



# Ayrwaves

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## ***Welcome to the July Ayrwaves***

A very successful Annual Conference was held in Canterbury in early June, thanks from all those who attended to Anne Green and her team from the Canterbury Ayrshire Club. Donald Green of Glenmore Ayrshires, Leeston, was re-elected as President for a further term. For a full rundown on all the news and Special Awards from the Conference, check out the website [www.ayrshire.org.nz](http://www.ayrshire.org.nz)

## **BOARD VACANCY**

The Board are now calling for nominations to fill the vacancy in the Central North Island region. Under the new rules, nominations can come from Wards 1 (Northland), 2 (Thames Valley), 3 (Waikato) and 4 (Bay of Plenty). Once nominations close, in the event of an election, only members in Wards 2,3, and 4 will be eligible to vote. This vacancy will be until 2019 under the terms of the new rule.

Nomination forms will be sent to all current members in the appropriate wards this week, and will close at midday on Monday 31 July 2017.

## **RESEARCH PROJECT**

Dairy NZ will be undertaking a research project on Ayrshires in the coming months, and to assist with this we are asking Ayrshire members to agree to allow their data to be used for this project. If your herd can meet some or all of the following criteria and you are prepared to allow access to your herd data, please let us know by 31 July 2017.

- Mixed breed herd with a minimum of 25% Ayrshires
- 4 herd tests annually
- Well recorded
- Contains BCS data (or are prepared to allow herd to be scored)
- Contains liveweight data (or are prepared to allow the herd to be weighed)
- Herd is DNA parentage tested (ideal, but not requirement)

## **REGISTRATIONS**

### **NEW REGISTRATION POLICY**

An 'opt out' registration policy is being implemented for all members with a registered prefix not currently on a standing order or lifetime agreement. Those members will receive a 'what if?' report and be automatically set up on a standing order. There will still be the same flexibility as with a standing order, and they can also 'opt out' from registrations on either an annual or permanent basis.

All female animals born up to and including 2014 will be registered free of charge, 2015 & 2016 born heifers will be charged at the under one year price. If you do not have a registered prefix but would like to take advantage of this offer, please contact Melissa, to check the criteria.

**Changes will also take place to the registration prices for females effective for heifers born from 1 June 2017, for the 2017/18 Herd Book (2017 born animals).**

As the Ace Herd is no longer in operation, all members who have a lifetime registration agreement with the Association will no longer be able to register heifers free of charge. Those members will roll automatically onto a standing order system, based on the same month and breed content as their current lifetime agreement. As those registrations are started next season, affected members will receive a letter outlining these changes.

The **reduced** new registration prices for ALL heifers under one year of age will be as follows:

Up to 100 heifers	\$5.50 + GST
Over 100 heifers	\$3.50 + GST
Individually named	\$1.00 + GST additional (i.e. animals not named

on MINDA or MISTRO, but requiring a name to be added)

All prices for female animals over one year and males will remain the same. The 'under one year' price is applied up to 31 August in year after the animals birth year. Please note that the existing registration initiative (see above) will still apply until 31 August 2017.

*All Semayr sired heifers up to one year are eligible to be registered free of charge.*

The Herd Book for the 2016/17 period closes on Monday 31 August 2017. If you are NOT part of the standing order or lifetime registration system, please contact the office now to get your registrations underway and into this years Herd Book.

### **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

All membership subscription prices have been increased, for all existing members these prices will take effect from 1 April 2018. This will be the first subscription price increase since 2011.

Senior Membership	\$150.00 + GST
Associate Membership	\$85.00 + GST
Retired Membership	\$55.00 + GST
Junior Membership	\$55.00 + GST
Ordinary Membership	\$150.00 + GST

In a further alteration to the Ordinary Membership, any new memberships will now be \$2500.00 + GST for a five year tem reviewable on expiry. All other terms for this membership type will remain the same.

### **AYRSHIRE SIRES OF THE FUTURE**

To ensure the breed maintains its position as a breed of choice for New Zealand dairy farmers, we need to prove the bulls. And to do that, we need you!

The 2017 selection of Young Ayrshires are bred from a wide range of notable proven New Zealand and overseas sires, and consistent cow families. These young bulls represent a vibrant mix of genetics to improve BW, fertility and conformation for the Ayrshire breed.

- Free registration for all two year olds sired by Semayr Progeny Test bulls
- Free classification for all your two year olds, if at least 20% are sire by Semayr Progeny Test bulls
- Not available until spring mating. All orders subject to availability. If semen cannot be provided, LIC will contact you to arrange a replacement.
- Minimum 3 bulls and 20 straws in a Pak (equal quantities of each) Obtain the newest Ayrshire genetics and help improve our sires of the future!

To view the 2017 Semayr Breeding Services Ayrshire Young Bull Catalogue visit [www.ayrshire.org.nz](http://www.ayrshire.org.nz)

- PLEASE NOTE UPDATE: 517516 - Riverlea Shot Bo is an A1/A2 not A2/A2

ADDITIONAL BULLS: Please get your expressions of interest in now for the additional bulls.

REMINDER: Selecting Progeny Test Team 2018  
BULL CALVES WANTED

- diversity of pedigree
- proven sires within pedigree
- ancestry BW of 0 & higher
- production consistently above herd mates
- regular calvings
- above average conformation
- ancestry BVs for Fat & Protein

Please contact Pam Goodin on 07 856 0816 or pgoodin@ayrshire.org.nz with the birth identity of any bull calf for consideration for the 2018 PROGENY TEST TEAM by Friday 15 September 2017.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Board Nominations close - **31 July 2017**

Ayrshire Breeder Bull Sale nominations close - **20 August 2017**

Ayrshire Bulletin Booking deadline - **25 August 2017**

Registrations for Herd Book closes- **31 August 2017**

Ayrshire Bulletin Copy deadline - **1 September 2017**

Ayrshire Breeders Bull Sale - **18 September 2017**

Ayrshire Bulletin issued - **1 October 2017**

Semayr Board meeting - **3 October 2017**

Ayrshire Board meeting - **4 October 2017**

TOP applications close - **6 October 2017**

Herd Book issued - **31 October 2017**

North Island Championships (Bay of Islands) - **10 - 11 November 2017**

Production Register issued - **30 November 2017**

South Island Championships (Invercargill) - **3 March 2018**

### **LATEST NEWS**

#### **NOTICE OF MOTION AND REMITS**

At the recent Annual General Meeting, both Notices of Motion proposed by the Board were passed. These related to the Constitution of the Board, and the addition of a Disputes or Complaints Rule. The Rule Book will shortly be update and will be available on the website, with hard copies available from the office on request.

There were also two remits presented. The remit from the Bay of Plenty Ayrshire Club regarding Semayr was lost. The remit regarding the Constitution of the Board was passed. The Board will work on this recommendation over the coming months and the appropriate Notice of Motion will be presented to the 2018 AGM.

## **COMMITTEE POSITIONS**

Expressions of Interest are called for from members who would like to be considered for the outside Directors position on the Semayr Board, or as a member of the Youth Committee. Both Semayr and the Youth Committee have two co-opted Directors, one of whom is re-elected each year.

Please contact the office by 1 September to register your interest.

## **SPECIAL AWARDS**

Ayrshire New Zealand Special Awards made at the 2017 Annual Conference.

Bell Booth Achiever Award - CHRIS GREEN & TIM GREEN  
Bell Booth Achiever Award - ANDREW THOMSON  
Distinguished Member Award - CHERYL FORD  
Graeme Knight Memorial Trophy - HILARY JANE  
Robert McIntosh Award - IMOGEN STEINER  
Glengordon Trophy - DAVID ACKERMANN

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## **ALLTECH ALL NEW ZEALAND PHOTO COMPETITION 2017**

Class 1 Two Year Olds  
Stenvale Sweet Sheri ET- Jamie Baxter

Class 2 Three Year Olds  
Sunshine Reality Debbie - Sunshine Ayrshires

Class 3 Four & Five Year Olds  
Carmelglen Jerrie - A R Thomson

Class 4 Six Years & Over  
Brookview Jubbas Lot - V & S Steiner

Class 5 Herd Scene  
Pete McFall

Class 6 Yearling Heifers  
Atlantic Dream Pandora ET - S Leech

Class 7 Heifer Calves  
Aotearoa TSB Bella ET - Graeme Leech

## **AYRSHIRE NZ SCENIC PHOTO COMPETITION 2017**

Most creative or picturesque scenic shots of Ayrshires, Ayrshire herds, groups of daughters or any other photo promoting Ayrshire cattle in New Zealand. Rules/entry printed in the Autumn Bulletin.

Winner - V K & S L Steiner

For full results of both photo competitions see the website [www.ayrshire.org.nz](http://www.ayrshire.org.nz) or the upcoming Spring Bulletin.

## SALES BRIEF

### CRUSADER CONFERENCE SALE RESULTS

18 lots averaged \$2786  
1 cow \$3100  
In calf heifers \$3516  
Yearling heifers \$2359  
Lot 1 \$5000 Diarmid & Kathy Somerville  
Lot 2 \$2000 Gordon Glentworth  
Lot 3b \$3800 Gavin Travers  
Lot 4 \$3100 Danny & Kylee Perrett  
Lot 5 \$2200 Bonacord Farm  
Lot 6 \$3000 Danny & Kylee Perrett  
Lot 7 \$5100 Chris & Pauline Prattley  
Lot 8 \$3300 Bonacord Farm  
Lot 9 \$2300 Brimar Trust  
Lot 11 \$1600  
Lot 12 \$1800 Gavin Travers  
Lot 13 \$1200  
Lot 14 \$2200 Diarmid & Kathy Somerville  
Lot 15 \$3650 Alex Young  
Lot 16 \$1600 Willmor Pastures Ltd  
Lot 17 withdrawn  
Lot 18 \$2500  
Lot 19 \$3000 David Ackermann  
Lot 20 \$2900

### WORLD PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

The World Ayrshire Federation Photo Competition is now live on their website  
<http://www.worldayrshirefederation.com/contest/>.

Voting closes on 13 July, so take a look and get your votes in.

### 2020 World Ayrshire Conference – Australia

The dates for the next World Ayrshire Conference will be 12-30 January 2020 in Australia. For more information check out the website <http://australianayrshire.com.au/whats-happening/2020-world-ayrshire-conference/>

### NOTIFICATIONS

More and more we are able to contact members electronically via e-mail. The two major changes over the past few months have been the Ayrwaves newsletter and more recently your accounts. We try to use the method preferred by each member, so if you wish to change your method please contact the office. You will not be receiving anything electronically if we don't have your e-mail address, so please ensure that this is up to date with us. Electronic notification is now the simplest, quickest and least expensive way for us to contact you. But the choice is always yours, so give us a call.

### Ayrshire New Zealand

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# *AYRSHIRE BREEDERS BULL SALE*

**Monday 18th September 2017**

**MORRINSVILLE SALEYARDS, MORRINSVILLE**

Service age and sized bulls up to 3 year old, semen and embryos are eligible

All bulls must be registrable with Ayrshire NZ. Those bulls born from Embryo Transfer must be DNA parent verified and all entries must be BVD tested negative prior to the sale.

All entries must comply with National TB, Nait and Lifetime identification standards.

Entries are being called now and close  
20<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

Email your bull Id's or 3GPs to:  
[b.robinson1@xtra.co.nz](mailto:b.robinson1@xtra.co.nz)

Enquiries to Brian Robinson Livestock Ltd  
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