

Contribution of Life Member Ian Maslin Celebrated

LBBNZ President 1998-2000

LBBNZ Treasurer 1996-1998

CNI President Mid 90s.



Ian is widely known and respected in the Limousin Community. His widespread contribution to the Community was recognised when he was made a Life Member in 2020. He was always prepared to give his time to individual Limousin breeders as well as the Central North Island Limousin Breeders group as it was known then and Limousin New Zealand. Well after the Maslin family, Te Takutai Stud was retired Ian remained a loyal supporter of North Island Limousin Beef Breeders' Bull Trial through judging and even manning the BBQ on occasions. First as Treasurer and then President of Limousin NZ, Ian brought the finances of LBBNZ into balance during his time on the NZ Council. LBBNZ went from running crippling annual deficits of up to \$30,000 pa to a balanced budget. During his time in leadership, Ian was also instrumental in restructuring the Limousin Breed into Performance Beef Breeders in Feilding. He also served as the "Small Breeds" Representative on PBB in Feilding over a number of years. While Ian was NZ Treasurer, he and Marie Aro organised the highly successful 1996 LBBNZ AGM in Auckland. As part of the AGM they organised the "Stars of the Future" sale for weaned heifers at the Karaka

selling complex. The sale was held on the Friday night before the 1996 AGM. Ian also organised the 2005 AGM in Hamilton.

As for Mystery Creek, he and Liz (his daughter) did most of the donkey work for many years. This involved cleaning and setting up the shed before Mystery Creek, manning the stand during the 4 days of Mystery Creek and clearing up after the event.

The Maslins, Ian and his late wife Priscilla, developed the Te Takutai Stud. The development of the Limousin Stud began when Ian purchased 2 Limousin bulls from the Peaston Stud to put over some of his Angus cow herd. The change of ownership papers for the bulls came in the mail and tempted Ian to buy more Limousin cows. The first cows were from Miranda with one from Grayleen. The first registered calves were in 1991. Te Takutai Limousins was involved in embryo transplants and AI using a range of international semen. The last of the Te Takutai Limousins were sold in 2004.

The contribution of the Maslins to Limousin was extensive. Liz and sister, Kathryn, regularly showed Limousin around the North Island. Te Takutai Limousins regularly contributed to Limousin Breed Sales in the North Island. Ian was also a long standing and respected Limousin Judge on the A & P Society circuit.

Ian's knowledge and drive to keep Limousins at a high standard will be sorely missed. The Limousin Community expresses our condolences to Liz (Hamilton) and Kathryn, (Canada) along with Katherine's daughter, Paytin.

A celebration of Ian's life will be held at the Te Awamutu Funeral Services Centre at **1:30 pm on Friday 15 September 2023.**