



New thinking

Beef growers deliver results

Sean and Jodi Brosnahan entered the Food Producer awards hoping to get some feedback. The judges told them exactly what they thought of their product in declaring them supreme winners. They told Richard Rennie what they are doing and why.

INNING the inaugural New Zealand Food Producer supreme award has put a humble East Coast couple well on the radar of every food writer and beef connoisseur in the country, ticking all the boxes for provenance, quality and taste

Sean and Jodi Brosnahan farm 2600ha in the Waikura Valley on East Cape and admited they were as surprised as anyone at winning the inaugural awards they entered largely to gain some feedback from judges.

Their Absolute Angus Porterhouse was named alongside seven category winners from horticulture, aquaculture, cheesemaking, butchery and premium artisan products.

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Sean Brosnahan

Farmer

"We never expected a win. "For us, selling our meat direct to customers was a way to reconnect with consumers.

"We were looking for more feedback and we were blown away to learn we had won it," Sean said.

The former stock agent and his dietician wife took over the lease of Maori trust blocks in the valley in 2009 and moved onto the property five years ago

The Brosnahans had been building up their Angus stud Resurgam Angus over the past 20 years, aiming for purely Scottish bloodlines with no United States genetics.

"We have the philosophy that to produce high quality meat you need fat on it and through it.

"We get figures for our marbling that indicate our cattle are not highly marbled but everyone who buys our meat tells me the taste is fantastic," he said.

In the quest for leaner, longer carcases Brosnahan believes the breed has risked losing sight of what consumers wanted in terms

It was a desire to reconnect with consumers that compelled the couple to start selling their beef through Bay of Plenty butcher Garth Bostock near Tauranga and in collaboration with him they went to online selling late last

Brosnahan said the spot nature of market prices for beef made for unnerving budgeting for dry stock farmers and taking ownership of the marketing and retail seemed a better way to try to tie some certainty into pricing for farm income.

"Farm costs are continually rising and farmers are not making a lot more revenue wise.

"I spent time travelling through Angus feed lots and farms in the US and came back convinced our pasture fed beef deserved to be promoted more than it has been. granted. It's a big deal in the US." I think we have just taken it for

While it was still early days for the online business, Brosnahan hoped to build business volume, capturing more beef supply from clients around NZ who had invested in his genetics over the

"But we are also conscious we don't want to lose sight of us being a niche brand."

The couple were also market-ing hogget and lamb cuts

sourced from their Perendale

Competition organiser Nicola McConnell said the objective of the contest was to try to better highlight the efforts of primary producers to strive for highquality, consumer-focused food products.

Other winners in the competition included a strong emphasis on meat and milk, with Jersey Girl organic whole milk taking out the dairy section primary award and Whitestone Cheese Company winning the outstanding dairy crafted award with its Vintage Windsor Blue

Cloudy Bay Clams won the

aquaculture award and Prodigal Daughter Sicilian sausages the crafted producer award.

"There are other food awards going but some are intended more for processed, packaged products made on a large scale and we are trying to highlight the efforts small-scale, artisan producers are making."

Better connectivity and internet services were resulting in a "democratisation" of the retail supply chain.

Producers were not only taking responsibility for processing their products but selling them direct and retaining more of the value they had worked to build.

There was a lot of camaraderie

between the producers at this competition.

We can see a network forming with a community of people to help producers who know a lot about making a great product but

not as much about marketing it." McConnell was confident the competition would gather momentum with strong interest already in for next year's event.

"There is a healthy debate going on in NZ at the moment about value and volume.

"It has been easy to go down the volume route but that is not able to grow forever.

Achieving extra value over volume will help make production more sustainable," she said.



BENEFITS: Sean and Jodi **Brosnahan** the middleman from the beef operation which has allowed them to put fat on their ncial bones while getting the genetics right produce tasty





SUPREME WINNER - NZ LIFE & LEISURE **OUTSTANDING NZ FOOD PRODUCER**

Absolute NZ Meat, Absolute Angus, Porterhouse

Absolute Angus is the brand East Cape farmers Sean and Jodi Brosnahan developed for their pure NZ Angus stud, bred from the original Resurgam aberdeen-angus breed. Sean developed this pedigree herd over more than 20 years, using old-fashioned farming. Use of biological ferbiliser on the rolling hills creates good grass allowing cattle to be 100% grass fed and calves stay on their mothers for their first 10 months. This goodness and lack of stress grows meat richer in taste. Our judges raved about the flavour with one declaring it was a taste of her rural childhood.

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The Embassys

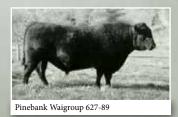
Resurgam Ngahere U407 has width, depth, fat cover and is also an easy doing sire. Ngahere has density as well and weighs like lead. He is leaving great females as well as bulls. His bull calves from a young age look bulls and are macho with it.



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Pinebank 1-80





Pinebank Waigroup 41/97



Resurgam Ngahare U407



PINEBANK WAIG S/93

PINEBANK WAIG 58/93 TUPURUPURU 838/86

PINEBANK 663/85

WAIMATA LADC78 WAIMATA H920

ATOMIC OF TURIROA XCEL OF KEN HARDT

RESURGAM SOUVENIR 5253 (ET)

WAIMATA LAD E230 01350 OF KENHARDT

PINEBANK WAIG 31/95

PINEBANK 639/88

Resurgam Ngahere U407's dam Resurgam Souvenir S253 is a full sister to Resurgam Waiotane S263 out of the widely used locally and internationally renowned sire Pinebank Waigroup 41/97.

Resurgam Souvenir S255 is a flush sister to Resurgam Souvenir S253 and we have retained a son Resurgam Mahuta X595 for use in our herd.

We used Ngahere as a yearling and his first set of calves are showing a lot of qualities that we are looking for in our cattle. Ngahere is out of a 1st calving heifer.

He is very well put together sire, with a good topline. Ngahere is a sire that exhibits a very Aberdeen Angus style and type. He has the truest Angus head of any sire we have used to date.



PINEBANK WAIGROUP 41/97

Resurgam Ngahere Y771 Son of Ngahere U407



D1350 of Kenhardt **Grand Dam**



The Embassys



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Pinebank Waigroup 41/97

Pinebank 1-80



Resurgam Ngahare U407



HerdBook# 20442002129

Tattoo 2129 | Born 4/09/2013

PINEBANK WAIGROUP 31/95 PINEBANK 639/88

WAIMATA E230 D1350 OF KENHARDT

WAIMATA E230

WAITAWHETA PIXIE 559

WAIMATA BORIS 904 G817 OF WAIMATA

Resurgam Ngahere A2129

RESURGAM NGAHERE U407 RESURGAM IDEAL T344

Resurgam Ngahere A2129 is a Ngahere U407 son out of a Waimata Lad E230 grand-daughter Resurgam Ideal T344. Ideal T344 was out of Waimata K1154 who was a foundation cow and had 12 natural progeny.

PINEBANK WAIGROUP 41/97

RESURGAM SOUVENIR S253

WAITAWHETA X47 WAIMATA K1154

Ngahere A 2129 combines Pinebank Waigroup 41/97 and Waimata E230 x 2.





Resurgam Z940



The Blu-prints

Resurgam Blu-print T368

is a sire who is adding depth, width (possibly the widest based sire we have), thickness and natural easy doing ability. T368 is a bull who just keeps putting on condition.





Wilson Downs Zenith





Waimata Blu-print G436



Resurgam Blu-print T368



Resurgam Blu-print Y813



RESURGAM BLU-PRINT P215

WAIMATA K1147

WAIMATA BLU-PRINT G436 E1420 OF KENHARDT

WAIMATA 1975

ATOMIC OF TURIROA XCEL OF KENHARDT

WAIMATA BLU-PRINT G436

TURIHAUA ROBUST C564 OF WAIMATA

MATAL 546

WAIMATA ROB 18 171 OF WAIMATA

WAIT OF WAIWHERO

Resurgam Blu-print T368 has Matai 546 in his pedigree 3 times. Matai 546 was a bloodline that we were looking for in our original heifers we purchased from Waimata Angus. T368's dam Waimata K1147 was the most direct link to Matai 546 in pedigree and typifies that quality of Matai cows that we found on our first visit to Waimata Angus. His sire Resurgam Blu-print P215 is the heaviest bull calf we have reared out of a 14 year old cow. T368 grand dam is E1420 of Kenhardt, a donor and out the best Pure NZ cow family from Kenhardt. Resurgam Bluprint T368 was used on commercial cows in his first season at Waitangihia Station and having seen his calves he was pulled into Stud duty thereafter. Blu-print T368 is a grandson of our foundation sire, Waimata Blu-print G436, who has left productive daughters that are doing a great job for us now.



Dam of Resurgam Blu-print T368





The Blu-prints

Resurgam Blu-print T813 is new text





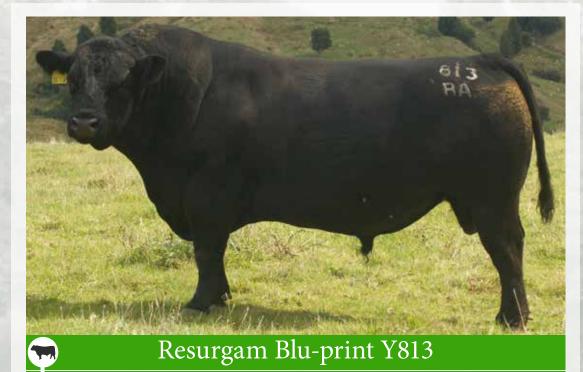
Wilson Downs Zenith











HerdBook# 20442007813 | Tattoo 813 | Born 31/08/2011

WAIMATA K1147

RESURGAM BLU-PRINT T368 RESURGAM MANDY U408 AB ET

PINEPARK WAIGROUP 41/97

E1420 OF KENHARDT RESURGAM BLU-PRINT P215

> WAIMATA ROB 18 171 OF WAIMATA

PINEPARK WAIGROUP 31/95 PINEPARK 639/88

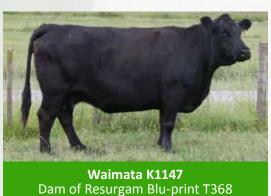
WAIMATA BLU-PRINT G436

HINGAIA 469 WAIHIHI 452

Resurgam Blu-print Y813 is by Resurgam Blu-print T368 who is 3 x Matai 546. On the Dam side Resurgam Mandy U408 AB ET is a Pinebank Waigroup 41/97 daughter out of a Hingaia Tex 469 daughter. Both Pinebank Waigroup 41/97 and Hingaia Tex 469 are very sort after bulls. Blu-print Y813 has developed into a very thick, strong headed bull with width and eye appeal. Waimata K1147 the dam of Resurgam Blu-print T368 was the most direct link to Matai 546 in pedigree and typifies that quality of Matai cows that we found on our first visit to Waimata

FOSSIL CREEK MANDY AB ET

E1420 of Kenhardt, a donor and out the best Pure NZ cow family from Kenhardt. A very maternal pedigree. Blu-print Y813 is a great grandson of our foundation sire, Waimata Blu-print G436, who has left productive daughters for us.







The Mahutas

Resurgam Mahuta S260

is an easy doing sire and it is very hard to take weight off him. He is very deep bodied right through and has a very good topline. He has an exceptional temperament and is a worker.



Zulu 1st of Kaharau



Kaharau Zulu 605









HerdBook# **20442006260** Tattoo 260 | Born 27/07/06

WAIMATA H920

WAIMATA E230 E1420 OF KENHARDT

ATOMIC OF TURIROA XCEL OF KENHARDT

WAIMATA LAD C78

WAIMATA BUCK 862 C519 OF WAIMATA

HINGAIA 469 AB 302 OF WAIMATA

TE MANIA B61.83 RANEE OF TURIROA

TRADEMARK OF KENHARDT SOUVENIR OF KENHARDT

Resurgam Mahuta combines a modern Pure NZ sire with old blood from the dam. E1420 of Kenhardt is out of the best Pure NZ dam line from the Kenhardt Angus stud and was a donor cow. S260 is very similar blood to Resurgam Waiotane S263. So far calves by Mahuta are deeper, wider based and thicker. Mahuta was initially used over commercial cattle with good results. His daughters are milking well producing good calves. We have kept several sons out of key females within our herd to expand this bloodline. Resurgam Mahuta S260 is now deceased.









The Waiotanes

Resurgam Waiotane S263 is a sire by Waimata E230 out of D1350 of Kenhardt. D1350 of Kenhardt is from very good old bloodlines from the Kenhardt herd. D1350 of Kenhardt was a donor cow. We have a very good cow in Resurgam Souvenir S255 a flush sister to Waiotane in our herd we have kept a son from.



Zulu 1st of Kaharau



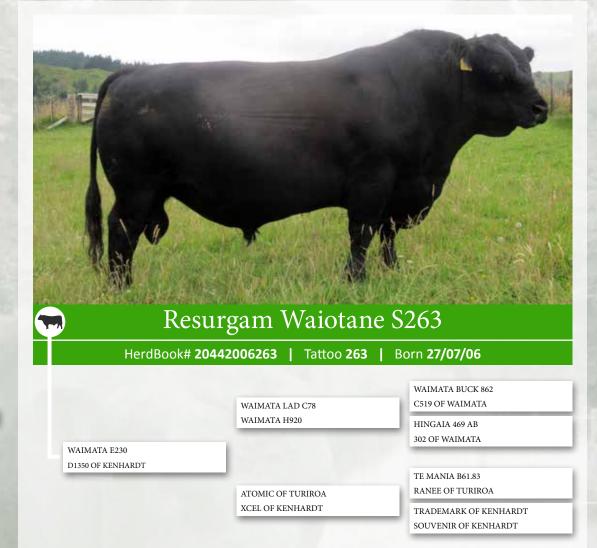
Kaharau Zulu 605



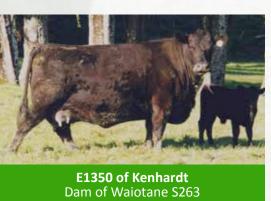




Resurgam Waiotane X634



Resurgam Waiotane S263 is a very deep sire with a lot capacity and girth. S263's sons have style to them. He is very much a traditional type sire. Waiotane's daughters are performing well for us and bringing home good calves. S263's daughters are growing into nice cows. S263 has a great temperament as well as topline. We have kept a son in Resurgam Waiotane X634 out of a Mainstream Mate 301 daughter.







The Mates

Resurgam Mate W562

is out of a Waimata Bluprint G436 daughter who produces a good calf every year. W562 is a very correct bull with a strong head and has alot of depth. His first calves are on the ground now and are very even and true to type showing a lot of Aberdeen Angus style.



Copper 55th of Waiwhero

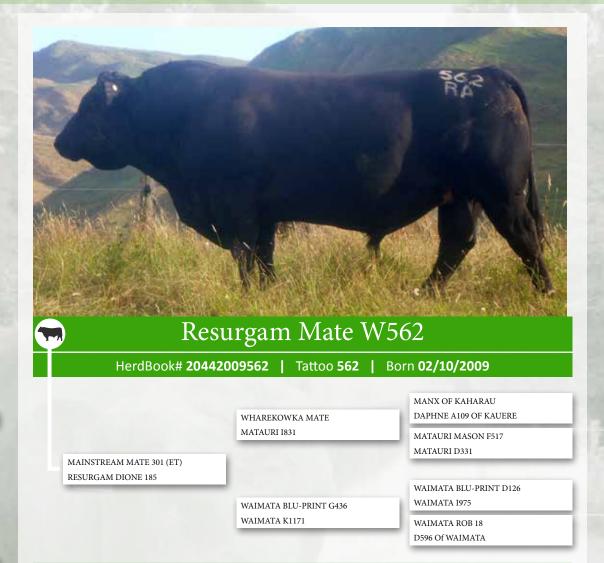


Massive of Kaharau









The Sire of **Resurgam Mate W562** is Mainstream Mate 301ET a wide based Pure New Zealand sire with muscle mass and capacity second to none.

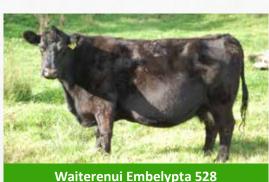
His dam Matauri I831 is the most dominant cow to date in the modern day Pure NZ gene pool. Matauri I831 was a very productive donor with exceptional milk and udder quality.

Mate 301ET is a half-brother to the highly successful sire Matauri Stockman 526.

We are very pleased with the progeny coming through by Mate, both female and male. They are moderate framed cattle with easy fleshing ability with fat cover.



Matauri 1831 Dam of Mainstream Mate 301



Waiterenui Embelypta 528 Granddaughter of Wharekahika Mate 544

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WHAREKOWKA MATE MATAURI 1831

WAIMATA BORIS 904 F 785 OF WAIMATA

DAPHNE A109 OF KAUERE

MATAURI MASON F517 MATAURI D331

R517 OF WAIMATA C564 OF WAIMATA

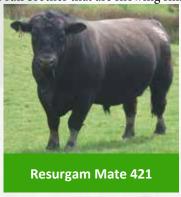
KAHARAU ZULU 605 197 OF WAIMATA

The Sire of **Resurgam Mate W520** is also Mainstream Mate 301ET one of our foundations sires. Resurgam Mate W520 was sold to Ngatiawa Station in Whakatane and developed into a very good bull. We purchased him back in 2015.

W520 would be the deepest bull we are using with good structure. W520 is easy doing natural bull with athletic ability to get the cows bred. He has great temperament and his calves are pleasing to the eye and are showing a lot of the depth and meatiness at a young age. They look like bulls from a

His Dam Waimata K1209 was a foundation cow that had 13 natural calves plus 3 embryos of those 16 calves 2 were female. K1209 was a moderate sized cow with a very good udder. We sold 2 sons for commercial use (Resurgam Zeus U422 and Resurgam Mate W520) and repurchased for stud use as aged bulls. K1209 stayed in our herd until she was 16 years old. With K1209 first 12 natural calves she always calved in the first 2 weeks of calving.

We have 2 full brother that are showing similar qualities to W520.



MAINSTREAM MATE 301 (ET)

WAIMATA K1209





The Inspirations

"Resurgam Inspiration
S277 is the most exciting
Pure NZ calf I have seen on
my travels in 2007. S277 has
balance, style and presence,
with a great pedigree"
Lindsay Jones (SMS)

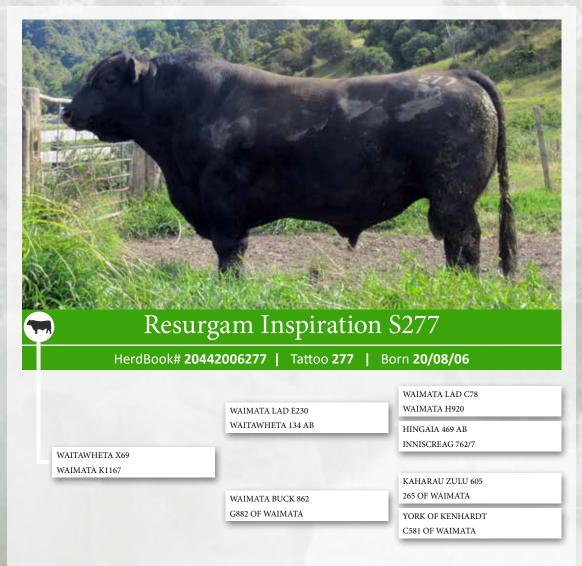












Resurgam Inspiration S277 has great pedigree with the sires Hingaia 469 x2, York, Ramble and Matai x2 in the background. His progeny have a bit more frame, length and thickness with style. S277 is a Waimata E230 Grandson with Waimata E230 breeding well internationally. S277 was out of one of the best original Waimata heifers we purchased in 2000 - Waimata K1167.

S277 has a moderate birthweight, with good growth and good carcase data for a Pure NZ sire. Resurgam Inspiration S277 is now serving time in the Pinebank herd in Masterton.







The Craigievars

Resurgam Craigievar U410 is a well put together sire with a good topline and lots of natural thickness.



Zulu 1st of Kaharau









Resurgam Craigievar U410 HerdBook# 20442008410 | Tattoo 410 | Born 27/07/2008 WAIMATA LAD E230 WAITAWHETA 134 WAITAWHETA X69 WAIMATA K1167 WAIMATA BUCK 862

Resurgam Craigievar U410 is sired by Resurgam Aspiration R232 out of a Waimata dam Waimata L1288. Waimata L1288 is also the dam of Waimata K818 who is the main herd sire at Aysgarth Angus in Te Awamutu. Craigievar has 3 x Matai 546, Hingaia Tex x1, York of Kenhardt, Waimata E230. On the topside of the pedigree we also have Waimata K1167 a very productive cow. U410 is a lower birthweight sire.

WAIMATA ROB 18 F 798 OF WAIMATA



RESURGAM BUCK R232 WAIMATA L1288



G882 OF WAIMATA

TURIHAUA ROBUST C564 OF WAIMATA

R517 OF WAIMATA B499 OF WAIMATA

by Resurgam Aspiration R232



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