

From the President Livestock Committee of the PGA of WA (Inc.)

MLA LEVIES NOTICE

Members of Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA) have just one week left to secure their full voting rights for the company's Annual General Meeting (AGM) this year.

All MLA members are automatically allocated a single vote, however to receive their full voting entitlement members must complete and return their levies notice by the 4 October deadline.

MLA has just over 47,000 members and so far 9,078, or just over 19 percent of members have secured their full voting rights for the AGM. For more details members should visit www.mla.com.au/agm or phone 1800 675 717.

WA LIVESTOCK EXPORTERS ASSOCIATION AGM

PGA President Mr Rob Gillam and Ian Randles, the new Executive Officer – Pastoral & Livestock will be attending the up coming AGM.

As well as the presentation of financial statements, election of office holders and the setting of annual subscriptions for 2010/2011, Mr Bryn Martin CEO of James Point P/L and Mr Ian McIvor, Chairman of the Australian Livestock Exporters Council will make presentations.

PERTH ROYAL SHOW – LIVE EXPORTS DISPLAY

Ian Randles, the new Executive Officer – Pastoral & Livestock represented the PGA at the Perth Royal Show during the presentations for sheep, wool and cattle – trade.

A very professional display on livestock export was set up in the Jim Horwood Pavilion, where the sheep and wool competitions were judged. The display consisted of a typical shipping pen of sheep, as well as the usual promotional material.

NLIS

Digby Stretch Livestock Chairman and Ian Randles Livestock Executive Officer attended the Western Australian NLIS (Sheep & Goats) Working Group Meeting.

It is apparent that NLIS combined with Mob Based Reporting as used in WA is a cost effective and efficient way of meeting the requirements of the NLTPS as agreed by the PIMC.

However, the recent NLIS Business Plan prepared by CIE for Animal Health Australia discounted the proven WA approach and, of the three recommendations, two involved RFID tagging.

Digby went on the record by saying that we need to review and set realistic standards, that the costings and labour assumptions in the CIE report are unrealistic and that WA's NLIS with Mob Based Reporting should be the baseline and that anything more costly and elaborate should be voluntary and market driven.

HGPs

Further to the recent announcement by Coles that they would be selling meat from non-HGP treated cattle, Mr Digby Stretch wrote to Coles on behalf of concerned PGA members.

Coles have replied, saying that they have had strong customer feedback that customers prefer 'hormone free' beef.



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