

# LIMOUSIN

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## President's Report

Congratulations to the breeders who have had good bull sales. It is also good to see females being sold to new and existing Limousin enthusiasts in good numbers.

**Remember there will be a North Island Limousin Breeders' Meeting on 7 July 2019, 1pm, at the property of new breeders Michelle and Bruce Polley (Secret Falls) at 1466 Oropi Rd, Oropi, 3173. The only item on the agenda is a review of the 2018/19 Bull Trial and the setting up of the 2019/20 Trial.** Keeping in mind that we need a quorum of 5 to have a meeting, please RSVP to me, Peta (028 258 14890) so we know that we will have that quorum.

**Farewell** to Frank Rientjes and Karen Dobson (Ngarimu) Pps4-7.



## Images from North Island Limousin Bull Sales



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## North Island Limousin Breeders Celebrate 25 years of Bull Trials

The culmination of 25 years of breeding was on show at the annual Bull Trial Sale for retiring Limousins stalwarts, Mangatawhiri's Dorothy and Hein Kroef. Dorothy has been involved in every trial for the last 25 years. Her bull won the inaugural trial, held in Te Rapa, outside Hamilton. This year saw the last Mangatawhiri Limousin bull sold at the sale, to a relatively new breeder, LImax Enterprises. Dorothy stepped in to host the 2018/9 Trial last October and it was a tribute to her farming that the bulls were extremely well presented.

There was almost a full clearance of the 11 bulls with only one being passed in. Top price (\$7,500) went to a very stylish black bull by Wulfs Amazing Bull. Mangatara 762N was homo polled out of a first calving 2 YO heifer going back to Auto Dollar General and Ionesco. He had the highest weigh gain in the trial and was judged 3<sup>rd</sup> by the independent judge. His performance figures are outstanding. Erik and Lyn Van der Velden will be sending the bull up to Northland where he will be used by a partnership of Snake Gully (Natalie and David Roberts) and Murray Child.



### *Mangatara 762N*

The bull judged top in the trial, Ngarimu Normandy, now owned by new breeders, Bruce and Michelle Polley (Secret Falls) sold for \$7200. Normandy was sired by Bull Trialist Kivlean Kamahi, out of Ngarimu Hermione.

The South Island Limousin Trial Sale delivered mixed results. The top priced bull, Loch Head Nebraska sold for \$8200. His sire, Riverheights Gibson, and dam, Loch Head Ember both have robust NZ home grown genetics.

The inaugural Central North Island All Breeds Sale in Taupo at the end of May saw Limousin offered for sale alongside most other breeds. The new sale will need time to bed into the bull buyer market.

## North Island Limousin Breeders Bull Trial Awards 2019

CNI Cup for Bull Trial – Top Priced Bull – *Mangatara 762N*

Best Scanned Bull (Biggest EMA) - *Ngarimu Normandy*

Camveray Plaque for Best Judged Bull - *Ngarimu Normandy*

2<sup>nd</sup> Grayleen Nite Attire

3<sup>rd</sup> Mangatara 762N

4<sup>th</sup> Ngarimu Napoleon

Weight Gain (Until 12 April)

1<sup>ST</sup> *Mangatara 762N*

2<sup>nd</sup> Mangatara 810N

3<sup>rd</sup> Huntlands Nero

4<sup>th</sup> Ngarimu Normandy

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## 25<sup>h</sup> Annual Snake Gully Sale Tops at \$6000.00

The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Snake Gully Sale was held on the 11<sup>th</sup> June on farm at Maungakaramaea.

Snake Gully's preparation for the 25<sup>th</sup> sale faced all the challenges of a continuing long and very hot summer. Since 1987 Snake Gully has introduced many different genetics into the herd, many by private import. This year with so many difficulties to overcome they have shown the benefits of their genetic heritage. Once again this has enabled Snake Gully to put forward an even line of bulls that any Limousin breeder would be proud to present.

Top price of \$6000.00.00 went to lot 8 Snake Gully Nougat a black polled son of Snake Gully Fergus, by dam Snake Gully Licorice, a Auto Dollar General 122R daughter. Nougat was purchased by long time repeat commercial breeders Murray and Kathy Child of Maungakaramaea.

Second highest of \$5500.00 was lot 13 Snake Gully Nemo, a full French son of Dauphin, by dam Snake Gully Zanado, a Mas Du Clo daughter. Nemo was purchased by commercial Phil and Pauline Gaudin of Aria who have purchased from Snake Gully annually for 20 years.

Average price for the sale was \$4000.00 with a total clearance of 18 bulls.



*Outstanding Snake Gully Bulls on Sale Day*

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## Ngarimu – A Quarter Century Contribution to Limousin



Over 26 years ago, Frank and his wife Patricia and two young children, Blair and Erica, moved to Franklin to escape Auckland and return to Frank's roots. Frank grew up on a farm and his dream was to return to the country, purchase his own piece of land and do something with cattle. He just wasn't sure what.

The block he purchased was already called Ngarimu so he adopted the name. It wasn't until he met and talked to a Limousin breeder at the Franklin AMP Show that his interest in Limousin was sparked and his fate sealed. He obtained a catalogue for David Linton's reduction sale and purchased his first three Limousin heifers – Lady Lace, Miss Magic, and Nessie in 1997. His Limousin breeding journey had begun. Miss Magic, an extremely good cow, was the dam of his first stud sire – Ngarimu Rimu Magic. The following year Miss Magic gave birth to Sabrina's Magic, a stalwart dam who produced 16 quality progeny, her first calf being born in 2000. The two quality animals were a great start.

Frank decided very early on that he would focus on breeding polled New Zealand Pure Limousin animals as distinct from Full French while ensuring he maintained the Full French attributes of fertility, low birth rates, good growth rates, and excellent muscle definition all to the standards expected of Full French Limousin cattle.

With the support of Marshall Woodward, he entered Ngarimu animals in the Stud's first bull trial at Hiniwera in 1999. The Stud has been a consistent participant over the years since. In 2002 the stud achieved top price bull at sale, with the bull Ngarimu Victor. This was to be the forerunner of numerous successes (Some of the ribbon collection) and the Ngarimu bulls at trial became sought after by a variety of breeders. The last bulls at trial will be entered into the 2019/2020 trial.



Frank has also participated in Management roles in CNI, NILB, LBBNZ and ALBS over the years. His achievements included leading New Zealand Limousin (LBBNZ) into becoming a Region within the Australian Limousin Breeders Society (ALBS) and from

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there being the first elected New Zealand Director on the ALBS Board in 2008. He attended most AGMs and his passion for and support of NZ Limousin has and will continue to benefit New Zealand breeders for many more years.

The only blip in Frank's stellar performance, participation and contribution was when Patricia, his wife of 35 years, died of pancreatic cancer almost 12 years ago. It was a painful, bleak time for Frank. His responsibilities as a director of ALBS certainly helped him get through this tough period, being a happier distraction. He also enjoyed the support of his many Limousin friends during this time.

He was fortunate to meet his current partner, Karen, who shares his passion for the Limousin breed and without hesitation has adapted to farm life, including hand rearing the odd orphan calf - not bad work at all for a townie. After much supervision and coaching from Frank, Karen has been able to support and help him to achieve his goals over the past nine years.



This photo, taken by Karen, won the Photo Competition at the 2018 AGM. At the same AGM, Frank handed back the Stirrers Spoon, which he had held for five years – why give it back when it is always going to come back to you anyway.

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## Ngarimu Consistent NILB Bull Trial Success

### An Exerpt from the 2017/8 NILB Bull Trial Sale Report

The top price of \$7200 was paid for **Ngarimu Lancelot** by life members of Limousin New Zealand, Allan and Mary McKenzie, Caberfeidh Stud from Wellsford. Lancelot is homozygous polled with the usual two copies of the F94L muscling gene. His sire, Grayleen Ferdinand, (a product of the 2012 Bull Trial) produced the first four placings in the Bill Austin judging of the trial group of 15. The Dam, Snake Gully Fizzle is a Romn Tow Truck daughter.



*Ngarimu Lancelot*



*Ngarimu Lincoln*

\$5000 was paid by Wayne and Jocelyn Crombie 'Brondelwayne' for **Ngarimu Lincoln**. Wayne and Jocelyn are regular buyers at the trial sale and have an eye for quality bulls. Lincoln's sire was again

## North Island Limousin Breeders Bull Trial Awards 2017

CNI Cup for Bull Trial – Top Priced Bull – *Ngarimu Lancelot*

Camveray Plaque for Best Judged Bull - *Ngarimu Lyndon*

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ngarimu Lenardo
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ngarimu Lawrence
- 4<sup>th</sup> Ngarimu Lancelot

Weight Gain

- 1<sup>ST</sup> Ngarimu Lenardo
- 2<sup>ND</sup> Ngarimu Lorenzo
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ngarimu Lincoln
- 4<sup>th</sup> Ngarimu Lancelot

*2017 intake awaiting departure to the bull farm.*



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Frank's goal to breed quality Limousin cattle continues to this day. However, Ngarimu's final participation in the Bull Trail will be the 2019/2020 intake. His hope is that the people who have purchased his cattle over the years, including this dispersal, will enjoy as much success as he has.

Passing on the baton has been important to Frank and Bruce and Michelle Polley (Secret Falls) purchased his 2017 calf drop. Ngarimu Normandy was judged best bull and had the highest EMA in the 2018/9 trial. Normandy also received the second top price in the trial sale.

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