

Information on Mid North Coast [NSW] Group

- This Group is a Mid North Coast of NSW **social and educational group**, seeking to promote Murray Grey Beef Cattle.
- The Group has members ranging from those with a life-time of cattle experience to those who have recently bought acres and their first cattle. The “catchment” area for the Group is from Bulahdelah and Gloucester in the south to Coffs Harbour in the north.
- The Group has **On-Farm Days on weekends every few months**, where it gathers in a social setting on members’ properties.
- **Visitors are always welcome** to attend these On-Farm Days. It is a great opportunity for those who may not know much about this breed of cattle - or cattle generally - to get up close and to ask questions.
- An On-Farm Day is an **ideal venue for people who have bought a property and who are thinking of buying some cattle**, but who are daunted by the process and feel that they would benefit from some knowledgeable, free, support.
- **A typical On-Farm Day** runs like this: Members come from a broad area of the Mid North Coast and converge on the property of one of the members who has volunteered to host that particular day. The Group has morning tea together while the numbers build up. They then have a short meeting to make administrative arrangements. A Farm Walk and Lunch follow. Sometimes a guest speaker will provide information on a related subject of general interest.
- The **Farm Walk** provides the opportunity to examine the cattle, to discuss issues regarding them, to discuss pasture matters, to talk about the pros and cons of facilities for handling the cattle, to ask questions etc.
- The **bring-your-own-picnic lunch** provides the opportunity to share knowledge, ideas and experiences, to catch up with friends and to meet new ones over food and wine or a beer.
- The venue of an On-Farm Day also provides the opportunity for making contact with members from different parts of the Mid North Coast who may have **cattle for sale straight from the paddock**. Members of the Group range from large-scale commercial and stud breeders to those who breed just a few cattle for the interest.
- There is **no charge for attending** the Group’s On-Farm Days.
- Anyone interested in attending should contact the Group’s **President, Peter Watson** [02-6558 8116] or **Secretary, John Woodford** [02-6558 9055].