



SIMMENTALNZ THE MONEY MAKER

TARGETED NEWS FROM THE INDUSTRY HEAVYWEIGHTS

Hi Everyone

I know you don't normally expect to be getting another newsletter hot on the heels of the last one, but there are a few things to share with the membership.

Firstly, best of luck to all the buyers and sellers of stud cattle, the sales are kicking off as I write this. I hope it is a bumper Simmental year, especially after last season. Being the 50th year for Simmental in NZ, it would be good to have some whopper averages out there.

As you know from the last newsletter, those of us present at the 2021 AGM also celebrated the awarding of Life Membership to John Hammond at Ohakune.

I'm pleased to announce that on July 4th your Council will be presenting Alastair Miln with his Life Membership award at a special dinner in Feilding. We would like to invite any of the past and present members and the staff of PBBnz to join us for the evening, I am sure Alastair and Kay would love to catch up with as many of us as possible. It would also be a great time to meet the Central District breeders especially those who may not have been able to attend some of the tours.

Regards

Tracey Neal - President

Simmental 50th Anniversary

??GALA DINNER AND AUCTION??

As your new president, I was fortunate to have a copy of the British Simmental 50th Anniversary magazine sent to me (thanks Colleen), with features from other Simmental Societies worldwide including NZ (thanks again Colleen). While I doubt there is much appetite for a similar publication here, it has been suggested we could mark the occasion with a dinner, including past breeders and interested parties such as stud stock agents. Along with the dinner, a video auction of quality female genetics along the Queen of Hearts line could be held. Is there any interest in putting on something along these lines? If you are keen to form a sub committee, even as a retired breeder, please drop me a line or call. It would have to be held after calving so there would be enough time to organise it. If I don't hear from anyone we will drop the idea.

Alastair Miln Life Membership Presentation Dinner

**6:00pm Sunday 4th July 2021
The Strong Room,
52 Fergusson Street, Feilding**

RSVP to Lindy @PBBnz by June 20, 2021

Open Forum

5th July Simmental NZ Council Meeting

Council will be meeting the following day and if there are any issues the members would like to bring before Council, I propose an Open Forum from 8am to 10am for this to take place. Three rules will apply –

1. You must submit an outline of your issue in writing to the Council prior to the meeting, by email or post – be aware post times are erratic also.
My email is potawa488@gmail.com
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2. Please notify Lindy at PBBnz that you wish to be put on the agenda. This can be done along with your RSVP if coming to dinner.
3. You will be allocated a time in which to discuss your issue however Council may need more time in which to reach a conclusion which will be respected.

This is your only opportunity aside from the AGM to bring anything in person to Council.



Trophy Cabinet

Working on the theory a gripe should always be followed by a goodie here is a photo of our beautiful new trophy cabinet freshly installed at PBBnz, with all bar one lost trophy safely locked inside (frisk Lindy for the key). Made with skill, love and passion by Neville Rhodes, Cabinetmaker from Marton, his card is in the cabinet. The timber is Tasmanian Blackwood, and as you can see from the photo, it is situated right alongside Lindy Lawrence's workspace. Please call in to PBBnz any time you are passing through Feilding, say hi to the lovely staff and polish the silverware.



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Workplace Bullying

<https://employsure.co.nz/> Definition: Workplace bullying and harassment is defined as repeated unreasonable behaviour that comes from an employee, manager or customer. Bullying can occur in many forms and cause short-term or long-term psychological and physical harm.

I have been made aware of some issues staff at PBBnz have been facing in their day to day interactions with breeders. It is **NOT** just a Simmental problem but it is a shameful accusation that staff are repeatedly being subjected to being yelled at and intimidated by certain breeders who are expecting their demands to be met, their problems to be fixed and yesterday! In most cases I have followed through, the fault has been solely with the breeder, not the office staff. I will be bringing this issue up at the next Council meeting, but in the meantime have asked all the staff we work with to please ask any unpleasant people to put a complaint in writing to their respective Breed Society. In many cases, the extra workload being demanded should by rights be charged back to the individual breeder, which is also something I will ask Council to pursue.



DNA Tests

Simmental Council understands there are other providers of gene testing for parent verification but would like to remind all breeders the **preferred** option for testing is the Neogen 100k SNP test, which is part of the Simmental Bundle offered through PBBnz. This enables all the DNA profiles to be held in one genomic database, in other words all of our information is being kept in the same library instead of having to visit another library to get it (which we might not have a library card for). Contact Garry or Daniel to discuss this further, or Megan at PBB.

Registry Reminder

Calf entries should have been submitted to the office. If you have not submitted yours, please do so, **ASAP**.

GROUP RUN

Data is due in by the first of every month, with BREEDPLAN analysis reports released 10 –14 days later.

Housekeeping

There appears to be some confusion around the process of DNA recording and the obligations of the breeders. In a nutshell, you **breed** him, you **sell** him to stud, you **DNA collect** him – **then** you truck him, **then** you notify Linda @ PBBNZ to **transfer** him – then you kick back with a cocktail or likewise.

According to our current Society rules:

Any bull that is being transferred must be DNA profiled and sire verified, the preference with a wet TSU sample but tail switch samples will also be accepted. This is the responsibility of the vendor.

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NOTE: *Where an animal is sold to an overseas purchaser and exported an Export Fee will be payable by the vendor. A transfer form shall be completed in the normal manner for record purposes. (Refer also Regulation 24.)*

16. The transfer of any registered animal shall be recorded by the registered owner on the appropriate official form and sent to the SNZ registry. SNZ registry will then ensure that the transfer is recorded in the official registry on Internet Solutions and will send a copy of the transfer form to the new owner.

This leads on to the next issue of calf registrations – which we are having on-going problems with.

All calves to be registered with the Society, must have a 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 SNP DNA profile is submitted to the society.

So in case it needs to be spelled out again,

1. Sell stud bull
2. Collect DNA sample from stud bull, preferably TSU and submit to Neogen through PBBnz
3. Transfer ownership of stud bull through Linda Rule @ SNZ Registry
4. Truck bull to new owner

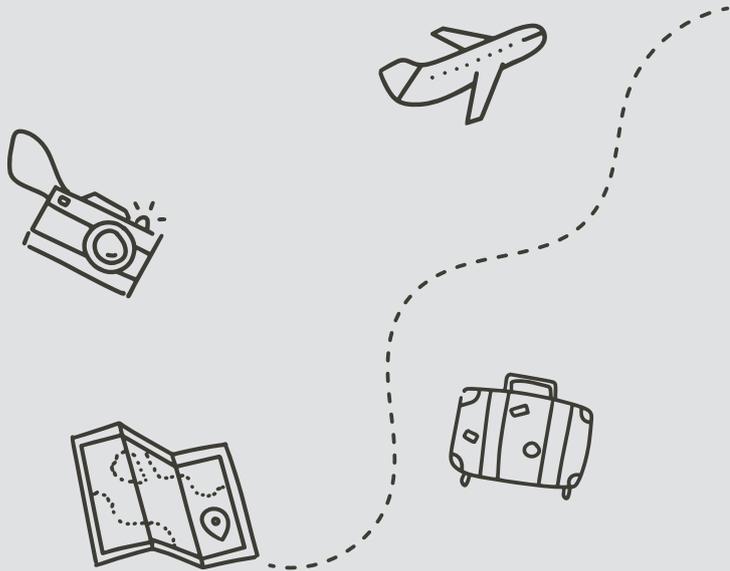
Way too often bull purchasers are left embarrassed when they try to register their calves because the vendor of their herd sire hasn't followed through on his obligations. But also, it is the responsibility of the breeder to check that any sire you use, whether its on your farm or in the tank HAS a SNP DNA profile on record BEFORE being used. This regulation has been in force for a few years now and it is not Linda Rule's job to sort out or sidestep, it is Council's.



STOP PRESS

Congratulations to Kerrah Simmentals on the sale of Lot 17 Kerrah H410 to Glenside Simmentals for \$45,000.00. Can we have a competition to name the new acquisition? We are pretty sure it is a New Zealand record price - can anyone confirm?



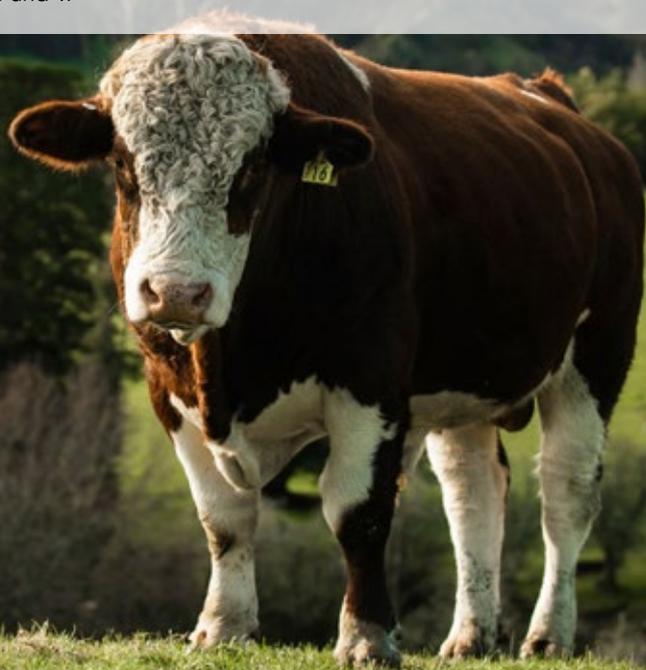


2022 Tour and AGM

While it feels like we have only just got home from the last trip (and some of us will be tripping around a bit in the coming month or two) we would like to give early warning that next year's AGM and tour will be held in Northland, probably beginning in Whangarei. There are several new studs up there, and two very enthusiastic young men who were on this year's tour are keen to have us visit them. Any of the newly retired generation who have helped organise tours in the past would be very welcome to give the pair a hand to organise an itinerary and venues (hint hint Mr and Mrs Ellis)

Year Letter for 2021 is K

Although we no longer record the year letter in herd identification numbers, the tradition is being continued by most in their calf names and farm idents, but some letters are not used – I, O, Q, S and V.



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