

LIMOUSIN

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President's Report – Winter 2020

To enable the society to continue a new committee has agreed to take on the following positions. We all need to thank Natalie Roberts (Snake Gully) for agreeing to take on the role of Secretary. As well, we all need to thank Erik van der Velden for taking on the role of Treasurer. At the AGM we thanked and showed our appreciation of our immediate past Secretary, Robert Hunt and immediate past Treasurer, Marion Wickens. Both have served NILB Inc well and for many years. Both remain members of NILB.

At the extraordinary meeting on June 5, we also voted to waive the fees for 2020 in the light of the drought and Covid lockdown situation and the effect it has had on our breeders and farmers in general. All 2019 members are regarded as 2020 members.

Sales reports for the NILB Bull Trial Sale and Snake Gully Sale follow. Drought and Lockdown protocols had their influence on the sales, making preparation of the bulls and the sales themselves difficult because of the uncertainty created.

Being unsure of the ability to provide our usual food at the NILB sale, a popular Hamilton café, Joe's Garage, stepped into the gap, providing contact free food for the NILB Sale. A special thanks goes to Joe's Garage (Manager is Karen Maxwell) for sponsorship of the lunches at the sale. They also generously donated three \$50 Joe's Garage.

Joes Garage Vouchers were awarded to Bull Trial Contributors:

- Dorothy and Hein Kroef for their excellent job of preparing the bulls;
- Frank Rientjes for his role as Convenor and
- Julie Evans for the photos and videos for the catalogue and Bidr.

We are pleased to say the NILB Bull Trial will continue into its 27th year. The trial will return to the property of Richard and Diana Maxwell in Matamata, on the slopes of the Kaimais. Thanks to Richard and Diana for their offer to host the trial.

Peta Lean (NILB)

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North Island Limousin Breeders 26th Bull Trial and Sale

The bulls were in magnificent order, beautifully presented by Bull Trial Hosts, Dorothy and Hein Kroef, Mangatawhiri. Considering the drought conditions in the upper North Island over summer and autumn, the bulls were well grown and well fleshed. Probably the most manageable group of bulls in some time, the docility of the group was impeccable. Dorothy and Hein have done an excellent job over the past two years hosting the NILB Bull Trial and we are all very appreciative of their professionalism and experience with the Limousin breed. It has certainly set the bar high for future trials.

The drought also affected the number of buyers looking for bulls. Many commercial buyers could not get finished stock off to the works to make feed available for new stock. Many of our usual buyers indicated they just physically could not have more stock on their properties.

Top price of \$7500 went to a stylish Huntlands bull. Aptly named Huntlands Porsche (*Right*) was a product of a Wulfs Amazing Bull crossed with Huntlands Dyre (With Romn Justice and Fanfan in her pedigree background). The bull was purchased by a long time supporter of the NILB Bull Trial, Dennis Wishnowsky from Feidling.



Second highest price of \$5000 was earned by an outstandingly good natured Grayleen Pablo (*Left*). Pablo's sire was Kivlean Languedoc (a graduate of the Bull Trial) and Grayleen Kiss Me Kate (With Wulfs Xcellsior in her pedigree background). John Arthur, from Pirongia, another long time supporter of the Bull Trial purchased Pablo.

Kivlean Patriarch and Mangatara 947P reached \$4000, while Kivlean Pompidou sold for \$3,500.

Eight bulls sold on sale day at an average of \$4125.00. Three more bulls were sold the next day.

Entries are being taken for the 2020/21 Bull Trial which will return to the Limax Enterprises property near Matamata, on the slopes of the Kaimais. Frank Rientjes will remain as Convenor of the trial. If you would like to put in an entry for the trial start in September 2020, please contact Frank: 09 2360200 or 027 436 5032.

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North Island Limousin Breeders Bull Trial Awards 2020

CNI Cup for Bull Trial – Top Priced Bull – *Huntlands Porche*

Best Scanned Bull (Biggest EMA) - *Huntlands Pavarotti*

Camveray Plaque for Best Judged Bull - *Ngarimu Oliver*
 2nd *Kivlean Patriarch*
 3rd *Huntlands Pavarotti*
 4th *Ngarimu Percival*

Weight Gain (Until Scan Day) 1ST *Mangatara 1104P*
 2nd *Mangatara 1011P*
 3rd *Ngarimu Percival*
 4th *Huntlands Pompeii*

26th Annual Snake Gully Sale Tops at \$9500



The 26th Annual Snake Gully Sale was held on the 9th June on farm at Maungakaramea.

Snake Gully has never before faced the combined challenges of drought and the restrictions of Covid 19 as experienced in 2020. After facing months of doubt about our ability to hold our on-farm sale as calendared we were lucky enough that NZ went to Level 1 the night before.



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Top price of \$9500.00 went to Lot 3 Snake Gully Phil (*left*), a polled son of Flemington Legend L12 out of the dam Snake Gully Leesa, a Greensons Howlett daughter. Phil, the first son of Flemington Legend L12 to be sold in NZ, was purchased for commercial use by Phil and Pauline Gaudin of Aria. Phil and Pauline are long time supporters of Snake Gully and as at the 26th Annual Sale have purchased a total of 26 bulls in 20 years. We appreciate their support and continue to produce bulls that meet all our clients individual requirements.

Second highest of \$7300.00 was Lot 7 Snake Gully Pete, a polled son of Snake Gully Fergus out of the dam Snake Gully Madge a black Auto Dollar General daughter. Pete was purchased by first time buyer Noel Bethel of Kerikeri for commercial use over heifers.

This years only cow offered for sale was Snake Gully Juicy, a Wulfs Xcellsior daughter in calf to Karlos sold to Murray Hayward, a local commercial breeder. Two of the three unjoined heifers sold to new breeder Nick Browning of Dargaville. Private imports of semen from new sires Australian Flemington Legend L12 and UK Karlos have added to the genetic gene-pool of Snake Gully. Selling 13/16 bulls with an average price of \$4700.00 was up \$700 on last year's average.

Natalie Roberts

Inaugural National Online Beef Show

Hosted by Showing Waikato and Waikato A&P Association

Planning is under way for the Inaugural National Online Beef Show that will be held beginning November with entries opening beginning September. There are classes for 22 breeds including Limousin. These classes will be as follows.

Yearling Heifer, born on or after 1st June 2019

Cow or Heifer, 2 years and over with her calf/calves

Yearling bull born on or after 1st June 2019

Bull, 2 years and over

Calf, bull or heifer born on or after 1st June 2020

With Champions awarded for best male and female in each breed and a supreme champion male and female over all breeds.

Entries DO NOT need to be halter trained or led so anyone can enter.

Photo entry (no photoshopped images allowed) and entries emailed in.

Look out for more details to come and any enquiries are welcome. Phone or email Liz at 0272945929 or tetakutai@xtra.co.nz

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B+LNZ Genetics Dairy-Beef Progeny Test (Cohorts 1-4)

Dairy Beef Progeny Test

Interim report
April 2020

Attached is link to the report [View interim report \(pdf\)](#)

Limousin bulls used are
Piwakawa Kagan
Mangatara Jool
Mangatara 335l

It shows that Limousin, in Cohorts 4 and 5, is matching it with other breeds for

1. Birth Weight 35.7 - 37.3 kg,
2. Gestation 280 - 288 days,
3. Early weaning 87.3 – 88.9 days (days to 95 kg)
4. Average growth at 200d, 400d and 600d (pages 6, 7, 10, 11)
5. **But carcass data** to come for Kagan this year. Watch this space!!

There is Carcass data on Cohorts 1-2 but only Angus and Hereford where used showing only 1 sire making 50% or better for dressing-out % (pages 15)

Erik van der Velden

A Tribute to Cam Challis

Cam died on June 5th 2020 after a long and very brave fight against illness. With her late husband Frank, they established the Camveray Limousin Stud in the early 1980's. After many years of dedication to breeding beautiful Limousin cattle, in 2008 they dispersed their herd and planned to retire to Australia. However, sadly Frank died suddenly during their final preparations for departure.

After taking some time to come to terms with this tragic event, Cam moved to a small block where she continued to use her stock skills and enjoyed farming dry stock.

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Camveray Stud



Cam loved her Limousins and with her Camveray Stud, she bred some excellent Limousin cattle. She and Frank were actively involved in all the marketing efforts of the breed including a true dedication to showing.

Camveray cattle won many ribbons and contributed enormously to publicising Limousin cattle. As an example of their enthusiasm, in 2001, Cam and Frank took their cattle to six shows including the Royal Easter Show in the centre of Auckland City. They even donated a trophy for the first placed All Breeds Senior Bull at the Royal Easter Show and fittingly it was won by a bull they bred, Camveray Three D. The Hirtzel family were part of the Camveray showing team with Link and Kelly often handling the bulls in the ring.



The well-known Camveray Pavoroti, (*left*) (b.1994, sire Hagley Kelvin, dam Oaklands Dynasty) was highly successful in the show ring and his bloodlines contributed to developing the breed in New Zealand. A photo of Pavoroti took pride of place in Cam's lounge long after she had stopped breeding.

The Limousin Society brought the Limousin breed to the attention of farmers and the general public at the Mystery Creek Fielddays. Cam generously provided a show trained cow and calf for display which was hugely popular and provided an excellent demonstration of the docility improvements in the breed.

Frank and Cam actively supported the North Island Bull Trial, entering Camveray potential sires. Once more, they donated a trophy to be awarded to the bull judged in first place by the independent judge pre-sale. And again, they were the first winners

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with Camveray Achiever then sold to the Kivlean Stud where four female lines can still be traced back to him.

An excellent business-woman with strong customer skills, Cam sent all Camveray bulls to their new owner with a Camveray mug and often a follow up visit from Frank and Cam.

Cam never stopped appreciating Limousin cattle. This year she received a Bull Trial Sale catalogue hot off the press and was delighted at the standard of the bulls. Even when ill, she visited Grayleen Stud close to her home and enjoyed seeing the cattle. We thank you Cam, for your hard work, skills and generosity as a Limousin breeder. And we thank you for being a lovely friend to many of us, showing great compassion and enthusiasm in all you did in life.

Compiled by Eileen and Julie Evans and Dorothy Kroef. Photos supplied by Liz Maslin.

Images from North Island Limousin Bull Sale

NORTH ISLAND LIMOUSIN BREEDERS			BULL TRIAL SALE INFORMATION				
SIRE NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DAYS OLD AT SALE	POLLED/HORNED	TRIAL ENTRY WEIGHT (KG)	FINAL WEIGHT	TOTAL TRIAL WEIGHT GAIN (KG)	DAILY WEIGHT GAIN
LIZC REEF D2	14-05-2018		POLLED	427	612	185	
MANGATAPUHI HEARD	11-05-2018		POLLED	376	570	214	
MANGATAPUHI HEARD	08-05-2018		POLLED	499	706	262	
Tanisco	02-05-2018		HORNED	482	674	192	
LORENZO TONGA 31/10/18	22-07-2018		POLLED	512	696	184	
LIZC REEF D2	26-07-2018		POLLED	477	704	227	
LIZC REEF D2	29-07-2018		POLLED	435	646	211	
MANGATAPUHI HEARD	17-05-2018		HORNED	387	608	221	
MANGATAPUHI HEARD	27-04-2018		POLLED	452	669	216	
Kivlean Langford	22-09-2018		POLLED	385	630	245	
LIZC ACE 700A	01-09-2018		POLLED	458	626	168	
LIZC ACE 700A	09-09-2018		POLLED	340	602	262	
MANGATAPUHI HEARD	17-08-2018		POLLED	382	548	166	
Kivlean Langford	13-09-2018		POLLED	397	584	185	



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