



Southern Tablelands Murray Grey Group

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Southern Tablelands Group holds their AGM

Twenty members of the Southern Tablelands Murray Grey Group attended the Annual General Meeting held on 16 August 2006. In his report, Group President, Roger McIntosh, reviewed the previous year.

The second On Farm Challenge was very successful. A total of 75 entries were received from 11 members. The most successful exhibitor was Shellgardi stud of Rochelle & Gary Joyce and Gary & Diane Prattley. Congratulations to Shellgardi. Roger publicly thanked our judge, Jeff House, DPI Forbes for his contribution and particularly for his very constructive comments at the Presentation Night. Thanks also again to Betty Collis for her effort in organizing a very good venue. A most enjoyable night was had by all.

We went in conjunction with the Mid West group to have a sale at the Forbes Livestock Exchange with the season (or the lack of) being very much against us. Good numbers in all categories were obtained after much effort from the committee and the agents. Commercial section went strongly, probably \$100 stronger than most sales at that time. Studs females sold well but the bulls were very tough. The agents felt that we needed more bull to attract a bigger group of bull buyers. Roger expressed his thanks to the sale committee, especially the secretary Peter Batten and agent Tom Campbell. The committee has already set a date for next year's sale, the 24th May 2007.

Secretary/Treasurer, Rod Hoare, reported on the Group's finances. The group has 35 financial members and finished the year with \$3,000 in the bank.

Roger and Rod were elected unopposed to continue in their positions.

At the General Meeting that followed the AGM, the group had a report from Group member and Society Board member, Glenn Oag, on current issues affecting the Society.

The Group resolved to form a Promotions Subcommittee. Membership is Rochelle Joyce, Glenn Oag, Annette Fairall, David Llewellyn, Rod Hoare and Roger McIntosh.

Guest speaker, Helena Warren from DPI Goulburn, explained what financial incentives were available for improving grazing management from the Catchment Management Authorities.

The Group resolved to have a display at the Crookwell Allround Cattle Expo on Saturday, 28 October 2005. The group is also giving a trophy for the best pen of purebred steers (any breed). Group members were encouraged to enter cattle in the led and unled classes.

The Group is organising a Junior Handlers school on 21 & 22 October at Crookwell. Kerry Sutherland is to do the course instruction. Students over 15 will get credits for TAFE courses etc. TAFE certificate students limited to 20 and these will be subsidised. For other participants the indicative fee is \$60. Numbers of other students is not limited. Those interested please contact Glenn Oag 02 63851121.

The 2006 On Farm Challenge inspections are scheduled for 11 & 12 November and 18 & 19 November 2006. Presentation Night and group Christmas function will be held at Yass, Saturday, 9 December.

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