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Dear Vendor

Please see accompanying Online Entry Form, Conditions of Entry, and important notices regarding the 2026 Show & Sale as outlined below.

**CLOSING DATE 20 MARCH 2026**

- **DATE:** The 2026 National Shorthorn Show & Sale will be held **TUESDAY 16 AND WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE 2026.**
- Scanning and Inspection will be held at 9:00am Monday 15 June 2026. All animals are required to be at the Dubbo Showgrounds prior to this. **Bulls and females will be judged on Tuesday and sold Wednesday commencing at 10:00am both days.**
- **AGENT: Elders** are the Agents that will market and sell your entries in the 2026 Show & Sale.
  - Scott Cooper 0427 674 411, Brian Kennedy 0427 844 047, Jenni O'Sullivan (QLD) 0428 222 080, Ryan Bajada (VIC/RIV) 0435 411 536 and Florence McGufficke (Admin) 0456 801 429.
- **OPEN CRY AUCTION:** All entries will be sold via the open cry auction method.
- **DNA TESTING:** Sire Identification is compulsory for all entries in the 2026 Show & Sale. Myostatin and Homozygous Poll status is recommended. If these are undertaken, they will be identified in the catalogue via a 'tick box'. Genetic Packages Embryo calves DNA results must match the published joining in the catalogue. Testing and submission to the lab to occur prior to the calf being 6 months of age. If results do not match it is the vendors responsibility to resolve with the purchaser. The DNA testing is the responsibility of the purchaser.
- **FINALISED DNA RESULTS:** All Bulls and Females entries are to have Sire Identification results finalised prior to the submission of entries which close on 20 March 2026, unless an exemption has been provided by the Secretary.
- **ADMINISTRATION FEE:** An Administration Fee of **\$110** (GST Inclusive) will be payable by vendors who provide incorrect entry data, have incomplete DNA results or require the excessive handling of photos & videos. Any additional costs incurred by the Committee from service providers such as Genetic Hub, Studstocksales.com & Auctions+ will be passed back to the respective vendor. The associated debts are to be paid prior to the inspection of animals.
- **SEMEN AND EMBRYOS** – Any semen or embryos collected from bull or female entries in the sale must be retained for in herd use only. This must be stated at the time of entry so it can be identified in the catalogue. If semen or embryos have been sold prior to the sale it is the vendor's responsibility to inform the purchaser what has been sold prior to this point.

- **BULLS:** Entered in the 2026 Show & Sale are required to be fully vaccinated with Ultravac 7in1, Vibrovax & Pestigard. No bulls to be led on the grounds without a nose ring. The age limit for bulls will be between 14 months and 30 months. No previous lots of the National Shorthorn Show & Sale entered in subsequent years will be accepted.
- **LED BULLS & FEMALES:** Must be led with a halter and a nose lead. Due to space restrictions and significant increase in associated costs total entries for Led Bulls and Females will be capped at 120 entries. If more entries are received the Committee will email Vendors seeking voluntary withdrawals with will be subject to a full refund. If the limit is not achieved after the voluntary process the Committee reserves the right to reduce entries to ensure the financial viability of the event.
- **LOT NUMBER TAGS:** Will be put into animals ears during the inspection process.
- **VET INSPECTION INCLUDING SEMEN TEST AND TESTICLE MEASUREMENT AND PALPATION:** Is to be undertaken at your own expense using your Vet of choice within 30 days prior to the Scanning and Inspection Day on Monday 15 June 2026. Please ask your Vet to complete the '2026 Cattle Examination Report'. This is to be provided to the Committee prior to Scanning and Inspection. Scrotal measurements must meet the Australian Veterinary standards; 32cms for bulls under 2 years and 34cms for bulls over 2 years.
- **INTRAMUSCULAR FAT (IMF) Scanning:** All bulls will be scanned for IMF. The results will be included in the supplementary sheets and displayed on the neck and exhibit cards. An explanation to understand IMF will be included in catalogue.
- **RINGWORM:** Animals who present with any sign of ringworm on Monday 15 June 2026 must have an accompany Vet certificate to declare that the ringworm is dead.
- **MEDICATION:** Any antibiotics or anti-inflammatory administered by vaccination within 14 days prior to inspection on 15 June 2026 be reported to the Committee via the '2026 Treatment Schedule Form' supplied. This is to be provided to the Committee prior to Scanning and Inspection at the Dubbo Showgrounds Monday 15 June 2026.
- **LAME ANIMALS:** Animals that present lame prior to inspections, must be accompanied with a Vet certificate that indicates that the animal is sound and fit for breeding by 9am on 15 June 2026. Any events or any incident occurring after inspections to the fall of the hammer, which results in a lame animal, a Vet certificate is also required stating the above. This cost is to be borne by the Vendor. A Vet will be onsite during the event.
- **FEMALE SHOW & SALE:** The 2026 Show & Sale will again see the inclusion of females in the Show & Sale. Females are restricted to 2 entries per Vendor. The age limit for females will be between 6 months and 6 years.
- **Females are required to be assessed for structural soundness by your vet.** Please ask your Vet to complete the '2026 Cattle Examination Report' supplied. This is to be provided to the Committee prior to Scanning and Inspection at the Dubbo Showgrounds Monday 15 June 2026.
- **SUITABLE TEMPERAMENT:** Animals entered in the 2026 Show & Sale MUST be of suitable temperament and taught to lead prior to the event. The Committee can request a vendor remove animals not considered to be tractable throughout the duration of the event from the premises.
- **GENETIC PACKAGES:** The 2026 Show & Sale will see the offering of genetic package entries available to vendors who have supported the previous two sales. Exception is given to financial junior members of the respective Shorthorn Societies in Australia. Entries can be in the form of:

- a. The sale of an **embryo flush** consisting of at least 4 freezable embryos being A Grade or B Grade. The flush must be completed within 12 months of the Show & Sale. All associated costs are the responsibility of the purchaser. To be sold per package.
- b. The sale of **embryo packages** collected prior to the Show and Sale with each package consisting of a minimum of 4 frozen embryos being A Grade or B Grade. To be sold per package.
- c. The sale of **semen packages** collected prior to the Show and Sale. Must be of Commercial Standard. offered in lots of either 5, 10 or 20 straws. To be sold per straw.
- d. The sale of a **PTIC recipient** past 90 days from implantation dates (accompanied with veterinarian certificate) of known joining details of sire and dam. To be sold per package.

The collection of embryos and semen **MUST** be performed by an **accredited Technician**. Documentation supporting this is the responsibility of the vendor.

- **ENTRY FEES:** \$350 (GST inclusive) for Bulls and Females and \$220 (GST Inclusive) for Genetic Packages.
- **NO REFUNDS** will be given for bulls, females or genetics packages withdrawn from sale except in circumstances deemed appropriate by the committee.
- **COPY OF CERTIFICATE OF CURRENCY FOR PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE** must accompany the online entry submission. Vendors require a minimum of \$20m in public for the duration of the event.
- **PARADER'S** at the 2026 National Shorthorn Show & Sale will wear the **ROYAL BLUE** woollen vests, as per Shorthorn Beef bred uniform in the Show ring. Vendors may however wear appropriate stud identification after the completion of Judging.
- **LIVESTOCK ATTENDANTS:** All people handling cattle shall be effectively trained and able to do so.
- **No 3rd party advertising** is permitted throughout the Show & Sale without Committee approval.

#### **JUDGING FORMAT – LED BULLS**

- Led Bulls to be judged in 2 Sections being Junior and Senior Led Bulls.
- Champion and Reserve will be awarded to each section.

#### **GRAND CHAMPION BULL**

- Grand and Reserve Champion Bulls will be selected from the Champions in each of the Junior & Senior Champion Bulls.

#### **LAMBELL MACKINNON TROPHY**

- The Lambell MacKinnon Trophy is a breeder's group of 3 bulls, from the same vendor, to be judged as a Breeders Group at the completion of the normal judging.
- Additional Entry Fee of \$110 (including GST) per entry is payable for entry into this class.
- You do not need to nominate which 3 bulls you will enter in this class beforehand.
- A perpetual trophy along with a smaller trophy for the winner have been kindly donated by the Lambell and MacKinnon Families.
- Cash Jackpot prize money will be split 2/3 to the winner, 2/3 of remaining 1/3 for 2nd place and remainder for 3rd place.

#### **JOHN HORNE MEMORIAL TROPHY**

The John Horne Memorial Trophy was introduced in 2015 and is awarded to the vendor of the Highest Priced Bull sold at Auction.

### **JOHN ARMSTRONG TROPHY**

Will be awarded to the most Successful Exhibitor in the show ring. The trophy is in recognition of John's outstanding 50 years continuous service to the Committee.

### **SALE ORDER FOR CATALOGUE**

The Catalogue lot order for the 2026 Show & Sale will be:

- Bulls will be sold first followed by Females & Genetic Packages.
- **VENDORS PICK** - Every vendor has the option to nominate one bull that will be sold at the start of the sale in age order of Oldest to Youngest. The Vendor of the Grand Champion has the option to bring it forward to be sold as the next lot after all the Vendors Choice bulls have been sold. The vendor of the Champion Bull must tell the committee and the Agents by 5pm on the day of judging if they want to bring the Bull forward in the sale.  
All other bulls will then be sold in catalogue order Oldest to youngest.  
Vendors Pick Bulls to be nominated at time of entry.
- All entries in each section will be sold in **Age order from oldest to youngest**.  
To determine the catalogue position within each section the following points apply:
- Where there is more than one entry in the section with the same DOB then the alphabetical order of vendor will separate them.
- The vendor of Grand Champion bull if not in Vendors Pick, can be brought forward to the front of the next section of bulls after all Vendors Pick bulls are sold.
- If the Grand Champion comes out of the Vendors Pick nominations, he stays in the order of the sale.

### **CATALOGUE**

- Cut-off date for inclusion in the **MARCH International Genetics Solutions (IGS) EPD** run and inclusion of those figures in the catalogue is 26 March 2026 upload.
- **Written comments** on each lot will be limited to 25 words or less. Comments must not include the likes of Fully Vaccinated, Semen Tested, Blooded for Tick Fever, or DNA Sire verified as these are conditions of entry. Only comments included with entries, except for minor wording adjustments will be included in catalogue.
- Vendors are entitled to submit a **photograph** of the entry; led bulls, to be included in the catalogue and subsequent materials. Genetics packages to have **one photograph** of either the Sire or the Dam. In the absence of the Committee being provided with a photo meeting the requirements the Major Sponsors Logo will be used.
- **All Videos MUST** have the sound muted and not contain any music in the background.
- **All photographs MUST** be provided by **Monday 27 April 2026**. **Videos** will be uploaded in two parts. The first videos uploaded will be those provided by Monday 27 April 2026. All videos **MUST** be provided by **Monday 8 June 2026**. Photographs and videos submitted, if they can be included in promotional material will incur a cost of \$65/hr by Studstocksales.com.au.
- Photographs and videos are to be submitted to via email to **imageshorthornbullsale@gmail.com** with the preferred file type being .jpeg and MPEG-4 respectively. It is requested that each photo and

video be saved with the naming convention **Vendor Name\_ Exhibit Tattoo**. No photographs or videos are to be submitted directly to Auctions+.

#### **PAYMENT OF ENTRY FEES**

- Payment of entries **MUST** be received by the closing date of entries being 21 March 2026.
- Payment will be considered received as follows:
  - Electronic Transfer – when received in the Committee’s bank account.
    - **BANK DETAILS** are as follows:
      - Account Name: Dubbo National Shorthorn Show & Sale Committee Inc.
      - **BSB: 633-000**
      - **Account Number: 191100163**
      - Reference: Vendor Name as per entries
  - Purchase Order – which has been approved for payment.
- Once payment has been verified a Tax Invoice will be sent to vendors via email.

Should you have any questions concerning the above please contact Luke Collins or myself on the above numbers.

Kind regards



Janice Rees  
**SECRETARY**