



Murray Grey Newsbrief

Greetings to you all

The spring is amazing here in Central Otago with blossom out and the grass growing.

At our teleconference meeting two weeks ago all councillors reported very good growing conditions, except for George Climo at Christchurch where they are still very wet.

This newsletter is a bit of a trial in that we are sending it out by email and those without email address will get sent a copy as usual by mail. With websites and Facebook developments the reports are that we are communicating with more people interested in Murray Grey Cattle. Thanks Sue Clarke for the work you have put in to get this more effective.

For some time now many have had a concern that we have a number of Murray Grey cattle that were registered but for one reason or

another are not registered now. Council are trying to look at this constructively. Garry Carter and George Climo have agreed to work on this and see how we can encourage those who only want to register cattle but not record with Breedplan and report to our next meeting at the end of October. If you have ideas regarding this please contact one of the councillors. I just want to remind people that your Society has one of the lowest membership fees and female registrations in NZ of all Breeds of cattle.

All the best for the bull selling season

Mervyn Mitchell
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Website update www.murraygreys.co.nz

For those of you familiar with the Murray Grey website you may have noticed that we have recently given the site an upgrade and new look. The photos have been changed and from time to time we will change them again. Please send in any suitable photos of your cattle, preferably bunches of animals in scenic settings that could be used. If anyone has suggestions on what information you would like to see on the website please let us know.

Facebook at Murray Grey NZ

There is now a link on the Murray Grey website which will take you direct to the Facebook site when 'clicked'. If you are already a Facebook user the site is Murray Grey NZ. You will find there are already several other Murray Grey breeders both from NZ and overseas who regularly contribute. It is becoming a valuable tool for advertising the breed, learning more about fellow breeders and their stock and a way of contacting like-minded folks in an informal way, the more interaction the better. In future we hope to hold photo competitions, report on Murray Grey events, conduct surveys of members and publicise events so as to make full use of this fast growing media.

Progress magazine

As mentioned a month ago on MG the website and Facebook we are urgently wanting photos, articles, Show and sale results and advertising for the 2013 edition of our annual magazine, Progress. It would be nice to have it finished and printed in time for distribution at the Royal Show to be held at Manfeild Showgrounds at Feilding in early in December. To date nothing has been contributed, so it is likely to be very thin!

Show dates reminder

The Royal Show will be held at Manfeild Park in Feilding this year, on 6th, 7th & 8th December.

The Beef Classes will be held on the Beef & Dairy Lawn on Friday 6th and Saturday 7th. The schedule will be available shortly online at www.royalshow.co.nz for entries.

This area will be incorporating Breed display space and there are plans for a Combined Beef & Dairy BBQ on the Friday evening.

The Murray Grey Society will hopefully have a stand there and if we can get six animals or two Murray Grey exhibitors there will be Murray Grey classes. So start preparing your animals now and let's make a good display!

This year the Hawkes Bay A&P Show celebrate 150 years and there will be a 'Royal Event' for the Beef section. Dates are 23rd-25th October.

Obituary

Dr Paul Munro and his wife Jean, formerly of Feilding and in later years from Taupo, have both passed away in recent months. Founders of the Auchinbowie Murray Grey stud based at Feilding their presence as early enthusiasts of the breed in the late seventies and 1980's around the Manawatu area will be missed. They moved their stud to the Taupo region when Paul retired from medicine some time ago.



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