

South Australian Breed Promotion Group tours Kangaroo Island

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After the amalgamation of the Adelaide and South East Murray Grey Breed Promotion Groups, the South Australia Murray Grey Breed Promotion Group has spent the last four years travelling around the state for the purpose of holding the groups AGM.

In the process of doing this they have selected locations that will not only be of interest for the members of the group to see but also incorporate being able to visit and inspect the stud and commercial breeders that reside in that area, and other areas of interest to the group.

Thirty years ago the Adelaide breed promotion group visited Kangaroo Island to see studs and commercial properties. This year the S.A. Murray Grey Breed Promotional Group returned to Kangaroo Island for their 2006 Annual General Meeting.

With a group of twenty adults and eleven children the weekend started at Quentin and Cheryl Wilson's place in Penneshaw, the home of the oldest South Australian Murray Grey stud, "Yakilo". Whilst there some excellent cattle were observed including progeny of Lindsey Rip Curl R82.

From there the group proceeded to Barry and Margaret Howard's property, where the group inspected a large but very good quality commercial herd.

After leaving Penneshaw the group ventured to American River for lunch stopping in at Pennington Bay to take in some beautiful scenery. The group enjoyed a lovely lunch on the seashore of American River, after which they proceeded to Parndana, stopping along the way to see the birthplace of Arki Murray Grey stud, which started in 1973.



SABPG members kids enjoying the tour.



Time out: looking for crabs instead of cattle

The A.G.M meeting was held at the Parndana Community Centre with the following positions being filled, President - Nigel Eylward, Vice president - Ian O'loan, Secretary - Sharon Randell, Treasurer - Denise Fabris, Promotion Officers - Gina Eylward and Anthony Fabris.

The group then enjoyed a lovely dinner and social night at the Parndana community centre with stud and commercial members from the island joining the group.

Sunday saw the group up early to do some site seeing on the islands north coast including Stokes Bay, where the kids (big and small alike) enjoyed climbing over the rocks looking for

crabs. From there the next location for looking at was Snelling Beach, where the kids had great fun trying to uncover an old tractor buried in the sand.

Gerald and Barbara Paxton's place at Harriett was the group's next stop. Home of the Tirranna Murray Grey stud, the group enjoyed a BBQ lunch followed by an excellent look around quality animals and very informative talk by Gerald about farming practices on Kangaroo Island. Some of the quality animals on display were Arki and Kenton bloodlines.

After enjoying a very good weekend the group is now looking forward to next year's AGM – Tour which will be held at Hahndorf in the Adelaide hills.