



The 2014 Woodbourn Murray Grey Youth Ambassador Awards

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The 2014 Woodbourn Murray Grey Youth Ambassador/ Development Awards 27TH -29TH April, Wodonga

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- **Win** a 6 week trip to **TEXAS, USA!** Study with the Texas A&M Livestock judging team and travel the United States
- **Win** the **S KIDMAN & CO** work experience award, 2 weeks on Morney Plains station in the Windorah channel country, home to more than 12,000 cattle including the industry leading Murray Grey composite bull breeding program.
 - **Win \$1000** towards a heifer
- **Win** a trip to the **SA Junior Heifer Expo** or to the **Dubbo National All Breeds Show**
 - Become the associate judge at the NS&S 2015
 - More than **\$8000** of cash and prizes up for grabs

Entries close March 21ST 2014



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~ Entry Information~

The Woodbourn MGY Ambassador Awards are a must for all keen young beef cattle enthusiasts who wish to build upon their knowledge and skills within the beef industry, as well as having the desire to further advance their personal and professional development. We believe that the Woodbourn MGY Ambassador Awards allows for the education and encouragement of our youth, providing an opportunity for youth to become active and enthusiastic participants within the beef industry. Throughout the duration of the Woodbourn MGY Ambassador Awards competition, participants will be placed in various situations which require each individual to perform and carry out various tasks to the best of their ability. During this time participants are judged on their willingness to participate and get involved, as well as their ability to show initiative and good overall personal character. Competitors in the Woodbourn MGY Ambassador Awards competition will participate in activities which will include public speaking, attending an interview, visit related industries on a field trip and listen to guest speaker's talk on industry specific subjects. In addition, participants will also be involved in various tasks throughout the event in relation to the show and sale.

The 2014 Woodbourn Murray Grey Youth Ambassador competition will be held over the duration of the 27th, 28th and 29th of April in conjunction with the Murray Grey National Show and Sale.

Who is the Ambassador?

The role and responsibility of the Ambassador is to act as a representative for the Murray Grey Breed and the Murray Grey Youth Group. It is expected that the Ambassadors will do their best to promote the Murray Grey Breed as well as play an important role in developing the strengths of the Murray Grey Youth.

Who makes a good Ambassador?

- ~A person who is motivated.
- ~A person who shows excellent communication skills.
- ~A person who shows self confidence.
- ~A person who wishes to pursue a career in agriculture and or the beef industry.
- ~A person who has a strong interest in the Murray Grey Breed.
- ~A person who has an interest in contributing to the Murray Grey Youth Group.
- ~A person who has knowledge of the beef industry.
- ~A person who is knowledgeable about Australia and current affairs.



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Major prizes are awarded to both Junior and Senior Participants

Senior Awards (18 – 25years) (a minimum of 3 competitors require)

1st Prize – **The Woodbourn Murray Grey Youth National Ambassador (Senior)** will receive return economy airfares to College Station, Texas, USA. The recipient will also be awarded \$2000 towards spending costs while being hosted at Texas A&M university, one of the leading agricultural facilities in the world. The recipient will be required to study 2 subjects from the animal science or livestock production field of subjects on offer. The opportunity to be part of the Texas A&M livestock judging team will also be available which includes travel through the United States and exposure to industry leading cattle operations. Full detail listed in the attached document for the senior ambassador prize. Preferred dates would commence in mid January 2013.

2nd Prize – **The Woodbourn Murray Grey Youth National Ambassador Runner Up**
The S Kidman & Co Morney Plains outback experience will be awarded to the recipient of the Runner up ambassador prize. The prize includes return economy travel to Morney Plains Station, QLD. While on Morney Plains S Kidman & Co will cover full board. Morney plains is more than 6,000 Sq KM and run more than 12,000 cattle including a Murray Grey, Tuli, Charolais, Brahman breeding program which is called the Coolibah. Consideration will be given to a person than is competent on a horse or motorbike in some instances. The prize is for two weeks and may be flexible depending on station duties and season.

Junior Awards (13 - under 18 years)

1st Prize – **The Woodbourn Murray Grey Youth Junior Ambassador**

This prize includes entry, an animal to use for the length of the show and all gear supplied to one of Australia's premiere heifer shows. Dubbo National All Breeds Heifer Show is run annually in September and the South Australian Junior Heifer Expo is in July. Contact Murray grey Youth for more details.

2nd Prize – **The Woodbourn Murray Grey Youth Junior Ambassador Runner Up**
\$300 Farmers Mailbox Vouchers



Special Awards

All entrants are eligible for the following awards

The MGY Future Murray Grey Breeder Encouragement Award; Value \$1,000

(Sponsored by Breed Promotion Groups and Murray Grey Youth)

This prize is open to all competitors. The recipient of this prize will receive a \$1,000 from the Murray Grey Youth towards to purchase of a stud Murray Grey animal or genetics of your choice. It will be expected that the recipient will acknowledge how the prize will be used prior to payment being made. To apply for this award, competitors are required to write a short essay/letter explaining why they should win and how they intend to use this prize to develop a MG herd. This prize is open to new breeders or children of established herds. The application should take into account the following:

- ~ How you will use this to establish a new breeding herd or improve an existing Murray Grey herd.
- ~ How you will look after any animal you purchase, describing your breeding objectives and the selection criteria that you will use to source an animal or genetics.
- ~ Where any animal or genetics will live or be stored.

The Elizabeth Fields Murray Grey Stud Junior Judging Award

The Junior Judging award is to be assessed by a mutual over judge selected prior to the event by the MGY committee. It is expected that the correct placing of animals can contribute 50% of the total points followed by 50% reasons.

1st prize - \$100

2nd prize - \$75

3rd prize - \$50

In addition to the prize awarded to the winner of the Junior Judging award, the winner will also be invited back to the National Show & Sale as the Associate Judge, in the following year.

The Associate Judge may receive an allowance of up to but not exceeding \$250 to help cover travel expenses, such as flights or fuel, that they may incur. Receipts relating to travel to the National Show & Sale must be provided to the MGBCS before any allowance is paid. Shared accommodation will be offered for up to two nights with the MGY Ambassador Entrants. If this is not suitable then the Associate Judge is free to make alternative arrangements. Any other costs incurred by the Associate judge are the responsibility of the individual, however we believe that this offers an excellent opportunity to commence a judging career and to gain valuable experience under a well recognized judge.



Conditions of entry

*** By signing this entry form you agree to abide by the following conditions of entry**

1. Competitor registration will be on Sunday the 27th April at 12-00 noon at the Blazing Stump Hotel in the dining room.
2. Participants are **NOT** required to be financial members of the Murray Grey Beef Cattle Society either as a Junior or Youth member.
3. Participants must pay an entry fee of \$120 made payable to the Murray Grey Youth upon receipt of entry. Late entries will be excepted until 14days after close of entries at a charge of an extra \$50 per entry.
4. Participants are required to attend the full ambassador program, including the 2014 National Show and Sale.
5. Participants are allowed to compete in the Murray Grey Youth National Ambassador competition as many times as they like. Senior Ambassadors cannot win the Senior Ambassador Award more than once.
6. Entries must be received **NO LATER THAN 21st March 2014** submitting a nomination form together with relevant documents.
7. Competitors will have dinner on the 27th supplied by the MGY and breakfast, lunch and dinner on the 28th, breakfast and lunch on the 29th supplied by MGY. **ONLY** competitors will have dinner during the official National Show and Sale dinner supplied and paid for by the Murray Grey Youth as well as any present committee. Drinks, snacks and any extra meals at any time outside of the MGY supplied meals must be purchased at the competitors own cost. A variety of foods will be available at each meal time, if any allergies exist please make sure the correct protocols are taken in meal selection.
8. Accommodation will be provided as part of the entry fee, the accommodation is at the Blazing stump hotel on a shared basis for every competitor and select live in parents for the night of the 27th and 28th to be covered in the entry fee. Rooms will be required to be vacated after this so if needing to stay please advise the MGY committee and make arrangements to stay for yourself with motel management, accommodation outside of the 27th – 28th April will be purchased at the competitors expense. Murray Grey Youth committee involved with organizing the 2014 event will be offered accommodation for one night before and after the event courtesy of the MGY, this accommodation may still be provided on a shared basis to reduce costs. No meals without permission are to be booked to accommodation rooms.



Judging Criteria

Participants will be judged on the suitability to act as an Ambassador for the Murray Grey Breed and contribute to the Murray Grey Youth Group. The judging criteria used will assess the participant's ability to interact and liaise with members and associates of the Murray Grey Society, their personal character and confidence, their participation and initiative shown in events and their social behavior.

Participants are required to participate in all activities set for the 2014 Ambassador Awards. All Senior competitors will be required to attend an interview during the event and make a presentation to the judging panel.

The interview panel will be made up of male and female interviewers including a representative of the Murray Grey Beef Cattle Society, a previous ambassador, state representative, a sponsor of the program and a stud breeder.

CV and cover letter /100

Interview and Presentation (Senior Ambassador only) /70

Assignment (Junior Ambassador only) /70

Participation & Attitude /50

Personal Presentation/30

Junior Judging/50

Quiz/ 50

Overall suitability/ 50

PLEASE REMEMBER TO ATTACH ALL NECESSARY FORMS AND AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF YOUR ENTRY WILL BE SENT OUT TO YOU WITH A DRAFT PROGRAM OF EVENTS AND DISCUSSION TOPICS RELATIVE TO YOUR ENTRY.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ENTRY.

SUE POWE.

MG Youth coordinator.



Entry Details

Complete **ALL** forms attached to this application and completed CV.

All senior competitors are required to make a 5 minute presentation during the interview on one of 3 topics which will be forwarded to you on receipt of entry.

A written one page report on one of the three topics must also be submitted. The written report must be on a separate topic than the presentation. Microsoft PowerPoint facilities will be made available for the presentation.

Intermediate competitors are to submit 1 copy of a 1 page essay on a topic from one of the three topics which will be forwarded to you on receipt of your entry.

Participants will be given a name badge which they must wear at all times during the competition.

MGY t- shirt

Participants in the 2014 National MGY Ambassador competition will be provided with one MGY T Shirt. Participants must indicate the size they need on the nomination form and may keep the t- shirt after the event.

Suitable Clothing

We advise all participants to pack suitable clothing for this event, including jeans, shirts, jumpers, jacket, hat, sunscreen and enclosed shoes or boots for being around livestock. And neat tidy clothing for evening events. Please remember to bring own toiletries etc.

First Aid and Response to Emergencies

If an emergency or incident should occur during a planned activity, an appropriate course of action will take place, and participants will be expected to respond accordingly. *All injuries, accidents and incidents must be reported to the National MGY event organisers.* Participants will be required to attend an Induction session at the commencement of the 2014 Woodbourn Ambassador Awards to further detail procedures in case of an emergency. MGY will carry at all times a St Johns First Aid Kit. Please see a MGY Committee Member, National MGY Co-ordinator or nominated volunteers if you require assistance.

Behaviour

Disruptive and or unacceptable behaviour from participants will not be tolerated and the MGY Committee and the National MGY Co-ordinator reserves the right to take whatever action is deemed necessary to deal with any behavioural problems. Alcohol may be consumed by participants over 18 years of age **only at meal times**, when and where deemed appropriate as indicated by the MGY committee and the Co-ordinator.



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No Alcohol shall be kept at accommodation facilities designated for participants for the duration of the National MGY Ambassador Competition.

Travel expenses

Participants are required to pay for all travel expenses to and from the competition held at Wodonga. However early entry and notification from people seeking assistance with travel, effort will be made to assist the competitor attending the event via other members and entrants.



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Entry Information

Competitor Name:

Date of Birth: / /

Address:

State: Postcode:

Home phone: Fax:

Mobile: Email:

Competitor Signature:

I have read, understood and agree to abide by the Conditions of Entry.

T-Shirt Size: Child: 12 14 16 (Please circle your size requirement)

Adult: S M L XL

Give brief details of your Cattle Handling history:

Parent/ Guardian (If entrant under 18 years of age)

Parent / Guardian Name:

Address:

State: Postcode:

Please indicate 24hr phone contact for the duration of the 2014 event

Home phone: Fax:

Mobile: Email:

Parent / Guardian Signature if under 18:

I have read, understood and agree to abide by the Conditions of Entry.



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I (participant 18yrs+) (parent / guardian) understand that whilst all reasonable precautions will be taken by the MGY and NS&S committee to ensure the safety of all attendees, by signing this form I agree to indemnify the Murray Grey Youth Committee and the National Show and Sale committee against any claim resulting from any accident or sickness that may occur at the event or associated with the event. I give Murray Grey Youth consent to reproduce his / her (as named above) photography in newsletters and / or newspaper publications. The material may appear in printed or electronic form and may be available to a global audience on the World Wide Web. I authorize the use or reproduction of the photography by Murray Grey Youth for promotion purposes without acknowledgement and without being entitled to payment. The copyright ownership of the photography will be retained by Murray Grey Youth and the photographer. I understand that if I wish to withdraw this authorisation, it will be my responsibility to inform Murray Grey Youth.

Signature: Date:

Volunteers

The Murray Grey Youth Committee relies heavily on the assistance of parents and friends to make the awards run smoothly. We strongly encourage parents and friends to stay at the Blazing Stump motel get involved in the program wherever possible. The skills and experience of all volunteers are an asset to the event we would greatly appreciate any help you would be able to provide this year.

Name(s):

Contact number:

Field Trip

For the purpose of the field trip the MGY committee may rely on volunteers of the event to help provide transport to and from the event. Although travelling in private cars of committee and volunteers is done with the upmost care we acknowledge your consent to travel in a privately owned motor vehicle.

I.....give permission for (I/ my son/daughter) to travel via private care to or from the field trip during the duration of the 2014 awards.



Medical Information

Surname: Given Names:

Address:

TOWN: State: Postcode:

Home phone: Mobile:

Contact 1 (must be aged over 18 years)

Name:

Phone: Relationship to participant:

Contact 2 (must be aged over 18 years)

Name:

Phone: Relationship to participant:

Medicare No: Health Care Card:

Private Health Fund: Policy No / Reference:

Ambulance Cover:

Name of family doctor:

Address:

Phone:

Does the participant suffer from any of the following? Please provide relevant details.

Medical Condition: Yes No

Allergy (please specify)

If Yes, please specify:

Allergy type: Reaction:

Medication / treatment:

Asthma / other breathing disorder

If Yes, please specify:

Management plan:

Medication:



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Epilepsy (mild / severe)

Fainting / dizzy spells

Date of last tetanus injection:

Heart Problems

Blood pressure

Any other information, eg special dietary requirements:

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Entry Fees

Entry fee to the 2014 event is **\$120** made payable via cheque to **MURRAY GREY YOUTH**. Cheques to be posted with entries to

**Murray Grey Youth Ambassador Competition
Agricultural Business Research Institute
c/- University of New England
Armidale NSW 2351**

Ensure all required forms are attached when posting application

Contact

For further information please contact one of the following MGY:

Chairperson: Brooke Crowell

Email brooke.crowell@live.com

Co-Ordinator: Sue Powe

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Or like us on facebook to chat to any of our youth members.