

SIMMENTALNZ

THE HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONS

TARGETED NEWS FROM THE INDUSTRY HEAVYWEIGHTS

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Hi Everyone

Welcome to breeders old and new from your Simmental Council – old and new! The AGM held at Whangarei was well attended, we even caught up with some faces from the past which was lovely. Welcome to Council, David Timperley of Opawa Simmentals, Albury and congratulations to our new President, Colleen Knauf. A very heartfelt vote of thanks was given to Sarah Hammond for her huge commitment over nearly eight years, the last three years as President. Sarah has agreed to continue managing our Facebook page, and always appreciates news and photos being sent to her at owhata@kinect.co.nz.

The day after our AGM, most travelled on to Tangiteroria, to attend the dispersal of Ray & Carol Cameron's Idesia Stud. Established in 1997, the Cameron's have been passionate breeders for 21 years, and it was good to see their genetics being spread far and wide. Nearly all lots sold to both stud and commercial with some lots heading to the South Island.

It was a difficult few weeks leading up to the AGM, as the Simmental 'family' farewelled two breeding stalwarts, one retired and one very active. The unexpected loss of Malcolm Entwisle on March 9th was a huge shock to all. The sad passing of retired breeder, Ray Crosby, on March 21st, father of our outgoing President, Sarah, was also cause for a quiet tear, both for those passed, and their loved ones left behind. We have some special words about both men in this newsletter.

The bull selling season is over for most and has been great to see so many solid sales around the country once again. There have been more interesting results for Simmental coming from the Beef + Lamb NZ Genetics Beef Progeny Test. Congratulations to Cornwall Park and Kerrah, finalists in 2018 Steak of Origin, Best of Breed European class. With no National Bull Sale this year, it's good to see NZ Simmental's name being put out there in different ways.

NEWEST COUNCIL MEMBER

Hi, my name is David Timperley and along with my wife Jayne and family we farm 1800 hectares in Albury South Canterbury. We have four daughters and they are all involved in the farming industry.

We run 18,000 stock units, mainly sheep and beef, but we also graze the young stock off our two dairy farms, which are run by two of our daughters and their husbands.

We have been breeding Simmental cattle for over 25 years and before moving our farming operation down to South Canterbury we were very involved in showing the Simmentals. We now have 130 registered Simmental cows, and 600 commercial beef cows. Five years ago we decided to hold our first on farm bull sale and every year it has been growing and we have enjoyed meeting some wonderful people.

I am looking forward to working on the Simmental council, and meeting more members as time goes on, please feel free to contact me if there are any matters you wish to discuss.

ADL'S AND FEES REBATE

Once again, council have agreed to continue with the fees rebate we have offered over the past four years. This is calculated on your most recent ADL.

ADL's will be out at the end of June and must be returned by the 31st of July.

ADL's will be available online for the first time this year, so watch out for a tip sheet from Linda on this.

BLG BEEF PROGENY TEST UPDATE

2018 is the final year of SNZ's financial commitment to the Beef + Lamb NZ Genetics Beef Progeny Test trial – another \$10,000.

There is no update yet on the overall carcass results of Cohort 1. Hope you may have got along to one of the field days. This has been great value for Simmental.

STOP PRESS

CONGRATULATIONS TO KERRAH SIMMENTALS WINNERS STEAK OF ORIGIN 2018

Three S's – Science, Stockmanship and Simmental –

President Colleen you should be in advertising!!



STEAK OF ORIGIN
NEW ZEALAND



Colleen Knauf

FUTURE BEEF NZ

Held from the 11th to the 13th of May at Manfeild, once again Simmental and Simmental X cattle on display were a real showcase for our breed and the time and effort the participants put into this event is always appreciated. Simmental NZ sponsored the Heavy Weight Crossbred Steer Overall class, in which Rosalie Bakker came 3rd= with a Simmental X Friesian - well done.



OTHER SIMMENTAL RESULTS WERE:
Heavyweight Crossbred Steer on the hoof
3rd - Rosalie Bakker

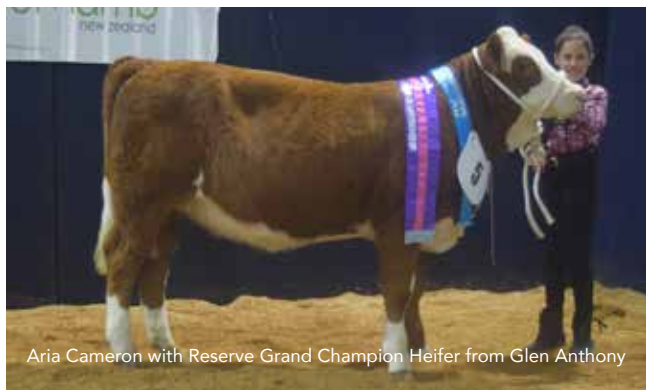
FUTURE BEEF HEIFER SHOW
Purebred Heifer
2nd, 3rd and 4th – Glen Anthony Simmentals



Lachie Cameron and Nicholas Verry with Glen Anthony Heifers

Crossbred Heifer
1st – Glen Anthony Simmentals

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION HEIFER
– Glen Anthony Simmentals



Aria Cameron with Reserve Grand Champion Heifer from Glen Anthony

FARMLANDS EDUCATIONAL MODULES

Intermediate
3rd – Arjan Pedersen – a keen young Simmental breeder



Arjan Pedersen

For more results and photos please visit www.futurebeef.co.nz
Unsure if any other entries were Simmental related?

GENOMICS UPDATE

A reminder – hopefully before any stud bulls are sent to their new homes, DNA should be submitted with stud bull transfers: Regulation 25, now says:

All calves to be registered with the Society must be by a sire that has SNP DNA profile on record at the Society. Any calves by sires that do not have a SNP DNA profile on record will be denied registration until a DNA profile is submitted to the Society. The recommended best practice method of collection is a Allflex wet TSU (tissue sampling unit).

The TSU is fast, high performance sample collection. Samples can be collected in seconds with minimal animal restraint. A single-squeeze motion collects a sample with minimum distress to the animal. Clean, uncontaminated sampling. The genetic material is sealed in a specially designed preservative. Minimise retesting. Tissue samples contain a large quantity of high quality DNA for genetic analysis, yielding excellent lab results. Sample integrity. The TSU is fully sealed and positively identified with both a 2D barcode and ID panel. The TSU can be paired to matching NAIT and Management tags, creating an absolute sample-to-animal linkage.



Here is a resource showing the best practice for this technology.
http://simmental.org/site/userimages/forms/TSU%20Application%20Guide_R4.pdf

YEAR LETTER – IDENT CHANGE

Council passed a resolution to change the animal idents to become a 2-digit year ident which replaces the year letter in the ident. This is recommended as best practice by ABRI, e.g.

animal ident	Herd	Year	Animal number
1234	17		123

the ident would be - 123417123

OBITUARIES

MALCOLM ENTWISLE (1948-2018)

Engineer, cattle breeder, much loved husband, father and grandfather, a very clever man.

Malcolm was an engineer, specialising in bridges, who was recognised all around the world. His greatest engineering achievement was the construction of the Kap Shui Mun bridge in Hong Kong which at the time was the longest cable stayed bridge in the World.

Malcolm was a passionate breeder of cattle, especially Simmentals. He and Ngaire established the Hampton Downs Simmental Stud in 1989. Malcolm was unwavering in his aim to breed easy care cattle, polled with low birth weight and high carcass values. It was Malcolm's nature to have a very firm belief that he was right and he never wavered from these aims. He has certainly achieved these and the Simmental breed is fortunate to have these genetics to source. Malcolm always believed that the freezing industry would one day pay for carcass rather than weight and at one stage he even thought about opening his own freezing works to that end. Unfortunately, that dream has yet to be realised.

Malcolm's contribution to the Simmental Breed in New Zealand has been invaluable. He travelled widely with Ngaire to source genetics from Canada, South Africa and Germany. He was happy to share these genetics with a number of other breeders. He never found the perfect bull but Bar 5 Paymaster probably came close as a sire of polled females.

Unfortunately, Malcolm was not a committee man and he resisted

a lot of persuasion to come on to the Simmental Council. However, all those who have served on Council over the years will know that Malcolm's critical analysis from the outside led to a considerable amount of thought from within and without it the Breed would have moved on more slowly and possibly in different directions.

Malcolm and Ngaire were however, staunch supporters of all Simmental initiatives. Beautifully prepared bulls were always at the National Sale, the Waikato Sale was well supported and Malcolm was keen to see this start again. Hampton Downs bulls were in all the Test Station intakes where they did well displaying good growth and temperament and once taking out the trophy for the highest growth rate. Malcolm and Ngaire took part in the Simmental Tours where their company was enjoyed by all and Malcolm was able to debate happily with his main opposition in the breed. His presence and contribution to all things Simmental will be greatly missed.

Hampton Downs will continue under the Stewardship of Malcolm's family and Malcolm will be watching over them from under the trees planted by each Grandchild to remember him.

Written by Helen Ellis

RAY CROSBY (1943-2018)

Sadly, Ray passed away 21 March 2018. Unfortunately, the past five years were not kind to him and a struggle for us all.

However, Ray led an interesting life and was a positive, hardworking, caring person, who had a great passion for life, a big array of interests and was a real people person and a great community man.

Ray was a bank manager with the ASB for many years, but he always had a desire to go farming. We had a couple of small blocks of land in Whangarei and this is where we started the Tarawapake Simmental Stud around about 1987. Sarah and I were at the Paparoa Show and we saw Jim Houlbrooke with Rascallion, and this convinced me that this was the breed we should be breeding. A few weeks later I phoned Jim to see if it was possible to purchase an in-calf heifer to get started. Vanessa, Sarah and I visited Jim and Gwen and chose Tokaweka Weenie and presented her to Ray for a birthday present. Ray was pretty chuffed with her and then Jim also offered a yearling heifer which we purchased as well, Tokaweka Xanadu. We enjoyed our two precious Simmentals. Not long afterwards Jim took us to a Northland Simmental Field Day to meet other Simmental breeders and they asked where/what/how many cows, etc and Ray replied two cows!



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Everyone made us very welcome and after a couple of years we increased our cow numbers. By the time it came to sell our stud to our daughter Sarah and her husband John Hammond in 2007, we had a herd of 70+ mixed age females.

One special milestone occurred when Ray and I tried to buy a bull by the name of Tokaweka Yogi Bear to kick start our stud. We were unsuccessful at the sale, blown out of the water, so to speak, and he went to a commercial breeder. However, two years later we saw Yogi Bear sharing a roadside paddock with a couple of horses and he appeared to be on very short rations and looked somewhat sad, so we phoned the farmer who said she had finished with him and we were welcome to buy at works price. Yogi Bear enjoyed his new home with our half dozen cows and he produced some lovely calves. Hence, we decided to try our hand at showing. We took two calves, Foxy Lady and Forrest Gump, to the Whangarei A & P Show. Numbers were quite high in the All Breeds section at that time, but we turned these two calves out looking a picture and Ray and I in our white coats looking quite the part, won both the heifer and bull classes, so you can imagine there was no stopping us then! We had a successful year showing at the other Shows in Northland with these two animals.

An occasion I remember well, was at the Arapahoe Show, celebrating their Centennial, so lots of standing around during the Grand Parade while speeches were made. Foxy Lady was standing next to the champion dairy cow and she was dripping milk and I could see Foxy Lady sniffing very enthusiastically at the smell of milk and I gave her a bit more rope to graze, but suddenly she made a dash for the dairy cow and latched on and thought she was going to have a great feed, but alas that wasn't to be. The dairy farmer was not impressed. We still had a few things to learn about showing! When we moved to our farm at Broadwood we continued breeding and showing cattle at the North Hokianga and Kaitia Shows, with success. Ray also judged at some of the local A & P Shows. It was great fun. We also had a ready market for Simmental bulls in the Far North.

Ray served on the Simmental Council for four Years as a Councillor and Treasurer.

His association with Simmental New Zealand was a rewarding and enjoyable experience.

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