

# LIMOUSIN

*Carcase, Yield, Efficiency.*

## FROM THE CHAIR

Hello Limousin breeders and members.

It is a privilege to have been appointed chairman of the LBBNZ Society. Many thanks to Clark Scott for his time as Chairperson since 2019. Due to the rules the Chairperson shall not hold that role for more than four consecutive years. Clark will continue on the committee responsible for promotion along with Natalie Roberts and Erik van der Velden as secretary and treasurer.

With weather from above average rainfall (down south), to a mild, dry and frosty winter with beautiful, crispy clear days, the cattle have wintered well. The utilisation of crops and baleage is very good. Long may it last. The grass is starting to grow now, and the ground temperature is increasing just in time for calving. Looking forward to seeing calves on the ground and watching them develop over the next few months; as many of us will be.

Recently my son Jordan decided to buy some Hereford/Friesian cross calves to rear as a money-making scheme. When it came time to cash in on them, the works cattle were weighed straight off the paddock full. Jordans` animal weighed 602 kgs and my Limo was 596kgs. On the hook Jordans animal was 284kgs and the Limo was 329kgs. My animal was 45kgs heavier on the hook even though it was 6kgs lighter on the hoof. 45kgs @ \$5.30 = \$238.50 more per animal. So once again Limousin cattle proving to punch well above their weight. And my son saying, "I see why you breed Limousins now Dad". Congratulations to Clark and Judy from Loch Head Limousins for second place on the hook entry in the Otago Southland Cattle Competition in the intermediate export section.

As breeders we need to work together and continue to promote the Limousin breed, invest in new bloodlines, and nurture and encourage new members. But most of all, enjoy our magnificent cattle and have fun.

I would like to encourage members to ring a fellow Limousin breeder, have a yarn, talk about the weather, calving, genetics, fishing and fast cars.

Happy calving everyone.

Colin Phillips

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## 60th Birthday Celebrations

Our Chairman Colin turned 60 in late July. Colin not only mentioned his Limousins during his speech on the Friday night but also took his guests for a ride in his personnel carrier on Saturday to see his Limousin heifers with calves at foot. There was no doubting his passion for the breed and what a credit to him they were. What a way to do a herd tour!



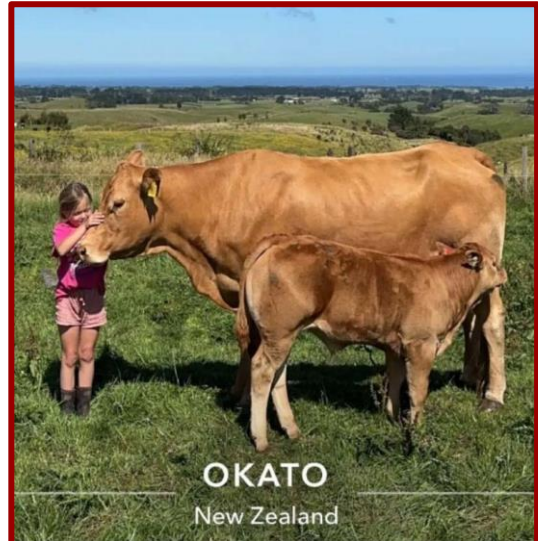
## Belated Welcome to New Member - Taranaki Limousin Stud

Hi my name is Mitchell Wooller I am 29 years old and have had the Limousin breed for the past four to five years.

My love for the breed has compelled me to set up my own breeding stud, 'Taranaki Limousin Stud'. I started with a very friendly mixed age cow and her R2 calf.

I purchased a purebred bull and am starting to grow my herd. I love this breed and I intend to develop my stud into something bigger.

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## Mangatara Limousins Inaugural Sale - 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024

It was good to see their customised selling ring being used by Mangatara again to sell Limousins.

Two mature herd bulls, four 2022 Autumn born bulls and fourteen R2 bulls were on offer. The top price was \$5,100.00. Steven Dance purchased the home-grown apricot bull with both a Mangatara sire and dam.

Eleven mixed aged females were offered with the last two in-calf heifers making \$4,500.00 each. These were also purchased by Steven Dance (Springfalls).

Everyone appreciated the docility of the Limousin, with a very good article being written in the Farmers Weekly complimenting the temperament.

Erik and Lyn van der Velden extended their hospitality to their visitors which was appreciated.

Peta Lean





### **30<sup>th</sup> Annual Snake Gully Sale Tops at \$9000.00**

The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Snake Gully Sale was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> June on the farm at Maungakaramaea. Whiskey shots were on hand for everyone as they arrived to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> Sale in true Irish style.

Top price of \$9,000.00 went to Lot 5 Snake Gully Top Dog, a homo polled son of Flemington Next

Level N40, by dam Snake Gully Lexi, a Froghollow N-Man X114 daughter. Top Dog was purchased by Waikura Station, Hicks Bay, Gisborne.



Second highest of \$8,700.00 was Lot 3 Snake Gully Toy Boy, a polled son of Meriden Poll Heavyduty, by dam Snake Gully Happy, a Bolide daughter. Toy Boy was purchased by long time purchases Phil and Pauline Gaudin, Aria. The Gaudins have purchased 31 bulls in the last 30 years.

Selling 14/16 bulls at auction with an average price of \$5,566.00, up slightly on last year. The remaining two bulls sold following the sale which resulted in a total clearance on the day.



Top Dog



Toy Boy

## Maungakaramaea Weaner Spring Fair 2024

The Maungakaramaea Spring Fair was held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at the Maungakaramaea Sale Yards. 943 head of cattle went under the hammer with an average of \$1,318.27 and an overall turnover of \$1,241,800.00.

This sale is the biggest held at the saleyards each year and with a 1% return they received \$12,841.80. This money is used to do maintenance etc around the saleyards and also puts money back into the community.

Murray Child once again drove his cattle to the sale. Murray sold 69 angus/limo x steers for an average of \$1,400.00. The top going for \$1,440.00. The top 30 are kept as bulls and fattened.

Also going under the hammer were 49 angus/limo x heifers which averaged \$1,100.00 The top going for \$1,110.00. The top 40 heifers are kept as replacements. This is great money for weaners that are only 10 months old. They were quiet, well grown and sold well.



## Grayleen – Kivlean Bull Trial and Sale

Our aim is to offer quality Limousin R2yo bulls to regular and new Limousin bull buyers.

We are planning to have a Limousin Bull Trial and Sale over 2024/25. The bulls will be run together at Grayleen with a sale mid-2025.

Both Grayleen and Kivlean have expanded their ability to run more Limousin by adding to their landholdings. We now have a number of quality bulls which should be used for breeding. Building on our previous online sale in 2022 we are now taking our offer to another level.

Keep an eye out for the progress of the bulls and sale date.

Peta, Julie and Simon

## Otago-Southland Hoof and Hook Beef Competition 2024



Congratulations to  
**Clark Scott and Judy Miller**  
on their placings -  
Hook Section - Class 2 (271kg – 320kg)  
2<sup>nd</sup> place  
Winner of the  
“Best Owner Bred Animal”

Also **S W Howard** of Lawrence who  
placed third in the  
Hoof Section Class 1 (220kg – 270kg)

Clark and Judy's cattle being loaded out in August

## North Island Limousin Breeders AGM 2024

There will be a Zoom meeting this year on  
**Wednesday 20 November 2024 starting at 7:30pm**

The agenda will be sent out early November along with the Draft Constitution which we discussed at last year's AGM. This will be presented at the AGM for ratification.

Peta Lean – President NILB

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Remember to use the **LBBNZ Website** and **Facebook** page. It is the place many potential Limousin enthusiasts, especially the younger generations, first look.

All LBBNZ members can be found on the website – with stud contact and location details.

It is very active with news on the Facebook page as well as Limousin Society specific information, such as protocols for sending hairs (or ear clips) for DNA sampling.

Members have included animals for sale and some have been sold purely from the advertisements.

LBBNZ members can also produce their own page telling the story of your Stud – for a minimal fee