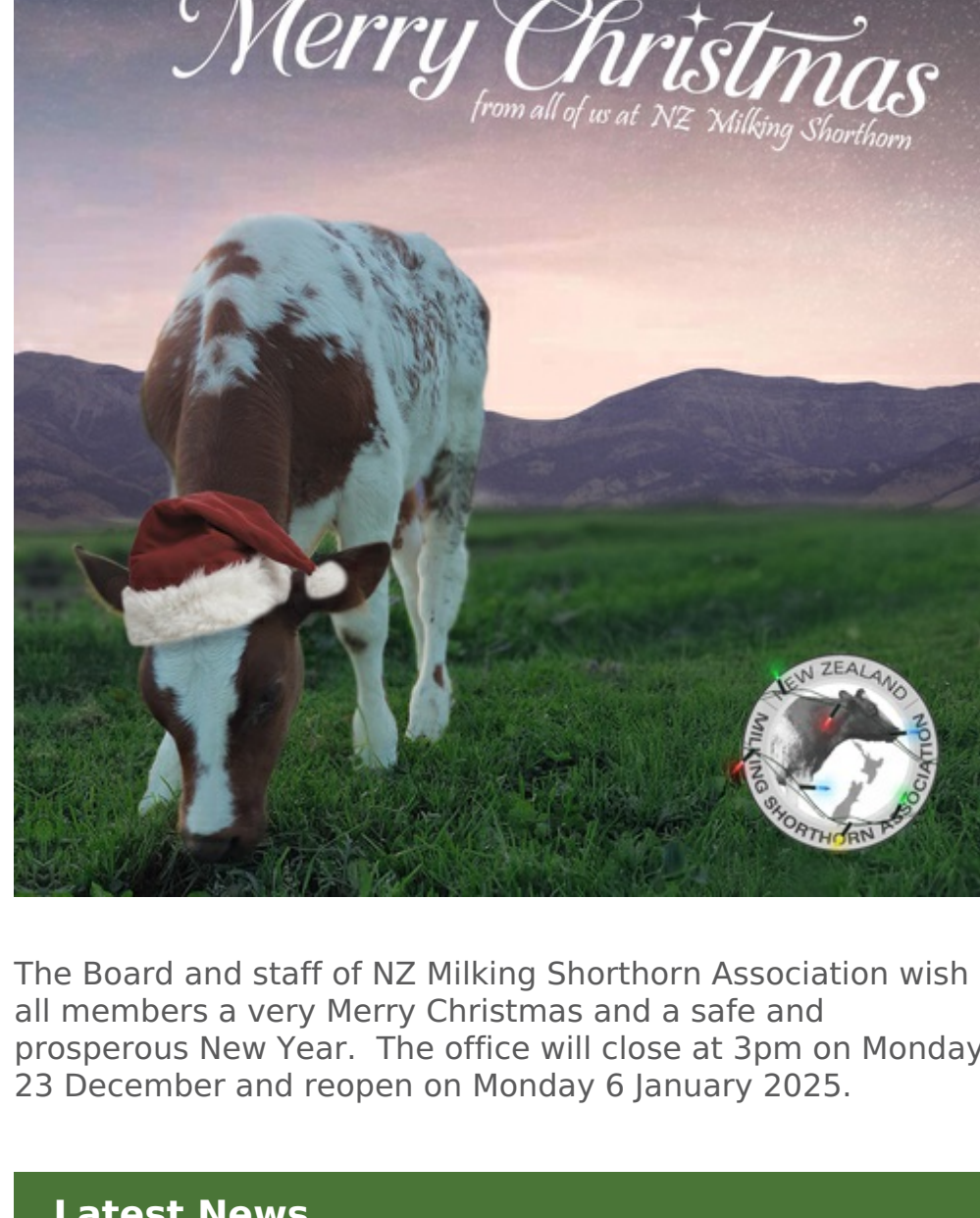


NZ Milking Shorthorn Assn Newsletter



18 December 2024



The Board and staff of NZ Milking Shorthorn Association wish all members a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year. The office will close at 3pm on Monday 23 December and reopen on Monday 6 January 2025.

Latest News

Presidents Message

Another year is about to draw to a close and once again the year has been full of climatic challenges for our members. The resilience of Milking Shorthorn members is to be admired and we should be thankful that members exhibit resilience because without this characteristic our breed would not survive.

2024 was a year of change as we loss one of our stalwarts, Ian Dibble. Ian along with his brother Jim, his father before him and Robyn and the children epitomise the New Zealand Milking Shorthorn breed. Ian was elected patron of NZMSA at our annual conference in Christchurch earlier in the year and I know that his wisdom and dedication to the breed will be sorely missed. To Robyn and the family, we once again extend our thoughts and prayers and say thank you for allowing Ian to be one of our stalwarts.

A successful conference was held in Christchurch in April this year and I would like to thank on behalf the Christchurch Branch for a successful and well-planned event. It was great to get out and visits breeders in the south. I'm looking forward to conference 2025 which will be in the Waikato.

Our annual magazine has been released and I would like to thank Pam and her staff, on behalf of us all for an excellent NZMSA magazine. As I have said before and I will say again our magazine is a great tool to advertise the breed, so I encourage you to share it far and wide.

In the show ring Milking Shorthorn numbers continue to go from strength to strength with a number of young members joining the not so young in the show ring. It is the youth membership that will lead the breed in the years ahead. As well as the show ring, we have increasing numbers of entries at our regional on-farm competitions. Both of these activities are opportunities to showcase the Milking Shorthorn.

As you will know from earlier communications, the administration of NZMSA will be transitioned to the Holstein Friesian NZ office in March of next year. Although the date of transition is next year, I would like to thank the Jersey office, Pam and her staff for their dedication over many years to our breed and welcome Holstein Friesian NZ office, Cheryllyn and her staff. We look forward to working with you all.

Thank you to all of you as board members for the work that you do on behalf of our breed, selecting sires to progress the Milking Shorthorn here in New Zealand. Genetics are important to our breed to ensure that we can continue to be a viable option in the New Zealand dairy scene.

I wish you a safe and happy Christmas, a not too dry summer and all the best for the New Year.

David Wood

Judging Certification Days

A Judging Certification day for current and prospective Judges will take place at Ferdon Jerseys, Otorohanga on Thursday 20 February 2025. All current judges in the region will be contacted individually, and prospective judges are also welcome to attend.

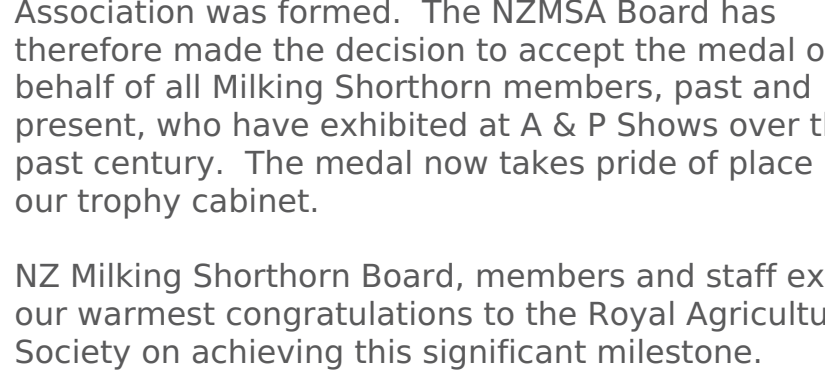
There will be also be Judging Certification Days arranged in Taranaki and Southland in February 2025. We will advise members of all dates and venues once these are confirmed.

North & South Island Championships 2024/25 Results

North Island Championships 2024-25 Results
Results for the NZ Milking Shorthorn North Island Championships 2024-25 are now available on our website. Head to our website below to check out all of the placings:
<http://www.nzmilkingshorthorn.nz/stratford-a-p-show-2024-results/>

South Island Championships 2024-25 Results
Results for the NZ Milking Shorthorn South Island Championships 2024-25 are now available!! Head to our website below to check out all of the placings:
<http://www.nzmilkingshorthorn.nz/south-island-milking-shorthorn-championships-wyndham/>

RAS Centenary Medal



The Royal Agriculture Society of New Zealand's rural life style and communities since 1924. They are taking an opportunity to spend 2024 celebrating the formation of the membership body that supports New Zealand's A & P, breed and kindred members as they showcase rural excellence. A special part of their celebrations has been to provide members (including NZ Milking Shorthorn) with a special one-off centenary medal to keep as a memento or to present to someone.

Hundreds of our members have been involved with showing stock, administration of A & P Shows and service to the Royal Agricultural Society since the Association was formed. The NZMSA Board has therefore made the decision to accept the medal on behalf of all Milking Shorthorn members, past and present, who have exhibited at A & P Shows over the past century. The medal now takes pride of place in our trophy cabinet.

NZ Milking Shorthorn Board, members and staff extend our warmest congratulations to the Royal Agricultural Society on achieving this significant milestone.

Tairanga Milking Shorthorns â€” historical request

Gary & Carol Lodge are researching family history relating to Wilfred Lodge and Tairanga Milking Shorthorns. We have been able to provide them with copies of material included in the Centenary Book, but they are particularly interested in in-calf Milking Shorthorns that were exported to the Phillipines in the 1960s. If anyone has any memory of this or knows of the whereabouts of archival material, magazines or association scrapbooks they would be very grateful.

Contact Carol Lodge lodges@farmside.co.nz

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

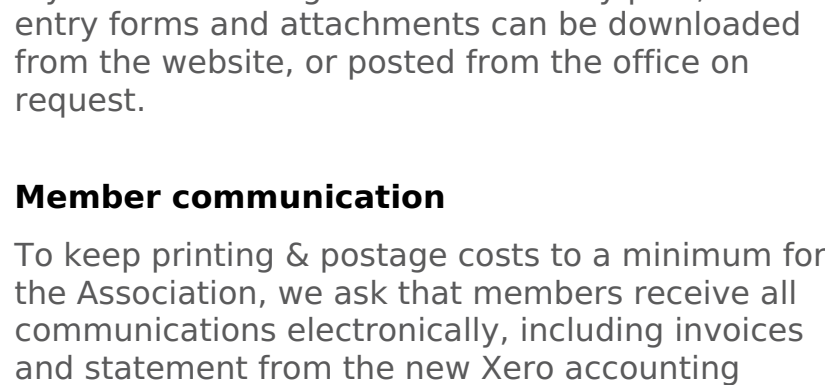
Entries for both the NZMSA Photo Competition and the NZMSA Youth Photo Competition will open in mid-February 2025. The Summer is a great time to get out on farm and get your photos taken to be ready for the Competition next year.

Registrations

Registrations are now underway for 2024 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 built to last on a durable Aluminium Core. They are printed and printed!

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

Dates to Remember

Office closes 3pm for Christmas break

23 December

Office reopens

6 January

NZ Dairy Event, Feilding

20-22 January

Auckland Anniversary Day â€” office closed

27 January

Board nominations close

31 January

Waitangi Day â€” office closed

6 February

Judging Certification Day â€” Ferdon Jerseys, Otorohanga

20 February

Administration contract with JerseyNZ concludes

28 February

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