



Welcome to the October issue of the Ayrwaves. The grass is finally growing in most parts of the country, and while economically there are tough times for many members, there does seem to be an air of growing optimism in the industry.

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### OUTREACH PROGRAMME

All Ayrshire New Zealand membership details have now been incorporated into a customer relationship programme operated by Jersey NZ. Benefits include:

- allowing all staff to access a one-stop-shop for membership across all three Associations
- the ability to produce Ayrshire customised banner style e-mails to members
- the ability to customise member requirements for publications

If you don't currently receive e-mails from us, we don't have your e-mail address. Please give us a call so that we can update your records.

### ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2016

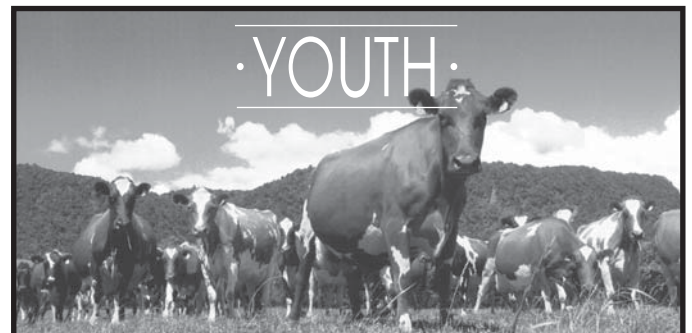
Save the dates now! 7-10 June 2016 hosted by the Bay of Plenty Ayrshire Club at the Sudima Hotel, Rotorua. The AGM will be held on Friday 10 June.

### SWEDISH RED BULLS

Two new Swedish Red bulls have recently been approved for use as Ayrshire sires, meaning that their progeny can be registered as Ayrshire. They are 51 5568 VR Manstorp Ullimulli Ultimo and VR Manstorp Womtorp Wand (99663/SWR).

### WORLD AYRSHIRE CONFERENCE 2016

The World Ayrshire Conference will be held from 20 Sept - 9 Oct 2016 in the USA. If you are planning to attend, please contact Donald Green [glenmorefarm@xtra.co.nz](mailto:glenmorefarm@xtra.co.nz) or the office.



### YOUTH COMMITTEE

The Youth Committee for 2015/16 is made up of Donald Green, Vince Steiner, Pam Goodin, David Ackermann and Courtney Davies. Audrey Stevenson is also co-opted to assist with the Ayrshire seminar.

### YOUTH ACHIEVER COMPETITION

It's not too late to enter the Youth Achiever competition and earn great cash prizes for Ayrshire and show activities. Register online at [www.ayrshire.org.nz](http://www.ayrshire.org.nz)

### AYRSHIRE SEMINAR 2016

Following another successful Seminar in Waikato in April, the next Ayrshire Seminar will take place in Southland in April 2016. Dates will be available by Christmas, look out for more information in coming months. If you are aged 18-30 start planning now to join us.

### AYRSHIRE YOUTH SUCCESS

The Greenlane and Fredrickson Trophies were recently competed for at the South Island Championships at Ellesmere. In the Greenlane Trophy for Junior Young Handlers, Emily Instone of Stoneleigh Ayrshires, Balclutha, was the winner for the third time. In the Fredrickson Trophy for Senior Young Handler, the winner was Luke Instone (Retro Ayrshires, Balclutha) also for the third time, with Sarah Greig (Sarbec Ayrshires, Leeston) in second and Samuel King (Sandbrook Ayrshires, Christchurch) in third place.

At the Royal Show in Hastings in late October, Hannah Lawson (Starshine Ayrshires, Bulls) and Courtney Davies (Inca Ayrshires, Albany) placed first and second in the Young Handlers section, and Courtney also placed second in the National Dairy Judging Final, representing Northern Districts.



**NZ DAIRY EVENT**  
**27-29 Jan 2016**

Schedule and entry forms now available

**[www.nzdairyevent.com](http://www.nzdairyevent.com)**

Entries close 29 November 2015

## dates to remember

### november

- 11 Kiteroa Annual Sale, Ohaupo
- 30 Production Register issued

### december

- 5 North Island Champs - Tokoroa
- 23 Office closes for Christmas break

### january

- 5 Office re-opens
- 23-26 National All Breeds Youth Camp
- 27-29 NZ Dairy Event, Feilding
- 30 Autumn Show Points Shield - Rotorua

### february

- 19 Bulletin advertising bookings close
- 26 Bulletin advertising material

## BULL REGISTRATIONS /DNA COLLECTION

It's not too late to register to have your bull calves DNA profiled prior to registration as part of this years TOP schedule. You don't have to be taking part in TOP to register, contact Pam for more information.

## E-REGISTRATION

e-Registration forms are available on the website or from the office for your 2015 born calves. If you are involved with the lifetime registration programme, don't worry as your calves will be registered automatically.

## HERD BOOK / PRODUCTION REGISTER

For those members who receive a Herd Book, this is included with this mailout. If you don't receive a Herd Book, but would like to, please contact Pam Goodin. The Herd Book is free for senior members only, all other members pay \$18.50 incl GST.

The Production Register will be sent out at the end of November. Once again, if you don't receive this but would like to please contact Pam. The Production Register costs \$18.50 incl GST for all members.

## SHOW SEASON

All members are reminded that when showing they are representing the Ayrshire breed and are asked to dress and behave accordingly. Please also remember to send us in your show photographs for inclusion in publications.

## semen | for sale

on a/c of client

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| 61772  | Kilfennan Challenge  | 20 straws |
| 500533 | Valendale Blaze      | 30        |
| 502517 | Semayr Pahill Blade  | 50        |
| 504518 | Semayr Belbrae Peter | 50        |

\$15.00 + GST per straw | normal despatch fees will apply

Please contact Pam Goodin to order  
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## SALES BRIEFS

Ayrshire Breeders Bull Sale, Morrinsville, 21 September 2015. 27 lots averaged \$1770. Top priced bull was Pen oak Bonny Cobra, a yearling bull sired by Salt Spray Bonny George out of Pen oak Honeycomb, V6-B, with a BW of 85. Cobra was purchased by Pekatahi Ayrshires, Whakatane for \$2,850.

## HERD TEST DATES

Members are reminded that the Production Credibility Policy allows no more than 75 days between herd tests for herds to be eligible to win production awards, and all Herd Tests must be pm/am tests. All members are asked to check their scheduled herd test dates, and if necessary change them, to allow their herd to remain eligible.

## SEMAYR UPDATE

Alastair Thomson has stood down from the Semayr Board following 28 years of service, we thank Alastair for his loyal service and contribution to the selection of young bulls for the future of the breed. Peter McFall (Greenlane Ayrshires, Tahuna) will replace Alastair as the outside Director for a two year term. He is also joined by David Ackermann (Musica Ayrshires, Leeston) and Michael Booth (Thornton Park Ayrshires, Palmerston North) as co-opted members of the Semayr Board.

A total of 14 young bulls have been selected for the 2016 Ayrshire Progeny Test Team, with an average BW of 111 (as at selection). Sires of the young bulls include Isabro, Andrei, Elvis, Mustang and Hughie.

For the first time another small group of young bulls (4-5) will also be marketed. The selection emphasis with this group of bulls is on alternate bloodlines with good breeding values.

Young bull semen from the 2015 Progeny Test Team is almost sold out - get your last orders in now so you don't miss out!



## SHAREMILKING OR LEASE OPPORTUNITY REQUIRED

We are still on the lookout for a 50/50 sharemilking contract or lease farm for the 2016/17 season. Any size position or location considered.

If you are aware of any opportunities, please contact your local Director or Gordon Glentworth on 06 764 6704.