

September 2025



(Meadow Vale Ultimatum) - top priced bull at 2024 National Shorthorn Show & Sale exhibited by Harris Family, Clarkefield Victoria, purchased by Polldale Shorthorn stud

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# President's Letter to Members

March 2025

I must tell you about a very important development which benefits the commercial interests of all current and future Australian Shorthorns members as well as non-member cattle buyers. Beginning this week, in a ground-breaking collaboration between ABRI, New Zealand Performance Beef Breeds Ltd (PBB) and the US company International Genetic Solutions (IGS) – ABRI will publish genetic evaluations of cattle registered in the Australian and Beef Shorthorn Herd Books compiled by IGS. The evaluations (EPDs) will be updated weekly.

Through membership of Australian Shorthorns, you will have access to analysis of genetic traits via IGS. The IGS evaluation factors in an animal's pedigree, any objective data provided by the breeder and any genomic data provided by Weatherbys. The IGS evaluation for any animal can be viewed and searched via the ABRI's ILR Online system that you already know and use.

IGS provides EPDs (Expected Progeny Differences) to a number of cattle societies worldwide.

They include other shorthorn cattle societies – Shorthorn Beef in Australia, and the American and Canadian societies. It was considered important that the EPDs of cattle in our herd books be subjected to the same benchmarking as cattle in those other shorthorn herd books. Breedplan (closely associated with ABRI, our registration authority) is a first-class system which provides EBVs (Estimated Breeding Values) for the cattle of many societies. Whilst EPDs and EBVs produce similar evaluations, the EBVs provided by Breedplan cannot be directly compared with the EPDs produced by IGS for other shorthorn societies, and this put both cattle buyers and our breeders of registered Australian Shorthorns at a disadvantage. Our members whose focus is on commercial production and cattle buyers more generally could not fully assess the comparative worth of a particular bull or female and our stud breeder members could not benchmark their cattle against Shorthorns registered

with other Societies.

Australian Shorthorns has been able to establish a link with IGS through New Zealand Performance Beef Breeders Ltd, which acts for many New Zealand breed societies. PBB has an IGS license, and in effect Australian Shorthorns has become a sub-licensee at a satisfactory annual fee. The upshot is that ABRI will remain our registration authority, that ABRI will regularly send data to IGS for evaluation, and that IGS will provide weekly EPD evaluations which ABRI will then attach to every animal registered with Australian Shorthorns.

While this new service adds significant value to your Australian Shorthorns membership, I want to stress that it comes at no increased cost. Indeed, until now, if a member wished to make use of Breedplan, the member paid an annual fee together with transaction costs. If a member was not enrolled with Breedplan, no EBVs were provided for that member's cattle. But under the IGS arrangement, EPDs will attach to all the cattle of every breeder member. Australian Shorthorns

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO MEMBERS

is paying the cost of this.

The annual Full Membership fee of \$125 and the \$16.50 fee for all-of-life animal registration will stay at their current, competitive rates for the foreseeable future. A female inventory system will not be introduced.

The process of registering cattle with ABRI will not change, and there is no need for you to learn a new system.

Further to this, ABRI is working behind the scenes to streamline the user experience across the ILR Online platform, including the improvement of search functionality. We will keep you informed about updates to the system as they're shared with us by ABRI.

I invite you to share this exciting news with fellow breeders, and I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work of our colleagues at ABRI, PBB and IGS over a period of many months in making this service available to all Australian Shorthorns members.

**Peter Falls,**  
President

# President Peter Falls Awarded Hall of Fame Honour



*Peter (pictured at right) awarded Hall of Fame Honour by Trent Johnstone*

We are very proud to announce that Society President, Peter Falls (Malton Shorthorns) was inducted into the National Shorthorn Show & Sale Hall of Fame, and we offer our sincere congratulations to Peter on this recognition.

Andrea Falls has also completed her 3 year tenure with the sale committee and we congratulate Andrea on a very successful term of office as secretary.

The Falls family have been breeding Shorthorn cattle since 1953. Malton was established by Ronald and Yvonne Falls, Peter's parents.

The foundation females were obtained from Yaralla, which was owned by Ron's parents. Today Malton continues to be a family operation run over 3 properties in the NSW Riverina – Malton, South Burrabogie & Maxwell Farm. Malton's aim continues to be a focus on breeding quality functional cattle for the harsh Australian conditions.

Peter is a respected cattleman having wide experience in both the commercial and stud stock arenas. In 2016 the Falls family was inducted into the RASV Beef Cattle Hall of Fame in recognition of 60 years of continuous exhibiting and involvement at the Royal Melbourne Show.

Peter's judging knowledge and experience has seen him judge at almost every Royal Show in Australia, the National Shorthorn Show & Sale at Dubbo, Whiteface Show and Sale, Murray Grey National Show & Sale, Feature Shows, Interbreed appointments and notably in Canada at the 2018 Farmfair International show.

# 2025 NATIONAL SHORTHORN SHOW & SALE

The 2025 National Shorthorn Show & Sale has concluded; 77/101 bulls sold to a top of \$40,000 and averaged \$8636. 7/10 heifers sold to a top of \$16,000 averaging \$7929. 2/2 PTIC recipients sold to \$7500 and averaged \$5750, and 1/1 semen package sold for \$80/straw. Mr Ivan Price, Moongool Charolais from Yuleba, Queensland judged the 'Show' component of the event.

Society breeders were successful with purchases made from Queensland and NSW, with the Junior & Grand Champion Bull (Roly Park Up The Ante) a roan August 2023 bull being secured by the Southern Family of Queensland who also purchased Roly Park Unbelievable, a March 2023 drop bull. The stud was also successful in securing the Champion Breeders Group of 3 Bulls (Lambell MacKinnon Trophy), and the Most Successful Exhibitor.

Lot 27 North Eastern Abel, a roan May 2023 drop bull was secured by major buyers Merriwee Pastoral at Condobolin NSW, whilst Lot 106, Angledoon Union, another roan September 2023 drop bull was secured by M Passmore of Grenfell, NSW; Lot 126 heifer Angledoon RNP Cloudy also sold into NSW.

On the female front Lot 125 – Spencer Family Augusta Fool - was awarded the Grand Champion Female, and subsequently sold to members Ian and Lucia Briggs of Wakefield Shorthorns at Groomsville, Queensland. The Reserve Champion Female, Lot 138 Ronelle Park FW Nandi was purchased by the Malton Shorthorn Stud.



*Spencer Family Augusta Fool, Grand Champion Female sashed by Jason Catts with Ashley Morris for Spencer Family*



*Ronelle Park FW Nandi, purchased by the Malton Shorthorn Stud (Charlie and Sophie Falls at left)*



*Queensland councillor Ian Briggs, Lucia Briggs and Peter Falls*

# 2025 NATIONAL SHORTHORN SHOW & SALE



*Roly Park Breeders Group winning the Lambell McKinnon Trophy*



*Left to Right: Dan Toynton, Peter Falls, Gerald Spry*



*Robyn Harris, her aunt and Bev Harris from Clarkfield, Victoria*



*NSW councillors Phillip Cooper, Jason Tetley and Michelle Kay*



*Long-time supporters of the National Sale, Caroline and Mark Aitken, "Wareelah", Gooloogong NSW*



*Judge Mr Ivan Price of Moongool Charolais, Queensland.*

# SOCIETY REPORT TO WORLD SHORTHORN CONFERENCE - CANADA 2025

The Beef Shorthorn Society of Australia was established more than a century ago. It is the nation's longest established Shorthorn cattle society. In the past two years it has undergone profound reinvigoration.

First, since January 2024 the Society has operated under the business name - held for many years - of Australian Shorthorns. This recognises the breed's 200 years of development and adaptation to Australian conditions and the fact that cattle registrations are predominantly in the Australian Shorthorn herd book.

Second, this change was accompanied by the development and launching of a new website, accessible by searching [www.australianshorthorns.au](http://www.australianshorthorns.au)

Third, the Society secretary is now contactable at [office@australianshorthorns.au](mailto:office@australianshorthorns.au)

Fourth, a little earlier, in late 2023, Australian Shorthorns entered into a contract with Weatherbys Scientific for the provision of genomic data to members. This service is provided at extremely competitive rates and has proved to be very efficient.

Fifth, Australian Shorthorns have continued to shine in carcass competitions at both Royal and regional shows.

Sixth, an Australian Shorthorn bull sold for the top price - \$28,000 – at the prestigious National Shorthorn Sale, Dubbo, in June 2024.

Seventh, since March this year, following a

period of rigorous testing, weekly updated EPDs for all cattle in the Australian Shorthorn and Beef Shorthorn herd books have been provided by the American company International Genetic Solutions (IGS). This is the result of a significant collaboration between the Agricultural Business Research Institute (ABRI), New Zealand Performance Beef Breeders Ltd and IGS. ABRI remains the registration authority for Australian Shorthorns. Data received from IGS is uploaded onto the ABRI database and so becomes accessible to members and to the wider cattle-breeding industry.

The performance of Australian Shorthorns can be directly compared with the cattle of other Shorthorn cattle societies which obtain data from IGS.

Eighth, on 29 April this year a digital version of a new edition of the Australian Shorthorn and Beef Shorthorn herd books was uploaded onto the Australian Shorthorns website. It is readily accessible. Hard copies of the herd book are also available.

Ninth, Australian Shorthorns has been able to provide the substantial additional services outlined in this report without having to increase any of its fees and charges. They remain extremely modest, always highly desirable but the more so in difficult economic times.

We take this opportunity of wishing the Canadian Shorthorn Association a very successful 18th Conference.



# Long-Standing Victorian President Carolynn Shannon Retires from position

*(Kindly written by Margaret Hallyburton)*

Carolynn Shannon has announced that she is stepping down as the Victorian President, a position she has held since 1999. Carolynn has been around Beef Shorthorns a lot longer than many would realise. Her late father Les Bowen established the Glenmount Stud in 1949.

After his death in 1989 Carolynn and Les along with her mother Jean decided to continue with the stud. In 1995 the stud was moved to its present location at Romsey. Carolynn first showed in her own right in 1989 with Glenmount Nellie who was awarded Junior Champion Heifer. Those of us who were at the Melbourne Royal judging that year may still remember how Nellie reacted when presented with her ribbon, the ribbon survived!

Carolynn was elected to the Victorian Committee in 1991. She was the Assistant Secretary from 1992- 1997.

Carolynn was elected Victorian State President in 1999, a

position she has held right up until now. She has led the Victorian Branch tirelessly through all those years. Promoting the breed by showing at Melbourne, Sydney, Canberra Royal Shows and National Beef in Bendigo. As well as many Feature Shows, with some being interstate. Carolynn was the Beef Shorthorn Breed Captain at Melbourne Royal for many years.

Carolynn was elected as a Federal Councillor in 2000, a position she held until she resigned earlier this year. She was a Federal Vice President in 2023.

During her time as State President, she organised well attended Conference Weekends at Halls Gap for members to get together and for farm tours.

In 2008 Carolynn was presented with the Trophy for CGU Breeder of the year.

In 2010 Les and Carolynn attended the World Shorthorn Conference in the UK,

something she had talked of doing for years.

The Glenmount Stud last exhibited at Melbourne Royal in 2019 and then along came Covid. Since then Carolynn and Les haven't done any showing and they are still breeding Beef Shorthorns on the family property at Romsey.

The Victorian Committee and the Society is deeply grateful to Carolynn for her contribution to the breed and the Society. A gift was presented to Carolynn at the recent Victorian Committee meeting - pictured below:

L-R (back row) - Scott Bruton, Tiffany Schwencke, Les Shannon, David Spencer, David Ashley, Thomas Harry, Jeff Swan.

Middle - Marion Spencer, Bill Harwood, Jenni Harris.

Front - Carolynn Shannon and Incoming Victorian President Alan Mathers.

# Tasmanians at Dubbo Show and Sale 2024 & 2025



*Bulls at Malton Shorthorns Finley having a practice wash.*



*Molly Fletcher, Caitlyn Burns and Carolyn and John Evans with North Eastern Zev.*



North Eastern Shorthorns has made the huge trek to Dubbo in June for the national show and sale for 2 consecutive years now.

The inaugural trip in 2024 was 12 months in the making. The plans were started after Darren, Carolyn and John's first trip to Dubbo in 2023, where we purchased a sire – Warraberry Specialist S79. We thought at the time – we have bulls which would be good enough to be on the national stage and Dubbo really is the place with a bull for everyone's style, production plans and price point.

Along with halter breaking and show prep and feeding the bulls at home in Tasmania. The logistics of getting the bulls, their feed and then all the show supplies and ourselves across bass strait required some forward planning. In 2024 we entered 3 bulls in the National Shorthorn Show and Sale.

The transportation for the bulls was pre-arranged 6 months prior to the sale. It was a pre-booking made through Pages and Falls Livestock Transport. When May 2024 approached Tasmania was in the grips of the driest Spring, Summer and Autumn seen in years.

Due to the seasonal conditions an unprecedented number of livestock was being transported out of the state to the mainland and spots on transport ships were very limited – with wait times pushing out over 6-8 weeks, luckily as we had pre-booked, we were able to secure space. We had feed transported from Tasmania for them – as they were enjoying the Tas-stock feed Grain free beef pellets at home and we didn't want to face transition onto new feed as well as the stress from transport.

The bulls travelled across 4 weeks prior to the sale. North Eastern



Shorthorns would like to extend huge appreciation and gratitude to all that were involved in the process to get them to Dubbo.

They left Legerwood at lunchtime on 6th May 2024 and arrived at Finley at Malton Shorthorns Friday 10th May 2024 around 6.30pm – they thankfully had 4 weeks prior to the sale to settle into the mainland environment. Much thanks to Geoff and Peter Falls for taking great care of them.

We packed up all the show gear, clipping chute and the camper and made the long 1511km trek to Dubbo. We also had the pleasure of two very enthusiastic young handlers Molly Fletcher and Caitlyn Burns – who travelled all the way from Tasmania with us.

The Team Settled into Dubbo and Molly and Caitlyn got straight to work with show preparations and caring for the boys.

Trip was enjoyed by the entire team and despite a slow sale – we successfully found a new home for North Eastern Zev at Dubbo.

After the 2024 trip – we decided to begin preparations for 2025. We had 2 Muridale Robert 35U sons which were of exceptional temperament and type. The spring show circuit was the testing ground and training for the bulls. North Eastern Shorthorns had success in the show circuit with

### **Brighton Show**

Reserve Champion Interbreed Bull – North Eastern Abel U39 Supreme Exhibit,

Junior & Grand Champion Interbreed Female – North Eastern Adyth U49



*Pictured above: North Eastern Interbreed Champion Group of Three Brighton Show*

Interbreed Junior Pair and Interbreed Sires Progeny Pair and Interbreed Group of 3: North Eastern.

We then had a lovely family purchase North Eastern Abner U40 and he has made a great home at Bonnie Doon Farm in Tasmania. So, it was getting close to Dubbo entry time and we had 1 bull to bring north. It was decided we would trial an alternate transport method given a solitary entry. North Eastern Abel U39 was kept in Tasmania and prepared and had his fertility testing and feeding at home.

On the Tuesday 10th June the week prior to sale – he was transported the 3 hours from home to Spreyton to load onto a horse truck to get across the bass strait. Thanks to Tasmanian Horse Transport he made the



overnight journey safely and then spent Wednesday and Thursday in a horse stable at Avalon being spoiled by people who had never handled cattle, only horses and in true Abel style he was an absolute gentleman. The staff now all want shorthorns “because they are so quiet”.

On Thursday evening Darren, John and I loaded onto the spirit of Tasmania and the crossing with the empty horse float and 7am Friday 13th June we arrived at Avalon and collected and loaded Abel. We then made the trip north. We had a number of kind offers for lay overs, but the transport was going well – so 11.5 hours later we arrived in Dubbo. Abel was keen to stretch out, have a drink and a feed and settled in. Saturday, he spent the day outside in the Dubbo Sunshine.

The next few days as all involved know were busy with washing, clipping, blowing, weighing, scanning and then The Show and Sale on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th.

We would like thank all those with advice and help along the way and also the exceptional extended Shorthorn Family for all their guidance. North Eastern Shorthorns had a successful sale and Abel found a new home not far from Dubbo and then the family made the long trip back south again.

We have once again started on plans and preparation for 2026 Dubbo National Shorthorn Show and Sale and are currently halter breaking our weaned bull calves.



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# North Eastern Shorthorns

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**Carolynn Evans 0428 144 766**  
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## 2025 EKKA Royal Queensland Show

A team of 3 Australian Short-horn females from the Malton Shorthorn Stud, Finley NSW made the trip to the EKKA to compete amongst 23 Short-horns exhibits; judging was conducted on Saturday 9 August under the consideration of judge Mr Ben Crowley of Tycolah Poll Herefords and



*Junior & Grand Champion Female - Malton Broadwin V55, an October 2024 heifer sired by Ronelle Park Rolls Royce R10*

Brafords based in Cobbadah.  
We offer our congratulations to the Falls family of Malton



*Reserve Champion Female Malton Vi-Min V136 a September 2024 heifer sired by Malton Quicksilver Q93*

on their success in securing both the Junior /Grand and Reserve Junior Champion Females.

# Full Circle

(article by Ian Briggs, Groomsville, Queensland)



Francis Rawdon Briggs, my grandfather, bought the family property in 1923. He named it Elmhirst after Lady Elmhirst who was his great aunt and had given him £50 as a child. The property was 10km South-East of Mount Perry and about 80km West of Bundaberg. Elmhirst covered approximately 7500 acres, running about 400 breeders.

My father, Rawdon Francis Briggs, started the original Wakefield Shorthorn Stud sometime in the 1940s at Elmhirst. It was dispersed in the 1960s with Arubial stud purchasing most of the breeders. I grew up at Elmhirst, hearing of Wakefield stud but remember only a little of it, by then the predominant breed had become Santa Gertrudis.

At 17, I left Elmhirst and went to work for Stanbroke Pastoral Company. I worked for them for about 15 years, initially as a Jackeroo but eventually worked my way up to become the Station Manager at Banchory and then Ardmore. When I first started with Stanbroke, the predominant breed was Shorthorn with the Bos Indicus influence just starting in the herds. I spent 3 years at Tanbar, a finishing property in the Cooper Channels. In 1976, 10,000 bullocks turned off for the year, over 85% of these were Shorthorns and they were by far the best, both temperament-wise and for finishing ability. In that year, the bullocks turned off averaged 710 lb dressed weight - all off grass.

I had the opportunity to take ownership of Elmhirst in 1989. So I returned home and took on

management of the property, continuing with the Santa Gertrudis herd which eventually increased to around 500 breeders.

In 2021, when my wife Lucia and I decided to retire, we bought a smaller block at Groomsville, 30 mins North of Toowoomba. With some adjacent leased land, we have about 120 acres. We always planned to have a small Shorthorn stud and chose the name Wakefield in memory of my father's stud.

We purchased a stud bull at the Dubbo sale, Kamilaroi Corella (KML R24). He was chosen for his type; short-haired, active, with plenty of scope but not too long in the leg and extremely quiet. These traits are coming through in his progeny. We also purchased heifers from Caskieben and Yanco at the Dubbo sale, and cows from Southcote and at

the Moombi dispersal.

Our aim is to breed short-coated, mid-scale cattle, which we feel will be most suited to Queensland conditions. We believe Shorthorns have a future in the industry if we continue to emphasise the positive characteristics of the breed:

First, and importantly, their ability to lay down intramuscular fat, prior to coverage, which increases their natural ability to marble and aids in fertility.

Second, their excellent temperament, which at times can cause frustration at their placidness and refusal to hurry when you are pushed for time.

Across the industry these seem to be the traits that all breeds are aiming for, and Shorthorns have always naturally had the ability to meet such ambitions.



Spencer Family Augusta Fool Grand Champion Female purchased at the 2025 National Shorthorn Show & Sale (photo credit Studstocksales.com)

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# JUNIOR FOCUS

Our juniors' have been busy this season attending both Royal, local shows, and heifer expos. Their commitment to the breed is evidenced by their passion to compete amongst other like-minded competitors, and we take this opportunity to congratulate them on a very successful outcome described below:



Archie Wickham from Lake Boga at the SA Junior Heifer Expo.



Robert Harris-Ryan, Reserve Intermediate Junior Judge - SA Junior Heifer Expo (Robert will also compete at the State Paraders Final to be held at the Melbourne Royal later this year).



Axel Miller, Reserve Sub-Intermediate junior judge, 2025 SA Junior Heifer Expo; he also placed 3rd in the paraders class and secured 1st place with Roly Park Violet Crumble in the heifer class.



Seth Miller placed 3rd in handlers and a merit award in the heifer class with his heifer PLB Trendy.

## Welcome to New Members

The Society is pleased to welcome the following new members:

Axel Miller, Junior - Lake Boga, Vic  
Seth Miller, Junior - Lake Boga, Vic  
Andrew Schmitt - Comobella, NSW  
Robert Harris-Ryan, Junior - Lancefield, Vic  
Gary McKenzie - Maryland, USA  
Ian Rowan - Strathcreek, Vic  
Sofia Rowan, Strathcreek, Vic

Thomas & Elizabeth Harry - Tennyson, Vic  
Peter Lennox & Alison Burgess - Yan Yean, Vic  
Charlie Poustie - Corriemungle, Vic  
Luke & Sally Collins - Gillenbah, NSW  
Ross Johnstone - Garland, NSW  
Tompkins Family - Stuart Town, NSW

Lockie & Kim Falls - Finley, NSW  
SXS Shorthorns, Purlawaugh, NSW  
Trojon Shorthorns, Lyndhurst, NSW  
Salesian College, Sunbury Vic  
Steve & Tiffany Magazzu, Marsden Park, NSW  
Peter Kaylock, Lake Boga, Vic

# Rupertswood, Shorthorn Cattle & Salesian College

Salesian College, Sunbury, has a thriving agricultural education program. Recently, the College became a member of Australian Shorthorns. It will show an Australian Shorthorn Steer at this year's Melbourne Royal.

Within the College grounds is Rupertswood Mansion, which was built by Sir William J Clarke in the 1870s. It was his country home until his death in 1897. His city home was Clivedon Mansion in East Melbourne.

On his death, Rupertswood passed to his son Sir Rupert Clarke, who later sold it to his brother William, who later still sold it to HV McKay (of Harvester fame).

Sir WJ Clarke was a large-scale breeder of Shorthorn cattle –

both commercial and stud. He began with purchase of well-bred commercial females in 1871. These he joined to stud bulls. Numbers vastly increased over the years.

His first purchase of a stud female was in 1878, when he paid 1600 guineas – an enormous amount at the time - for a cow bought from Robertson Bros, Colac. By the time of his death the stud female herd well exceeded 100. By 1902, in the ownership of his son Sir Rupert, it was about 140.

Bolinda Vale Shorthorns were a dominant feature of the Show scene in the 1880s and thereafter.

In the 1870s and thereafter Sir WJ Clarke owned Rupertswood

Estate, which was about 250,000 acres in size and which ran from north of Melbourne to the Macedon Ranges. The Estate embraced Bolinda Vale at what is now Clarkefield. Bolinda Vale was where the stud herd was run.

We can be absolutely confident that some of the Clarke Shorthorns were run in paddocks surrounding Rupertswood Mansion in the period when it was owned by Sir WJ Clarke and his son Rupert. Because Rupertswood Mansion was the Clarke country home, old photographs of shorthorn cattle in the Mansion are likely to be of Bolinda Vale Show winners.

Now Shorthorns return to Rupertswood.

## STAN HILL SUCCESS SYDNEY ROYAL 2024

Scott Bruton of Roly Park Australian Shorthorns has advised his “highest achievement to date at the Sydney Royal Carcase competition with 3 steer carcasses all receiving Silver Medals for their carcase scores, and all receiving 20/20 for their individual market specifications. “We were 2nd out of 40 in the

Light weight class 5 with a score of 87.61; another steer in the same class scored 86.04. The third steer placed 2nd (missing out by .05 of a point) in securing the win scoring 85.60”.

The 3 carcasses also went on to take out 1st place in the Breeders Carcase Group class with a total score of 259.25.



*(Stan Hill team - Roly Park at right)*

One of the steers was selected in the Shorthorn Stan Hill team of 3 that were placed 2nd overall with a score of 254.96.



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## NORTHERN EXPOSURE SHORTHORN SALE

The recently concluded Northern Exposure Shorthorn Sale delivered a positive result where 14/14 females sold to \$35,000 and averaged \$6714. Purchases were made by members Nalcoombie Pastoral Co (Scott Gale and family), Ian and Lucia Briggs, and Steve & Tiffany Magazzu.

45/51 bulls sold to \$18,000 twice and averaged \$8109. A pen of 4 Australian Shorthorn registered SXS bulls sold to \$10,000 and averaged \$8500.

Trojon Shorthorns yearling Australian Shorthorn heifers were sold very well - pen of 5 roan heifers achieving \$4000 per head - purchased by Ian and Lucia Briggs, 6 red heifers made \$18,000 (purchased by Nalcoombie Pastoral). Ronelle Park Joey with calf at foot sold for \$13,000 and purchased by Steve & Tiffany Magazzu. Oompa Loompa - sold to Scott Gale for \$10,000.

We congratulate our Australian Shorthorn vendors and purchasers on this event.



**Southern Cross Ultimate Impact U226 - sold for \$18,000**



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# DUODECIM PASTORAL FARM GATE BEEF PACK SALES FEATURING AUSTRALIAN SHORTHORNS, COMPLIMENTED BY COMMERCIAL ANGUS

Laura, Brandon, Leroy & Reid Healey here from Duodecim Pastoral. We wanted to reach out to our friends, family and wider community/ contacts we've made over the years to let you know about our farm gate beef pack sales.

Below are some details about what we are about. We started a small little side business 15 months ago selling our farm gate beef to family and friends. We are enjoying sharing a little part of our farm life with our community and we'd love for you to join us.

All meat is grass fed and bred by us here at the farm and processed & vacuum packed by our friends at Country Style Meats in Garfield.

Our goal is to share a quality eating experience each quarter with our community while also sharing the process and value of supporting local farm gate producers. We see our meat packs as a way to treat yourself and your loved ones.

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Text/Message Reply

Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/MYQxxoNV6KKiD2SF7>

Email: [duodecimpastoral@outlook.com](mailto:duodecimpastoral@outlook.com)

## We have 6 packs available

Taster Pack

BBQ Pack

Prime Pack

Slow cooker Pack

Meat Lover Pack

Family Pack



We have some optional add-ons including:

Selected Add-Ons (e.g Mince)

Dog Bones

Soup Bones

Confirmation messages will be sent upon stocktake once we pick up from the butcher. We never know exactly how much of each cut we will get as a smaller producer so payment is not required until your order is confirmed or at pick-up/delivery.



Payment options will be via cash or transfer & we are aiming to EFTPOS available too.



Pick up is preferred at the farm here in Bayles . A delivery run will be available to opt-in on and options of this are included on the Google Form.

We look forward to seeing your orders come through and having you enjoy a little piece of the farm!

If you have any questions please reach out and let us know, we hope you consider trying the 'farm-gate way'

## Happy Days

Laura, Brandon, Leroy & Reid

# STOP PRESS

Laura and Brandon opened up pre-orders for 57 meat packs - the entire product of 4 18 month old shorthorn steers - on the morning of 1 July. By 6 o'clock that day, all had been sold.



## Duodecim Pastoral Meat Sale JULY 2025 PACKS

### MEAT LOVERS PACK \$200

1 x Rump Steaks (2 pack)  
1 x Brisket (2kg)  
2kg Mince  
2 x T-Bone Steaks  
1 x Beef Ribs (1.5kg)  
1 x Scotch Fillet (2 pack)

### SLOW COOKER PACK \$150

1 x Plain Roast (1.5-2kg)  
1 x Fresh Silverside (1.5kg)  
2kg of Premium Mince  
1 x Stewing Steak 700g  
1 x Gravy Beef 700g  
1 x Rump or Bolar Steaks (2pk)

### SHORTHORN BEEF ADD-ONS

T-Bone Steaks (2 Pack)	\$40.00
Skirt Steak	\$25.00
Mince 500g	\$10.00
Bolar Blade (Slow Cook)	\$25.00
Marrow Bones (p/bag)	\$5.00
Soup Bones (p/bag)	\$5.00
Dog Bones	\$FREE
Stewing Steak	\$25.00
Gravy Beef	\$20.00
Fresh Silverside	\$20.00

*The beef contained in these packs is all Shorthorn & Angus which was bred and grass fed at Duodecim Pastoral*



## Duodecim Pastoral Meat Sale JULY 2025 PACKS

### PRIME PACK \$200

Eye Fillet 200g x 2  
Scotch Fillet 300g x 2  
Porterhouse 300g x 2  
2kg Premium Mince  
1 x Stir Fry (500g)  
1 x Plain Roast (1.5 - 2kg)  
1 x Plain Sausages (6pk)

### FAMILY PACK \$250

1 x Plain Roast (1.5kg)  
2 x Plain Sausages (6pk)  
2.5kg Premium Mince  
1 x Porterhouse 300g (2 pack)  
1 x Schnitzels (2 pack)  
1 x Gravy Beef 700g  
1 x T-Bone (2 pack)  
1 x Diced Beef (500g)  
1 x Stewing Steak (1kg) or Fresh Silverside

### BBQ PACK \$180

1 x Rump Steaks (2 pack)  
2 x Plain Sausages (6pk)  
2 x Premium Mince (500g)  
1 x BBQ Steaks (2 pack)  
1 x Scotch Filler 300g (2 Pack)  
1 x T-Bone (2 Pack)  
1 x Schnitzels (2 pack)

### TASTER PACK \$115

1 x Porterhouse (2 pack)  
1 x Plain Sausages (6pk)  
2 x Premium Mince (500g)  
1 x Schnitzels or BBQ Steaks (2 pack)  
1 x Diced or Stir Fry Beef (500g)  
1 x Rump Steak (2 pack)

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# 2024 SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW

Judge: Mr Jack Laurie, Knowla  
Livestock, NSW - Date: 23 March  
2024 Championship results were  
as follows:

### Junior Champion Female

Blackjack P73's Rosebud

Reserve Junior Female - Nagol  
Park R114 Romance

### Senior & Grand Champion

Female - Nagol Park PW Belle S104

Reserve Champion Female  
Royalla Shannon Margie J317

### Junior Champion Bull

Howat M15 Texasranger

Reserve Junior Bull  
Roly Park Theodore

### Senior & Grand Champion Bull

Royalla Benefactor

Reserve Champion Bull Spencer  
Family Tim Tam



2024 SRES Most Successful Shorthorns  
Exhibitors and Best Maintained Team, Roly  
Park.



New Society Banner on display.

# National Shorthorn Show & Sale 2024

It is with great pleasure that we report the top priced bull at the recently concluded National Shorthorn Show & Sale held at Dubbo was Meadow Vale Ultimate (Australian Shorthorns) bred by Bev & Robyn Harris of the Meadow Vale stud, Clarkefield (first time vendor).

A son of Polldale Neat N38 (himself a Division champion at the 2019 sale and purchased by the Malton stud, Finley) Ultimate was purchased for \$28,000 by the Williams family (Dubbo)

and Calmara Shorthorns (Toongi NSW).

As per entry requirements Ultimate satisfied the genotyping sequences for PV (parent verification, myostatin, Poll/Horn, and Bovine Versa 50K) conducted by Weatherbys Scientific Australia.

Other Australian Shorthorns members to present bulls for sale at Dubbo this year were Roly Park (Scott Bruton), North Eastern Shorthorns, Tasmania (Carolynn Evans), Tipperary

Shorthorns (J&Q Schneider) and Spencer Family (D&M Spencer).

Australian Shorthorns was proud to sponsor the Senior Champion Bull category at the sale.

Bulls sold to six states and two major volume buyers purchased 25 bulls between them. 77/109 bulls were sold and averaged \$8766; 5/7 females sold to \$6500 and averaged \$5300. A single PTIC recipient sold for \$6000, 1 embryo package sold for \$80 per straw.



Senior Champion Led Bull awarded the Ian Hayes Memorial Trophy sponsored by Australian Shorthorns - Lot 72. Leeds Lloyds T51; L-R pictured: Jillian Leeds, Peter Falls, (handler), judges Sophie & Spencer Morgan, The Grove Shorthorns, Queensland.

# Tasmanian Show Circuit Shorthorn Results 2024

Tasmanian Shorthorn members exhibited across Tasmania's Spring Show Circuit. Congratulations to all exhibitors on their presentation of a quality line up of cattle to promote our breed.

They include;

- The Den Shorthorns
- North Eastern Shorthorns
- Dunroan Shorthorns
- Royston Shorthorns

Highlights include:

## Scottsdale Show

**Senior & Grand Champion  
Interbreed Bull**  
Dunroan Stanley

**Senior Champion  
Interbreed Female**  
Dunroan Prim U10

**Interbreed Group of 3**  
Dunroan Shorthorns

## Deloraine Show

**Reserve Interbreed Bull**  
Royston Ultimate U16

**Supreme Exhibit, Junior  
& Grand Champion Female**  
Royston RR Mia U64

## Brighton Show

**Reserve Champion  
Interbreed Bull**  
North Eastern Abel U39

**Supreme Exhibit,  
Junior & Grand Champion  
Interbreed Female**  
North Eastern Adyth U49

**Interbreed Junior Pair and  
Interbreed Sires Progeny Pair  
and Interbreed Group of 3**  
North Eastern.



*Dunroan Prim U10 Interbreed Senior Female Scottsdale Show.*



*Pictured above:  
North Eastern Interbreed Champion Group  
of Three Brighton Show.*



*Pictured far left:  
Royston RR Mia U64 - Supreme Beef exhibit  
Deloraine Show.*



*Pictured left:  
North Eastern Adyth U49 - Supreme Beef  
exhibit Brighton Show.*

# SHORTHORN FEATURE SHOW RESULTS 2024

**Junior Champion Bull**  
Royston Ultimate U16

**Reserve Junior  
Champion Bull**  
The Den Undercover Lover

**Senior Champion Bull**  
Dunroan Stanley

**Reserve Senior  
Champion Bull**  
The Den Taurus

**Grand Champion Bull**  
Royston Ultimate U16

**Senior Champion Female**  
Royston JT Rosary

**Reserve Champion Female**  
Dunroan Prim

**Junior Champion Female**  
Royston RR Fancy U63

**Reserve Junior Champion  
Female - The Den Merendee**

**Grand Champion Female**  
Royston RR Fancy U63

**Junior Pair**  
1st Royston Shorthorns  
2nd The Den Shorthorns  
3rd The Den Shorthorns

**Sires Progeny**  
1st Royston Shorthorns  
Ronelle Park Rolls Royce

2nd Royston Shorthorns  
Sprys Heritage P73

3rd The Den Shorthorns  
Byland Flash

**Group of 3**  
1st Royston Shorthorns  
2nd Dunroan Shorthorns  
3rd The Den Shorthorns

**Champion Youth Handler**  
Beau Woodiwiss

**Encouragement  
Youth Handler**  
Mitch Woodiwiss

**Most Successful Exhibitor**  
Royston Shorthorns

**Highest Place pen of  
3 Shorthorn or  
Shorthorn x on the Hoof**  
Royston Shorthorns

**Highest Placed pen of  
3 Shorthorns or  
Shorthorn x on the Hook**  
The Den Shorthorns

**Interbreed Senior &  
Grand Champion Bull**  
Dunroan Stanley

**Interbreed Senior Female**  
Royston JT Rosary



*Dunroan Stanley Interbreed Grand  
Champion bull Scottsdale & Circular head  
shows.*



*Royston Ultimate U16 - Supreme Shorthorn  
Exhibit Circular Head Shorthorn Feature  
Show.*



*Royston RR Fancy U63 - Grand Champion  
Shorthorn Feature Show Female.*

# Know More. Breed Better.

Introducing the New Weatherbys Scientific Bovine 85K VersaSNP Array – Advancing Genomic Insights for Australian Shorthorn Breeders

Weatherbys Scientific is excited to announce our newly enhanced Illumina Bovine 85K VersaSNP array, offering improved genomic resolution and seamless compatibility with global genotyping standards. This advanced array features a carefully selected panel of SNP markers, providing comprehensive genomic coverage across a wide range of bovine breeds – empowering breeders and researchers with high-precision data for genetic evaluations and cutting-edge studies.

As part of our ongoing commitment to innovation and quality, the Bovine 85K VersaSNP array represents the next step in delivering powerful, reliable tools to accelerate livestock genetic improvement and research worldwide.

## A Proud Partnership Supporting the Australian Shorthorns

Weatherbys Scientific Australia is honoured to work closely with Australian Shorthorns, providing tailored, cost-effective genomic testing solutions designed specifically for Australian Shorthorn breeders. Our collaboration aims to simplify breeding decisions and drive genetic progress in this iconic breed.

We offer a suite of Shorthorn-specific genetic tests, including:

Horn/Poll Status

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Myostatin (9 Variants)

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Maple Syrup Urine Disease

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Pompes E18

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Tibial Hemimelia Improver

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White Heifer Disease

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Parentage Verification

If you have questions about transitioning to the new Bovine 85K VersaSNP array or would like to discuss how our genomic tools can support your breeding goals, please reach out to our dedicated team.

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# 2024 Melbourne Royal Show

Judge: Mr Tom Baker



Lizzy and Tom Baker, stud principals Woonallee Simmentals, SA.



Mia Proietto for Spencer Family.



Spencer Family U So Fancy, Best Exhibit with Olivia Jury.



Australian Shorthorns Borthwick trophy team (placed 2nd overall) - Rutherglen High School with Spencer Family steer, Robert Harris-Ryan and Robyn Harris, Meadow Vale.



FHS Unstoppable for Finley High School.

## Results as follows:

**Junior Champion Heifer**  
Spencer Family U So Fancy

**Reserve Champion**  
AJM Jeda Express

**Senior Champion Female**  
AJM Pattie

**Reserve Champion**  
FHS Lexie

**Grand Champion**  
Spencer Family U So Fancy

**Junior Champion Bull**  
FHS Unstoppable

**Reserve Champion**  
Spencer Family Ustar

**Senior Champion Bull**  
Wynyard Tango

**Reserve Champion**  
No entries

**Grand Champion Bull**  
FHS Unstoppable

**Best Exhibit**  
Spencer Family U So Fancy

# 2025 Sydney Royal Easter Show

Judge: Mr Ross Thompson, Millah Murrah Angus  
Date: 13 April 2025



*Reserve Champion Heifer - PLB Miss Ellie K (L&B Pentreath) with Seth Miller on the lead and sashed by Mrs Trish Bellamy.*

## **Junior Champion Heifer**

AJM Jedda Express U139  
(J&B Gavenlock)

## **Reserve Champion Heifer**

PLB Miss Ellie K (L&B Pentreath)

## **Senior Champion Female**

AJM Pattie T121 (J&B Gavenlock)

## **Reserve Senior Champion Female**

Roly Park Sadie (S Bruton)

## **Grand Champion Female**

AJM Pattie T11

## **Junior Champion Bull**

Roly Park Viper (S Bruton)

## **Reserve Champion Bull**

Roly Park Up The Ante (S Bruton)

## **Senior Champion Bull**

Polldale Unstoppable  
(MAGS & Polldale)

## **Reserve Senior Champion Bull**

Roly Park Unbelievable (S Bruton)

## **Grand Champion Bull**

Polldale Unstoppable  
(MAGS & Polldale)

## **Best Exhibit**

AJM Pattie T121

## **Most Successful Exhibitor**

Roly Park Shorthorns

# SPENCER FAMILY SHORTHORNS

David & Marion Spencer & Family - Spencer Family (Est 1987)  
753 Police Paddocks Road, Carlyle Vic 3685  
(Postal: PO Box 199, Rutherglen Vic 3685)

**Spencer Family Shorthorns will be exhibiting at the 2025 Melbourne Royal,**



**Progeny from  
Sprys Enterprise S310**

**Pictured Left  
Semen Sales Available**

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# Slurpie S29

Malton Shorthorns presents the  
Australian Record Top Price Shorthorn Bull

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RIB: 10MM    RUMP: 18MM    SCROTAL: 42CM    IMF: 7.8%



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