



Murray Grey Newsbrief

President's Message

Hi Fellow Members

Hope everybody is coping well with the big dry apart from Southland – Carolyn could you please send some of your excess rain up North as they desperately need it. It is definitely very dry in Canterbury and this is reflected in the cattle prices being paid in the market place, although I have to say the cattle I have seen are looking good with great shining coats and good condition.

The Murray Grey Society will be holding the A.G.M along with the celebration of 50 years of Murray Greys in NZ, late in June in Christchurch. The exact dates and programme are yet to be set but members will be informed as soon as possible. Please visit our website for more information on this. The Council have moved to approve the SNP Testing. Instructions on this are on the website under 'Genomic Testing'.


Cheers
George Climo

50th Year Celebration



This year the Murray Grey Society will celebrate 50 years of Murray Greys in New Zealand. The first meeting was held on the 21st July, 1970. The Council would like members feedback and suggestions on the up-coming event, where to hold the AGM this year and what activities to hold to coincide with this. Please get in contact with George. We would welcome your ideas.



 Follow us on Facebook: NZ Murray Grey Breeders to know more about our 50-Year Celebration

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Genetic Testing with PBB

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? Do you have questions regarding genetic testing for your herd?

Here is what we get asked often:

How do I order TSU's (tissue sample units)?

Directly from Patrice at PBB. There are a few ways to order, and you can choose the best option for your business:

With Your Birth Tags When ordering your NAIT and matching management tags from PBB you can choose to package them with a matching TSU which will be printed with your NAIT number, Year Code and animal number.



On Their Own – Pre-Printed If you provide PBB with the NAIT number, year code and animal number, we can get your TSU's pre-printed.



On Their Own – Blank You can order TSU's in sets of 10. They will be printed with a pre-allocated barcode number.



Don't forget that you will require a Tissue Sampling Unit Applicator

Can I take a tissue sample at birth?

You sure can! However, you can take them at any time, for example you may need to meet DNA testing requirements for a sale animal.

How much does a TSU cost?

\$3.05 plus GST each

How do I take a tissue sample from an animal?

Visit <https://youtu.be/JVKuXasc5Ow> for a handy video from Allflex showing how to take a tissue sample.

What do I do with the TSU's once I've taken a sample?

- 1 Store the sample in the fridge, NOT the freezer.
- 2 Visit http://www.pbbnz.com/dna_testing.php and fill out the order form and email the electronic copy to dna@pbbnz.com. If you need help with the electronic form do not hesitate to contact Megan or Patrice and they will be more than willing to help.
- 3 Send your samples to PBB – By tracked post or courier. For ease of processing, where possible, it is recommended that you send your samples to us packed in the box the TSU's were provided in.

For pricing and bundle packages contact Megan or dna@pbbnz.com

We will take care of the rest.