



# Murray Grey Newsbrief

## From Council

At the Annual meeting of the Waikato Murray Grey Club on the 4th of May 2014 Mr Allan Hayward was presented with life membership of the New Zealand Murray Grey Beef Cattle Society.

Trevor Beer, a previous chair and also life member read the citation.

Mervyn Mitchell, President of the NZ Murray Grey Cattle Society, presented Allan with his badge. He also commented about their involvement throughout New Zealand and how every breeder was indebted to Allan and Patricia and family for the way they presented

animals at shows, sales and the National Field days at Hamilton where many New Zealanders were introduced to Murray Grey cattle for the first time.

Also to Patricia for her contribution over many years and the way they have passed on their passion and love of cattle to their children who are an important part of the Beef Industry in New Zealand.

Enjoy the read.

**Mervyn Mitchell**  
President



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# Allan Hayward - Life Membership Citation

## “Thank you Ladies & Gentleman”

It is with a great deal of pleasure and with the sanction of the NZ Murray Grey Beef Cattle Society that I wish to nominate **ALLAN HAYWARD** as a **LIFE MEMBER**.

Further I would like to speak to this now, Allan and Patricia Hayward farmed at Parawera near Te Awamutu. In 1986 they commenced ‘Oakview Murray Grey Stud’. In 1989 they purchased Marire Destiny for \$13,000. Subsequent to this they have shown cattle extensively throughout NZ and have been very successful on numerous occasions winning Royal Show ribbons. It has been very handy having five enthusiastic boys to assist. In 1994 a herd walk at Oakview and luncheon was enjoyed by 250 people at our World Murray Grey Congress.



In the sale ring Allan has been very successful with males and females over the years often achieving the top price.

For many years Allan has been a great promoter and supporter of Junior Herds Persons, with his coaching and instruction a lot of young people have learned a lot. On many occasions overseas juniors have spent time at Oakview.

Allan & Patricia in the mid 1990’s bought a much larger property at Norwegian Road, Roto-o-rangi and this is currently the home of Oakview Murray Greys. The Club has enjoyed many herd walks, luncheons and meetings here.

Later Allan spent time on the NZ Murray Grey council and is currently the Chairman of the Waikato Murray Grey Club.”



Left: Allan & his wife Patricia receive the Life Membership at the Prince Albert in Cambridge.



## Steak of Origin Results

**Congratulations to Barry Macdonald, who had two entries in the Branded Retail Beef section and was placed 1st and 2nd!**

One of his entries was also judged the People’s Choice with the taste testing conducted amongst the public at the AgInnovation Conference and Genetics sales that were held at Manfeild Park, Feilding on May 12th and 13th. Of the 340 entries, the 20 steaks in the finals, four from each of the five classes, were judged first by the public to find the tastiest steak in the

People’s Choice category and then by a panel of four judges on Monday 12th May, prior to the announcement of the winners at the Steak of Origin dinner. The judges were looking for aroma, tenderness, juiciness and taste and named the Champion steak as an Angus steak from Colin Brown of Taupo as the winner.

However hats off to Ballyhooley Beef for keeping the name of Murray Grey beef in front of the public and to the discerning public who picked the tastiest steak! Ballyhooley meat is available at the Southland Farmers Market in Invercargill every Saturday.



Left to Right: James Parsons, Sarah Walker, Branded Retail Beef & People’s Choice Winner Barry Macdonald & Sophie Pascoe.

## AGM Report

- All office bearers stay the same.
- Sire DNA and CA (fawn calf) testing will be compulsory for calves to be registered from 2014-15 season.
- This will help eliminate CA from NZ cattle and allow a good database of DNA to be used for the future identification of animals.
- Peter Foss, our small breed representative on the PBB Board, shared the difficulties PBB have had and answered questions regarding that.
- Annual Meeting and Herd Visits for 2015 proposed to be in the South Island at Christchurch late April. Dates to be confirmed.