



NILB Christmas Newsletter 2025

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NILB 2025 AGM – 16 November 2025

Julie Evans and Simon Bennett hosted a very positive and well attended AGM at Grayleen Stud near Pukekohe. A long time member, made a real splash on his arrival in one of his 4 Austins. The venue was convivial to discussion, decision making as well as comraderie. Prior to the meeting we were treated to some outstanding Limousin cattle.



Stewart Madgwick



We admired the extremely quiet, well covered R2 bulls and their sisters.

We were treated to two mobs of cows and calves with their herd sires used in 2025. The calves were well muscled, including two sets of twins.



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Julie and Simon brought back home some Friesian/Grayleen sired cross calves to rear. Some of these dairy cross calves have been shown at various calf clubs and local shows where they achieved very good results.

New Officeholders for 2026

Chair: Peta Lean

Secretary/Treasurer: Simon Bennett

2026 Membership Fee: \$30

Advertising Decision:

The General Meeting of NILB agreed to put in a ¼ page ad into the Farmers Weekly Bull Season promotion to support LBBNZ advertising of Limousin.

A group is looking at the options for more digital advertising of NILB. We do have access to the **LBBNZ** website (www.limousin.co.nz) and facebook page and good news and photos are very much appreciated for these free methods of advertising.

Membership

At our recent NILB meeting a question arose as to who could be a member. Below is the section taken from the NILB constitution.

“Becoming a member: process

An applicant for membership must complete and sign any application form, supply any information, as may be reasonably required by the **Committee** regarding an application for membership and will become a **Member** on acceptance of that application by the **Committee**.

The **Committee** may accept or decline an application for membership at its sole discretion. The **Committee** must advise the applicant of its decision.

The signed written consent of every **Member** to become a **Society Member** shall be retained in the **Society’s** membership records.”

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We have interpreted this to mean that anyone can be a member, at the discretion of the Committee (which is defined as the President/Chair, Secretary and Treasurer) Currently Simon has two roles so there are only two bodies on the council.

We have interpreted it that a member may be an individual, a Trust, a Stud, a couple. The application form must be completed and returned to either Simon or me. Subscriptions must be up to date. One vote per membership.

Currently, irrespective of your interest in NILB, there is a flat fee of \$30pa.

If we felt any application was not genuine it would be denied.

Please find the application form at the end of the newsletter. We welcome new members.

From the Chairperson

Marian Wickens

Marian has been a very long time supporter of NILB and LBBNZ. Marian was very active in the administration of many of the NILB Bull Trials as well as a trusted Treasurer of the the society for a very long time. She and Kevin were effective in the gains brought to the Limousin in terms of temperament over their time breeding some outstanding cattle. After Kevin's passing, Marian maintained her interest in the breed and was a regular at Snake Gully Sales.

Thank you for your contribution over many years. I hope you can maintain good health and continue to contribute to your community. You leave our society knowing you have done more than most with your passionate contribution. We are all indebted to you for your work.

Natalie Roberts

Natalie has been our secretary for many years. She has set a high standard for those who follow. Her minutes are comprehensive and correct.

Thankfully Natalie has remained a member and a faithful member of NILB. She is busy representing us on the NZ Council, as secretary.

Thank you Natalie for your dedicated and trusted contribution over the years. I have certainly seen first hand the extent of your support of Limousin and NILB.

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2025 Reflection

There are a few bright spots apart from the beef prices in general in 2025. The Snake Gully Sale was a huge success. Congratulations to Natalie and David for their perseverance and longevity. It is so good to see their stud acknowledged more widely within the beef community.

As well, Limousin in the saleyards continue to top the per kg prices, the most recent from the South Island, so there is respect and preparedness to pay the price for Limousin amongst those who know.

Lets try and increase the number of buyers who know.

NILB has renewed its Incorporated Society status earlier this year. Thank you for your input to that process.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous Limousin New Year.

Yours in Limousin

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North Island Limousin Breeders Society Inc

As part of our Incorporated Society status we need to have membership forms for each of our members. No information held by NILB will be passed on to a third party without your permission.

Please complete and send back to: Peta Lean – peta.lean@xtra.co.nz

2026 NILB Membership Form

First Name(s): _____

Surname: _____

Stud Name: _____

Limousin Connection: _____

Address: _____

E Mail: _____

Phone Number (s): _____

Mobile: _____

Are you happy for your membership information to be published in newsletters Y/N : NILB facebook page Y/N : LBBNZ website (if permitted): Y/N

2025 Sub: \$30 to be paid to: **Westpac: 03 0406 0607013 000 North Island Limousin Beef Breeders Inc**

Member Signature: _____

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