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## **President's comments.**

A warm hello to all members of the NZ Red Devon Cattle Assn. ; it's been an unusually dry mild July for the North Island but after a wet start to winter there has been some moderate growth and the cattle are in good condition. Private Bull sales are under way with Dairy farmers being the big buyers. Some breeders are reporting to be unable to supply the demand. When selling to dairy farmers who intend to use Red Devon over their heifers caution would be prudent particularly over heifers that have Friesian blood. Select low birth EBV bulls from smaller framed cow families. Normal sized bulls can be used over M/A dairy cows with no problems. Last year I sold Red Devon bulls to an Ayrshire breeder who mated them over his commercial Ayrshire heifers; he had to assist a few bull calves (but no more than full blooded Ayrshires bulls he said), had no losses and plans to follow suit this year. He sells the X Breed calves at one week old in the \$80- \$160 range. They are mainly fully red but some have white on the fore head. Two 10 month Red Devon, Ayrshire 1<sup>st</sup> x heifers I reared on a dairy cow are keeping up with my full blood Red Devons in weight, are a lighter colour, have long narrower heads and are more leggy, but not as meaty looking. I plan to unofficially grade up a line from them using only registered Red Devon bulls to see how they turn out. (I can hear Tuppy saying they will be b--mongrels :)!)

After a period of 4 years of debate, we are now very close to having a NZ Red Devon Genetic Recovery Programme in place, for known full blooded Red Devon females who may have been privately recorded, or details of recording have lapsed/lost. (Like the Australian Special Foundation Animal 'SFA' system). Progeny of these females will be able to be upgraded, by using Registered Red Devon Bulls. Full details will soon be available from the NZ Red Devon Cattle Assn. Council.

You will now all have your ADL. This is a good time to register any animal between 12 and 27 months (present rule 8a). It has been drawn to the council attention that there are some commercial animals in the system that have other cattle breeds in their ancestry. Animals classed as Commercial at the moment should be either young pedigree animals or non-registered cows not up to standard. This is not a registry for cross breeds. If you have animals of this status on Breedplan please inform Linda Rule of PBBNZ and they will be removed from the system. Please do not enter their progeny on the calving sheet. To make things simpler for PBBNZ, think of registering all your young stock when the calving sheets come out at the end of the year. There is no cost to registering and you can deregister down to commercial (C) at any time after if your Devon is not up to standard. Remember all commercial or registered cows that have calved at 2 year and over and are on Breedplan will be charged a herd fee. When selling, the breeder can only transfer the pedigree from Registered Animals.

The new council has approved the purchase of the Enhanced Mating Predictor for a one off cost of \$330. When using Breedplan the breeder can now gain an inbreeding co-efficient, plus EBV percentiles for future progeny. Go to Animal Enquiry - Mating Predictor and fill in both parents full Herd book numbers to get this information.

The council turned down the opportunity to purchase the Completeness of Performances Star Rating programme. This was going to cost \$400 per annum. Basically, this ranked the breeders for the Breedplan services they used. i.e., if you have fully recorded, weighed and scanned, and had used these indicators for a number of years, you may be ranked a Five Star Breeder. Majority of Red Devon Breeders would rank One Star. Some two or three, possibly only two would rank close to 5 Star at this stage. The Hereford and Angus Breeds have up taken this programme but the minor breeds like Red Devons have turned it down mainly because of the ongoing cost.

NZ Red Devon Cattle Breeders Assn. By- laws were reviewed at our August Council Meeting with some changes being made. Details will be available after the November Council Meeting when we will once again review them.

A warm welcome to new members of the Assn. mentioned below

Wishing you all a great spring followed by a green summer,

Wayne Aspin

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## **Front page**

Devons and The Kaimai Range by Colin Nash

## **Welcome to New Members**

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## **NZ Red Devon International cattle tour 2014**

Planning is well under way for our tour in February next year. This week saw the registration forms and itineraries go live on our web site. You can check it out on [www.reddevoncattle.co.nz](http://www.reddevoncattle.co.nz).

I am sorry we cannot get to every region, but never fear there is the World conference and tour in 2020. I do hope everyone will support the tour and help to make our visitors welcome.

In each area we will generally be at a member's property or close by for lunch, and again having the evening meal either at the hotel or restaurant. Please think about joining us in your region. Closer to the time we will give you the costing to come along. In the meantime let me know your interest, for catering planning.

We will be producing a tour booklet. There is the opportunity to advertise your stud in the booklet. For members to advertise the cost is: Full page \$200; half page \$100; Quarter page \$50. Please contact me for further details. We will be printing extra so members will get a copy. We are working hard to gain sponsorship for the tour. If anyone has any contacts let me know and I can forward you our sponsor prospectus.

This is about promoting ourselves, our cattle and our country to our international visitors and making sure they have a great time.

Cheers Karen Schumacher  
phone: 06 7568064

## AGM Weekend

This year our AGM weekend was held in Masterton. The Copthorne Hotel was the venue for the AGM meeting and Society Dinner on the Saturday.



It was really heartening to see such a good turnout of members attending both the meeting, Dinner and visit on the Sunday to Julian and Fiona Downs Stud in Graytown.

The Weather was typical for June cool and damp but didn't dampen the spirits of those attending. As with last year we held a small quiz at the dinner which insighted plenty of debate and fun. Prizes this year were society merchandise, and calving pocket books kindly donated by Graeme Dyke.

Those that could attend the visit to Rannoch Stud on the Sunday were treated to a very informative talk from Julian and Fiona on their enterprise, and a very nice sampling of tasty sausages off the Barbecue while we were listening and fielding plenty of questions to them about the business they are in and the continuing journey into the boxed meat business. After a lovely warm cuppa we ventured out to view some of the cattle close to home as it was too wet to go any further that day.

We then headed back inside for another chat amongst those there and some more nibbles then we all headed off in our different directions to all parts of the New Zealand.



Thanks to all those who helped make this another successful Weekend, hope to see more of our members next year, we never go home feeling despondent about the breed going forward, but every member is extremely valuable to the on-going success of the

Red Devon breed in New Zealand. And getting together on these Weekends are a really great way to talk amongst each other about what we are all doing with our Red Devons.

Jill

## A message from "Inwardleigh" Cave, South Canterbury.

May was a busy month weaning calves, also selling 90 mixed heifers and bulls to Waituna Station in Te Anau, a standing order I've had for the last few years.

Good dry weather in May made the grass last well, putting the stock in good condition for the start of winter. Hence started feeding Kale 3 weeks later than usual due to the grass growth. We also had TB testing in this time thankfully no reactors, this is done every 3 years.

June was very wet over 7 inches of rain falling in a 5 day period causing serious flooding of local rivers, streams, then flooding into farm land and closing roads. Then within 2 weeks of



all the rain we had 2 days 2 nights of gale force nor-westers causing hundreds of trees in the district to blow over. This created havoc as they took out many farm fences and power lines causing our area to lose power for 4 days. Thankfully generators came in handy for powering what fences we still had undamaged and our homes. So as a result a lot of unexpected fencing has been on the agenda plus many days on the end of a chainsaw. Will take some local farmers months to clean up. July has been in contrast mild, dry, with very little wind. The calves are still on Kale just hoping some grass growth will start soon as they in need of a change. The cows are on hay only, most are in reasonable condition. The cows are due to start calving any day soon, so may this lovely weather keep with us.

John Squire

## Hetero, homo and horns or the genetics of polling.

Most characteristics of cattle are controlled by a large number of genes, however polling and coat colour are controlled by a single gene. Single genes are made up of a pair of alleles, one from each parent. Which are inherited and is purely a matter of chance.

If the genes inherited from both parents are the same the animal is described as homozygous (homo from the Greek meaning same) for that gene. If they are different the animal is heterozygous (hetero from the Greek meaning other) for that gene. These genes can also be dominant or recessive.

For most British and European cattle the poll gene is dominant and the horn gene recessive. **P** is used to represent the polled gene and **p** for the horned. Therefore if an animal inherits the poll gene from one parent and the horn gene from the other parent, the animal will be polled (**Pp**), but will carry the horned gene. This is described as heterozygous for polling. If both parents pass the polled gene, the animal will be (**PP**), homozygous for polling and if the recessive horned gene **p** is passed from both parents the animal will be (**pp**), homozygous for horns. As the horned gene is recessive all horned cattle are homozygous for horns, but polled cattle can be either homozygous or heterozygous for polling. Hence why it is possible to have a horned calf born into a polled herd, but horned cattle will always produce horned calves. It is not easy to identify if polled cattle are heterozygous (**Pp**) or homozygous (**PP**).

What happens with different matings?

Polled homozygous (**PP**) x Polled homozygous (**PP**)

All offspring will be polled (**PP**)

Polled homozygous (**PP**) x Polled heterozygous (**Pp**)

All offspring polled, half (**PP**), half (**Pp**)

Polled heterozygous (**Pp**) x Polled heterozygous (**Pp**)

Quarter of offspring polled (**PP**) and half polled (**Pp**), and remaining quarter horned (**pp**)

Polled heterozygous (**Pp**) x Horned homozygous (**pp**)

Half of calves polled (**Pp**), half horned (**pp**)

In cattle the red coat colour is recessive, so I'm sure if you followed the above you will realize our Ruby Reds are homozygous for red coat colour.



**Tinopai IQ Marquis,**  
photo taken at 3 yrs old.

You will see Marquis is polled, however as all our cows are horned and we have had a few horned calves, it is safe to deduce that he is heterozygous for the polling gene, ie Pp. Testing via AsureQuality has shown him to be homozygous for the A2 gene, A2/A2.

Gayle Couch

## Dear members,

With some encouragement from our hard-working newsletter co-ordinator, Jill, I thought I should put pen to paper.

We have moved to Middlemarch, still have to move most of the farm gear. In early June we reduced our Devons from 24 to 14, they will relocate to our new block in early September.

I visited the UK in late May for five and a half weeks and caught up with family and friends. I also attended the Royal Cornwall Show on Friday June 7th. Judging had taken place for all the Beef Breed Classes on the Thursday.

The Devons were represented in the Pairs Class



Bollowal Barrister

by Jeff Thomas's bull Bollowal Barrister. He was Grand Champion Red Devon along with an Eastyard heifer Milly carrying the banner for the breed.

I was fortunate to be away when the snow and rain created problems for many farmers in the south in early June. At this stage of winter, it looks like spring is arriving early with a lack of heavy frosts promising good early growth.

Kind Regards to all,  
Harvey and Virginia Hutchison.  
Middlemarch, Otago.



Bollowal Barrister & Eastyard Milly

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