



Murray Grey Newsbrief

President's Message

Greetings to you all this Christmas Season

We have had an interesting spring with conditions quite changeable throughout NZ. Again Murray Grey cattle have performed exceptionally in the show ring.

George and Glenda Climo's heifer won the yearling Beef All Breeds class in Christchurch, there were 40 entries. A wonderful achievement of which we are all proud. Also his 8 year old Cow with calf was second in the Cow All Breeds class. Judy and I had the privilege of being there for that occasion. Well done. Also Trevor and Sue Clarke's Cow won the Meat and Wool Cup at the Manawatu Show, another great achievement.

Barry Buchanan was one of our great stalwarts and Life Member of the breed. Our sympathy to Bebette and the rest of the family on his death. As Barry's funeral was on Thursday 26th Nov, the same day as our council meeting in Feilding many of us were able to attend the funeral, a fitting tribute to him.



Please take note of the program planned for next year and trust many of you can attend our herd walk and AGM.

All the best for 2016,
MERVYN MITCHELL - President

2016 Beef Expo & Future Beef Hoof & Hook

Future Beef 13-15th May 2016

Open to participants 8 - 25 years of age

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Beef Expo 16-17th May 2016

Open days & sales

Manfeild Stadium, Feilding

2016 Steak of Origin

Entries now open: see www.beeflambnz.co.nz/

"Competitions & Events". **Entries close:** 19/02/2016.

Grand Final: 18th May 2016, Palmerston North.



NZ Murray Grey Breeders



PBBNZ CHRISTMAS CLOSING HOURS

The PBB office
will close at
12.00 noon on Wednesday
23rd December 2015
and reopen at
8.00am on Monday 11th
January 2016

December 2015

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OBITUARY Barry Buchanan 1930-2015

Barry was a founding member of the New Zealand Murray Grey Society, establishing the Ballee stud in Kimbolton, Feilding in 1972. Starting with 10 approved Angus cows, he and Bebette started grading up using imported Australian Murray Grey semen. They later imported some heifers from the Maneroo stud and the bull Maneroo Cadet. Their herd grew to some 100 stud animals and another 130 commercials. Success in the show ring and hook classes followed. Their bull, Ballee Sudent

was the first NZ bred Murray Grey to win a Royal Show Supreme Championship. Keen supporters of National sales, Shows and Field days, and the Southern North Island breeders group, the Ballee stud name is also to be found in many parts of the world having exported semen and embryos to UK, Canada, Australia, Mexico and Paraguay.

Barry became a Councillor in 1975 and was Treasurer from then until 1981. He was re-elected to Council in 2000 when he became President for a term. He was made a Life member of the NZ MG Society in 2006. His loss will be deeply felt by his family and the members of the Murray Grey fraternity to whom he has been a friend, advisor and inspiration for many years.



Barry leads the Horowhenua show Grand Parade 2006

Spring Show results

Canterbury Show November 2015

Three exhibitors, Waimak Murray Greys, Sherwood Murray Greys from Canterbury and Simanda Murray Greys from Marlborough.

- 2nd All breeds cow and calf and Supreme Champion Murray Grey, and 1st Cow 3yrs and over - **Waimak TZ Taly**.
- 1st All breeds yearling heifer and 1st Murray Grey yearling heifer **Waimak TWC Tass 68**.
- 1st 2 year old Murray Grey cow or heifer **Sherwood 49 bred by Robin Driver**.
- 1st Yearling Murray Grey bull **Simanda Kain**.
- 1st Pair of yearlings and 1st two animals by one sire or one dam **Simanda entry**.



George Climo & Waimake TZ Taly

Manawatu Show November 2015

ALL BREEDS BEEF CLASSES

- Supreme champion and 1st Cow 3yrs and over with calf at foot **Yorkvale Hollyhock**.
- 1st Yearling heifer and Junior female champion **Yorkvale Jaffa**.



Manawatu Show Meat and Wool cup winner Yorkvale Hollyhock and 6 week old calf Yorkvale Kexby with Sue and Trevor Clarke

and ages of cattle may be entered. Please support your breed at this National event.

Progress 2016

The Council will be producing the magazine Progress in 2016. George Climo is the contact person for news and articles and photos of Murray Grey activities. Members are invited to send photos that may be used for the Magazine Cover. Half page adverts for your studs can be placed for \$250.

AgOnline Auction

The Society is planning another AgOnLine Auction, Micheal Phillips is the contact person. Proposed date is Wed 25th May. All classes

AGM 2016

The next AGM will be held in the Manawatu area. Proposed date for the meeting is Thursday 12th May 2016. Some farm visits are being planned

AgInnovation is scheduled for Wednesday 11th May 2016.

The Council has advertised in the NZ Farmers weekly and the Dairy News during the spring season regarding obtaining registered bulls for the breeding season for both dairy mating and commercial beef herds.

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