



# Murray Grey Newsbrief

## Season's Greetings to you all

By the time you receive this it will be closer to Christmas. A time of reflection on the wonder of creation and what the Birth of Jesus has done for us and this world. A time when we spend time with family and friends. Today I send greetings to you all as part of the Murray Grey Family. Those that have a great love of the Murray Grey cattle. We come from all parts of the country and all walks of life but what makes us one is our love of Murray Grey cattle.

Life in our herds is always moving on. We've welcomed the new season calves. We have had heifers calve for the first time with all the intricacies that first time mums have. We've watched our cows mature with varying degrees of success and we had to cull some cows that have been faithful mothers and for one reason or another have had to be moved on. We've sold bulls to other herds and others have gone to the works. We have worked hard being farmers. This Christmas take time to admire your herds and their offspring and ask the question "Where to from here?"

Ideas are being discussed and debated with this question in mind. Where to from here? We have included a questionnaire with this newsletter and we would like to hear from you. Please reply. It is only as we share ideas that we will find the way forward.

All the best for the bull selling season

**Mervyn Mitchell**  
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Johnny Rogers, aka Santa, as he appeared on the cover of the 1984 MG Progress.

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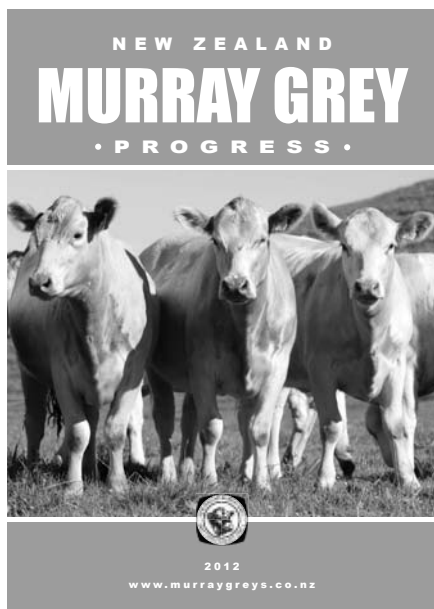
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## PROGRESS MAGAZINE

The Progress Magazine will not be printed until the New Year. We have plenty of material for the magazine but we require advertising. Please support your breed and contact Sue Clarke regarding an advertisement.

## QUESTIONNAIRE

Included with this newsletter is a questionnaire which the Council have compiled and seek your feedback on a variety of topics. This is your opportunity to have your say, so please complete the questionnaire and return it in the reply paid envelope to Lindy Lawrence at the office. You are not required to put your name on it.

## AGONLINE SALE

An Agonline in calf female sale is proposed for late April. This is an exciting new venture which we hope will be supported by studs all across NZ. More information will come in the New Year.

## STEAK OF ORIGIN COMPETITION 2014

ENTRY FORMS DISTRIBUTED ..... December 2013  
ENTRIES CLOSE ..... Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February  
PROCESSING ..... Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February –  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March  
SEMI-FINALISTS ANNOUNCED ..... Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April  
SEMI-FINAL – AUCKLAND ..... Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May  
FINAL – FEILDING ..... Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May

## DNA & CA QUERIES

If you have any queries regarding DNA and CA testing/results first contact should be made to Sharyn Anderson at the PBB office. Please do not make direct contact with the Massey Lab.

## CALF RECORD BOOK

Included with this newsletter is a Murray Grey Calf Book for recording your calving details. These books have been very generously sponsored by the Waikato Murray Grey Beef Breeders Club.

## PBB UPDATE

You will be aware that Murray Meads resigned his position as CEO at PBBNZ at the end of July and took on a new part time role of Projects & Events Director for Hot Wire Events Ltd which is a subsidiary company of PBBNZ.

Since then PBB has undergone some further restructuring with Clinton Poole's position of Shareholder and Member Services Manager being disestablished. PBB are currently recruiting for a new General Manager and hopefully will make an appointment in the New Year.

Tammy Hendra who looked after HerdMASTER recently resigned and her position has also been disestablished.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS from



PBBNZ Office will close for the Christmas break from  
1pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2013 &  
re-open at 8am on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014

PBBNZ would like to wish all Murray Grey Breeders a

