



The Board and staff of NZ Milking Shorthorn Association wish all members a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. The office will close at 3pm pm Friday 22 December 2023 and reopen on Monday 8 January 2024.

Latest News

President's Message

It's hard to believe that the end of another year is almost on us.

2023 has been another busy year for the association with the return to almost normal and with events around the country which is great as this promotes our breed. At the end of November, the Taranaki Branch hosted a number of us at the Stratford Show. Despite the cold weather, a good time was had by all. With December upon us, several members will be looking towards the New Zealand Dairy Event in Feilding, in January and I wish those of you showing all the best for this.

The weather around the country continues to be unpredictable, making it hard for us to plan ahead as we have to clean up after the next weather event. However, as you know we continue to farm and promote the NZMSA and we should be proud of this.

We look forward to conference in Christchurch in 2024 and if any of you are in the Manawatu on 9 February 2024, the CDMSA will be celebrating 100 years at the Feilding Coachhouse, please contact Michael Treder (trederbros@inspire.net.nz) for further information.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a safe and happy Christmas and New Year period.

David Wood | President

Conference 2024 – Registrations now open!

The Canterbury Branch welcome all members to the 2024 Annual Conference.
Date: 8th - 10th April 2024
Location: Sudima Christchurch Airport Hotel
Host: Canterbury Milking Shorthorn Branch

Registrations are now open, please find the registration form attached to this email.

Welcome Alayna

Alayna Judge has now joined the team as Member Services Administrator and will be looking after registrations and TOP. She is learning the ropes quickly, and will be supported through her learning transition over the next few months. Please be patient, it's a big job to learn! You can contact Alayna with any registration queries at ajudge@jersey.org.nz

All Breeds Dairy Judging Training Day

Dairy Judging Training Day - 20 December 2023
1pm start - 117 Central Road North, Ngatea. Fonterra 75096

All breeds welcome - presenter - Peter Gilbert, Canterbury.

What will be covered:

- Understand the functionality of cows - what to look for, what faults to look for.
- Learn the terms used in by judges
- Have a practice judging, and get feedback
- Develop confidence and learn new skills.
- An opportunity to practice microphone skills.

Any queries to Julie Pirie 027 6082171

Show Season

20-21 January
Royal Dairy Event, Horowhenua A&P Show, Levin

22-24 January
NZ Dairy Event, Manfield Park, Feilding

2 March
North Island Championships, Morrinsville A&P Show

Link Livestock

WANTED Two Milking Shorthorn cows 2-5 years old - quiet temperament, good type and preferably in calf to Shorthorn. Will be well looked after north of Auckland.

CONFERENCE SALE The Conference Sale adds to the Conference programme interest but there needs to be sufficient entries to make it worthwhile. Please express your interest in supporting this sale with entries.

Contact Ross Riddell 0272 111 112

Herd Book / Production Register

The 2022 and 2023 Herd Books will be available in the new year. These were on track until we lost a team member during the TOP season, and have had to recruit and train our new Member Services Administrator. We apologise for the delay.

Free Associate Memberships

Do you know somebody local who has a few Milking Shorthorns and would benefit from an Associate membership? The Board are giving away Associate memberships for a limited time. The membership is limited to electronic notifications only, with the exception of the magazine, and will automatically lapse if the subscription is not paid by 31 August the following year. This offer is limited to the first 25, so get in quick!

Photo Competitions

Entries for both the NZMSA Photo Competition and the NZMSA Youth Photo Competition will open in mid-February 2024. The summer is a great time to get out on farm and get your photos taken to be ready for the Competition next year.

Registrations

Registrations are now underway for 2023 born animals.

For those members with a standing order, everything is sorted. Alayna will work on registering your animals.
If you are NOT on a standing order or unsure if you are or not, contact Alayna - 07 856 0731 - info@nzmilkingshorthorn.nz to get your registrations underway.

Milking Shorthorn Farm Signs



"Look out for the Milking Shorthorn Sign on the Left"
What better way to give out directions to your visitors, friends and family, than with a Milking Shorthorn Farm Sign at your gate.

Introduce everyone to your farm, with your Farm Name and Family name alongside the breed we all love.
The sign is 841 x 594mm and printed on a durable Aluminium Core. They are built to last!

To order your sign, fill out the form here: <http://www.nzmilkingshorthorn.nz/milking-shorthorn-farm-signs/>
Or get in touch with the office.

Single Sided farm sign - \$150 excl GST
Double Sided farm sign - \$200 excl GST

Newsletter attachments

If you are receiving this newsletter by post, all entry forms and attachments can be downloaded from the website, or posted from the office on request.

Member communication

To keep printing & postage costs to a minimum for the Association, we ask that members receive all communications electronically, including invoices and statement from the new Xero accounting package. If you are still receiving your communications by mail but would prefer to receive them electronically, please send us an e-mail so that we can update your contacts.
Contact info@nzmilkingshorthorn.nz

Attachments: Conference_Form_2024-1.pdf

Dates to Remember

Office closes for Christmas break	22 December
Office reopens	8 January
Royal Dairy Event, Horowhenua A&P Show, Levin	20-21 January
NZ Dairy Event, Manfield Park, Feilding	22-24 January
Auckland Anniversary, office closed	29 January
Board nominations close	1 February
Waitangi Day, office closed	6 February
Annual Report issued	28 March

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