



# Murray Grey Newsbrief



## 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.



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christmas  
from **PBB**<sub>NZ</sub>

PBBNZ Office will close for the Christmas break from 5pm on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2011 and re-open at 8am on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2012

PBBNZ would like to wish all Murray Grey Breeders a

*Merry Christmas  
&  
Happy New Year.*

## Year ends on a positive note

Whilst the calendar year is ending, the farming year is getting under way. With near record prices being achieved for beef and lamb, a reasonably good season for lamb and calf survival over spring and plenty of grass over most of the country-the summer is looking like it will a good one, if only the rain would slow down in some places and fall on those who need it! The usual story, the weather rules our lives. The Rodney Times reported in November "Good fat Murray Grey steers sold at Kumeu sale for \$1525 and Murray Grey cows for \$1145" May the seasons be kind and Seasons Greetings to members and their families, from the Murray Grey Council

mother Catherine and grandfather Gary Allen being closely associated with breeding, preparation, judging and showing stud beef cattle, they had some very good role models and teachers.



## Show season off to a good start

New Murray Grey junior members Maxine and Roxanne Rawnsley from Pukekohe have had a wonderful 2011.

They have been around cattle, particularly Murray Greys all their young lives, with

In May they both led steers in the Futurebeef competition held in conjunction with Beef Expo at Feilding and were weighed down with ribbons from the various classes. Maxine's entry, a pure bred MG steer, was Reserve overall Champion. She also led the MG heifer calf belonging to George Climo in the Queen of Hearts Sale at Beef Expo. In

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October the sisters entered the Waikato Royal Show and won the Supreme Champion Murray Grey with Koromiko Grenelda A10.



In November Maxine helped George Climo with his team of Murray Greys at the Canterbury show and also entered the Beef herdspersons competition, winning the Intermediate class for 13 -17 year olds, despite being the youngest competitor. It is great to see our young Murray Grey folks to the forefront in the breed again.

## Photo Competition



A reminder that the current photo competition topic for Nov/Dec 2011 is "Cutecalf" Entries cost \$2 each and are to be sent by email to [murraygreys@pbbnz.com](mailto:murraygreys@pbbnz.com) or by post. Entries close on the last day of the month.

For this competition note that PBB office will be closed over Christmas until 16th January. Entry fee can be billed to your account and a small prize is to be offered. All photos will be posted on the website under "Photo Galleries" think of it as another way of advertising!

## Dates and topics for 2012

Jan/feb Cow and Calf

March/April Weaner bull

May/June Weaner heifer

July/Aug R2 heifer

Sept/Oct R2 bull

Photos for inclusion in the Progress magazine or on the website are always welcome. A note about the picture subject is preferable too-eg the owner, breeding, age etc.

## Murray Grey Handbook

This small hand book with tips on the breed and how the Society runs is currently at the printers. It is aimed to help new members but will be distributed to all members, together with the updated By laws, in the New Year.

## Council Elections

The MG Council is up for election at the AGM in May 2012, please give some thought to nominating Councillors, nomination papers will be available from the Administrator early 2012.

## PROGRESS magazine

This will be the first time since the magazine was issued in November 1978 that there has not been copy printed during the year. Due to an initial lack of material and advertisers it has taken a lot of work by a few people to actually get it to the stage where we are now. Thanks to some serious work by the Treasurer to encourage advertisers, we are now in a good enough financial position to send the copy off to the compilers to get it ready for printing. Due to the lateness it will probably not now be ready before Christmas. Extra copies are always available to members free of charge to give away to prospective clients and customers. If you would like a few extra please let the office know. In the past we have printed several hundred as Mystery creek Fieldays were always an outlet for many. This year there will be less printed to avoid wastage. There are some back numbers of recent editions still available if anyone is interested.

## COUNCIL

Council will have a phone Conference call meeting in mid December.

## Group Breedplan dates

Cut off date for submission of data is 18th of each month. If you have submitted data, eg calving results, the EBV's for these calves may not appear until after the 18th of the following month.

# Calendar 2012

### March 15-17th

Best of Beef All breeds competitions  
Feilding I A & P, Manfield, Feilding

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Central Districts Field Days, Manfield Feilding

### April 5-9th

Royal Easter A & P Show Auckland

### May

Murray Grey Society AGM and annual Dinner