



Western Sheep & Beef Producers

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CATTLE COUNCIL

The structure of the Cattle Council was due to be discussed at its recent AGM held in Longreach QLD in association with the MLA AGM.

David Lovelock represented the PGA at CCA and made a point of keeping in close contact with the PGA President as potentially contentious issues were discussed.

CCA has already moved to a taskforce style of consultation, where papers are made available for its SFO members, and then discussed via tele-conference. This method also allows members of the Livestock and other associated committees to see the same information and comment and form a consensus opinion to inform David Lovelock when representing the PGA at CCA

ANIMAL WELFARE

Members will no doubt be aware that the administration of animal welfare has been transferred to DAFWA from the Department of Local Government. This is broadly in agreement with other state and territory government jurisdictions.

Following this, the PGA participated in an Animal Welfare: Collaborating for a Sustainable Future workshop organized by DAFWA. Inspectors and Directors of RSPCA participated side by side with representatives of industry, including the PGA President, Pastoral Committee Chair and the Pastoral EO.

The RSPCA appears to be increasingly drifting to the left in its attitude to animal welfare and it is hoped that this DAFWA initiative will lead to an understanding that animal welfare and livestock production can co-exist, as well as better linkages at the personal level.

OVINE JOHNES DISEASE

The Chairman Digby Stretch, Committee member David Boyle, and EO, Ian Randles attended the OJD Advisory Committee meeting held on September 26th. Discussions resulted in the committee agreeing to support Option 3 from the Discussion Paper for the Review of the OJD Management Plan. This option is very close to the PGA's own position.

The PGA's submission on the review of the national OJD management plan 2007-12 was made to Wool Producers/SCA following a tele-conference of the Livestock Committee to determine its position. Amongst other things the submission rejected prevalence areas.

MLA AGM

MLA members who did not return their levies notice were automatically entitled to one vote at the AGM.

All resolutions with respect to election of board members and Selection Committee member representatives were passed.

A special resolution from the Australian Beef Association to wind up MLA failed to pass.

The results were;

Directors of MLA;

- Strategy and corporate governance specialist Michele Allan
- QLD cattle producer Geoff Maynard
- NSW sheep producer Rodney Watt

member representatives to the Selection Committee;

- Cattle producers voted to elect Ian McCamley from QLD
- Lot feeders voted to elect Warren Barnett from NSW
- Sheep producers voted to elect Ben Hooper Tasmania.

NSW cattle producer Rob Anderson replaced outgoing Chairman of the board of directors, Don Heatley.

AWI ICC

As the Chairman was lamb marking, Ms Bindi Murray attended the AWI Woolgrower Industry Consultative Committee in Sydney on October 4th. Bindi was successful in presenting the concerns of PGA members about issues of importance to WA sheep producers like scientific research into OJD immunization and the importance of live export.

Also, useful intelligence about next year's WoolPoll was brought back.