



# Murray Grey NEWSBRIEF

Greetings to you all.

I have just been in this task for a few months now. We have good robust council meetings and we have good debate on issues that face us.

We have included in this newsletter material that was sent to Australian Members from the Australian Murray Grey Society in the spring. These are issues that we have to face up to and because Australia is our genetic source we need to be similar or fairly similar with our rules and by-laws. At present it would be possible to have a registered Pure breed in Australia but the same animal would not be regarded as Pure breed according to our rules. We need to look closely at this and would welcome comment to your local councillors.

The other area they have made a decision on is the DNA testing and CA testing (Fawn Calf). From 1st July 2013 it will be compulsory in Australia and progeny will not be registered if this hasn't taken place.

I know that DNA testing is compulsory for some other breeds in NZ before calves can be registered. While this is a cost it will help hugely down the track and Fawn Calf will be stopped before spreading to every herd. Please take time to read it thoroughly and please feel free to discuss these issues with a councillor.

PBB, our service provider, are looking at a new service agreement. We are just one of many breeds that use this service.

I trust you will all enjoy this special Christmas season with family, children, grandchildren and friends and may the New Year bring many more blessings.

**Mervyn Mitchell**  
*Chairman*



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## OBITUARY

Barry Macdonald's dad Dig (John) Macdonald passed away early October. Barry's Mum had been very ill so no one expected it to be him. He will be well known to many of you as he was always the man behind the scene, helping Barry show his cattle at many Royal and A & P shows. He will be greatly missed by his family and all Murray Grey people who knew him.

## DNA SAMPLES

### PREFERRED SAMPLE TYPE

Hair sample for DNA and CA testing. Pluck long coarse hair from lower part of the tail. The follicles on the end should be of good length. 25 follicles (bulb intact) are needed to ensure adequate volume of DNA to complete the test.

## BEEF EXPO 2013

Following the 2012 Beef Expo a "think tank" was held to brainstorm ideas to grow Beef Expo into a must attend event.

Four subcommittees were formed and charged with looking at the following areas: **Genetics; Education/Technology; Associated Activities; and Governance.**

These sub committees have been working towards some initiatives for Expo that were presented to the 2012 AGM held on the 4th of December.

Beef Expo Executive will be incorporating these new ideas into the programme over the next couple of years.

Some of these ideas are Technical seminar sessions/farm tours held over the four days; more events to help draw more of the community such as cooking competitions, BBQ competitions, include celebrities (Prime Minister, Masterchef winners, etc). Also childrens competitions (wearable arts, static art displays, etc).

A new governance structure will be formed involving much wider groups of the community.

## STEAK OF ORIGIN

This competition grows each year so give some thought as to what you can enter as it is a great way to help promote your breed as well as getting feedback on your cattle.

## FUTURE BEEF

This Hoof & Hook competition goes from strength to strength and it is another great way to promote the breed so if you know of a young keen person get them involved with a steer.



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PBBNZ Office will close for the Christmas break from  
5pm on Friday 21st December 2012  
& re-open at 8am on Monday 7th January 2013

PBBnz would like to wish all  
Murray Grey Breeders a

*Merry Christmas  
&  
Happy New Year.*



## Murray Grey Christmas Greetings

Johnny Rogers, aka Santa, as he appeared on the cover of the 1984 MG Progress. Johnny was a noted animal trainer and founder of the Tony Lodge Murray Grey stud near Hamilton and was a Life member of the NZ MG Society.

