



# Murray Grey Newsbrief

## From Council

It seems that there has been a good demand for Murray Grey Bulls with most people selling all they have. Spring calving is nearly over with most people well into mating.

### DNA Samples

It is a timely reminder for you to take DNA Samples from bulls used for mating cows that you are going to register calves to.

Calves registered after 1 June 2015 must have their Sires DNA profiled and CA tested. **ONLY SIRES** of Registered calves need to be tested.

### AGM and Herd Walk

The AGM and Herd Walk will be held in Christchurch on 30th April and 1 May 2015 venue to be confirmed.

### Online Sale Proposed

Council are proposing to have an online sale open to various classes of registered Murray Grey stock both male and female, date to be confirmed.

### BeefData Online Tool

Sue Clarke and Brett Wilcock have been working on and testing the "BeefData online tool", 200 day weights will probably be the first forms available online. There is about 50% saving to the Society if people use the online tool to submit data. Linda Rule in Registry will set up a user-name and password for members to access the programme. You can see all the cows and calves you have ever had.

### Register of Semen available

There have been several enquiries on where to purchase semen; the Society would like to make a list of available semen for sale. So if you have any Murray Grey semen available for sale could you please let the Society know.

### Obituary

Douglas Beattie from Rangiora born 11 January 1926, passed away on 3 October 2014. Doug was a founding member of the Murray Grey Society and he was the first to import Murray Grey cattle from Australia exhibiting them in the A&P Shows where he won the Supreme Champion Carcase Award for New Zealand.

From the late 1950s and up to this year Doug Beattie devised, invented and made many items registering patents for 35 of them. Few devices invented 55 years ago remain in production to this day totally unchanged the 'Beattie Insulator' is such a device. He will be sadly missed by ALL.

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**PBB Christmas Closing Hours**

The PBB office will close at  
**5.00pm on Tuesday 23rd December 2014**  
and reopen at  
**8.00am on Monday 12th January 2015**

## Future Beef NZ

- Future Beef New Zealand aims to provide young people from all backgrounds the opportunity to learn about and become involved in the beef industry.
- FBNZ was launched at Beef Expo in 2006 when 40 young enthusiasts attended the day – it has now grown and last year there were 75 participants.
- FBNZ Hoof and Hook is being held from the 8th–10th May 2015 at Manfeild Stadium, Feilding.
- Steers are brought to the event and judged on the “hoof” and after the event they are slaughtered and judged on the “hook”.
- The Hoof and Hook Event includes educational modules, hands on modules, steer judging, handling judging, beef bash and more.
- Participants are allocated to groups which enable them to work with people of similar age and ability.

### This year heifers are part of our Hoof and Hook event – details below:-

- Heifer must be born after 1st June 2014
- Under 12's may bring a heifer only
- Over 12's must bring a steer to be eligible to bring a heifer
- Under 12's can use heifer in handling class but over 12's must use steer
- Heifer judging will be after the Handling class on Sunday and the two classes will be purebred heifer and crossbred heifer
- Pure Bred heifers can go home or may be eligible to enter in the Queen of Hearts (which must be organised prior to event)
- Cross bred heifers are accepted but will be taken home

For further information please go to our website [www.futurebeef.co.nz](http://www.futurebeef.co.nz) or contact Sharyn – [sharyn@pbbnz.com](mailto:sharyn@pbbnz.com), phone: 06 323 0865



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