



# Murray Grey Newsbrief

## President's Message

### Dear Fellow Members

Merry Christmas.

It is pleasing to hear that bull sales have been strong in all regions with good clearance and prices. Most regions have reported good spring grass growth so far and looking at photos appearing on facebook there are some very good calves on the ground this season. The future is looking positive.

I recently took Harris Thompson (MG Australian exchange winner) to visit Sarah Rodie at Murray Downs Stud in Amberley where there was good grass cover compared with when we visited during the AGM in 2015.

As you know the North Canterbury and Marlborough areas were struck by earthquakes recently and some of our members were in the middle of it. The Anderson family (the late Doug Beattie stud) who also run a contracting business, had most of their gear stranded up the Clarence Valley and I have heard it was quite a long journey to get it back home. Our thoughts are with you and fellow farmers in this area.

Thanks must also go to Simon Tripe (Simanda Stud)



from near Blenheim, who travelled south with Civil Defence to help farming families in the Clarence Valley area. Hope Amanda wasn't left to milk the cows alone!

**GEORGE CLIMO**

### NEWS UPDATE

The AGM will be held on  
**Friday 28th April 2017 at 12 noon**  
at Tihiroa Hall, Otorohanga, North Island.

After this we will go to visit Michael Phillips Paradise Valley Stud. This will be followed by an evening meal at a restaurant in Pirongia where there is also accommodation. On Saturday 29th April we will visit Atkins farm before heading home.

**For further information contact**  
Mike Phillips on (07) 873 8115 or  
email michaelphillips@rocketmail.com

### Online Auction

This is to be held on 24 May so start looking for your entries now and contact your local PGG Wrightson agent.

For more information read the Agonline advert on page 24 of the 2016 Progress Magazine.

### PBBnz Christmas Closing Hours

The PBB office will close at  
**12.00 noon on Friday 23rd December 2016**  
and reopen at  
**8.00am on Monday 9th January 2017.**

*We wish you all a very Merry Christmas  
& a Happy New Year.*



### Grading up Bylaws

It was decided, in principle, that we adopt the Australian matrix for the grading of Murray Grey cattle as of 1 January 2017. Council is to work on definition and interpretation of the bylaws and then circulate them.

### Online Data Entry

This is available very soon for Murray Grey breeders through Internet Solutions. It is hoped to be out by the middle of January with a information sheet going out to every breeder about how to use the system.

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## MARLBOROUGH A&P SHOW RESULTS

Meat & Wool Cup

Simon & Amanda Tripe

Simanda Lee



Amanda Tripe with Simanda Kain K3.

## Murray Grey Youth Exchange with Australia

Harris Thompson from the Mighty Murray Grey Stud in Western Australia, arrived in Christchurch on Sunday 6 November. In the afternoon we visited the Fisher's Silverstream Charolais Stud and then for the next five days he was involved at the Canterbury A & P Show with the Climo family and the Fisher's Charolais Stud.

During the show he helped many young exhibitors with clipping and leading. He also lead the Charolais Cow which won the Meat & Wool Cup and the Supreme Animal of the Show.

After the show he travelled north to visit Neil and Jane Burke, Chequers Stud and Mike Phillips, Paradise Valley, who showed him around for three days. From there it was back to Christchurch with a farm visit and evening out with Sarah Rodie, Murray Downs Stud. The next morning he flew off to Invercargill to spend a couple of days with McIntoshes, Silver Fern Stud, including a visit to Barry Macdonald, Torrisdale Stud. Then it was back to Christchurch fitting in a visit with Ross Hayes, Newhall Stud and an early night before a 3:30am wakeup to get to the airport for his flight back to Aussie. I really wish to thank all those breeders who hosted Harris and gave him memorable visits to their studs. He is a really great guy and a fantastic Ambassador for the breed.

## CANTERBURY A&P SHOW RESULTS

### Champion Murray Grey Senior Female

Robin Driver Sherwood 49

### Champion Murray Grey Yearly Heifer

George Climo Waimak TH Glenda 76

### Champion Murray Grey Senior Bull

Amanda Tripe Simanda Kain K3

### Champion Murray Grey Yearling Bull

Amanda Tripe Waimak Toby L78

### Supreme Champion Murray Grey

Amanda Tripe Simanda Kain K3

### Supreme Junior Murray Grey

George Climo Waimak TH Glenda 76

**Simanda Kain was also placed fourth in the Meat & Wool Cup.**



Sammy Singh from Rangiora winner of the Australia/NZ youth exchange.



Harris Thompson getting ready to lead Waimak TH Glenda 76.



Harris Thompson & Ross Hayes discussing pasture issues.



George & Glenda Climo winners of the Dakins Ambassador of the year at Christchurch show.

## Youth Events

Harris Thompson (MG Youth Exchange Winner) took out the Overall Champion Judge and Senior Herdsperson trophy. The winner of the Australia/NZ youth exchange was Sammy Singh from Rangiora.

## Welcome to New Members

**Kathleen & Kelvin Perry** (Aubyview)  
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**Sarah White & Peter Stachurski** (Onamalutus)  
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