

AUSTRALIAN RED DAIRY BREED OVERSEAS TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP 2012

Congratulations to the successful applicant: Terry Blasche



(Terry, right, pictured at the Red Tie Dinner 2012 with Peter Williams)

Terry Blasche is from Casino (Northern NSW) and with his wife Shannon, milks 200 Aussie Red Cows.

A few quick questions to help you get to know Terry a bit better.

1. Describe your experience working in the Dairy.

I've been working in the dairy industry for 12 years on the family farm which is run by my father and myself. I am currently in the process of taking over the business which has been my lifelong dream. My experiences working in the dairy industry consist of pasture management, A.I, herd recording, milking, irrigating, herd health, calf rearing, business management, cropping and tractor maintenance.

2. Why would you like to attend the overseas study tour?

To see other red breeds and see where their breeding direction is going, and to see if their breeds can benefit our breed. I would also love to see how other dairy systems are set up.

3. What are your goals within the dairy industry?

To run a highly profitable farm with a high genetic Aussie Red herd.

4. What commitment do you have to the Aussie Red Breed and what role do you see yourself playing within the organisation?

Building my Fairy Vale Stud to be well recognised, and by being committed to attending Aussie Red meetings to contribute feedback to help improve the breed.

5. What are you most interested in learning about on the overseas study tour?

I am most interested in the breeding side of things e.g. future sires to use to improve our herd. Also I want to see how their farm systems are set up, and if our farm can be improved by any of it.

6. Tell us about some of your off farm interests.

I enjoy fishing, camping, 4wd, football, soccer and spending time with my family.