds to haul on the homeward journey, as a baby boy was added to the family circle in Melbourne and was named Arthur Melbourne.

Mr Talent is now writing a book on his life and experiences in the bull caravan. The Talents, who disliked the bustle of city life, left Melbourne on the return journey in the latter part of July and travelled in easy stages. By the time they reach their Mallee borne at Nowingi they will have travelled a thousand miles by slow motion.

New Trophy at Melbourne Royal

The Victorian Committee was recently given a badge from Noni McDonald wife of the late Geoff McDonald (Lochaber Beef Shorthorns).

The committee agreed that it would be fitting to incorporate this badge on a replica trophy of the larger Silver Cup trophy awarded to the Grand Champion Beef Shorthorn bull; the inscription on the Silver Cup reads "The Shorthorn Society of The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Silver Cup is to be competed for in perpetuity and the name of the winning animal and the exhibitors name to be engraved on it each year.

The Cup is to remain the property of the RASV". The replica trophy is to be kept by the winning exhibitor for a year and will be suitably engraved.



2018 Royal Melbourne Show

Beef and Australian Shorthorn exhibitors again supported this years Royal Melbourne show with a quality line up of both breeds. Judge Tory Setter, CEO of Consolidated Pastoral Company was appointed to make his selections from 9 Beef Shorthorn and 9 Australian Shorthorn exhibits; he was assisted by associated judge Jack Nelson of Jackunjah Speckle Park stud.

Results as follows:

Beef Shorthorn

Class	Entry	Exhibitor
Heifer 9-12 months	1st Morningtime Kiribati's Blossom 7	D Ashley & grandchildren
Heifer 12-16 months	1st Morningtime K Olivia's Blossom	D Ashley & grandchildren
Heifer 16-20 months	1st Morningtime Malmo's Blossom 1	D Ashley & grandchildren
	2nd Goonawarra Park Middee	L&F Swan
	3rd Swanlea Sarah	D Swan
Junior Champion	Morningtime Malmo's Blossom 1	
Reserve Champion	Morningtime Kiribati's Blossom 7	
Heifer 20-24 months	1st Glenmount Queenie	L&C Shannon
	2nd Glenmount Angel's Red Diva	L&C Shannon
Cow or Heifer 24-36 months	1st Morningtime Kiribati's Blossom 4	D Ashley & grandchildren
Senior Champion Cow	Morningtime Kiribati's Blossom 4	
Reserve Senior Champion	Glenmount Queenie	
Grand Champion Female	Morningtime Kiribati's Blossom 4	
Bull 12-16 months	1st Spencer Family Nitro	Spencer Family
Junior Champion Bull	Spencer Family Nitro	
Grand Champion Bull	Spencer Family Nitro	
Sires Progeny	1st Morningtime Kiribati	
Best 2 Heifers	1st D Ashley & Grandchildren	

Supreme Beef Shorthorn Exhibit Most Successful Exhibitor

**Morningtime Kiribati's Blossom 4
D Ashley & Grandchildren**

Australian Shorthorn

Heifer 9-14 months	1st Spencer Family Molenor Rose Royce	Spencer Family
	2nd Roly Park Natilda	S Bruton
Heifer 14-20 months	1st Roly Park Dutchess of Neptune	S Bruton
	2nd Rhyola Jazzy Belle	M Hallyburton
	3rd Rhyola Queen Jemma	M Hallyburton
Junior Champion Heifer	Spencer Family Molenor Rose Royce	
Reserve Champion	Roly Park Dutchess of Neptune	
Cow or Heifer 20-30 months	1st Roly Park Maple	S Bruton
Senior Champion Cow	RolyPark Maple	
Grand Champion	Spencer Family Molenor Rose Royce	
Bull 14-20 months	1st Roly Park Tasmania	S Bruton
	2nd Spencer Family Starbuck	Spencer Family
	3rd Roly Park Nate	S Bruton
Junior Champion Bull	Roly Park Tasmania	
Reserve Champion	Spencer Family Starbuck	
Junior Pair	1st Spencer Family	
	2nd Roly Park	
Best 3 Head	1st S Bruton	
	2nd Spencer Family	

Grand Champion & Supreme Australian Shorthorn Exhibit Most Successful Exhibitor

**Roly Park Tasmania
S Bruton**

2018 Royal Melbourne Show



Junior and Grand Champion Beef Shorthorn bull Spencer Family Nitro with Claudia Spencer on the halter, sashed by John Alberni; David Spencer at left with Jack Neilson.



Rodney Rouse from Tasmania sashing the Reserve Senior Champion Cow Glenmount Queenie led by Carolyn Shannon.



Peter Falls, Malton sashing Best Australian Shorthorn Exhibit Roly Park Tasmania with Scott Bruton.



From left Fiona Swan, Leo Swan, Carolyn Shannon and Richard Bruton.



Judge Troy Setter at right and associate judge Jack Nelson.



Grand Champion Australian Shorthorn female Spencer Family Mulenor Rose Royce held by Claudia Spencer with Robyn Harris Meadow Vale Australian Shorthorns.

2018 Royal Melbourne Show



Best Beef Shorthorn Exhibit Morningtime Kiribati's Blossom 4; Aaron Brennan and Nakita Spencer for Morningtime.



Luke Spencer with Reserve Champion Australian Shorthorn bull Spencer Family Starbuck.



Trophies from left – replica Grand Champion Beef Shorthorn Bull cup donated by Noni McDonald, original trophy for Grand Champion Beef Shorthorn bull retained by RASV and Most Successful Exhibitor trophy awarded by RT&YE Falls and Sons

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2018 Royal Melbourne Show

*Junior & Grand Champion Australian Shorthorn Female
Spencer Family Mulenor Rose Royce (pictured)*

*Reserve Junior Champion Australian Shorthorn Bull
Spencer Family Starbuck - **SOLD!** to Messrs R Rouse and R Smith, Tasmania*

*Junior & Grand Champion Beef Shorthorn Bull
Spencer Family Nitro*



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