

The East Cape Nguni Club was formed on 15th July 1989, only 3 years after the Breed Society was started, making it one of the oldest clubs in the country. The Club was formed on the farm Haddon, in the Kei Road district, by a group of like-minded people, who shared a common interest in the Nguni Breed. The first committee consisted of Victor Biggs (chairman,) Francois Vosloo (Secretary), Pat Hobbs, Louis Steyl & Duk Meintjies. Other members who were instrumental in the formation of the club, were Jim Hundleby, Wes Sternberg & Doug King. It is interesting to note that Pat Hobbs & Wes Sternberg are still serving on the current committee, after all these years, a sign of their passion for the breed. Pat has also served on the Society Council, as well as in the position of

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President for a number of years.

The area served by the club stretches to all boundaries of the Eastern Cape. There are members as far south as Humansdorp and as far north as the Burgersdorp & Venterstad area. At the moment the

club serves 68 members of which 28 are registered breeders and 42 are commercial breeders.

The first sale ever held by the club was in 1994 at Kei Road. This year, for the first time, we will be holding separate sales, for Commercial and for Registered animals. Top quality animals will be on offer on both sales. The club supports the idea that the Nguni breed is a superior beef animal & therefore it's use on a commercial basis can be financially beneficial to farmers. The East Cape Club actively promotes the Nguni breed through the use of 'Information Days' in the various areas it represents. We also make use of a stall at the Bathurst show, where a huge amount of interest has been shown in our Breed.

The Norway Nguni Project, currently run by Fort Hare University, is actively supported by the East Cape Club. Information and training days, run by the club, have been held for the recipients of the cattle in the rural areas, to inform them of the benefits of farming with Nguni cattle. We find that it is important to believe in the project, and not just use it as a source of income.

The East Cape Nguni club is growing and with the enthusiasm shown by new members, as well as the willingness of old stalwarts who have been part of the club since its inception. We can only succeed and grow from strength to strength with the breed from the past for the future!

