



Murray Grey Newsbrief

Photo Competition



Winner: Ballee Tui 28th 969-08, photographed by B&B Buchanan
Sired by: Lerwick Park Zeppelin Dam: Ballee Tui 22nd 659

The competition for June /July was for rising 2 year old heifers. Eleven entries were received and photos of these will be available on the Murray Grey website under photo gallery.

The winner was Ballee Tui 28th bred and owned by Barry and Bebette Buchanan.

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Rule Change

At the Special meeting immediately prior to the 2010 AGM a rule change was formally agreed.

This rule reduced the number of members required at an AGM to make a quorum.

The number required was reduced to 7. An updated copy of the rules is attached for your information.

Mating Predictor

This facility is available on line on the Murray Grey web site. It gives an EBV of any offspring that might be expected by mating any two NZ bred animals as long as they are performance recorded and appear in the records. A full explanation will be given in Progress. Go to the EBV enquiry tool bar on the Murray Grey website. Click on **mating predictor**. Enter the full herd number of an NZ born male in the sire box. Enter the full herd book number of a female or the herd prefix only and the year of birth of the females you want to check. The results will show the estimated EBV of any progeny. It will also show the percent Inbreeding coefficient, should the animals in question have relations in common. An inbreeding percentage above 16 % is considered undesirable.

Bull sales reports

Murray Grey bulls appear to be in demand all over the country, one report recently to hand from Farmers Weekly 27th Sept 2010

“Bull Eye Service bull sale” Huntly

2yr Murray Greys ave \$1500, up \$150 on last year

2 Yr Herefords ave \$1700, up \$100 on last year

2yr Angus ave \$1400, up \$80 on last year”

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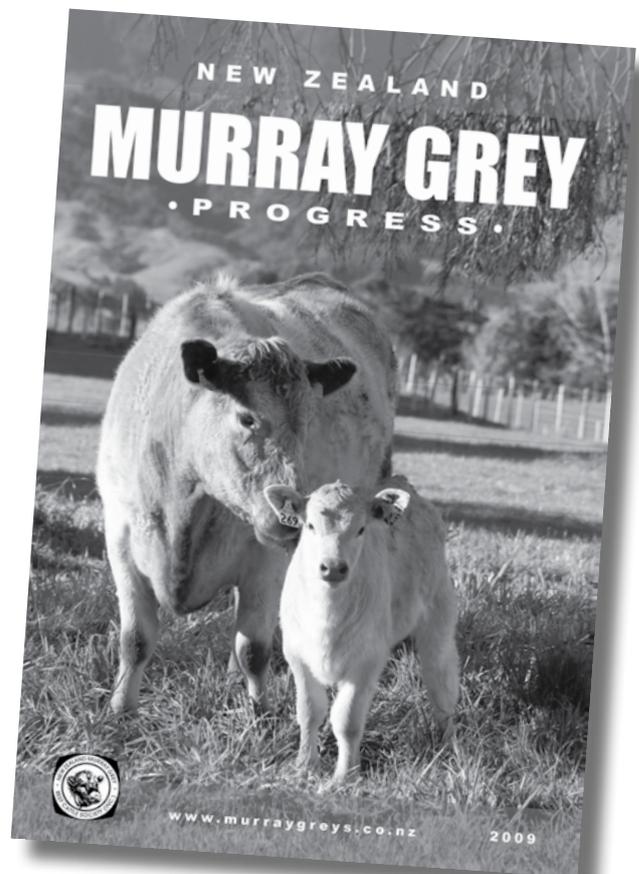
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Council news

Barry Macdonald stepped down as a councillor as from the 2010 AGM in May. Council will need to co-opt another member to council to cover Barry's position.

The following matters are currently being considered by the council:

- **Changing the % Murray Grey figures** in the records so they are on the same basis as recognised in Australia. Explanation is as follows: An A grade is considered pure at 87.5% MG for females and 93.75% MG for bulls. Council has agreed to call all animals above these figures 100% Murray Grey (the same as Australia).
- **The introduction of a Dairy Index.**
The Council has agreed to follow up on this with the intention of introducing the Index. While this is not seen as an immediate benefit it is seen to have long term benefits from being used as a tool for selecting animals for use in the dairy industry.
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