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TRINITY FARMS | BALMAINE AYRSHIRES | PRODUCTION HIGHLIGHTS

# PA HILL AYRSHIRES

BW -16/42

ANCESTRY 100%

PW 15/53

ANNUAL SALE TUESDAY 17 APRIL 2018 ON FARM

SELLING SPRING CALVING HEIFERS AND COWS

## TWO NEW RISING STARS



**PA HILL SILVER JENNI, B8-7**

### PA HILL SILVER JENNI, B8-7

BW: 5/45 PW: 70/49 LW: 116  
SIRE: Kiteroa Bonny Blue Silver  
DAM: Pa Hill Salv Jennilee, V7-6

#### NOV 2017 - Bay of Islands Show

3rd Place 2 year old Ayrshire  
4th Place Best Udder Ayrshire  
2nd Place All Breeds 2 Year old

#### FEB 2018 – Kaitaia Show

1st Place 2 year old Ayrshire  
2nd Place Best Udder Ayrshire  
2nd Place All Breeds 2 Year old  
3rd Place All Breeds Best Udder

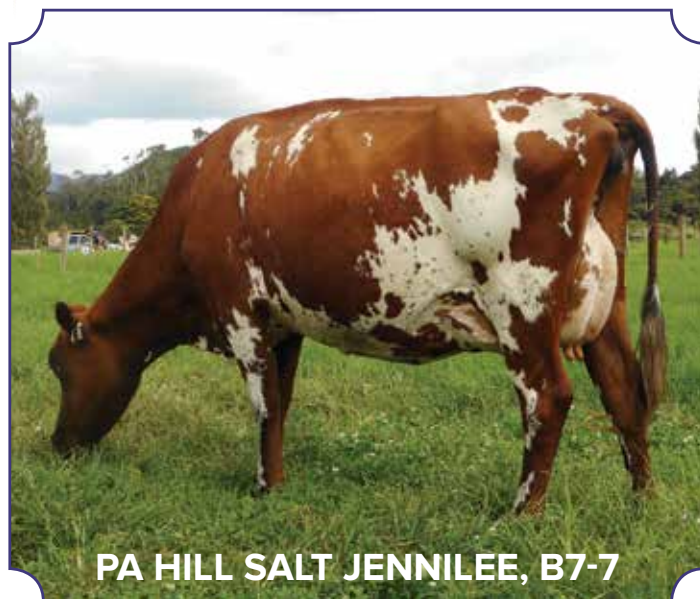
### PA HILL SALT JENNILEE, B7-7

BW -10/46 PW 29/55 LW 70  
SIRE: Salt Spray Bonny George  
DAM: Pa Hill Salv Jennilee, V7-6

#### FEB 2018 – Kaitaia Show

1st Place 3 year old Ayrshire  
1st Place Best udder Ayrshire  
CHAMPION AYRSHIRE COW

1st Place 3 year old All Breeds  
1st Place Best udder All Breeds  
CHAMPION ALL BREEDS COWS



**PA HILL SALT JENNILEE, B7-7**

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Cam Vaughan (5) showing his heifer calf (Lucy), Arran Tri  
Clo Cassatta at the NZ Dairy Event 2018.

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## PRESIDENTS COMMENT

I made a comment back in the Spring Bulletin that many of our members would be looking forward to spring following a wet winter in a lot of our Regions; now six months on some of those members will be looking forward to the end of the season. A season for many that has been trying having to deal with drought, very hot temperatures in the summer months and lately storms.

As farmers we need to protect ourselves against adverse Climate Conditions that affect our business. Not only extreme weather conditions but also fluctuation in milk pricing, and the outbreak of disease in our national herd such as M Bovis to mention a few. Some of our members may find it hard to cover themselves against such events.

For our Association to remain viable we are totally reliant on our active Membership making full use of the services that we offer. One of our Goals in our Ayrshire Vision is that we always maintain a professional image and I would like to congratulate those members who promoted not only themselves and their farming businesses but also the Ayrshire Breed in the "NZ Dairy" publication towards the end of last year.

A big thanks also to all the advertisers of this Bulletin all of whom make this a must read magazine of Global importance for Association news, topical articles and breed information.

The Semayr Proven and Young Bull Catalogue are due out with this Bulletin and I ask that you take a good look at the bulls that are on offer. I believe

the bull team this year is the best that Semayr has been able to offer for some time. If you as members want to promote our breed then I suggest that you give your catalogue to a possible interested person in your area then contact the office for a replacement.

Annual Conference is in Whangarei this year I am sure that the combined Northland clubs will look after us in true Northland style.



*Donald Green - President*

*Donald Green, President*

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## EDITORIAL

March 2018 is a real milestone for me as it is now 20 years since I commenced employment with Ayrshire New Zealand. While I have not been employed by Ayrshire New Zealand for three years now, I still retain responsibility for all management and administrative functions for the Association in my new role. Looking back, it has been a time of major change to the way we operate the administrative functions of the Association, and more importantly in the variety of ways that we communicate with members. For me, the highlights of the last 20 years have been numerous from the implementation of the e-registration and e-TOP programmes to helping organise the World Conference in New Zealand; visiting International Dairy Week; visiting Finland for the World Conference; helping to organise the Centenary celebrations; being awarded the Kiteroa Trophy; organising and hosting the International Youth Tour; and managing the transition to our Memorandum of Understanding with Jersey.

In this issue we update the journey of the Stevenson family, with Craig and Ruth (Trinity Farm Holdings Ltd) now sharemilking in the family business. Hilary Jane profiles the Balmaine herd of Robyn and Bernard Stachurski of Inglewood. Hilary has become a regular contributor to the Bulletin in recent issues, and her profiles are enjoyed by members. Courtney Davies has contributed an excellent article about her trip to the UK as the winner of the Shirley Crothers Memorial Trophy at NZ Dairy Event last year. Scott Taylor, a visitor from Scotland, regales us with his adventures with Ayrshires while in New Zealand over the summer.

From an industry perspective, Tim Mackle, DairyNZ chief executive, discusses steps to protect your farm and animals from the spread of *Mycoplasma bovis*, and Rachel Bloxham, Animal Evaluation Unit manager, analyses the effect on Ayrshire herds of the addition of Somatic Cell Count into the Production Worth model. The Ayrshire breed has benefited from this change to the model, with more than half of the Ayrshire cow population increasing by at least 10 PW units.

Sadly, there are a couple of noticeable omissions from the Autumn Bulletin. With the Gore show cancelled due to the *M. bovis* outbreak there are no South Island Championship results this issue.

Regular contributor Neil McDonald has not been able to complete his article on excellent cows due to other commitments. We hope to welcome Neil back as a contributor next issue.

We welcome Stacey Allen to our office team as Business Administrator. Stacey is an experienced accounts administrator and has already proven to be an asset to the team both in terms of experience and attitude. Stacey will also be responsible for administrative support for Judging and Youth programmes. Please join us in welcoming Stacey to the team.



*Pam Goodin - General Manager*

Annual Conference is fast approaching, and from this year another team member will join me at Conference on a rotating basis. This year it will be Angela Makara, and she is looking forward to getting to know a few more members. We anticipate that this will be a great way for the team and Ayrshire members to build relationships, which can only benefit our organisation. Do you want to know who on the team to contact with your questions? Check out the details at the bottom of this page.

I, along with many members, was left reeling by the sudden loss of true breed stalwart Marilyn Hutchings in January this year. Marilyn was an amazing supporter of the Ayrshire breed, and of her family – husband Malcolm and son Brian as Association Presidents, and son Roger as a Semayr Director. Looking back through the Association history, it would be hard to find another family with that influence within the breed. The Board, members and staff of Ayrshire New Zealand extend their most sincere condolences to Malcolm, Brian & Carolyn and Roger & Jane and their families.

*Pam Goodin, General Manager*

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## AYRSHIRE TEAM



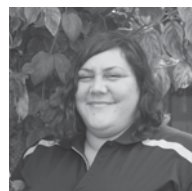
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## BALMAINE AYRSHIRES - A FAMILY AFFAIR

*contributed by Hilary Jane*

Robyn and Bernard Stachurski have been farming together since they married in 2004, on land which was originally purchased by Bernard's grandfather Jim in 1936. After 13 years of milking 450 cows on two adjoining titles, the couple is downsizing slightly and will milk around 300 cows on the original Stachurski farm.

Robyn says they are aiming to increase the Ayrshire content of the herd, (which is currently 50%), depending on this year's in-calf rate. There could be some hard decisions to make and she might have to do some fast talking. Bernard shares Robyn's preference for Ayrshires, and when people ask "Why do you milk Ayrshires?", his response is "Because we like them, is there any other reason?" He has no time for negative advice regarding the breed from AB companies or anyone else. Robyn points out their cows are their greatest asset (after the land) and are the core of their business. "You have to enjoy what you're getting out of bed at 5.00 a.m. for", she says.

Robyn's love of Ayrshires goes back to an incident which occurred when she was 12 years old and away on a school camp. Apparently she teased a boy on the bus because his parents had Friesians and Robyn's parents (James and Jenny Leslie) had the well-known 'Leslea' Jersey stud. Her parents were informed and when she returned home, her mother said to her father, "Come on James Harold, there's more to life than Jersey and Friesian cows, there's other breeds out there."

Hughie Hartwell lived with his sisters Janet and June on Palmer Road and bred the 'Ardlui' Ayrshire stud. He had a cow called Parawhai Charlotte who produced a heifer calf, Ardlui Chrissie (by Wynola Dimension), which he gave to Robyn when she was 13. Robyn's parents knew Zeno Hospenthal's mother, Freda, very well and Mr Leslie bought Robyn two Alpine heifer calves from Zeno, for five consecutive years. They were the basis of Robyn's stud and she registered her first Balmaine animals in 1991 which included two daughters out of Chrissie; a Brocklehill Happy Spirit yearling and an Ingleburn Star Bloom calf.

Robyn loved the Alpine herd, they were big, beautiful, quiet cows, and that is what she is striving for now. Most of her early cows were by Kingsway Canasta and she used Alpine Jacques home-bred bulls for some time. Zeno gave Robyn some semen he'd obtained through Merv Livingstone, and that is how Merv became a life-long friend to the Stachurskis.

Robyn showed her Ayrshires when her father was showing his Jerseys and enjoyed comparing her stock with others. It taught her a lot, but of course she had grown up with her Dad's knowledge too.

When she was 26, Robyn did her OE and saw a good part of the world, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Australia, England, Europe and USA. She had a little Dodge Omni car in the States and reckons they were doing freedom camping before it was invented. Some rest areas had 'bathroom' facilities though.



**Stachurski Family - L to R : Joe, Bernard, Grace, Robyn, Sam and Charlotte**

After a couple of years Robyn came home to help her Dad on the farm. She'd been back about five years when she met Bernard at a party, and the rest, as they say, is history.

They have four children who are very much a part of the running of the farm and herd. Charlotte (13) is interested in cow families/history and is keen to have a crack at showing. She enjoyed success this Spring with her calf at Kaimata School and Calf Days at Kaponga and Stratford.

Grace (11), Joe (10) and Sam (8) have their favourites within the herd and also demonstrate an affinity with the cows and young stock. Robyn says their relief milker likes the cows because they are quiet and she feels comfortable about going out into the yard and cuddling them. As Robyn points out, they've got a young family so the cows have to be quiet. She has also found the Ayrshires can be very protective of the children.

Bernard has lived on the property all of his life. He worked his way up to 50/50 then when he and Robyn married, they leased the home farm off his parents. At that stage he already owned the little farm down the road, which has just been sold in preparation for downsizing.

Bernard's great grandfather, Joe Stachurski, came to New Zealand from Poland in 1874 aged just one, and was managing his own farm in the Ratapiko district as a 13 year old. In those days, people were given a few acres (uncleared) and had to build a house and cow shed, and fence off so many acres in so many years, and after that the rest of the land was theirs. Most of the men worked for the local council building roads, to generate an income.

Bernard tells the story, "Joe got his shed built and paddock all railed up, and went to Newton King to get his first three cows at the saleyards. He put them in his paddock, went to bed, and got up the next morning to find his cows had knocked a hole in the fence and escaped into the bush, never to be seen again.

So this 14 year old lad had to go back to Newton King and tell him the bad news. Mr King said, "We'll write them off, boy, as a learning curve, and gave Joe three more cows!"

Joe later married and had nine sons and five daughters. (Three sons died in infancy and one was killed in WW 1.) Five sons went farming and two stayed on the Ratapiko farm. Joe bought three farms on Bristol Road, one for Bernard's Granddad, Jim, and the others for great uncles Ben and Vincent. Ben eventually sold his farm to Vossers, who in turn sold it back to Bernard's parents. After Joe cleared the land, he planted several stands of English trees which are still an attractive feature on the farm. From next season, Bernard and Robyn will have a total of 123 hectares, and around 80 hectares of that is Granddad Jim's original block.

Bernard's parents, Joe and Pauline, endured hardship and heartbreak when they first started farming. They had a herd of 80 Jersey cows and lost the majority of them to eczema in their second season. That was in 1969, and when they sent a unit load of cows to the works they received a bill! They gradually built up an Ayrshire herd and after they bought what had been Ben's farm, decided to go pedigree.

They bought a herd of supposedly pedigree Ayrshires but when they got the cows home they were checking tattoos and nothing matched up, it turned out the cows weren't pedigrees at all. Meantime the vendor had flown out the day of the sale to America, to become a pastor! Bernard's father said, "If that's what pedigree breeders are like, they can stick it."

Back then they'd bought bulls from Snowline (Ian McDonald) and Riverlands (Don Morton). Bernard remembers vividly the day 5 year old Riverlands Leo dispatched 2 year old Snowline Thunder clean over a fence. Bernard was 10 or 11 and watched in amazement, thinking "If you can do that to an equally massive bull, what could you do to me?"



*Grace & Joe with Karnea Daners Joy.*

Another time he had to chase a bloated cow home and his father said "Keep her going, don't let her stop." About 100 metres down the track she dropped dead and Bernard thought "I'm in big trouble." But his Dad came along and said "Well there's no point worrying about it, is there son?"

In the 80s they nearly had a full Ayrshire herd again, when a big southerly blew across the farm at the end of May and knocked a row of macrocarpas down. Half of the herd aborted, and as Bernard was milking before and after school because his father had a broken back at the time, he found it all a bit disheartening.

They had to replace the cows with whatever they could afford, regardless of the breed. The Polish resilience has bred on and as Bernard points out, "You move on, and we are slowly but surely building the Ayrshires up again."

Robyn and Bernard didn't do maize this season because it was too wet. Next season will be a grass-fed only system. The Ayrshires adapt to change more easily than the others. The black and whites hang around waiting for feed, while the Ayrshires decide to go and look for something else to eat. Their 'food drive' is a lot higher. Even bought-in Ayrshires adapt a lot faster.

Bulls used in recent years include Inglecorner Bids Laguna, Lakeside Himost, Ferdon Casanova Guy, Inglecorner Knight King and Goldwyn Pets Rumba. Merv Livingstone's supply of older bulls is welcomed, as they have the potential to 'reboot' the genetics within the herd. The Stachurskis want capacious cows with good feet and legs because they have to walk long distances on undulating terrain.

Meantime, in the hope that downsizing will provide more time for showing, Charlotte offered to waive future birthday presents in exchange for a trailer to take young stock to the shows.

Good luck Charlotte!



*Charlotte with Balmaine Rebeka S3A - (s. Inglecorner Bon Coin ET)*

# DATES TO REMEMBER

## APRIL

- 10 Taranaki Club Sale, Stratford
- 16 Lodore Annual Sale, Okaihau
- 17 Pa Hill Annual Sale, Kaitaia
- 24 Thames Valley Club Sale, Morrinsville
- 25 Anzac Day - office closed
- 28 Ayrshire Youth Achiever competition closes

## MAY

- 1 Scenic Photo Competition closes  
DairyCare Somatic Cell Comp closes  
National Progeny Competition closes
- 3 Waeranga Dispersal Sale
- 8 Ayrshire NZ Board Meeting
- 7 Photo competition voting brochure issued
- 7 Ngarangi Ayrshire Sale, Te Awamutu
- 15 Notices of Motion close
- 15 Youth Achiever competition card returned
- 28 Annual Report issued

## JUNE

- 1 Members photo entries close
- 4 Queens birthday - office closed
- 5 - 8 Office closed - Jersey NZ Conference
- 11 Ayrshire NZ Board meeting
- 11-13 Annual Conference, Whangarei
- 12 Ayrshire Sale - Distinction Hotel, Whangarei
- 13 Annual General Meeting

## AUGUST

- 31 Herd Book closes

## AYRSHIRE VISION

### VISION

Ayrshire New Zealand will develop, promote and maintain the Ayrshire breed as a credible option for New Zealand dairy farmers

### PURPOSE

To be the number one dairy population, among all breeds, under the NZ payment

### CORE VALUES

- Genetic gain of the Ayrshire population
- Always look for the opportunity
- Maintain a financially sustainable business
- Foster camaraderie among Ayrshire members

### GOALS

- Always maintain a professional image
- Ayrshire NZ will have united, vibrant members who are proud to belong.
- Ayrshire NZ members will be proactive and engaged in striving to achieve Association goals.
- Ayrshire NZ and its members are progressive and are perceived to be innovative.
- Ayrshire (A14+) will make up >1% of the national herd
- Ayrshire BW/GW and PW will increase annually
- Ayrshire cows will be financially rewarding for those who farm them.
- Ayrshire cows will be included in national statistics and trials.

### KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPI)

- Membership: The Association membership will be 30% of farmers who have a proportion of Ayrshire in their herds.
- Registration: 40% of available animals will be registered.
- Semen Sales: The Semayr / LIC partnership will have 50% of Ayrshire calves registered annually sired by Semayr bulls.

# SANROSA

## Ayrshires

### SUCCESSSES @ SANROSA

- Last season we were again fortunate enough to pass 600 kg MS per cow.
- We have 17 in-calf heifers FOR SALE at the Taranaki Ayrshire Club Sale - 10 April 2018.
- Dams records are over 700 kg MS over a cross-section of our replacement heifers.
- A successful show season for SANROSA.



SANROSA HARTS 13-211, V8-8

Daughter of Ojaniityn Rumba

WINNER: TARANAKI AYRSHIRE COW OF THE YEAR

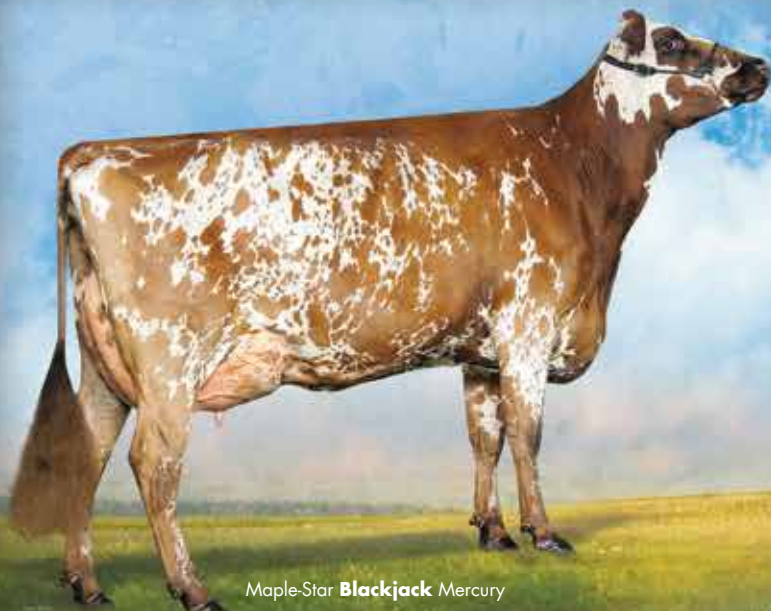
Champion Cow at Egmont 2017

Reserve Champion at Stratford 2017

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# Breed leaders!



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## BLACKJACK

PALMYRA CALIMERO BLACKJACK-ET  
CALIMERO X TRI-STAR X RENO

- Shortens gestation
- Appealing type with outstanding udders

## REAGAN A2/A2

PALMYRA BERKELY REAGAN-ET  
BERKELY X POKER X L HELIGO

- Great used on Burdette daughters
- Balanced type and production
- Short gestation length

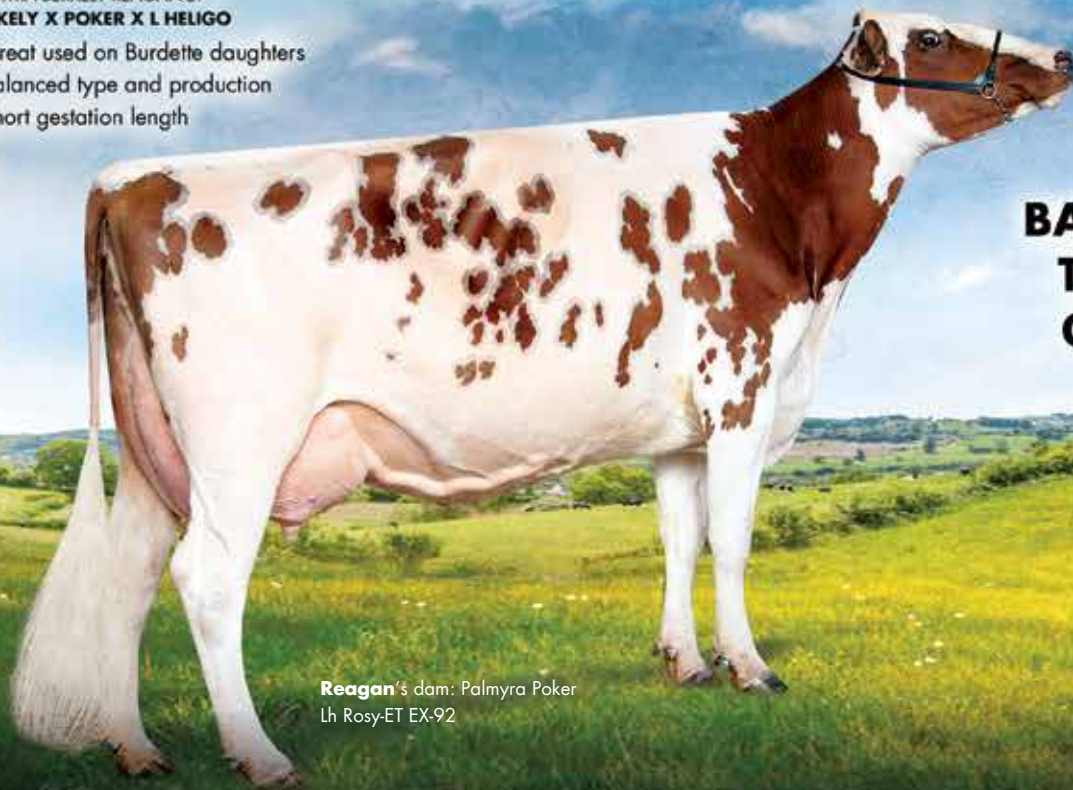


Timothy's dam: Conebella Percy's Tiva, VG 88

## TIMOTHY A2/A2

CONEBELLA DIXON'S TIMOTHY  
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HARESFOOT SIMPLY PERFEK - dam



HILLTOWN OBLIQUE - daughter

# SEMAYR

## Breeding Services

### PROVEN BULLS

#### SANROSA DEACON ET – 513521

Sire: Asmo Tosikko ET (FIN)

Dam: Sanrosa Della 06-128

**Fat BV: 30/73**

LWT BV: 24/67

Overall Opinion BV: 0.209

**Prot BV: 29/72**

Fert BV: -6.8/53

Udder Overall BV: 0.283

**BW: 107/67**

**A2/A2**

Milk BV: 839/76

Dairy Conformation BV: 0.038

Two-year old daughter.  
Owner: G & S Glentworth, Hawera



#### IWA SNOWS RUMBA ET – 514509

Sire: Ojaniityn Rumba (FIN)

Dam: Lodore Phils Snowie

**Fat BV: 36/77**

LWT BV: 51/73

Overall Opinion BV: 0.772

**Prot BV: 24/76**

Fert BV: -4.1/53

Udder Overall BV: 0.084

**BW: 31/71**

**A1/A2**

Milk BV: 868/81

Dairy Conformation BV: 0.03



AE run update  
17/03/2018



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## PRODUCTION HIGHLIGHTS 2016/17

The Mayfield Trophy for the top producing herd in New Zealand for the 2016/17 season will once again be presented to G & J Glentworth, Kaponga. The herd of 218 pedigree Ayrshires produced 7461 litres milk, 324 kg fat, 283 kg protein (607 kg milksolids) in 286 days. This equals the breed record set by the same herd in the 2013/14 season, and it is the fourth season in a row that the Glentworth family has won the Mayfield Trophy for a total of 20 times in the last 30 years.

### Highest Producing Cows

The Smith Family Trophy for the highest producing cow in the 2016/17 season will be awarded to Luckville Ris Deb, V7-8. Owned by Steven Carrington of Dannevirke, seven year old Deb produced 11601 litres milk, 474 kg fat, 405 kg protein (879 kg milksolids) in 305 days. Sired by the Canadian bull Lagace Ristourn, Deb is the granddaughter of renowned breed producer Luckville Mar Debe ET, Ex4, and daughter of Luckville Par Deb, Ex2. Mar Debe won the same trophy on ten occasions from 2000/01 to 2014/15 and Par Debe won in the 2007/08 season.

Top two year old for the 2016/17 season is Roma Brody Treat. Owned by A R & T K Morris Ltd of Morrinsville and sired by Carmelglen Brody, Treat produced 6883 litres milk, 354 kg fat, 259 kg protein (613 kg milksolids) in 305 days.

In the three year old category, Sanrosa Royal 13-8, V7-8, produced 9307 litres milk, 399 kg fat, 317 kg protein (716 kg milksolids) in 299 days. Owned by G & J Glentworth, Kaponga, Royal 13-8 is sired by Holyrood Prince Hughie and was also top producing two year old the previous season.

Another to top her age group for the second season in a row is four year old Sanrosa Dale 12-29 ET, V7-8. Sired by the Finnish bull Asmo Tosikko ET and owned by G & J Glentworth, Kaponga, Dale 12-29 produced 9106 litres milk, 441 kg fat, 363 kg milksolids (804 kg milksolids) in 303 days.

The Snowline Trophy for the top cow 10 years and over will be presented to Sanrosa Royal 05-12, V7-8. Once again owned by G & J Glentworth, Kaponga, and sired by the Finnish bull Suontaan Nocturno, Royal 05-12 produced 8759 litres milk, 357 kg fat, 313 kg protein (670 kg milksolids) in 253 days at 11 years.

### Supplementary One Award

The Supplementary One Award for cows in the S1A category was won by Roma Phillip Mermaid S1A, V7-8, owned by A R & T K Morris Ltd, Morrinsville. Sired by Sanrosa Royal Phillip, Mermaid produced 9295 litres milk, 477 kg fat, 367 kg protein (844 kg milksolids) in 299 days at 8 years.

### Semayr BW Award

The Semayr Breeding Services Top BW Award for the 2016/17 season again goes to Pineview Dairy Farm Ltd (A T & S A Thomas), Rakaia. All herds with 50 or more pedigree in-milk Ayrshires are eligible and certificates are presented to winners in all wards.

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***All production awards are at present unconfirmed. Please contact the Ayrshire office urgently if you have any information which may affect these results.***

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## LEADING HERDS IN EACH WARD FOR THE SEASON ARE:

WARD	BREEDER	PED AYR	MILK	FAT	PROTEIN	MS	DIM
1	Lodore Farm Ltd – RM & JE Hutchings	535	4548	203	168	371	264
2	Valendale Ayrshire Ltd – T & J Johansen	192	5872	241	201	442	274
3	W & Z Kite	188	6386	267	229	496	283
4	Goldwyn Enterprises Ltd – B & L Hayward	68	7090	291	246	537	288
5	G & J Glentworth	218	7461	324	283	607	286
6	Rangeview Farming Ltd – G & T Emslie	137	5607	255	201	456	269
7	Riverlea Farm Ltd – S & M Riley	318	4775	219	176	395	256
8	Trinity Holdings 2001 Ltd – L & W Main	237	5965	260	219	479	257
9	Trinity Farm Holdings Limited – C & R Stevenson	300	5966	290	231	521	281

## HERDS 400 MILKSOLIDS OR MORE

BREEDER	PED AYR	LITRES	FAT KG	PROTEIN KG	MS	DIM
G & J Glentworth	218	7461	324	283	607	286
Goldwyn Enterprises Ltd – BT & LJ Hayward	68	7090	291	246	537	288
Trinity Farm Holdings Limited – C & R Stevenson	300	5966	290	231	521	281
W & Z Kite	188	6386	267	229	496	283
V K & S L Steiner	251	6148	273	214	487	281
Trinity Holdings 2001 Ltd – L & W Main	237	5965	260	219	479	257
Emunna Partnership Ltd – C & P Prattley	142	5788	252	218	470	271
Fairleigh Dairy Farm Ltd – KA & AE Eade	112	6054	247	218	465	282
Rangeview Farming Ltd – G & T Emslie	137	5607	255	201	456	269
M R & S J Booth	203	5609	250	204	454	281
Valendale Ayrshire Ltd – T & J Johansen	192	5872	241	201	442	274
K & D Perrett	203	5560	235	207	442	280
Ngarangi Ayrshires – D & G Macky	171	5442	243	198	441	281
Glenmore Farm – D & A, C & T Green	497	5441	235	202	437	280
Bonacord Farms Ltd – P & A, K & A Allison	315	5099	240	194	434	263
Premier Cattle Company Ltd – D & C Hayward	62	5578	233	192	425	278
H R & E J Slack	145	5260	240	184	424	294
P & H Baxter	181	5461	230	191	421	274
Pineview Dairy Farm Limited – AT & SA Thomas	221	5128	228	191	419	232
Ackermann Ltd – T & J Ackermann	365	5149	230	187	417	262
B & D Tippett	53	4847	234	179	413	271
L & C Burnell	54	5008	228	181	409	280
Langlands Farms Ltd – C Bourke	51	4767	232	175	407	261
S & D Crowther	122	5041	224	182	406	248
Longtrack Farms Limited – H Van der Hulst	58	4751	230	175	405	267

## 200 COWS OR MORE / MIN 350 MILKSOLIDS

BREEDER	PED AYR	LITRES	FAT KG	PROTEIN KG	MS	DIM
Riverlea Farm Ltd – S & M Riley	318	4775	219	176	395	256
Lodore Farm Ltd – RM & JE Hutchings	535	4548	203	168	371	264
D & A Jacobsen	251	4267	205	159	364	251
Gillingham Downs Family Trust – S & D Honeyfield	212	4275	198	157	355	238

## TOP MILK YIELDING COWS 2016/2017

Name	Class	Milk L	DIM	Owner
Luckville RIS Debe	V7-8	11601	305	SD Carrington
Sanrosa Carmel 10-207	V7-8	11055	296	G & J Glentworth
Luckville Enigma Deb	V7-7	10833	305	SD Carrington
Kiteroa Cream Aviva	V6-7	10378	305	W & Z Kite
Sanrosa Royal 09-38	V7-7	10242	297	G & J Glentworth
Sanrosa Royal 11-21	V6-8	10125	296	G & J Glentworth
Luckville Milky P Deb	V7-8	9892	305	SD Carrington
Luckville Reality Sue	B6-7	9841	305	SD Carrington
Lonestar Swans Pikelet	V7-9	9747	224	W & C Newton
Sanrosa Della 09-132	V6-8	9721	303	G & J Glentworth

**TOP MILK FAT COWS 2016/2017**

NAME	CLASS	DIM	FAT	OWNER
Sanrosa Snowie 11-260 ET	V6-7	297	510	G & J Glentworth
Luckville RIS Debe	V7-8	305	474	SD Carrington
Luckville Enigma Deb	V7-7	305	467	SD Carrington
Lonestar Swanys Pikelet	V7-9	224	454	W & C Newton
Kiteroa Kaliska ET S2A	V7-8	291	445	W & Z Kite
Sanrosa Dale 12-29 ET	V7-8	303	441	G & J Glentworth
Sanrosa Royal 11-21	V6-8	296	437	G & J Glentworth
Larnoch Blaze 12-268	V6-7	302	433	G & J Glentworth
Sanrosa Royal 11-83	V7-8	274	427	G & J Glentworth
Sanrosa Della 09-196	A8-8	298	425	G & J Glentworth

**TOP PROTEIN COWS 2016/2017**

NAME	CLASS	PROT	DIM	OWNER
Luckville RIS Debe	V7-8	405	305	SD Carrington
Sanrosa Carmel 10-207	V7-8	383	296	G & J Glentworth
Luckville Enigma Deb	V7-7	382	305	SD Carrington
Sanrosa Lantern 09-262	V7-7	377	298	G & J Glentworth
Sanrosa Royal 11-21	V6-8	375	296	G & J Glentworth
Lodore Phils Snowfall ET	V6-8	371	290	G & J Glentworth
Larnoch Blaze 11-267	V7-7	369	294	G & J Glentworth
Lonestar Swanys Pikelet	V7-9	366	224	W & C Newton
Sanrosa Dale 11-136	V7-7	366	281	G & J Glentworth
Sanrosa Snowie 11-260 ET	V6-7	365	297	G & J Glentworth

**TOP BW HERDS BY WARD**

WARD	MEMBER	PED AYR	BW
1	Lodore Farm Ltd – RM & JE Hutchings	535	1
2	Slack No 2 Herd – R & C Slack	173	-12
3	Ngarangi Ayrshires – D & G Macky	171	-14
4	Longtrack Farms Limited – H Van der Hulst	58	-18
5	The Hardcase Family Trust – D Gordon	111	-8
6	L & C Burnell	54	-1
7	Riverlea Farm Ltd – S & M Riley	318	-16
8	Pineview Dairy Farm Limited – AT & SA Thomas	221	33
9	Trinity Farm Holdings Limited – C & R Stevenson	300	15

Contributed by Greg Hamill, Genetics Business Manager

We are very excited to be currently putting together the 2018 edition of the Alpha nominated sire catalogue, this is due to land in farmer mail boxes by the end of March. Once again we have an exceptional line up of Ayrshire sires some of which are outlined below.

513521 Sanrosa Deacon is the highest BW Ayrshire that will feature in this year's catalogue. With all the media attention around A2 in the last few weeks, farmers thinking about this as an option will be pleased to know that Deacon carries the popular A2A2 genotype. Deacon who will feature for the second time in the catalogue brings outcross to the table through his sire Asmo Tossikko.

The dam of Deacon is a standout cow in the Sanrosa herd, with 8 lactations with LW's over 350. The production levels from the dam have definitely been passed on to Deacon's daughters with a protein BV of 29kgs and fat BV of 31kgs shows these cows love to milk, with the added benefit of strong well attached udders with an udder overall BV of 0.28.

514509 Iwa Snows Rumba ET is a new graduate to the 2018 Alpha catalogue. Rumba benefits from the new weighting of fat in the economic weightings with whopping fat BV of 37kg. Rumba daughters are strong, larger capacious Ayrshires with a capacity BV of 0.69 and live weight BV of 49kg. Rumba is out of a Royal Phillip dam, and sired by the Finnish Ayrshire bull Ojaniityn Rumba. Farmers love milking these Rumba daughters which is evident in his exceptional high over opinion score of 0.77

511597 Southwind Jacks Quintin will again feature in this year's catalogue. There have been more daughters added to his proof and we have also seen his BW increase to \$84. Quintin's dam is classified excellent and has completed over ten lactations; where her LW has not been below 290. Quintin's daughters appear to be well liked by farmers and are very fertile this is shown by his positive fertility BV of 2.1. Combine this with compact capacious daughters, with good udders, means Quintin will again be a favourite for farmers.

Other bulls to feature in this year's catalogue include 513508 Larnoch Elijah ET, 513520 Sanrosa Danny Boy. Both of these bulls are sired by the well-known bull Bonny George and transmit plenty of production to their daughters. Elijah offers great conformation, with an udder overall BV of 0.73 and a dairy conformation BV of 0.44.

512502 Greenlane Toledo retains his position in the catalogue. With an overall opinion of 0.71, farmers obviously love milking these daughters. He is also one of the lowest Somatic cell count sires in the entire catalogue with a SCC of -0.76, again the popular A2A2 allele may see Toledo use increasing.

513646 ROSEMOOR SPARK is another new addition to 2018 catalogue, who is sired by Bonny King, out of the well-known Secrecy On Par cow from the Brookview Stud. Spark daughters are slightly larger capacious cows that will produce a lot of protein through very good udders.

## DEACON DAUGHTER



## ELIJAH DAUGHTER



# AOTEAROA

## AYRSHIRES



**AOTEAROA STAR BABE, Exc**

- Winner of more than 30 breed and All Breeds Championships over her career.
- Many records of more than 600kgs MS.
- Now enjoying her retirement at rising 17 yrs.
- Proving to be a great brood cow with three of her nine daughters pictured here!



**AOTEAROA MODEMS BRANDY, V8-8**

- Winner of many breed and All Breeds Championships. Unfortunately lost as she was coming into her prime with Theileria.
- Records averaging more than 2kgs MS a day.
- We have a incalf heifer from Brandy sired by Goldwyn TCK President.



*Photo courtesy Linda Wood*

**AOTEAROA TSB BELLA, ET**

- Winner of seven Junior Female Championships from nine breed outings including Junior Champion NZDE 2017.
- Junior Champion and All breeds Junior champion Matamata 2017.
- One of four ET sisters sired by Burdette.



*Photo courtesy Linda Wood*

**AOTEAROA WHAMS BACARDI ET**

Second place Senior heifer calf NZDE 2018

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**AOTEAROA AYRSHIRES**

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## FUTURE STAR



Sire: Rosehill Real McCoy ET  
300 kgs 147 days maiden three year old

We at Bonacord were pleased to have our bull calf Bonacord Isabro Snowman selected as a young sire proving bull for 2018.

Sired by Isabro from a very smart Lodore  
2 year old B7-8 288 kgs in 164 days  
BW 20 PW 140 LW 325



After not classifying for several years we did our Ayrshire heifers and 37 older animals which resulted in 3 A, 65 B, 12 C, 1 D. Cows 6 EX, 31 VHC including 5 V8-8.

### PRODUCTION

Herd many times top herd NZ over 300 cows, several times runner up as well milking over 320 cows in herd just over 600.



Supreme Dairy Cow Tokomairiro Show 2017  
536 kgs @ three years.  
With judges Ken Eade and Amanda Brown

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# Kauri Ayrshires

**ANNUAL SALE @  
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16 APRIL 2018**

### WE ARE OFFERING:

- 12 in-calf heifers including the 2017 North Island Reserve Champion Heifer.
  - Fully DNA profiled and A2 tested
- Hope to see you there!*



*Two of this year's in-calf sale heifers patiently awaiting their new home!*

### SALE HEIFERS SIRED BY:

- Iwa Kauri Jorge ET
- Te Matai Elvis
- Asmo Tosikko ET
- Lodore Nicholas
- Sanrosa Dalton ET
- Waiaka Riley S3A

### BRIAN AND CAROLYN HUTCHINGS

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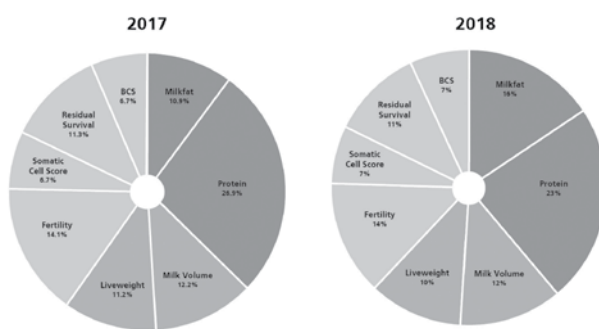
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*Looking forward to welcoming you to Northland in June*

Breeding Worth (BW) ranks bulls and cows on their expected ability to breed profitable and efficient replacement heifers. The BW of an animal is calculated using two key components, Breeding Values (BVs) and Economic Values (EVs). Breeding values are an estimation of an animal's genetic merit for a certain trait, and economic values are the additional profit that an increase in that trait will generate. Economic values account for historical, current and forecast milk prices, income from culls, surplus cows and bobbies, the cost of generating replacements, and general dairy farm expenses. Economic values are updated every year to reflect changes in these values, ensuring Breeding Worth remains relevant in an ever-changing market environment.

## February 2018: Economic Value Update

Effective emphasis on the individual traits within Breeding Worth



The economic values for milk fat and milk protein have moved the most during this update. This is due to changes in the value component ratio (VCR). The economic values for milk volume, liveweight, fertility, somatic cell score, residual survival, and body condition score have experienced relatively small shifts.

## Economic value for milk protein will decrease, economic value for milk fat will increase

The economic values for milk fat and milk protein are calculated by partitioning the milk price into a value for fat and protein, and then accounting for the cost of producing each component.

The value of fat relative to protein has been increasing for the past three seasons, and this trend is forecasted to continue in 2017/18 season.

This will result in a higher economic value for fat, and a lower value for protein following the February 2018 update.

## Value Component Ratio (VCR) method adjustment

The method of calculating the VCR has been modified. The VCR value previously used was a five year rolling average of the Fonterra supplied VCR, going forward this will become a three year rolling average. The VCR supplied by Fonterra is a three year average in its own right, therefore this change aligns the VCR data with the appropriate milk price.

## Liveweight economic value review

Several potential improvements to the liveweight economic value have been identified during this update. NZAEL will review these in 2018 and aim to implement in the 2019 economic value update.

## How will this impact the BW of AE enrolled bulls?

On average, Ayrshire sires will decrease by the most, with an average shift of (-) \$6.8. Friesian, Cross, and Jersey bulls have shifts of (-) \$0.2, (+) \$4.9 and (+) \$4 respectively.

Of the bulls born after the year 2000, and with a Breeding Worth Reliability of greater than 75% the majority will move no more than plus or minus \$10.

**For more information, visit the DairyNZ website [www.dairynz.co.nz/economic-values](http://www.dairynz.co.nz/economic-values)**

# TRAITS OTHER THAN PRODUCTION REVIEW 2017

Numbers of animals classified in 2017 have risen again with total number inspected 3428, up from 3219 in 2016.

CLASSIFICATIONS OVER TIME	2014	2015	2016	2017
Ayrshire	2516	2613	2749	3128
Milking Shorthorn	456	190	470	300
<b>TOTAL</b>	2972	2803	3219	3428
2017 TOP & CLASSIFICATION	2YR	OLDER	TOTAL	HERDS
Ayrshire	2056	1072	3128	58
Milking Shorthorn	242	58	300	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	2298	1130	3428	66

TOP SIRES OF EXCELLENTS 2017	DAUGHTERS	TOP SIRES OF EXCELLENTS OVER TIME	DAUGHTERS
Palmyra Tri Star Burdette ET	8	Inglecorner Milky Boy	76
Salt Spray Bonny George	6	Kiteroa Bo Pepperoni	72
Ardmore Crown Napier	5	Kingsway Casanova	66
Family Af-Ayr Distinction	5	Lochside Amos	60
Carmelglen Brody	5	Lakeside High Chieftain	58

## 2018 NEW ZEALAND AYRSHIRE CONFERENCE

HOSTED BY THE MID NORTH, NORTHLAND AND FAR NORTH CLUBS

11 – 15 JUNE 2018

“COME AND RELAX IN NORTHLAND”

### MONDAY 11 JUNE:

Directors' meeting, Registration and Awards Dinner.

### TUESDAY 12 JUNE:

Tour West for Herd Visits, Ernie's Kumara Box, Invitation Video Sale and Dinner

### WEDNESDAY 13 JUNE:

Annual General Meeting, Dinner and Dancing

### THURSDAY 14 JUNE:

Tour North for Herd Visits, and Kiwi Listening

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# EXCELLENT COWS 2017

## ARRAN TRUST (S Donald)

Arran Admiral Gracie	E8-8	Hunnington Admiral
Kiteroa Bonny Glorious	E8-8	Nexus Dreamer
Arran Trident Talent S1A	E8-9	Ardrossan EV Kates Trident

## LANDELL HOLDINGS LTD

Landell Ristourn Tani S2A	E8-8	Lagace Ristourn
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## FAIRLEIGH DAIRY FARM LTD (K A & A E Eade)

Fairleigh EX Jovy	E8-8	Waxham Executive ET
Fairleigh LM Samantha	E8-9	Goldwyn Lastmate
Fairleigh 07-58 S1A	E8-8	Rosehill Blackthorn

## R & D HANCOCK

Rosemoor Crown Momento ET	E8-8	Ardmore Crown Napier
Rosemoor B G Miranda	E8-8	Salt Spray Bonny George

## INGLESIDE LIMITED (R Morton)

Brookview Dist Cali	E9-9	Famil Af-Ayr Distinction
Cargillglen Highstar Maid	E8-8	Ardmore Crown Napier
Cargillglen Lorraine	E8-8	Ardmore Crown Napier
Ingleside 09-54	E8-8	Goldwyn High Choice
Ingleside 10-64	E8-8	Valendale Gold Dub
Ingleside 11-53 S1A	E8-8	
Ingleside 11-74	E9-9	Ardmore Crown Napier
Ingleside 11-79 S1A	E8-8	
Ingleside 12-40 S1A	E8-8	
Ingleside 12-64	E8-8	Palmyra Tri Star Burdette ET
Ingleside 12-77	E8-9	Palmyra Tri Star Burdette ET
Premier True Frond	E8-8	Premier Trident True

## RON BAKER

Larkspur CN Jojo	E8-8	Ardmore Crown Napier
Larkspur Modem Nells	E8-8	Lagace Modem

## WALLY AND ZANE KITE

Kiteroa Bo Periwinkle	E8-8	Kiteroa Bonny Blue Silver
Kiteroa Bo Peace Lilly	E8-8	Carmelglen Brody

## KARAKA JERSEYS LTD (R & C Turner)

Kilcreggan Brody Kim	E8-8	Carmelglen Brody
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## PREMIER CATTLE CO LTD (D & C Hayward)

Premier Guinness Emaniel	E8-8	Kellcrest Guinness
Premier Trident Cindy S1A	E8-8	Ardrossan EV Kates Trident
Premier Dream ILA	E8-9	Nexus Dreamer

## V K & S L Steiner

Brookview Dist Laguna	E8-8	Family-Af-Ayr Distinction
Brookview Dist Spirito	E9-9	Family-Af-Ayr Distinction
Brookview Itchy Le Fric	E8-8	Brookview Stitch
Brookview Len Secret ET	E8-8	Brookview Challenger
Brookview Bur Flame	E8-8	Palmyra Tri Star Burdette ET

Brookview Bur Secret ET	E8-8	Palmyra Tri Star Burdette ET
Brookview Irishmoore	E8-8	Brookview HT ET
Brookview Kia Curse S1A	E8-8	
Brookview Lana On Par	E8-8	Woodland View Pardner ET
Brookview Nex Chianti	E8-8	Nexus Dreamer
Brookview Nex Sarsha	E8-8	Nexus Dreamer
Brookview Parblu Sez ET	E8-9	Woodland View Pardner ET
Brookview Sweet Lee	E8-8	Brookview Sweet Jam
Courtleigh Cream Hope	E8-8	Kiteroa Cream Alex ET

## C FORD

Broadlea SBG Jewel	E8-9	Salt Spray Bonny George
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## FERDON GENETICS (W & M Ferguson)

Ferdon Poker Gloss	E8-8	Des Chamois Poker
Ferdon Poker Goldy	E8-8	Des Chamois Poker
Ferdon Pokermon Lass	E8-8	Ferdon Pokermon
Ferdon Ristourn Lady	E8-8	Lagace Ristourn

## LAKESIDE AYRSHIRES (A & C Legg)

Lakeside Abaramo	E8-8	Lakeside Babanova
Lakeside Barbarino	E8-8	Lakeside High Toddy
Lakeside Bonny Georgie	E8-8	Salt Spray Bonny George
Lakeside Bonny Scamp	E8-8	Kiteroa Bonny Governor
Lakeside Cherri Starr	E8-9	Tararua Knights Star ET
Lakeside Gretchen	E8-9	Plum Bottom Tridents Lot
Lakeside Hi Volts	E9-9	T Finvalt
Lakeside Lovely Mag	E8-8	Lakeside Magnate ET
Lakeside Miki	E8-9	Lakeside Babanova
Lakeside Novigma	E8-8	Ravenhill Enigma
Lakeside Saharri	E8-8	Lahteelan Irrinarri
Lakeside Supernova	E8-8	Kingsway Casanova ET
Lakeside Tri Link	E8-8	Lakeside Trigoon
Lakeside Blue Tori	E8-8	Kiteroa Bonny Blue Silver
Lakeside Bonni Bab	E8-8	Lakeside Babanova
Lakeside Bonny Ashton	E8-8	Lakeside Tri Mate
Lakeside Bonny Dash	E8-8	Lakeside Destine
Lakeside Bonny Swingle	E8-9	Kiteora Bonny Great Gov
Lakeside Diadema	E8-9	Valendale Blaze
Lakeside HI Executive	E8-9	Waxham Executive ET
Lakeside Lindee Loo	E8-8	Lakeside Destine
Lakeside Lovemag	E8-8	Lakeside Magnate ET
Lakeside Miss Gov	E8-9	Kiteora Bonny Great Gov
Lakeside Miss Toddy	E8-8	Lakeside High Toddy
Lakeside Misty Carita	E8-8	Lakeside Babanova
Lakeside Misty Stacey	E8-8	Gloenmore BL Master
Lakeside Misty Troll	E8-9	Lakeside Trigoon
Lakeside Narri	E8-8	Lahteelan Irrinarri
Lakeside Starbella	E8-9	Valendale Blaze
Lakeside Starry Gemma	E8-8	Lakeside Magnate ET
Lakeside Sweet Matty	E8-8	Lakeside Magnate ET

**BONACORD FARMS LTD (P & R, K & A Allison)**

Bonacord 11-93 S1A	E8-8	Pa Hill Brody Irish ET
Bonacord 12-126 S2A	E8-8	Aspull Royal Lazer
Bonacord 08-126 S3A	E8-8	Semayr Pahill Blade
Bonacord 10-139 S1A	E8-8	
Bonacord 11-63	E8-8	Lodore TK Brace

**R & N LAWSON**

Luckville J List Debbe	E8-8	Yellow Briar Journalist
Sunshine Tri Gloss	E8-8	Sunshine Tri Don

**P & H BAXTER**

Shardville GP Entice S1A	E8-8	Greenlane Prodigy
Brookview Lens Cassatta	E8-8	Brookview Challenger
Dunwald Dancing Dell ET	E8-8	Hunnington Admiral
Shardville Frost ET S2A	E8-9	Woodland View Pardner ET
Shardville Ice Quest S2A	E8-8	Southwind Napier Quest ET
Shardville Particle ET	E8-8	Ravenhill Enigma
Shardville Popstar S2A	E8-9	Plum Bottom Tridents Lot
Shardville SL Lucky S1A	E8-8	Shardville Silver Legacy

**RANGEVIEW FARMING LTD (G & T Emslie)**

Lodore Petes Snowie ET	E8-8	Semayr Belbrae Peter
Rangeview Cream Chimes	E8-8	Kiteroa Cream Apache
Rangeview Petes Claudia	E8-8	Semayr Belbrae Peter
Rangeview Petes Teacher	E8-8	Semayr Belbrae Peter
Rangeview Laurel	E8-8	Kiteroa Cream Apache
Rangeview Safir Orchard	E8-8	Asmo Safir ET
Rangeview Top Orchid	E8-8	Brookview Top Secret

**WESTERN HEIGHTS PARTNERSHIP (L Megaw)**

Fern View Jago Jessie-Jay	E8-8	Ortay Jago
Pa Hill Brody Julia	E8-8	Carmelglen Brody

**LAURIEDALE HOLSTEIN LTD (W & C Newton)**

Lonestar Brody Peekaboo	E8-8	Carmelglen Brody
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**NGARANGI AYRSHIRES (D & G Macky)**

Kilfennan Caramelikko	E8-8	Asmo Tosikko ET
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**K & D PERRETT**

Sentinal Bluebell	E8-8	Sentinal Orange Boy
Sentinal Butter Elyse S2A	E8-8	Fairleigh Platinum S2A
Sentinal Pretty Doll	E8-8	Salt Spray Bonny George
Sentinal Pretty Mannie	E8-8	Sentinal Hot Thorn ET

**G & J GLENTWORTH**

Raigmore Queen 12-57	E8-8	Salt Spray Bonny George
Raigmore Cherry	E8-8	Margot Colargol

**WILLMOR PASTURES LTD (M & L Williams)**

Willmor 11-140 S3A	E8-8	Semayr Pahill Blade
Willmor 11 1-54 S3A	E8-9	Inglecorner Gay Jack
Willmor 12-68 S2A	E8-8	Carmelglen Brody

**B A & C A HUTCHINGS**

Kauri 11-52	E8-8	Asmo Tosikko ET
Kauri 12-63	E8-8	Kiteroa Cream Alfie ET

**SNOWFED FARM LIMITED (P & A Gilbert)**

Sentinal Shanelle	E8-8	Salt Spray Bonny George
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**RIVERLEA FARM LTD (S & M Riley)**

Riverlea 10-28	E8-8	Southwind Joachim
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**GLENALLA FARM LIMITED (P & A Gilbert)**

Glenalla Rock Tabby S1A	E8-8	Glenalla Poker Rockstar
Te Awhata Denva Flora	E8-8	Goldstream Denver ET

**J & K ROBINSON**

Balgowan Ice Philidee S3A	E8-8	Kellcrest Ice Man ET
Bowenlea Bur Chloe S2A	E9-8	Palmyra Tri Star Burdette ET
Pukekaraka Tori Zippy S3A	E8-8	Kellcrest Historian ET
Balgowan Dis Phylis S3A	E8-8	Family-Af-Ayr Distinction
Balgowan Distinct Hildie	E8-8	Family-Af-Ayr Distinction
Pukekaraka 08-24 S2A	E8-8	Des Chamois Poker
Pukekaraka 11-10	E8-8	Palmyra Tri Star Burdette ET
Pukekaraka 11-7	E8-8	Palmyra Tri Star Burdette ET
Pukekaraka Lads Memo	E8-8	Ferdon High Lad
Pukekaraka Potter Gala	E8-8	Des Prairies Potter
Pukekaraka Potter Nell	E8-8	Des Prairies Potter

**G TRAVERS**

Cedamist Phillip Debs	E8-8	Sanrosa Royal Phillip
Kiri Vale 10-26	E8-8	Kiteroa Bonny Milkstar ET

**LODORE FARM LTD (R & J Hutchings)**

Lodore Tosi Jell	E8-8	Asmo Tosikko ET
Lodore Vals Nella	E8-9	J Valor ET

**CARMELGLEN AYRSHIRES (A Thomson)**

Carmelglen Honey Chic	E8-8	Carmelglen Tuscany
Carmelglen Jonti	E8-8	Carmelglen Tuscany
Carmelglen Melianne	E8-8	Palmyra Tri Star Burdette ET
Carmelglen Pretty Jelene	E8-8	

**M R & S J BOOTH**

Kiteroa Bo Peppermay	E9-9	Kiteroa Gems Boy ET
Pa Hill Mikes Bridie	E8-9	Pa Hill Nans Mike
Pa Hill Tosi Dream	E8-9	Asmo Tosikko ET
Waitui 12-34	E9-8	Salt Spray Bonny George

# CRV STANDS FOR HEALTHY & EFFICIENT COWS

## BETTER LIFE HEALTH

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- ✓ Condition Score
- ✓ Fertility
- ✓ Capacity
- ✓ Calving Difficulty
- ✓ Overall Opinion
- ✓ SCC
- ✓ Longevity



- Progeny will have lower rate of health incidents.
- Cows that are easy to manage and produce with fewer health related issues.

## BETTER LIFE EFFICIENCY

- ✓ Milk
- ✓ Protein
- ✓ Fertility
- ✓ Fat
- ✓ Liveweight
- ✓ Longevity



- Supports sustainable dairy farming.
- Cows with high longevity that produce lots of solids per kg of feed.

## UNDERSTANDING THE INDEX

**% more healthy/efficient,  
than population average**

**1-4%** = Improved performance

**5-9%** = Excellent performance

**10%+** = Superior performance

Example:

**BETTER LIFE  
HEALTH** **3%** 

**BETTER LIFE  
EFFICIENCY** **10%** 

# TRINITY AYRSHIRES - STEVENSON FAMILY

*contributed by Pam Goodin*

Trinity Farm Holdings Ltd is the latest incarnation of the Stevenson family, who we have followed with interest over a number of years. First profiled by the NZ Ayrshire Bulletin in 1999 and again in Autumn 2005, Rex and Audrey Stevenson of Glenkyllie Ayrshires are now taking a back seat in day to day management, with son Craig and wife Ruth now in the box seat.

They settled on to the partnership's latest land purchase a little over a year ago. The support block for the main dairy farm is an 80 ha block at Waimatuku in Southland (between Invercargill and Riverton). Only a 12 minute drive from the main 200 ha dairy block at Otautau, the purchase of the block happened very quickly after a few weeks of on again /off again negotiations. They initially intended to put a manager on the block, but as it was quite run down the couple made the decision to move there and get it up to scratch. As a result, Craig milks mornings, comes home for breakfast, and returns to spend most of the day on the dairy block.

With the Glenkyllie cows initially owned by Rex & Audrey with Craig as the farm manager, three years ago Trinity Farm Holdings was set up as a sharemilking partnership for cows and machinery, and Craig & Ruth purchased 550 cows from Rex & Audrey in the first year. Ever since then, they have been building up cow numbers, and will reach their goal of 650 wintering cows this season. While there are still 100 cows leased from Glenkyllie in the herd, the purchase of the support block has ensured the opportunity to increase herd numbers relatively quickly. Craig and Ruth did not purchase any calves or heifers, and as a result have been retaining as much of the young stock as possible over the past three seasons to help build replacement numbers.

The support block for the dairy farm is used for calf rearing, heifer wintering and to produce cut & carry crop for the dairy unit. Around 300-400 tonnes of dry matter (grass) is converted to silage annually, and 14 ha of sugar beet is harvested and stored to be used in autumn and winter. They are also feeding 2 kg per cow of dried distillers grain through the spring and summer period on the feedpad. This goes through a mixer wagon and is fed with the silage.

Craig comments that it can be hard in Southland to source reliable feed. Rather than being at the mercy of the market, the support block allows them to control most of their feed requirements themselves. They also forward contract the dried distillers grain, they certainly wouldn't want to be purchasing on spot price this season.

With both the dairy farm and support block owned by Glenkyllie Dairy Farm (Rex & Audrey), Trinity Farms (Craig and Ruth) are sharemilking. As the extra young stock that have been reared enter the herd over the next couple of seasons, the final lease cows will return to Rex

& Audrey. Now based in Te Anau, Rex and Audrey are living in the township. They also own an additional support block in the Te Anau area and the cows from Trinity are wintered there each year. The heifers will also be grazed there over the summer period.

Initially reared by a helper on the main dairy block, the heifer calves come up to the support block at about two weeks of age and Ruth takes over rearing duties around school commitments. There are currently 186 calves on the support block. With the herd still building numbers, these will all be used as replacements and no heifers are bobbied. All of the decent sized bulls go up to Rex and Audrey's block at Te Anau to be reared as beef. Very few bull calves are bobbied.

Currently milking 566 cows, Craig has had to do some early culling due to the drought earlier this season. With rain finally arriving the day after the drought was declared, there is now plenty of grass on the dairy block.

Among the top performing herds in the Southland/Otago ward, in the 2016/17 season Trinity Farm Holdings topped the local Ward 9 production award for herds over 50 registered cows, averaging 5966 litres milk, 290 fat, 231 kg protein (521 kg milksolids) in 281 days from 300 cows. The herd will also receive a certificate for the top BW herd in the ward for the season, with an average BW of 15 for the registered Ayrshires. Trinity Farms Holdings, and previously Glenkyllie Dairy Farm have topped their local ward on a number of occasions for production in the last few seasons, consistently showing on the list of herds that have averaged in excess of 400 kg milksolids, along with consistent ward wins and some national wins for the top BW herd.

The couple employ three fulltime staff, while Craig now only milks in the morning. The farm boasts a 54 bale rotary shed, with cup removers and protrack system to make life a little easier. Two staff are in the shed for each milking - one to milk and one to get the cows up.

The herd is still over 50% Ayrshire, with the balance made up of Friesian Ayrshire cross. Rex and Audrey used Semayr sire proving bulls in the sire proving scheme for a number of years, but in the last couple of years Craig has returned to using nominated semen from proven bulls.

He found the selection a bit limited in the progeny test bulls. They are concentrating on protein BVs and longevity in the udders. They use the Semayr bulls available through LIC, and while Craig makes the mating decisions, Rex and Audrey still like to keep a hand in.

Craig comments that there has been no real change in the breeding direction for the herd, he is happy to head in the same direction as his parents although he does place more emphasis on Breeding Values than just BW, looking for an animal that will last in the herd and make them money.

Craig enjoys having the Ayrshires in the herd, all of the top Ayrshires are mated to Ayrshire. Craig has introduced a line of straight Holstein-Friesian heifers this season. He is wanting to keep the Ayrshires honest, and they are, producing just as well as the Holstein-Friesian line. Craig comments "Ayrshires are good, hardy animals that look after themselves and are good to look after."

The 2018 catalogues have yet to arrive in the mailbox, but last year Craig and Ruth used all Semayr bulls – sire proving bulls Everest, Fire Dance, Motown and DeeJay along with proven bulls Deacon, Danny Boy and Elijah.

About 50 of the top Ayrshires will be selectively mated, the others will be mated randomly while avoiding inbreeding. The Ayrshire crosses will continue to be crossed, with mating decisions based on size and indexes.

If they are low protein, they are more likely to be mated to Friesian. The herd has been regularly classified, and Craig and Ruth intend to keep this up although Craig comments that this will be based on costs while they are still building numbers. They use the TOP information to make some management decisions around the culling of MT animals.

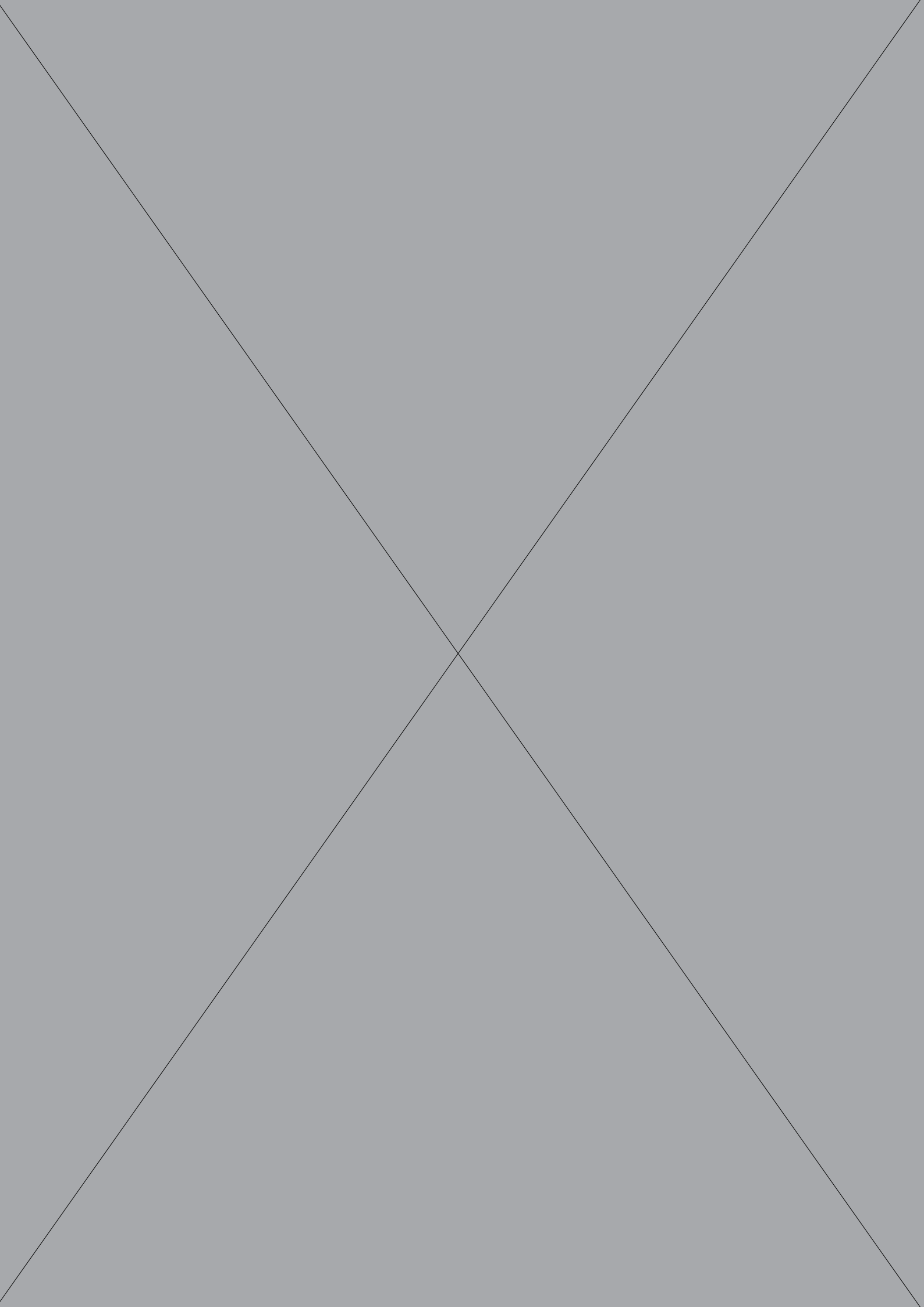
Calving starts 28 July each year. The herd is mated to AB for six weeks, then bulls are used for a further four weeks. They use their own bulls, rearing the high BW Ayrshire bulls and a few crossbreds before they are sent to the Te Anau block to be grown. The Stevensons DNA profile the entire group of replacements each year, and the entire herd is now profiled.

Craig and Ruth have attended a couple of Ayrshire Young Breeders Seminars, and helped organise the first Southland seminar. They have developed some useful relationships with fellow young breeders from throughout New Zealand as a result.

Craig and Ruth have four children between them, with the three oldest Ruth's from a previous relationship. Eldest son Marcus is now in Christchurch working for his grandfather as a mechanic. Abby (16) is attending Southland Girls' High School in Invercargill, while Jaz (10) and Toby (6) both attend the local Thornbury School.

Ruth has recently taken on a part time retail job off farm every second weekend. Craig is racing cross country and motocross along with both Jaz and Toby. He is currently winning the C grade Southland competition, and is also on the Committee of the Southland Club. Their long term plan is to eventually buy Rex and Audrey out of Trinity in the next few years, and then slowly take over the land also. But in this family, plans can often change very quickly. They tend not to make too many long term plans, but like to be able to take up new opportunities as they arise. There is no such thing as the status quo here.







# OFFICE UPDATES

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 2018 Annual Conference will take place in Whangarei from 11-13 June 2018. Registration forms for Conference are being e-mailed and posted to all members shortly. See you there!

## NOTICES OF MOTION

Notices of Motion to the Annual General Meeting (for changes to Rules) will close on Thursday 15 May 2018. Under Association rules, any Notice of Motion received after this date cannot be accepted.

## BOARD ELECTIONS

Elections for the Board of Ayrshire New Zealand will take place this year in the Northland region, Central North Island region and the South Island region. Nomination forms have been posted to members in those regions in early March and nominations close as this issue goes to print. Members will be advised by e-mail, facebook, website and newsletter of the nominations received and if there will be elections in any regions.

## ANNUAL COMPETITIONS

Entries for the National Progeny Competition, DairyCare Somatic Cell Count Competition and the Scenic Photo Competition all close on 1 May 2018. Entry forms for the progeny and cell count competition will be e-mailed or posted to members shortly. They will also be available for download from the website.

## BULL REGISTRATIONS

A reminder that any bull born from 1 June 2017 must be parentage verified to sire and dam to be eligible for registration.

## NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting will take place on Tuesday 8 May.

## JUDGES

All Judges are asked to respond to any invitation promptly to the A & P Show concerned. This allows the show to approach other judges if necessary in plenty of time.

## REGISTRATIONS

A reminder that changes will take place to the registration prices for females effective for heifers born from 1 June 2017, for the 2017/18 Herd Book (2017 born animals).

As the Ace Herd is no longer in operation, all members who have a lifetime registration agreement with the Association can no longer register heifers free of charge. Those members have rolled automatically onto a standing order system, based on the same month and breed content as their prior lifetime agreement. Affected members will receive a letter outlining these changes.

The reduced new registration prices for ALL heifers under one year of age is as follows:

Up to 100 heifers	\$5.50 + GST
Over 100 heifers	\$3.50 + GST
Individually named (i.e. animals not named on MINDA or MISTRO, but requiring a name to be added)	\$1.00 + GST additional

All prices for female animals over one year and males remain the same. The 'under one year' price is applied up to 31 August in the year after the animals birth year. All Semayr sired heifers up to one year are eligible to be registered free of charge.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

A reminder that all membership subscription prices have been increased, effective from 1 April 2018. This is the first subscription price increase since 2011.

- Senior Membership \$150.00 + GST
- Associate Membership \$85.00 + GST
- Retired Membership \$55.00 + GST
- Junior Membership \$55.00 + GST
- Dual member \$15.00 + GST
- Ordinary membership \$150 + GST annually plus a fee of \$2500.00 for a five year term, reviewable on expiry, for the registration of all animals born into the herd subsequent to the date of membership.



# AYRSHIRE YOUNG BREEDERS SEMINAR, CANTERBURY

20 - 24 APRIL 2018

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## **BROADLEA STARBRIGHT**

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two  
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Rising Stars*



## **BROADLEA STORMIN BEAUTY**

Sire: Ravenhill Stormin Beauty

Dam: Broadlea HE Ella Ruby V7-9

***Congratulations to the Donalds, Vaughans & Grahams  
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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### AUSTRALIA

#### LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD

##### – MR. MICHAEL HENTSCHEKE



The Annual Dinner was very well attended once again, with over 100 people enjoying a great night, which followed the day of Judging at IDW. Following Dinner the Annual Photo and Production Awards were presented.

Also during the night, it was a pleasure to bestow Life Membership to the inaugural Australian Ayrshires President, Mr Michael Hentschke.

Mike, through his love of the Ayrshire Cow was an instrumental part of the Amalgamation of the 2 Ayrshire organisations back in 2015 with many long hours of discussion and investigation with the two Committees, it is without a doubt that Mike's input in the years leading up were invaluable.

Mike continues to be very passionate and helps to enable many young folk be introduced to this Breed as he outlines the advantages of the Ayrshire Cow in his special way.

Seeing Mike's emotion when his son's were placed 1st and 2nd in the 2 year dry heifer class at IDW this year sums up the depth of his love of the Ayrshire Cow and his Family's involvement.

Congratulations Mike, an award very well deserved.

#### YOUTH CHALLENGE TEAMS SUCCESS, USA

Congratulations to both Emma Ludington and Caitlin Liebich on their fantastic work and organisation to facilitate the 2 Ayrshire Teams that were entered into the 2018 Youth Challenge at IDW. Without their help these teams, which entails 20 of our Ayrshire Youth wouldn't have the opportunity to hone their skills in such a competition with the fellow Youth within the Stud Industry.

A total of 14 teams participated and the 2 Ayrshire teams did fantastic with them placing 3rd and 4th among some very strong opposition.

Tyler Eagles was awarded the Junior Clipping Award for the second year in a row for his efforts within his team. Congratulations Tyler!

#### WORLD DAIRY EXPO

The Creek and Shank families at Palmyra Farm in Hagerstown, Maryland, have long been known for being some of the top Ayrshire breeders in the country, if not the world. Palmyra has been exhibiting at World Dairy Expo since 1977, and 40 years later, they've had one of their best years at the "Big Dance" yet.

It takes a lot of work to achieve the title of Grand Champion at the International Ayrshire Show, and the icing on the cake is when it's with a bred and owned cow. This year, Palmyra exhibited their first Grand Champion in over 30 years, Palmyra Berkely P Ruth-ET.

This young cow had already made a name for herself in the Ayrshire world, being named Intermediate Champion of the International Show in 2016, as well as the Unanimous All-American Senior Two-Year-Old. This year, the third-calf Senior Three truly hit her stride, taking home Intermediate and Grand Champion for breeder and owner Evan Creek. Even more special, their previous Grand Champion, Palmyra Dolmen Tammy EX-92, was also bred and owned.

Ruth is an EX-91 Berkely daughter with an impressive second lactation of 2-10 320D 26,340M 4.7% 1,239F 3.1% 825P. She hails from the "Rosy" family at Palmyra, which is starting to make its name with many impressive maternal and paternal progeny. Ruth is a full sister to Reagan and maternal sister to Roush, both at Select Sires. Her dam is Palmyra Poker LH Rosy-ET EX-92, Reserve All-American in 2013.

Palmyra Farm experienced success beyond Grand, being the runner-up Premier Breeder and Exhibitor, and breeding the Premier Sire, the massively influential Palmyra Tri-Star Burdette-ET. In addition, Palmyra Farm won a coveted Herdsmanship award, which they have claimed at least six times before, according to Mary Creek.

### INTERNATIONAL DAIRY WEEK 2018, AUSTRALIA

#### CHAMPIONS

##### Junior Champion

Liddel Gentle Flora (Gentleman) - S & R Cole, NSW

##### Intermediate Champion

Parkville Burdette Katie (Burdette) - J Dillon, Vic

##### Senior Champion

Glenbrae Burdettes Joyce (Burdette) - S & K Beard, SA

##### IDW Grand Champion

Parkville Burdette Katie (Burdette) - J Dillon, Vic



# NORTH ISLAND CHAMPION COW - *LODORE VALS NELLA*

*contributed by Roger Hutchings*

Last November the Bay of Island P & I Show celebrated their 175<sup>th</sup> Annual Show which is the oldest show in the New Zealand. Because of this milestone the RAS elevated this show to a Royal Event Show. In conjunction with this the Ayrshire section applied for and hosted the North Island Championships.

Lodore Vals Nella, a nine year old cow, won Champion Ayrshire Cow and the 2017 North Island Champion Cow. She went on to win the All breeds Champion Cow. Later in the day she was awarded a special Royal Event prize of Overall Champion of the Show. This selected from all the Champions in Dairy, Beef, and Horse sections of the Show.

Vals Nella has recently been re-classified E8-9 and is a member of the Glenella family at Lodore. She is sired by the Swedish Red Bull J Valor ET who is a Skole 3395 son. Her dam was Lodore Bonny Glenella, a Kiteroa Bonny Governer daughter. Her grand dam was Lodore K Glenella, a Kylite Commander daughter, who was one of the top producers at Lodore during her time. The next dam back was Lodore Bonny Glenella who was sired by Ingledale Bonny King. All these three cows were very striking cows who were all VHC and all were very close to excellent quality.

Four more cows back in this pedigree was Lodore Moonlight, Ex. Moonlight was Lodore's first ever North Island Champion Cow which she was awarded in 1971. Moonlight was a descendent of Dalemere Standard Moonbeam, who was out of Dalemere Carnell Sunbeam.

Two of the foundation cows when the Lodore Ayrshire Stud was first formed. These cows were sired by Endendale Standard Bearer (Canadian) and Carnell Magnet (Scottish) which were two imported bulls that bred well for the Dalemere Stud. Lodore T Beam, also a descendent of Moonlight, was 1990 North Island Champion Cow.

Vals Nella was a herd cow regularly admired by the Hutchings family but was never broken in for showing. As a six year old she had her first taste to showing and now as a nine year old holds the title of the 2017 North Island Champion Cow.

Vals Nella is the sixth cow at Lodore to be awarded the North Island Champion Cow.



# LODORE

established 1960

Herd BW 11/46 PW 59/70 as at 25/2/2018

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Thank you for all your messages of sympathy, love and support  
with the sudden passing of Marilyn.  
A special thanks to all those who travelled up for her service.

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## SALE

**Monday 16 April 2018 at Lodore Farm, Okaihau**  
**Offering our top indexed in-calf heifers for sale**  
**Catalogues will be mailed in early April**



**Lodore Vals Nella E8-9**  
**2017 North Island Champion Cow**

Visitors and enquiries always welcome

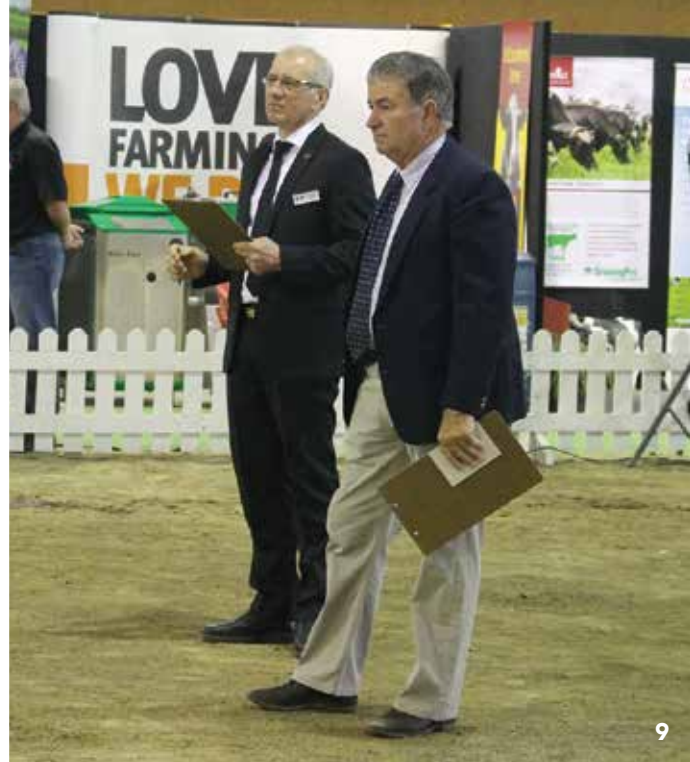
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1. Arran Team photo - NZ Dairy Event 2018
2. Kenmure Betty Oma Bon with Robyn Gordon at the Taranaki Club Show
3. Ron Baker and Hannah Lawson (Judge and Associate Judge), Taranaki Ayrshire Club Show.
4. Southwind Zany CB - A&H Jane, highest pointed animal for Type & Progeny competition, Taranaki Club
5. Kiteroa Ayrshire Sale - Selwyn Donald, Jonty Kite and Brian Robinson on the lecturn.
6. Stratford Show - Type and Production line-up
7. Lot 29 - Kiteroa Korrin at the Kiteroa Ayrshire Sale 2017
8. Egmont Champion Best Vessel; Sentinel Wonderful, D&K Perrett.
9. Francois Beaudry (CAN) and Donald Green judging the Young Judge competition
10. Taranaki Ayrshire Cow of the Year 2018; Sanrosa Harts 13-211, G&J Glentworth
11. Amber Megaw (Taranaki Club Show) with her Champion school calf, Fernview Brigidair Bambi.
12. Hannah and Jackson Nichols who lead for Brian and Carolyn Hutchings. They place second & third respectively in the Fredrickson Trophy at Bay of Islands A&P Show

# GREENLANE AYRSHIRES

EST 1987 | HERD BW -25 | PW 7 | ANCESTRY 97%



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WET SPRING, NOV-DEC HOT AND DRY, JAN - FEB SAVED BY CYCLONES,  
LOOKING FOR A GREAT AUTUMN.

## • SOME OF OUR TOP 2 YEAR OLDS THIS SEASON •

TO 17.1.18 HERD TEST

TAG NO	NAME	CLASS	MS/DAYS	BW	PW	LW	SIRE
80	Greenlane Jarmo Daffodil	B6-7	243/198	48	144	204	S. Jarmo
1	Greenlane Hugs Ally	B7-8	251/186	-14	54	167	H Prince Hughie
35	Greenlane Jarmo Toff S1A	B6-7	221/182	43	108	162	S. Jarmo
13	Greenlane Levi Aria	B6-7	191/160	-14	72	143	G Des Levi
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# AVOIDING TRANSITION - COW PROBLEMS

contributed by Sue Macky, BVSc, Dairy Production Systems

The weeks immediately before calving, calving and the days right after are crucial to the cow. Feeding and Management, including cow comfort, during this time will have greater influence on cow health, performance, and reproduction than any other period. When everything goes to plan, there will be no calving problems, metabolic disease (including through peak lactation), mastitis, metritis, pneumonia, or gut dysfunction; cows will get back in calf when required without intervention and will produce to target relative to breed, size and ration composition.

For some cows, the potential risks are much greater and special programmes may be required to minimise risk. Cows in this category would include the overfat/ over conditioned cows, the very thin, the cows with multiple calves, any with liver disease of any form, undersized first calving heifers, cows with a history of problems etc. Also cows that have had excessively long dry periods or long lactations i.e. carry over cows.

The most difficult to deal with are those with liver damage such as previous facial eczema/ sporedesmin problems, other hepatotoxic mycotoxicosis, and fatty liver disease (FLD). FLD may have occurred previously or is a high potential risk for the current calving because of recent feeding and management.

Getting the basics right for your calving cows will eliminate (the goal, and it is achieved by top farmers) or at least minimize the risk.

In the first 2 to 3 weeks pre-calving, your close or springing cows face significant energy and nutrient demands that they cannot turn off. If you underfeed a lactating cow she has the option of producing less milk to balance energy in and energy out. In late pregnancy, she does not have this option – the developing calf is an obligate parasite and will try and take all it needs to grow regardless of the nutrient intake of the cow. Remember, that calf literally doubles its weight in those last few weeks, with a concurrent “growth” in uterus and all uterine content. In particular, the calf develops a lot of muscle tissue, so protein requirements are significant - good quality amino acids not just crude protein.

Specific proteins are also required for the production of colostral antibodies (the stuff in colostrum that gives disease protection to the new calf is made pre-calving) and for such things as renewal or priming of mammary tissue in the dam. If the diet of the cow does not contain enough protein of the right type, this must come from her body (muscle) tissue. This is probably the first mobilisation of body condition, subsequently followed by fat and loss of body condition generally.

Quality proteins also have an impact on appetite and immune function pre-and post-calving. Keeping the cow in late pregnancy eating is critical to success. The best formulated transition ration in the world will not work if not eaten in the targeted quantities by the right cows at the right time.

In the 2-4 weeks pre-calving, we aim to ensure that our transition cows eat a minimum of 2000 grams of protein, preferably 2200 to 2400 grams. The cow uses absolute quantities of nutrients, not percentages, nor does she want this protein intake to be made up of a lot of non-protein-nitrogen - lots of lush grass is out! As well as excess nitrogen, as opposed to true protein, quality grass will also have too much potassium for your calving cows, number one risk for milk fever/ hypocalcaemia.



Sue Macky, BVSc

Poorer quality, more mature grass may have less K and N, but it also doesn't have enough energy for these cows so unless appropriately supplemented, they will have to use body tissue to make up energy deficits as the calf will keep taking what it needs. This means that there must be enough total energy in the diet to meet the increasing needs of both the cow and the calf but it must also be able to fit into a steadily decreasing space as the growing calf takes up more room. Abdominal and rumen capacity can be changed and trained to be bigger and more efficient.

Part of this “training” is ensuring that the early dry cow diet for the far off cows i.e. dry off to transition contains the sort of feeds that maintain milking cow gut capacity and function in a dry cow on a much lower total DMI. For this reason, we prefer a minimum of 2 kg of physically effective long fibre i.e. straw or hay in the dry cow diet. More is fine so long as total nutrient needs are also being met. A healthy rumen is essential at all times for a healthy cow with optimum feed conversion efficiency. When the lactation diet is bulky i.e. contains a lot of grazed grass, this is non-negotiable.

Some hay or straw should be in the close cow diet but unless on a TMR with 24/ 7 access, this should be fed in the paddock. Close cows take a long time to consume their full ration. It is essential that they get the good stuff like minerals, specific proteins, CHO etc. You want these things in a palatable easily consumed mix that doesn't take up too much space. This is usually going to be a maize silage or cereal based feed plus proteins such as soya or canola, with molasses, minerals, and other additives; depending on individual circumstances.

Outside of the simple milkfever/ hypocalcaemia problems, which are easily fixed with the right diet and anionic magnesiums, calcium and additives etc. the real problem is the cow that mobilises too much fat pre-calving in response to energy needs and overwhelms the ability of the liver to deal with it. Excess fat then gets “parked” in liver cells but this of course just clogs up the system, so it starts to run down, with lessening response to the new demands imposed by calving and lactation.

Not all cows succumb but the risk of problems (often unresponsive if cows actually go down) in the next 2 - 6 months is high, including hypocalcaemia, ketosis, mastitis, metritis, suboptimal reproductive performance, poor body condition, poor production, death, and culling.

Post facial eczema cows have the same problems. Can the liver recover? Without doubt, some cows manage to cope with greater energy responses from the liver, and clear fat out over time but there is always the risk of accumulation over seasons, possibly one of the reasons behind "fodder beet fade". Actual physical damage to liver tissues as from hepatotoxic mycotoxins (such as F.E.) or abscessation as in caudal vena cava syndrome following bouts of rumen clinical or subclinical acidosis is unlikely to repair. Outside of calving, most cows don't use all potential liver tissue, so if they get through transition they can be okay. Young animals will not have their fully grown mature liver size so can still have unaffected tissue - not so for mature cow - damage is usually permanent, so risks are for rest of life.

Some things predispose cows to developing fatty liver problems. High starch or sugar dry cow diets certainly enable cows to gain body condition rapidly so as to reach ideal calving condition but this sort of rapid gain, especially if protein intake is concurrently low, predisposes cows to problems. Lactating cows are Olympic class athletes, especially in a metabolic and cardiac sense. No one would think it a good idea to give an elite athlete eight weeks off, add a cup full of sugar to every meal, and then expect an immediate return to top level performance overnight. This is what we expect from our newly calved cows, even if we have created the cow equivalent of prediabetes and lost competitive fitness.

Cows that have milked for longer lactations can also be at risk of accumulating more fatty body condition than is ideal. Carry over cows that have had a very long dry period can easily gain excess condition - they have the additional problem of having been on a low total daily drymatter intake for a long period of time so very often have also lost both rumen capacity and muscle fitness. Really hard to get a cow that has been on maintenance intake only for months to suddenly double intake as she needs to do for lactation. In many of these situations, the lower protein intake may be exacerbating potential metabolic problems for calving and early lactation. Fat cows tend to eat less but their energy output is not less, so they mobilise more fat more quickly to fill the deficit over the transition period, setting themselves up for disaster. Impaired liver function prolongs the "eat less" problems - consequences may be immediate or drag on for weeks. Hormonal imbalances including insulin resistance, exacerbates risks. More inflammatory markers are found in blood - resistance to all disease declines. At the other end of the spectrum, is the very thin cow (underfeeding, prior liver damage and multiple foetuses are the major issues). This cow is actually easier to deal with, as they will generally eat more - just need to not let them lose anything so diet must meet all needs.

There is continually new research into improving liver function (some from human medicine) and designing better transition rations especially for problem cows. As well as ensuring there is enough appropriate protein and energy in the diet, we need cows that want to eat; are able to eat (this includes having enough space per cow!) and can fit in the right feeds, minerals and additives.

There must be the right amounts of magnesium and calcium in this diet, in the right forms for your circumstances. Yeasts, yeast by-products, monensin etc. can all aid intake and improve feed conversion efficiency. Immune function is primarily energy driven but needs quality selenium, copper, zinc etc. to work best -these things need to be high pre - calving. Vitamins ADE will be needed for housed cows or those not eating living growing green feeds. The complete range of vitamins, including all B vitamins, in a rumen protected form enhance liver function as well, especially when combined with protected choline. We have had very good success with these products in problem herds. For the very hot environments, betaine may be an advantage - heat stress exacerbates all potential transition problems. Highly anionic protein-based feeds like biochlor and soychlor have proved their worth with respect to reduced metabolic problems!

It is important that calcium is replaced as soon as possible at/after calving. Calcium falls in all cows and heifers at calving but is essential for best immune function and gut motility - this is quite apart from the obvious issues of milk fever. Establishing a positive energy balance as soon as possible post calving enhances reproduction, production and disease resistance. Newly calved cows are not into the groove at first so reducing milking frequency of the colostrum cows is a simple way of reducing demand without compromising the future. For known potential problem cows, the golden rule is do not milk if not eating properly. For thin cows, we cannot afford to lose any condition, for the fat cows we need to control the rate and degree of loss i.e. minimise body condition change, especially in that critical transition early lactation phase. If in doubt, do not milk! At the worst, a live cow is better than a dead cow. Cows can be unmilked for up to 3 weeks and still come back to production - obviously it is only the very sick that would be left that long, but cows that ill have a poor prognosis if we keep removing energy (milk) that is not being replaced. Fat cows can be deceptive and the common thought is "she's in really good condition so she'll be right". It is that condition that will be her downfall if not managed well at the beginning so that she can go on to utilise it positively.

Colostrum cows need to be tempted to eat as much as possible as quickly as possible, but they are not that motivated. Make it easy - always take extra feed plus calcium to these cows, even if it is just hay, good quality bailing or PKE in a trough. Getting good rumen fill aids further appetite, and filling the abdominal space left by the calf limits potential for gut accident like LDA.

For individual programmes specific to your farms, consult your advisor.



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- Entries to be submitted by 1 May 2018.
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2. Passed a standard set by the Committee.  
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<i>Fail</i>	<i>&lt;65 points</i>	<i>May attend another school in the same year if they like</i>
3. Judging days shall have two classes of five animals and be held every second year.
4. Current Senior Judges will be required to attend the first round of schools. If not possible, then they must attend the round two years later or they will have their name removed from the Certified Judges list.
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### **AYRSHIRE BREEDERS BULL SALE, MORRINSVILLE, 18 SEPTEMBER 2017**

An offering of 30 out of 32 lots were auctioned on the day with the top selling price \$2600 for Lot 8 a yearling bull sired by Palmyra Tri Star Reality out of Goldwyn FS Prettyface that sold to DL & PE Robinson. The seller was Goldwyn Enterprises. Average of the 30 lots was \$1507.67.

### **KITEROA 47TH ANNUAL SALE, 22 NOVEMBER 2017**

40 Lots averaging \$1315.62, with 14 yearling heifers averaging \$1710, 22 heifer calves averaging \$955 and 4 bull calves averaging \$1913.

Top priced yearling heifers were Lots 7 and 11 Kiteroa Dark Aaliyah (Kiteroa Bo Punk / Kiteroa Dark Alexis V7-7) and Kiteroa Bo Peppermink (Kiteroa Cream Actionking / Kiteroa Bo Peppermine V6-8), each sold for \$2100 to P & D Botica Ltd, Horotiu.

Top priced heifer calf was Lot 16 Kiteroa Janelle (Kiteroa Bo Punk / Kiteroa Jae B7-7). Sold for \$2400 to J Fisher, Ngahinapouri.

Top priced bull calf went to Lot 36 Kiteroa Bonny Burdette ET, purchased by K Sands, Kapukapu Ltd, Rotorua for \$3600. Kiteroa Bonny Burdette sired by 510573 Palmyra Star Burdette ET out of Kiteroa Bonny Georgina E8-9.

### **SEMEX SUMMER SENSATION SALE, NZ DAIRY EVENT 2018, FEILDING**

Lot 17 Sunshine Burs Debbie \$2100; purchased by Schnuriger Family, Palmerston North. Sired by 510573 Palmyra Tri Star Burdette ET out of Sunshine Vals Debbie V7-7.

Lot 18 Kiteroa Cream Prodette-ET \$5800; purchased by K Snell, Featherston. Sired by 510573 Palmyra Tri Star Burdette ET out of Kiteroa Cream Prada 6-8.

Lot 19 Pukekaraka Orlando Zippy \$2100; purchased by Valendale Ltd, Taupiri. Sired by 516531 Auraulen Park Orlando P out of Pukekaraka Tori Zippy S3A E8-8.

Lot 25 Ferdon Jumper Glitta \$2100; purchased by Zoe Botha, Cambridge. Sired by 514562 Lessard Jumper ET out of Ferdon Poker Glitta V7-8.

Lot 26 Arran Burrs Pac \$2500; purchased by Ferdon Genetics, Otorohanga. Sired by 510573 Palmyra Tri Star Burdette ET out of Arran Lots A Pac V7-7.

## **SALE DATES**

### **APRIL**

- 10 Taranaki Club Sale, Stratford
- 16 Lodore Annual Sale, Okaihau
- 17 Pa Hill Annual Sale, Kaitia
- 24 Thames Valley Club Sale, Morrinsville

### **MAY**

- 3 Waeranga Dispersal Sale, Te Kauwhata
- 7 Ngarangi Dispersal Sale, Te Awamutu

### **JUNE**

- 12 Ayrshire Sale - Distinction Hotel, Whangarei



## Protecting your farm from Mycoplasma bovis

by Tim Mackle, DairyNZ chief executive



The Mycoplasma bovis outbreak has highlighted the importance of on-farm biosecurity.

Basic biosecurity practices really can protect your farm from M. bovis and other diseases, weeds and pests.

The main way that M. bovis spreads is by animal-to-animal contact and that is where we all need to focus our efforts. Limiting contact between your animals and outside stock, and being careful about stock movements may make all the difference.

### Four simple steps

We recommend four simple steps to protect your animals and other farms from M. bovis.

- Check boundary fences are secure, to reduce the risk of stock getting between properties.
- Put in doublefencing at least two metres apart to stop nose-to-nose contact with the neighbour's stock. Permanent is best but, in the short-term, put a reel of tape up when stock will be in the paddock adjacent to the neighbour's.

- Always complete your NAIT records and make sure all movements in the last month are correctly recorded. Knowing where your cows have been is crucial to understanding and preventing the spread of disease.
- Get your hands on some information. Complete the biosecurity checklist at [www.dairynz.co.nz/biosecurity](http://www.dairynz.co.nz/biosecurity). The checklist's simple actions will get you a long way to protecting your farm. A Biosecurity WOF is also available, which DairyNZ developed with farmers and veterinarians. For the best results, work through it with your veterinarian. More M. Bovis and biosecurity resources are available at [dairynz.co.nz/mbovis](http://dairynz.co.nz/mbovis).

DairyNZ is also in the regions helping farmers – teams are holding discussion groups, are available to talk anytime and, if you're worried, can put you in touch with the right people to help.

While M. Bovis is an animal disease, it also has a big impact on people, as this is a tough time for farmers directly affected so we need to get behind them and work together to get on top of this disease.

Don't hesitate to get in touch with your local DairyNZ team or call 0800 4 DairyNZ (0800 4 324 7969) if you need help or support.



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# PW - SOMATIC CELL NOW INCLUDED IN PW

contributed by LIC



Following a review of PW last year, LIC announced in January somatic cell would be incorporated into the PW index.

The review was a first for PW since its introduction in 1996 and assessed what traits could be added to increase the value it delivers on-farm. It included farm trials and consultation with industry stakeholders, NZAEL, and breed societies, including Ayrshire NZ.

Prior to this, four traits contributed to the PW calculation – milk volume, milk fat, protein and live weight.

However, given the direct impact somatic cell has on a cow's health, production and reproduction, somatic cell was added as a fifth trait to PW on 17 February in the Animal Evaluation (AE) run.

Rachel Bloxham, LIC animal evaluation manager, said that adding somatic cell to the PW index will help make it more relevant for today's dairy farmers.

"PW is a significant tool to lead culling decisions, to identify and retain the most valuable cows in your herd, but we know that many farms also review somatic cell data to help inform those decisions.

We want to make that secondary consideration seamless, by adding somatic cell into PW."

As per the estimation of other production traits, somatic cell data will be sourced from herd testing, but from the first three lactations only.

"PW as a whole, primarily focuses on information from the first three lactations so farmers can highlight the lifetime production potential of their younger cows, enabling them to make decisions on whether they should be retained in their herd or not," Bloxham said.

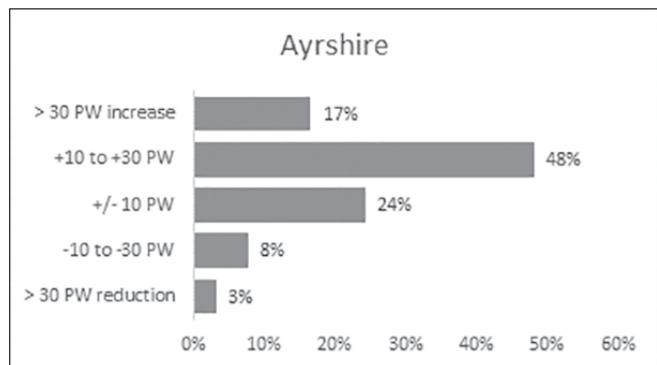
Cows who are not herd tested will have an estimated SCS PV based on ancestry information only (and heterosis effects if the animal is a crossbred). The associated reliability will be very low indicating the lack of available information.

New Zealand Animal Evaluation Limited (NZAEL), a wholly owned subsidiary of DairyNZ, has agreed to provide the economic values for all PW traits including somatic cell, based on the national and industry good economic models it developed and operates.

Farmers may have seen some changes in the PW of their cows after the update, to reflect somatic cell scores from their first three lactations.

Following analysis of a subset of Ayrshire cows in New Zealand, almost a quarter are expected to move less than +/- \$10 PW but interestingly nearly half are expected to have an increase between \$10 PW and \$30 PW, recognising the general strength the Ayrshire breed has in relation to good somatic cells.

At an individual animal level, some extreme movements will be observed if high levels of Somatic Cell Counts (SCC) were recorded in the earlier years of an animal's productive life.



For example, the following table shows the estimated movement in PW and associated herd test information for a selection of two year olds from the same herd. It shows animals with consistently high SCC are impacted more than animals with a one-off high SCC.

Animal	SCC Lactation 1 (000's)			Estimated PW movement
	HT 1	HT 2	HT 3	
1	7	7	13	+ \$44
2	34	22	222	+ \$11
3	120	104	72	- \$13
4	65	728	4579	- \$50
5	442	517	775	- \$56

At a herd level, the expected movement in herd PW will be less, as individual animal movements' average out. The estimated movement for a herd with predominantly Ayrshire cows is between \$2 PW to -\$6 PW.

Over the next 12-18 months, LIC's work on PW will continue.

"We will carry out more research into evaluating two further traits (fertility and Body Condition Score) that certainly contribute to the lifetime performance and profitability of a dairy cow and as such will add further value to PW as a management tool," Bloxham said.

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Entry forms are available online or by request from the office

Closing Date 1 May 2018

# SHOW HIGHLIGHTS 2017/18

## NORTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

### Bay of Islands – 11 November 2018

The North Island Ayrshire Championships were held at the 175th Bay of Islands Anniversary A & P Show on Saturday 11 November 2017 and judged by Gordon Glentworth, Kaponga.

Senior Champion was awarded to the six years and over old class winner Lodore Vals Nella, E8-9, sired by J Valor ET, and owned by Lodore Farm (Malcolm, Roger & Jane Hutchings) of Okaihau. Nella also won Best Uddered in her class and went on to be awarded North Island Champion Cow, Supreme Champion Dairy Animal and Supreme Overall Champion. Reserve Senior Champion Cow was awarded to Kauri T Kasio, E8-9, sired by Asmo Tosikko ET, owned by Kauri Ayrshires (Brian & Carolyn Hutchings), Dargaville and was also awarded Reserve North Island Champion Cow.

Junior Champion was awarded to the yearling heifer Kauri Cream Bernice (s. Kiteroa Cream Alfie ET) owned by Kauri Ayrshires of Dargaville with Reserve to the second place yearling heifer Kauri Jorges Pet (s. Iwa kauri Jorge ET) also owned by Kauri Ayrshires.



*North Island Champion cow Lodore Vals Nella at 9 year old from Lodore Farm. She also won All Breeds Champion and because it was a Royal show was awarded Supreme animal at the show up against horses.*

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## NZ DAIRY EVENT

The tenth New Zealand Dairy Event was held at Feilding from 31 January - 2 February 2018. The Ayrshire Judge was Francois Beaudry, Canada, with David Ackerman, Canterbury, as his Associate.

Junior Champion was awarded to the winning junior yearling Allandale Bredet Burlesque (s. Palmyra Tri Star Burdette) - Letitia Horn of Feilding. Reserve Junior Champion went to the second placed junior yearling heifer Arran Tri Chloe Hetty (s. Sandyford Triclo) owned by The Donalds/M & J Vaughan.

Winning three year old Pukekaraka Bdette Zippy (s. Palmyra Tri-Star Reality) owned by the Robinson Family, Atiamuri, was awarded Intermediate Champion and was the Best Uddered Intermediate Ayrshire Cow. She also went on to place second in the All Breeds three year old in milk and was awarded Best Uddered Intermediate All Breeds Cow.

Reserve Ayrshire Intermediate Champion went to the second placed three year old cow Stenvale Sweet Sheri (s. Plum Bottom Tridents Lot ) - Imogen Steiner, Tokoroa. Arran Jumper Jessy (s. Lessard Jumper) won the two year old class, owned by M & J Vaughan, Featherston and also the Best Uddered two year old in-milk.

Winning four year old Arran Nexus Hetty (s. Nexus Dreamer) owned by The Donalds/M & J Vaughan of Featherston was awarded Senior Champion and was the Best Uddered Senior Ayrshire Cow. She was also awarded Supreme Ayrshire Cow and also went on to win All Breeds 4 year old in milk and Senior All Breeds Reserve Champion. Reserve Ayrshire Champion went to the second placed four year old in-milk cow Pukekaraka Dream Diamond (s. Nexus Dreamer) owned by the Robinson Family, Atiamuri.

*Results from both shows are in Show Results on pages 51 & 54*



Arran Nexus Hetty, V8-8



Senior Champion line up



Pukekaraka Bdette Zippy, V9-9



Stenvale Sweet Sheri, B8-7



3 year old inmilk class winner lineup



Allandale Brdet Burlesque

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- Final score for 190 hf average was UO 6.3 DC 7.1
- Three 4 year old cows classified this year two scored 9-9 and one scored 8-8.

2017/18 Season like most of NZ has been very challenging; we don't expect it to be a top production year. At Brookton we have our new 60 bale rotary shed working well and staff and cows are enjoying that. Our wee granddaughter Maggie is doing very well also.



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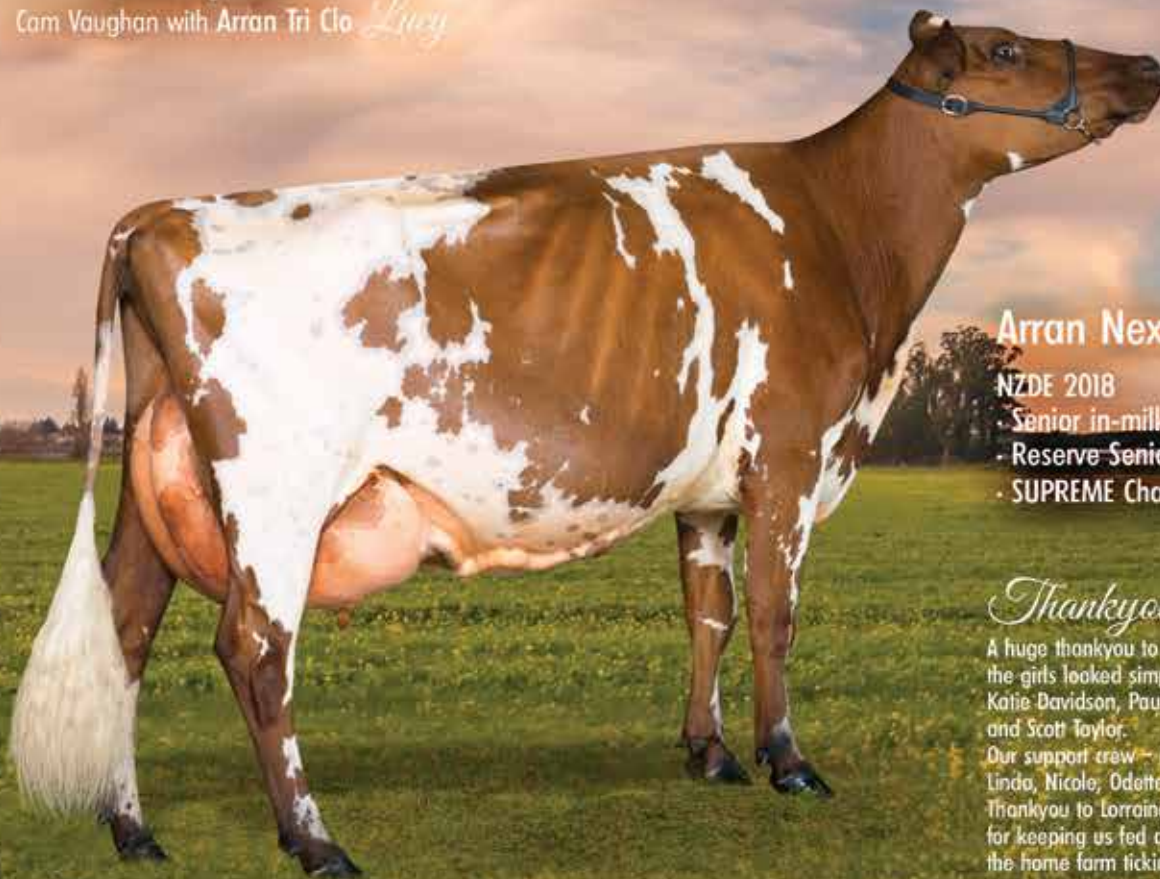
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Cam Vaughan with Arran Tri Clo *Lucy*



Arran Nexus *Hetty*

NZDE 2018

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- Reserve Senior Cow Interbreed
- SUPREME Champion Ayrshire

*Thankyou...*

A huge thankyou to our International Super Stars, the girls looked simply outstanding - Simon Tognola, Katie Davidson, Paul Murphy, Leiza Montgomery and Scott Taylor.

Our support crew - Michael & Jess, Ryan, Harry, Linda, Nicole, Odette & Keith, Sharon.

Thankyou to Lorraine, Aunty Jays & Ma Doherty for keeping us fed and to Pete & Liz for keeping the home farm ticking.

Photo: Bradley Cullen



Peakview Alfie *Hetty*

2 x Supreme Ayrshire NZDE

Dam of Arran Nexus Hetty and Arran Admiral Vitali



Arran Tri Clo *Hetty*

Reserve Jnr Champion Ayrshire

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## UK TRIP - NZ DAIRY EVENT AMBASSADOR

*contributed by Courtney Davies*

The unity of the United Kingdom extends far beyond the name of the borders and well into the spirit of the UK Ayrshire Cattle Society and the incredible Ayrshire Young Breeders team. I was fortunate to be the 2017 recipient of the Shirley Crothers Memorial Trophy as the New Zealand Dairy Youth Ambassador, proudly supported by Brent Crothers and the New Zealand Dairy Event Team, to travel to the United Kingdom in September and attend the UK Dairy Day.

The first week was spent in England visiting some of the herds I had been admiring from afar with breed manager Duncan Hunter. This encompassed touring through London and travelling to farms including that of the Barnes family whom supply milk to make Blue Stilton cheese prior to heading towards Loughborough.

As I began to travel north through England we stopped past the Tomlinson's Sandyford herd of Ayrshires. These cows were incredible and the family welcomed me with open arms onto their farm. I was able to see the renowned Clover family – cows I truly admire – along with some younger stock that were being classified.

After a night in Loughborough I caught my first (of many) UK trains up to Glasgow, Scotland, where I stayed with Claire Kimm and experienced a country music festival on the Isle of Cumbrae. The weather was exceptional and the best throughout the whole trip – surprisingly in Scotland!

Later we visited Carnell Ayrshires, Lessnessock Ayrshires, and a robotic farm in Ayr. It was exciting to be at the birthplace of the breed of cow I am so passionate about and the cattle that were bred here today still paid tribute to the classic Ayrshire. I was able to participate in the Ayr County Cattle Club Ayrshire and Holstein Calf Show whilst here and won the All Breeds Senior Showmanship class, placing as Reserve Champion Ayrshire Showman overall. The community spirit of this show was the epitome of what I believe showing Ayrshire cattle should be all about – the older youth were helping the young showman with ring craft and the older breeders were more than happy to lend animals and advice whenever needed.



*Scottish Ayrshires on pasture*



*Scottish Showmanship Champion Class*

My travels then took me to Halmyre Urr Ayrshires in Castle Douglas (who make their own ice cream! Yum!) where we got involved in some community work as well as helping halter train some of the Dairy Day animals. Then it was off to Whitecroft Ayrshires where I met a superb Ayrshire cow by the name of Whitecroft Ruth 130 and helped prepare her for the upcoming show as well as watching the local Buxton Football Club game. My final stop was at Beeline Ayrshires where I had a look at some nice young animals with similar genetics to my own before heading off to Dairy Day in Telford!

Dairy Day was educational, exciting and an entertaining few days of showing in-milk cows and also happened to be the UK's National Ayrshire Show. It exceeded all of my expectations through the passion, commitment and generosity of all who were involved. It was a privilege to work with some of the UK's top animals from breeders who trusted our team with their top genetics. Not only were the young breeders certainly capable and able, but the support provided by more experienced breeders and organisers meant that we were all able to get involved and as a result ended up with both Ayrshire Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion cows in our team with Swaites Bright Spark 5 awarded Reserve Supreme Champion throughout the whole show.



*A line up of Ayrshire cows at UK Dairy Day*

## UK TRIP - NZ DAIRY EVENT AMBASSADOR CONTINUED

*contributed by Courtney Davies*

Once the ribbons were packed away it was time to relax a bit – but what happens in Telford, stays in Telford! Needless to say, we all had a phenomenal time and it was an adventure I will not forget!

I have met fantastic, knowledgeable people, travelled to some beautiful farms and experienced the kind generosity of those passionate about the breed.

Thank you again to all those who hosted me and helped me throughout my stay – Brent Crothers, NZDE, Ayrshire Cattle Society UK, Duncan Hunter, the Ayrshire Young Breeders team and Claire, Dianna and Nicole along with everyone else who I have met throughout my travels.

*Courtney Davies, Inca Ayrshires*

## SCOTTISH AYRSHIRES



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## NEW ZEALAND TRIP - TRAVELLING AROUND

*by Scott Taylor (Old Mills Ayrshires)*

Many of you I have already met on my travels but for those who don't know me I'm Scott Taylor and I have spent the last 7 months working and travelling my way round New Zealand.

A bit more about myself - I come from Aberdeen in the north east of Scotland. I have just finished an agri degree at uni in Aberdeen and decided to come over to the other side of the world to see how you lot farm before I get too involved at home. At home we run a mixed farm; dairy cows, finishing store cattle, a few sheep and a bit of cropping, growing barley for feed. The dairy herd is made up of roughly 230 cows which calve all year round meaning that we are milking around 200 at a time with approximately 30 dry. The herd splits down to around 60 Ayrshires/ red and whites, 10 Jerseys and 160 Holsteins (although if I had my way they'd all be Ayrshires!) The whole herd averages 9000 litres at 3.9% fat and 3.07% protein a year.

The Ayrshires would be giving a little less but at higher components. The cows are bred by AI with mainly UK genetics used with a little bit of red and white Holstein blood having been used in the past, and a little North American blood is occasionally used.

Our cows are housed in cubicles for most of the year only going out to grass during the day for a few months through the summer. When housed the cows are feed on a TMR diet.



*Scott Taylor*

The cows are also fed meal in the parlour varying in amount depending on yield.

My New Zealand experience started back in the middle of August when I landed in Christchurch and stayed with my auntie, uncle and cousins for a while. After a week of city life, I decided it wasn't for me so I got a job near Cheviot milking cross-bred cows for six weeks. This is where I got to grips with what the standard running of a New Zealand system of block calving and focus on grass involved!

On one of my days off after flicking through the breeders directory on the NZ Ayrshire Association's website I decided to give Cheryl Ford a phone call to see if I could visit and see her cows. Needless to say after a good while talking Ayrshire cows she gave me a heads up on other herds in the area and phoned a few to say I was in the area.

## NEW ZEALAND TRIP - TRAVELLING AROUND CONTINUED

*contributed by Scott Taylor (Old Mills Ayrshires)*

That night I got a phone call from Donald Green offering me a job! Considering I only had a week or two left up in Cheviot (and I would be working with Ayrshire cows) it sounded good to me. So on the 10th of October I started working at Glenmore. A few days later Donald asked me if I would like to come along to the local Canterbury Club meeting in Leeston where I met many of the local "Ayrshire people". Next up was Ellesmere show which luckily landed on my weekend off! It gave me a chance to see some of the local cows.

I finished up at Glenmore at the end of November and headed down south. On the way I stopped in at Peter and Raelene Allison's at Waiholo where I got a look round the family's Bonacord herd and they gave me a wee guided tour round the local area before heading down south again the next day.

I was headed for Edendale to stay with the Blackmore family and help out for a few weeks. With the Blackmore's being neighbours of the Mortons at Ingleside the temptation was too much... so it was arranged for me to have a look round the cows. Next step I headed back north to spend Christmas with family in Christchurch. It was totally strange for me to have Christmas in the middle of summer. Then it was down to Queenstown for new year with a crowd of mates that I went to uni with.

At the start of the year I headed for the North Island with a quick hop across the water. I headed to Featherston to help the Donald's for a week while his worker Pete was away on holiday. This gave me a chance to get to know some of the cows and heads up on the show team for Dairy Event. After a week I headed back to the South Island this time to Golden Bay for a weeks holiday with my family. Since I was in the area it was only natural to go and see the Riley family's Riverlea herd.

Next it was back up to the North Island and back to Selwyn's to help with the show team for Dairy Event, only to find that Selwyn was heading off to the dairy week in Australia later in the week so I was being left in charge of looking after and continuing preparations on the show team at home for a few days! So when Selwyn came back and I hadn't managed to stuff them up I was relieved. Next it was into the full swing of show prep with the clipping crew coming across from Dairy Week to clip the team of 19 head! Next stop was Feilding for Dairy Event which went well for team Arran with the Hettys and the Jersey all doing particularly well.

After Dairy Event it was back to Selwyn and Lorraine's for a few days before heading out to the east coast to Glenburn station for a few days. It was interesting to see a sheep and beef operation and the scale of it was massive compared to home.

After there I headed north to Gisborne for a day or two before heading across to Steiners where I stayed for a few days.

It was impressive to see how steep some of the country was that the cows were grazing (and Vince was willing to cultivate and reseed). While I was there we went to visit the Robinsons where we got a chance to see their team from Dairy Event again. After this we went down Taupo Falls, it was crazy to see the speed and the volume of water that goes through there. The next day I set off for a busy day, first I looked at the Goldwyn herd courtesy of Bryan Hayward, then on to Graeme Leech's Aotearoa herd, next down the road to the Baxter family's Shardville herd.

After lunch it was on to see the Kiteroa herd of Zane Kite, before heading down to Mokau to stay with Paul and Maryann Symonds for the night. The next morning I was headed for Taranaki firstly to the club meeting at Barry and Deidre Tippet's place. After a look round the cows I headed to Gordon Glentworth's Sanrosa herd where I saw lot of Finnish breeding which was new to me. Next it was on to Kylee and Danny Perrett's Sentinel herd, it was great to see so many cows by UK bulls or sons of them. Afterwards it was a drive back down to Featherston to Selwyn and Lorraine's for a day or two before I crossed the straight. Thanks to Vince and Sheridan for organising all the visits over those two days for me allowing me to see many good cows and of different styles.

After this it was back across the water down south again all the way down to the Eade's at Fairleigh for 10 days to help Bruce and the team out while Ken and Nancy were away. This gave me a chance to see more UK genetics including some milking daughters of bulls that I've used at home. It was also good to see the cubicle shed and see how a system similar may be possible at home with an emphasis on grazing but still housed during the winter.

After there it was a trip back up to Christchurch to spend the weekend with my auntie and cousins where we went to watch the final one day cricket game against England. Unfortunately the end result wasn't the one we wanted! That week I went back to Glenmore to spend the week. While there I managed to squeeze in visits to the Legg family's Lakeside herd and the Ackermann's Musica herd.

Now I am just away to head home after spending seven months in New Zealand. I would like to thank everyone for being so welcoming and giving up their time to show me around and their herds. I have learned a lot in my time especially on grazing management and the block calving system, with all the different takes on it and many ways of management. Hopefully I can use some of these things to improve how we work at home.

*Scott Taylor (Old mill Ayrshires)*

## MARILYN HUTCHINGS

*Marilyn Grose was born in Whakatane but moved as a young child to Rotorua. Here she met her future husband Malcolm Hutchings. They were married in 1960 and 7 days after the wedding moved up to Okaihau to their new farm [as yet unseen by Marilyn!]. They set up their Lodore Ayrshire Stud which is so well known today.*



*Marilyn & Malcolm Hutchings*

She, along with husband Malcolm, has attended almost every NZ Ayrshire Conference AGM since their marriage. They have also been to the Ayrshire World Conferences, held every 4 years, to England, Canada and South Africa. Marilyn spent most of the Canadian trip on crutches as she had damaged her leg not long before departure from NZ. Slowed her down somewhat but there was no stopping her enjoyment of the tour. It was tiring though, so to have a change from viewing cows it was decided, while in Toronto, to see "Phantom of the Opera" where we could sit in comfort and enjoy a good musical. After the interval the second half of the show was surprisingly very, very short. It wasn't until we saw the show again in Auckland that we realised, Marilyn, Malcolm, Bayne and I, that we had slept through the entire second half of the Toronto show!

Marilyn was a courier on both World Conferences held in NZ and during the 2004 conference was affectionately known as "Queen Mother" by her group. Her similarity to Britain's Queen Mother was striking.

The Ayrshire cattle world has played a huge part in Marilyn's life. Husband Malcolm has been NZ President of the NZ Ayrshire Assn, as has son Brian, now current Director for Northland/North Auckland Ward. Son Roger has taken over the home farm and is currently a Director of Semayr Breeding Services. Daughter Karen lives next-door and they loved the mother-daughter relationship. Marilyn has been a loving and devoted Grandma to her seven grandchildren and to her 3 great-grandchildren.

Marilyn's shorthand and typing skills, learned at High School in Rotorua, served her well during her 50 years as secretary for the Northland Ayrshire Club. She was awarded a Distinguished Members Award from the NZ Ayrshire Assn for her continued work highlighting the Ayrshire breed.

As a young bride Marilyn became a keen supporter of the Women's Division of Federated Farmers [WDFE]. She held many offices over the years including 9 years on the NZ Women's Council and was honoured many times for her efforts including being awarded the NZ Suffrage Centennial Medal in 1993.

Marilyn helped establish and chaired the Far North Life Education Trust mobile classroom. She was awarded the Far North Citizen Award in 2003 for her charity work.

Marilyn enjoyed and was very good at hand embroidery, needlework, and card making. On a personal note I am going to miss her artistic Ayrshire cattle-themed Christmas card each year. She and Malcolm hosted untold visitors to their home and farm over the years both from NZ and overseas. They billeted and looked after our son when he was teacher training at Okaihau College back in 1981.

Marilyn Hutchings – a life well loved and lived.

*Shirley Milne*

## OBITUARIES

*It is with much sadness that Ayrshire New Zealand records the passing of the following past and present member/s:*

*Winnie Livingstone* 'INGLECORNER' INVERCARGILL

*Marilyn Hutchings* 'LODORE' OKAIHAU



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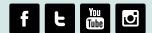
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# SHOW RESULTS 2016/17 SEASON

## BAY OF ISLANDS P & I ASSN 175TH ANNIVERSARY SHOW & DAIRY ROYAL EVENT & NORTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIP

JUDGE: GORDON GLENTWORTH  
Contributed by Roger Hutchings

### AYRSHIRE ASSOCIATION NORTH ISLAND CHAMPION COW ;

Lodore Vals Nella - MS & RM Hutchings

### RESERVE CHAMPION COW:

Kauri T Kasio - BA & CA Hutchings

### COW IN MILK - 2 YEARS

1. Lodore Hugs Nelly - MS & RM Hutchings
2. Kauri Budhi TS - BA & CA Hutchings
3. Ferdon Burdette Gloss - G Travers

### COW IN MILK - 3 YEARS

1. Kauri T Kasio - BA & CA Hutchings
2. Pukerata High Doll - G Travers
3. Kio Valley Cindee - N & C Bishop

### COW IN MILK - 4 & 5 YEARS

1. Lodore Tos Snowlass ET - MS & RM Hutchings
2. Kauri Cream Rannie - BA & CA Hutchings
3. Kio Valley Rose Meadow - N & C Bishop

### COW IN MILK 6 YEARS AND OVER

1. Lodore Vals Nella - MS & RM Hutchings
2. Kauri Cream May - BA & CA Hutchings
3. Pa Hill High Doll - G Travers

### BEST UDDERED CLASS

1. Lodore Vals Nella - MS & RM Hutchings
2. Kauri T Kasio - BA & CA Hutchings
3. Lodore Tos Snowlass - MS & RM Hutchings

### HEIFER YEARLING

1. Kauri Cream Bernice - BA & CA Hutchings
2. Kauri Jorges Pet - BA & CA Hutchings
3. Kauri Cream Royal - BA & CA Hutchings

### HEIFER CALF

1. Lodore Rods Siggie ET - MS & RM Hutchings
2. Kio Valley Angel - Alyssa Bishop
3. Inca Gentle Sepha - Courtney Davies

### JUNIOR CHAMPION

Kauri Cream Bernice - BA & CA Hutchings

### RESERVE CHAMPION

Kauri Jorges Pet - BA & CA Hutchings

### SUPREME CHAMPION COW

Lodore Vals Nella - MS & RM Hutchings



(l-r) Reserve NI Champion, NI Champion Lodore Vals Nella

## EGMONT SHOW

JUDGE: Andrew Thompson  
Contributed by Hillar Jane

### AYRSHIRE CHAMPION COW

Sanrosa Harts 13-211 - G&J Glentworth



Sanrosa Queen 14-211, G&J Glentworth.

### AYRSHIRE RESERVE CHAMPION COW

Sentinal Wonderful - D&K Perrett

### AYRSHIRE INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION

Sentinal CB Heidi - D&K Perrett

### AYRSHIRE RESERVE INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION

Sanrosa Queen 14-211 - G&J Glentworth

### JUNIOR AYRSHIRE CHAMPION

Sentinal Zoes SHT Lara - D&K Perrett

### JUNIOR AYRSHIRE RESERVE CHAMPION

Sentinal Bonny PTB Ruby ET - D&K Perrett



Egmont Show - Junior Female Champion

### ALL BREEDS

### QUEEN OF THE MOUNTAIN DAIRY COW

3. Sentinal Pretty Mannie - D&K Perrett

### 4 YEAR & OVER

1. Sentinal Wonderful - D&K Perrett

### BEST UDDER CLASS

3. Sentinal Wonderful - D&K Perrett

### SENIOR YEARLING

2. Sentinal Zoes SHT Lara - D&K Perrett

### SENIOR HEIFER CALF

3. Sentinal Bonny PTB Ruby ET - D&K Perrett

### JUNIOR HEIFER CALF

3. Sentinal Pretty SBG Bracelet - D&K Perrett

### RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER

Sentinal Zoes SHT Lara - D&K Perrett

## STRATFORD SHOW

JUDGE: Bruce Weir  
Contributed by Hilary Jane

### AYRSHIRE CHAMPION COW

Sentinal Bluebell - D&K Perrett

### AYRSHIRE RESERVE CHAMPION COW

Sanrosa Harts 13-211 - G & J Glentworth

### SUPREME CHAMPION COW

Sentinal Bluebell - D&K Perrett

### AYRSHIRE INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION

Sentinal Pretty Deb S3A - D&K Perrett

### AYRSHIRE RESERVE INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION

Peak View Burdettes Memo - Brian McDonald

### JUNIOR AYRSHIRE CHAMPION

Sentinal High CB Gabby - D&K Perrett

### JUNIOR AYRSHIRE RESERVE CHAMPION

Sentinal Bonny PTB Ruby ET - D&K Perrett



Sentinal High CB Gabby (with Kylee Perrett), Sentinal Bonny PTB Ruby ET (with Kelsey Perrett) and judge Bruce Weir.

### BEST UDDER CLASS

Sentinal Bluebell - D&K Perrett

### ALL CHAMPION COW

Sentinal Bluebell - D&K Perrett



Stratford Show - All Champion Cow

## WHANGAREI SHOW

JUDGE: Wendy Harker  
Contributed by Courtney Davies

### AYRSHIRE SENIOR CHAMPION COW

Inca Bur Minimink - Courtney Davies

### JUNIOR AYRSHIRE CHAMPION

Kio Kio Valley PHBN Americus - Alyssa Bishop

### JUNIOR AYRSHIRE RESERVE CHAMPION

Inca Gentle Sepha - Courtney Davies

## PAEROA SHOW

JUDGE: Sarah Leech  
Contributed by Courtney Davies

### **SUPREME CHAMPION AYRSHIRE**

Inca Gentle Sepha - Courtney Davies

### **JUNIOR AYRSHIRE CHAMPION**

Inca Gentle Sepha - Courtney Davies

### **JUNIOR AYRSHIRE RESERVE CHAMPION**

Premier Jump A Blueprint - Courtney Davies

## WAIKATO A&P SHOW 2017

### AYRSHIRE SECTION

#### **CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE AYRSHIRE COW**

Brookview Marc Ace - V & S Steiner Partnership

#### **RESERVE CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE AYRSHIRE COW**

Pukekaraka Bdette Zippy - Topline Genetics Ltd

#### **BEST UDDERED AYRSHIRE COW**

Brookview Napes Huron - V & S Steiner Partnership

#### **CHAMPION SENIOR AYRSHIRE COW**

Pukekaraka Dream Diamond - Topline Genetics Ltd

#### **RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR AYRSHIRE COW**

Brookview Napes Huron - V & S Steiner Partnership

#### **CHAMPION JUNIOR AYRSHIRE**

Brookview Free Secret - V & S Steiner Partnership

#### **RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR AYRSHIRE**

Aaron Vicking Proceed - Isacc Kelsom

## MATAMATA SHOW

JUDGE: Ivan Fredrickson  
Contributed by Sarah Leech

### **AYRSHIRE SENIOR CHAMPION**

Shardville Popstar - Baxter Family

### **AYRSHIRE RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION**

Shardville Burs Ice - Baxter Family

### **JUNIOR AYRSHIRE CHAMPION**

Aotearoa TSB Bella ET - Leech Family

### **JUNIOR AYRSHIRE RESERVE CHAMPION**

Kiteroa Cream Burdette ET - Shane Coombes

### **ALL BREEDS**

#### **4 YEAR & OVER**

1. Shardville Popstar - Baxter Family
3. Shardville Burs Ice - Baxter Family

### **2 & 3 YEAR OLD**

3. Atlantic Risto Casey ET - Leech Family

### **YEARLING HEIFER**

1. Aotearoa TSB Bella ET - Leech Family

### **HEIFER CALF**

3. Kiteroa Cream Burdette ET - Shane Coombes

### **ALL BREEDS JUNIOR CHAMPION**

Aotearoa TSB Bella ET - Leech Family



All Breeds line up - Matamata Show

## MORRINSVILLE A&P SHOW

JUDGE: Rob Lawson  
ASSOCIATE: Sheridan Steiner  
Contributed by Pete McFall

### **CHAMPION AYRSHIRE COW**

Pukekaraka Bdette Zippy - Topline Genetics

### **RESERVE CHAMPION AYRSHIRE COW**

Guildford Nels Rain - D & S Gibberd

### **JUNIOR AYRSHIRE CHAMPION**

Larkspur Rockstar Candy - Daniel Muller

### **JUNIOR AYRSHIRE RESERVE CHAMPION**

Montrose Platinum Spireet - Alicia McPike

### **ALL BREEDS INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION**

Pukekaraka Bdette Zippy - Topline Genetics

### **ALL BREEDS BEST UDDER**

Pukekaraka Bdette Zippy - Topline Genetics

## TE AROHA SHOW

JUDGE: Andrew Thomson  
Contributed by Sarah Leech

### **CHAMPION AYRSHIRE COW**

Brookview Napes Secrecy - Leech Family

### **RESERVE CHAMPION AYRSHIRE COW**

Atlantic Risto Casey ET - Leech Family

### **JUNIOR AYRSHIRE CHAMPION**

Aotearoa TSB Bella ET - Leech Family

### **JUNIOR AYRSHIRE RESERVE CHAMPION**

Kiteroa Cream Burdette ET - Shane Coombe

### **BEST UDDERED**

Brookview Napes Secrecy - Leech Family

### **ALL BREEDS**

#### **4 YEAR & OVER**

2. Brookview Napes Secrecy - Leech Family

#### **2 & 3 YEAR OLD**

3. Atlantic Risto Casey ET - Leech Family

### **YEARLING HEIFER**

1. Kiteroa Cream Burdette ET - Shane Coombe

## WAIHI SHOW

JUDGE: Zane Kite  
Contributed by Sarah Leech

### **CHAMPION AYRSHIRE COW**

Brookview Napes Secrecy - Leech Family

### **RESERVE CHAMPION AYRSHIRE COW**

Atlantic Dream Pandora ET - Leech Family

### **JUNIOR AYRSHIRE CHAMPION**

Larkspur Rockstar Candy - Daniel Muller

### **JUNIOR AYRSHIRE RESERVE CHAMPION**

Guildford Als Nector - D & S Gibberd

### **BEST UDDERED**

Brookview Napes Secrecy - Leech Family



Cow line up - Waihi Show

### **ALL BREEDS**

#### **3 YEARS & OVER**

2. Brookview Napes Secrecy - Leech Family

#### **2 YEARS OLD**

1. Atlantic Dream Pandora ET - Leech Family

## CAMBRIDGE SHOW

JUDGE: Graeme Leech  
Contributed by Marg Addison

### JUNIOR HEIFER

1. Guildford Burds Nector – D&S Gibberd
2. Guildford Burds Sunny – D&S Gibberd
3. Wharangi Miss Elizabeth – D Talbot

### SENIOR HEIFER CALF

1. Kiteroa Bonny Goddette – McClennan Family
2. Roseview Myrtle – Fisher Family
3. Kiteroa Cram Predette – McClennan Family

### JUNIOR HEIFER CALF

1. Aotearoa TSB Britannia – Zoe Botha
2. Kiteroa Less Peppernadi – Fullerton Family

### BULL CALF

1. Kiteroa Bonny God ET – McClennan Family
2. Goldwyn Rain Man - D&S Gibberd

## THAMES VALLEY CLUB SHOW

JUDGE: Andrew Thomson  
Contributed by Sue Gibberd

### 2 YEAR HEIFER

1. Guildford Nels Rain - D&S Gibberd
2. Imaginayr TSB Millie - G Hartstone
3. Greenlane Hugs Ally - Greenlane Ayrshires

### BEST UDDER

1. Guildford Nels Rain- D&S Gibberd
2. Imaginayr TSB Millie - G Hartstone
3. Greenlane Hugs Allie - Greenlane Ayrshires

### CHAMPION COW

Guildford Nels Rain - D&S Gibberd

### RESERVE CHAMPION COW

Imaginayr TSB Millie - G Hartstone

### KIM DAVIDSON AWARD

1. Kiteroa Bonny Goddette - Jonty Kite
2. Guildford Als Ice - Kaelyn Gibberd
3. Kiteroa Bonny Goodmaid - Zoe Kite

### JIMMY NICHOLAS CUP

1. Guildford Als Ice - Kaelyn Gibberd
2. Kiteroa Bonny Goddette - Jonty Kite
3. Kiteroa Cream Pradette - Jamie Grylls

### JUNIOR YEARLING

1. Guildford Als Sunny - D&S Gibberd
2. Guildford Als Nector - D&S Gibberd

### SENIOR CALF

1. Kiteroa Bonny Goddette - Z Kite
2. Guildford Als Ice - D&S Gibberd
3. Kiteroa Cream Pradette - Z Kite

## JUNIOR CALF

1. Montrose Whembam Haste - G Hartstone
2. Imaginayr TSB Lacy - G Hartstone
3. Greenleaf Len Leigh - T Johnson

## BULL CALF

1. Goldwyn Kingsman - D&S Gibberd
2. Goldwyn Big Red - D&S Gibberd

## WAIKATO/BOP COMBINED CLUB SHOW 2017

JUDGE: Courtney Davies  
Contributed by Heather Baxter

### 3 YEAR COW INMILK

Brookview Freeby Champers - Steiner Family

### 4 & 5 YEAR COW INMILK

Brookview Dream - Steiner Family

### 6 YEARS AND OVER COW INMILK

Shardville RE Particle - Baxter Family

### CHAMPION COW

Shardville RE Particle - Baxter Family

### RESERVE CHAMPION COW

Brookview Dream - Steiner Family

### BEST UDDER

Brookview Freeby Champers - Steiner Family

### CHAMPION COW

Guildford Nels Rain - D&S Gibberd

### RESERVE CHAMPION COW

Imaginayr TSB Millie - G Hartstone

### TWO COWS IN MILK

Brookview Champers Dream - Steiner Family

### JUNIOR YEARLING

Wharangi Miss Elizabeth - Diane Talbot

### SENIOR HEIFER CALF

Roseview Myrtle - Autumn Fisher

### JUNIOR CALF

Wharangi Cherry - Emily Graham

### BULL CALF

Kiteroa Bonny God - Dana McClennan

### JUNIOR CHAMPION

Wharangi Miss Elizabeth - Diane Talbot

### RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION

Kiteroa Bonny God - Dana McClennan

## TARANAKI AYRSHIRE CLUB SHOW 2018

JUDGE: Ron Baker & Hannah Lawson  
Contributed by Hilary Jane

### YEARLING HEIFER OPEN

Snowline Dempsey Aimee - Brian McDonald

### YEARLING HEIFER NOVICE

Lonestar High Lady - L Newton

### HEIFER CALF OPEN

Snowline Bur Bronwyn - Brian McDonald

### HEIFER CALF NOVICE

Snowline Bur Shona - Brian McDonald

### CHAMPION SCHOOL CALF

Fernview Brigidair Bambi - Amber Megaw

### CHAMPION COW

Snowline Bur Shona - Brian McDonald

### RESERVE CHAMPION COW

Snowline Bur Bronwyn - Brian McDonald

### CHAMPION BULL CALF

Kenmure Allans Quintin - R Gordon

### YEARLING HEIFER NOVICE

Snowline April - N McDonald

### HEIFER CALF NOVICE

Fernview Jelly Bean - T & K Watson

### SUPREME CHAMPION

Snowline Bur Shona - Brian McDonald



TAC Supreme Champion with judges Ron & Hannah

## NEW ZEALAND DAIRY EVENT 2018 ALL NEW ZEALAND SHOW

JUDGE: Mr Francois Beaudry, Canada  
ASSOCIATE JUDGE: David Ackermann

### AYRSHIRE BREED

#### GENETIC ENTERPRISES NZ COW 2 YEARS OLD

1. Arran Jumper Jessy - M & J Vaughan
2. Sunshine Burdettes Dale - Lara Honeyfield
3. Brookview Marcs Sarsha - Hannah Lawson

#### AGRISEA NZ - COW 3 YEARS OLD

1. Pukekaraka Bdete Zippy - Robinson Family
2. Stenvale Sweet Sheri - Imogen Steiner
3. Brookview Marcs Sarsha - Brookview Genetics

### AYRSHIRE NZ

#### INTERMEDIATE BEST UDDERED

Pukekaraka Bdete Zippy - Robinson Family

#### GENETIC ENTERPRISES NZ INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION

Pukekaraka Bdete Zippy - Robinson Family

#### GENETIC ENTERPRISES NZ INTERMEDIATE RESERVE CHAMPION

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#### GENETIC ENTERPRISES NZ INTERMEDIATE RESERVE CHAMPION

Stenvale Sweet Sheri - Imogen Steiner

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Arran Jumper Jessy - M & J Vaughan

#### DAIRYCARE NZ - JUNIOR HEIFER CALF

1. Shardville S.L Star - Baxter Family
2. Larkspur Vinny Dee - Monique Radford
3. Arran Triclo Cassatta - The Donalds

#### DAIRYCARE NZ - SENIOR HEIFER CALF

1. Ferdon Jumper Glitta - Celine Pirie
2. Aotearoa Whams Bacardi-ET - Zoe Botha
3. Kiteroa Cream Prodette-ET  
Harry Cunningham

#### WWS - JUNIOR YEARLING HEIFER

1. Allandale Brdet Burlesque - Letitia Horn
2. Arran Tri Cloe Hetty  
The Donalds/M & J Vaughan
3. Arran Tri Cloe Fashion - The Donalds

#### WWS - SENIOR YEARLING HEIFER

1. Broadlea AV Tiffany  
The Donalds, M & J Vaughan, S & M Graham
2. Larkspur Poker Chip-ET - Isabelle Phipps
3. Kiteroa Bonny Grand Day - Zara Williams

#### GENETIC ENTERPRISES NZ - JUNIOR CHAMPION

Allandale Brdet Burlesque - Letitia Horn

#### GENETIC ENTERPRISES NZ - JUNIOR RESERVE CHAMPION

Arran Tri Cloe Hetty  
The Donalds/M & J Vaughan

#### GENETIC ENTERPRISES NZ - JUNIOR HONORABLE MENTION

Broadlea AV Tiffany  
The Donalds, M & J Vaughan, S & M Graham

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#### GENETIC ENTERPRISES NEW ZEALAND SENIOR CHAMPION COW

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Arran Nexus Hetty - The Donalds/M & J Vaughan

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#### DAIRYCARE NZ - JUNIOR HEIFER CALF

4. Larkspur Vinny Dee - Monique Radford

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#### JUNIOR YEARLING HEIFER

2. Arran Tri Cloe Hetty  
The Donalds/M & J Vaughan

#### FMG - SENIOR YEARLING HEIFER

3. Broadlea AV Tiffany  
The Donalds, M & J Vaughan, S & M Graham

#### AGRISEA NEW ZEALAND 3 YEARS OLD IN-MILK

1. Arran Tequila Solar - The Donalds
2. Pukekaraka Bdete Zippy - Robinson Family

#### FMG - 2018 BEST UDDERED INTERMEDIATE ALL BREEDS COW

Pukekaraka Bdete Zippy - Robinson Family

#### FMG - 2018 INTERMEDIATE IN-MILK ALL BREEDS HONORABLE MENTION

Pukekaraka Bdete Zippy - Robinson Family

#### SAMEN NEW ZEALAND 4 YEARS OLD IN-MILK

1. Arran Nexus Hetty  
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#### FMG - 7 YEARS & OVER IN-MILK

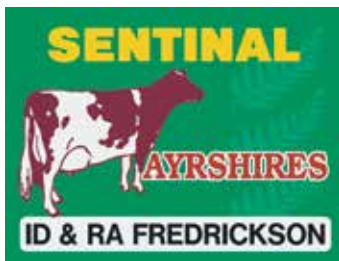
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If you're not attending, look out for a full report in the Spring Bulletin.

•YOUTH•



*Greenlane Trophy for junior young handler at North Island Championships, Bay of Islands (pictured) Odyssey Travers – winner; Jasmine Murry – second; Alyssa Bishop – third.*



*Fredrickson Trophy for senior young handler at the North Island Championships, Bay of Islands (l-r) Courtney Davies – winner; Gordon Glentworth (Judge); Hannah Nichols – second; Jackson Nichols – third.*



*Ayrshire Young Judge competition for the Arran Trophy; (l-r) Donald Green (Judge) Josh Howe, David Ackerman, Courtney Davies (winner), Braydon Schroder, Imogen Steiner, Gabrielle Steiner, Hannah Lawson, and Francois Beaudry (Judge, CAN).*

# ASSOCIATE JUDGE - NZ DAIRY EVENT

- DAVID ACKERMANN

At the start of the year I had the privilege of being an associate judge for the Ayrshire section in the 2018 Dairy Event in fielding. The lovely Christine Terry generously drove me from the airport to the Raceway court motel and then back to airport when it had all finished. I got to be Nick Browning's (associate Jersey Judge) flatmate for the duration of the event, and we had the other judges as neighbours.



It was my first time at Dairy Event as well as being an associate judge which was quite the excitement. The Ayrshire Judge Francois Beaudry hails from Quebec Canada and it was a pleasure working with him. It was a lot of fun having dinner with him and his friends who speak a whole lot of French and not so much English. During the three days it was a non-stop learning experience, I had also caught up with friends and made more friends and consumed a respectful amount of refreshing coffee from the coffee stall. By the end of it all my brain needed a rest from all the learning. There is still plenty to learn and things to improve on especially my microphone skills.

My time at Dairy Event was a blast I thoroughly enjoyed it. I would like to thank the Ayrshire Association and fellow breeders for giving me this opportunity and the support. I also thank the people from Dairy Event for their support and generosity. I greatly appreciate everything that has been done for me.



## 2016/17 SHOW SEASON

The North Island Championships was held at the Bay of Islands 175th Anniversary Event in November where the Fredrickson Trophy for senior young handler was won by Courtney Davies (Inca Ayrshires, Albany), with Hannah Nichols second and Jackson Nichols, third. The Greenlane Trophy for junior young handler was won by Odyssey Travers (Kaitaia), with Jasmine Murray in second place and Alyssa Bishop in third.

Unfortunately there were no South Island Championships this year.



## ARRAN TROPHY

The Arran Trophy for the Ayrshire Young Judge Competition was won by Courtney Davies of Inca Ayrshires, Albany with Braydon Schroder (Pahiatua) in second place and Hannah Lawson (Moonshine Ayrshires, Woodville) in third.

Courtney and Braydon went on to represent Ayrshire New Zealand in the World Wide Sires All Breeds Young Judge competition, with Courtney placing third behind Dean Fullerton (Holstein) and overall winner Crystal Scown (Jersey). Well done to Courtney, Braydon and all the competitors.

Special thanks go to the Judges Francois Beaudry and Donald Green, along with the exhibitors who made cows and handlers available for the competitions.

YOUTH PROFILE



# CAM VAUGHAN

My name is Cam Vaughan and I am 5 years old. I started school this year at Gladstone School in Masterton. My Mum & Dad are Jessica & Michael Vaughan and I have a sister called Charli who is nearly 2. I am really loving my school as it is a small country school and they have chooks that we look after and feed and they will have a pet day in the spring that I will take a calf to.

I am the sixth generation from the Arran Stud - The Donald Family. I love going out on the farm with my Grandad Selwyn and helping with the chores. I especially love going on the tractor and getting the cows in for milking.

This year Mum & Dad said if I was a really good boy and helped out with the animals then I would be allowed to attend NZ Dairy Event in Feilding with them and help the Arran Stud Show Team. I was such a good boy all week even though Mum & Dad were super busy and on the Friday I got to lead my calf Arran Tri Clo Cassatta who I call Lucy she got 3rd in her class in the Ayrshire ring which was very exciting.

There was so much to see at NZ Dairy Event - I watched Grandad judge the Youth Show, Mum being a steward and it was really cool when Mum lead my calf from last year Arran Tri Clo Hetty and she won the 10 Year Special Class and was Reserve Junior Champion in the Ayrshire ring. I made some new friends as well - there were other kids there with their calves. I am really looking forward to going next year and taking my calf and seeing my new friends again.



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## Northland Club

Director Brian Hutchings, Kauri  
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 Secretary Marilyn Hutchings, Lodore  
 Publicity Jane Hutchings, Lodore

I must start this report on an extremely sad note. As most of you will be aware of the sudden passing of Marilyn Hutchings. She was our Club Secretary for over 50 years, but not only that, she was a huge part of our breed. Marilyn was the backbone of our Club, she organised us all so well, in a way we that was firm but caring. She has left a huge gap for the Club which will be hard to fill. On a personal note, as my mother in-law, Marilyn was our family's rock. We will never be able to fill the void that she left behind. Thanks so much for all the messages of love and support received from all the Ayrshire fraternity.

On a happier note, we have held a few activities up in the North worth noting. Firstly, the Bay of Island Show, holding its 175 show, hosted the Ayrshire North Island Championships. An amazing turn out of Ayrshires, with Lodore Vals Nella, a nine year old cow, taking the overall honours. Thanks to all the Northland Breeders for making the effort. Well done. Also thanks to Gordon Glentworth for travelling north to judge the event.

There has been a good presence of Ayrshires at all the other shows in the north which keeps the breed in the public eye. Some shows did suffer with extreme wet weather, with a couple being cancelled, and one having to tow exhibitors in and out of the grounds with tractors.

In the end of February we held a combined Judging Certification Day with the Jersey Breeders at Dargaville. A good turnout of Ayrshire people again made a successful day with a few young ones having a go and showing plenty of promise.

Our next big event on the calendar is hosting the National AGM. This will be held in Whangarei on June 11th through to the 14th. Things are shaping up well and we look forward to seeing as many of you all there as possible.

*Jane Hutchings, Publicity Officer*

## Mid North Club

Director Brian Hutchings, Kauri  
 President Evan Wright, Breadalbane  
 Secretary Carolyn Hutchings, Kauri  
 Publicity Courtney Davies, Inca

The Mid North Club has been a buzz of activity over the past few months. We have seen highs and lows in terms of weather which has made for many an interesting story to be told. In particular, our Northern Wairoa Show resulted in tractors required to tow the majority of horse trucks and vehicles in and out of the showgrounds, through the sludge in the pouring rain. Our calves were up to their calves in mud and our poor judge Sue lost a shoe – or two! Although there were still plenty of exhibitors and fun to be had by all! Unfortunately, the severe rain had its way for two shows that had to make the difficult decision to cancel.

Further North, the Bay of Islands Show hosted an exciting Royal Dairy Show and Ayrshire North Island Championships in November. It was great to see two of our Northern young handlers, Odyssey Travers and Courtney Davies, win the Greenlane Trophy and Fredrickson Trophy respectively. Another young exhibitor Alyssa Bishop from Kio Valley has also won the Northern Districts RAS Young Parader award for top Junior Dairy Parader of 2017-2018. Well done!

Thank you to Megan Browning of Totara Dale Jerseys for hosting our Northern Judging School combined with Jersey NZ, along with Brian Hutchings for providing some cattle for us to judge. It was a learning curve to see a mix of colours in the ring, however it was great to be able to increase our experience over several breeds for those aiming for senior elevation.

We are all looking forward to finishing the season of breeding, showing and calving on a high!

*Courtney Davies, Publicity Officer*



### WARD 1 NORTHLAND

Marion Black  
Northland

Linda Tuhiwai-  
Birchall  
Northland

Melissa Worboys  
Northland

### WARD 3 WAIKATO

ASPIRE  
Zoe Botha  
Waikato

### WARD 4 BAY OF PLENTY

Daniel Muller  
Bay of Plenty

### WARD 8 CANTERBURY

BROOKTON  
Emma Burnby  
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## Bay of Plenty

Director Vince Steiner, Brookview  
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 Secretary Heather Baxter, Shardville  
 Publicity Frances Feek, Harvest

Where has the year gone it's already the end of February , time certainly seems to go by fast when you're getting older. Here in the Bay of Plenty Club we've had quite a bit going on.

What with extreme heat, rain and thunder, (many had animals to retrieve last week) more heat and now more rain heading our way the weather has certainly not been boring.

Once again we've had a number of events over the past few months.

In November we had a lovely herd visit to The Goldwyn stud and saw some tremendous stock. Bryan and Lynley have bred some stunning animals.



*The Goldwyn Stud*

Unbeknown to our hostess this turned into a surprise birthday as well, because a little bird who shall remain nameless (our president DF) told us that Lynley was turning 50. We presented Lynley with a cake and sung happy birthday to her - I am not sure if Lynleys ears will ever be the same.



*Lynley's 50th birthday cake*

A few weeks later we had our annual mini club show which we combined with the Waikato club at Terry and Dianne Talbots. A great venue with a wonderful turn out.

Courtney Davies was our judge and our substantial list of generous Sponsors did us proud which included a bucket of thermal clothing from Farmlands for our Champion Cow Shardville Particle. (Jamie declined to model the clothing due to high temperatures).



*Our Mini Club Show - Champion Cow Shardville Particle with handler Jamie Baxter, Judge Courtney Davies and president David Feek.*

Later on in December we decided to have an early Christmas gathering which also included a very informative talk by Laurrie Magrain from OCD, and Bob Hammond from Semex , on A2 milk. We all learned a lot and had a lovely get together as well.

Mid January saw a gathering at the little Waipa on Horahora Rd for a picnic. All who came had a very relaxing time just sitting in the shade of a tree doing NOTHING.

We decided that it was a great relaxing time and it was a pity that cows required to be milked so homeward we all trotted.

The Rotorua Show was held in the latter half of January and the Champion Cow was exhibited by Sarah Leech. At the end of January some of our members went to NZ Dairy Event (NZDE) 2018 and did very well. Congratulations to all who exhibited there.

The Ayrshire judge, Francois Beaudry, is from Canada and after NZ Dairy Event he along with his wife and some friends headed up to Rotorua while there they travelled across and joined us for a Barbeque at David and Frances Feek's home this was organised by our Director Vince Steiner as they were travelling though our area.

A few of the board members also came as they were in Hamilton. Great catch up for everyone.



*Group catchup with Francois Beaudry - Ayrshire judge from Canada*

A big congratulations to all whom over the last few months have gone to the effort of exhibiting their animals at the various shows.

This exhibiting brings our breed to the notice of other farmers and the wider community.

*Frances Feek, Publicity Officer*



## Southland/Otago Club

Director	Peter Allison, Bonacord
President	Ross Morton, Ingleside
Secretary	Alison Duffy, Miro
Publicity	Nancy Eade, Fairleigh

This season has been kind to all down here, we had a terrific spring with good growth from the very start. However it did get dry towards January and February but the good rain came late on and the grass has just leapt ahead so it looks like we will get a good run into the autumn and winter.

Our club held a field day in the spring at Tim and Katy Buttons at Kaka Point near Balclutha. Everyone who attended enjoyed their day, members had lunch down by the sea at the local pub and restaurant.

This year the club decided to have herd walks and meetings at different venues so we held our Xmas get together at the Croyden and we had Santa pop in for the young ones and the not so young, everyone seemed to enjoy the meal and the catch up.

Unfortunately all our other activities for the year so far have been cancelled due to the Mycoplasma Bovis outbreak. All shows, field days and heifer competitions have been affected. Club members are doing their bit to try to confine their own stock and farms from the outbreak.

On a brighter note eight of the club members are off on their annual trip, this year its a mystery tour organised by Alison and myself, so we will let you know how it all went in the next Bulletin.

Good luck for the rest of the season, and hope the winter is kind to us all

*Nancy Eade, Publicity Officer*

## Thames Valley Club

Director	Roger Hancock, Rosemoor
President	Dave Mitchell, Pen oak
Secretary	Sue Gibberd, Guildford
Publicity	Jeanette Keen

Our first meeting for year 2017 - 2018 season was held at the end of August at Roger and Diane Hancock's farm Te Hoe.

A very wet day with a good attendance of 18 members, on conclusion of the meeting a few braved the walk around their herd.

Congratulations to Graham Leech Director for Ward 3.

Our club show was held at Pete and Anne McFall's property Tahuna, a smaller than usual attendance due to the wet weather but the day was lovely and sunny, thank you to our judge Andrew Thomson.

Our raffle sponsored by Brian Robinson and Silver Fern Farms results were:

- 1st Tom Gibberd (car cleaning kit)
- 2nd Angus Thomson (meat pack)
- 3rd Tony Torrins (meat pack)

October's meeting held at Andrew and Karen Singers Waerenga. Not so many members attended, but those who were there enjoyed the day and seeing the cows in the sunshine!

November 29th a joint Christmas luncheon was held at Top Pub Morrinsville with guest speaker Laurie Margrain CEO of Open Country who spoke on A2 milk and the interest from overseas markets.

December 1st Some members attended an open day at Agrisea in Paeroa.

Instead of a meeting in January our director organised a herd visit to Ewan Gunson at Ngahinapouri and Julene Fishers at Ohaupo most enjoyable for those who attended.

*Jeanette Keen, Publicity Officer*



*Kim Davison Award: Jonty Kite*



*Jim Nicholas Cup: Kaelyn Gibberd*



## Taranaki Club

Director Gordon Glentworth, Sanrosa  
 President Jonathan Glentworth, Sanrosa  
 Secretary Kylee Perrett, Sentinal  
 Publicity Hilary Jane, Southwind

Our September meeting was held at Gary & Karen Peters' home near Midhirst. They established their 'Rockview' stud with purchases from the Kowhai dispersal in 2010 and at present have a dozen Ayrshires in the 100 cow herd. This year they have used Lessard Jumper on the heifers, and Ravenill Stormin Norman and Hunnington Famous over the cows.

Gordon and Jonathan Glentworth of Sanrosa hosted the October meeting and Gordon impressed those present with a Sausage Pie made by himself. The Sanrosa cows were in good condition as always.

The Egmont and Stratford shows had the usual supporters/exhibitors, and the weather was kind at both events. Our annual Christmas barbecue was once again hosted by Robyn and Ivan Fredrickson and a good time was had by all.

Ron Baker and Hannah Lawson were judges at our annual club show in January. Although numbers were down, the camaraderie was as strong as ever.

The progeny competition was held in February and judged by John Robinson who inspected entries from five studs.

Our February meeting was hosted by Barry and Deidre Tippett at Te Awhata. Coastal Taranaki has suffered a severe drought this season and the herd has been on OAD since December to maintain condition on the cows. It has worked so well (milk in the morning and go fishing in the afternoon) that Barry and Deidre will go OAD from the start of next season. We were treated to smoked marlin (hooked by Deidre) at lunchtime.

*Hilary Jane, Publicity Officer*



*Gordon and his homemade Sausage Pie*

## Taranaki 2018 Oaks Results

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| 2. | D & K Perrett Sentinal Snowie           | 99.72  |
| 3. | B & M McDonald Brookview Lady Freeby    | 98.91  |
| 4. | D & K Perrett Sentinal Pretty Deb S3A   | 98.54  |
| 5. | G & J Glentworth Sentinal Zoes SBG Lara | 97.48  |

## Taranaki Ayrshire Cow of the Year 2018

Sanrosa Harts 13-211, G&J Glentworth



*Karen and Gary with Rockview Phill Precious*



*Deidre & Barry with Te Awhata Vari Jonta*



*Three year old twins Te Awhata TL Nee and Te Awhata TL Nia*





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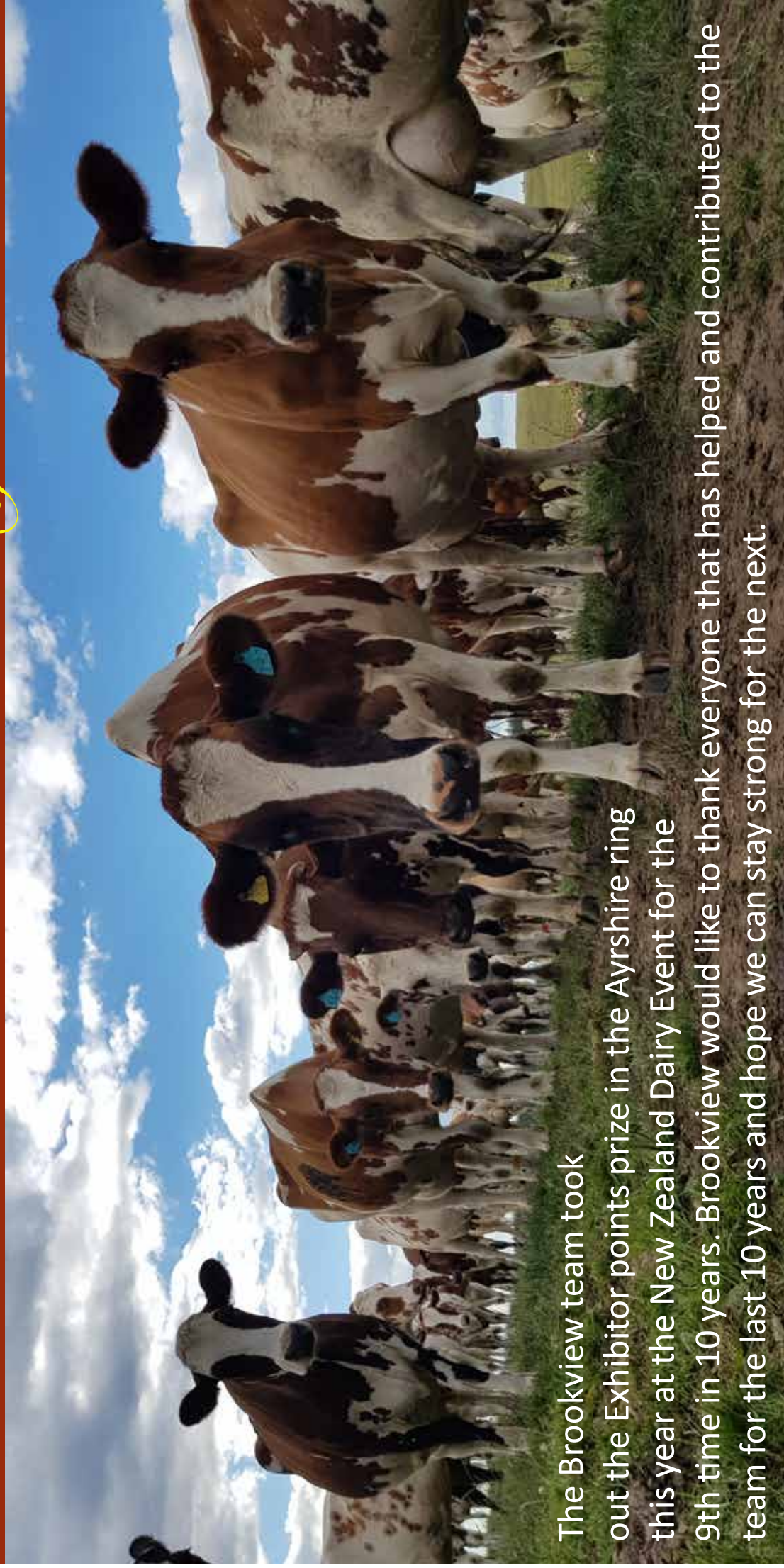
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