

President's Report 2010-2011

I would like to welcome you all and thank you all for attending the AGM today.

A lot has happened in Queensland during this last year.

Late last year we held a successful Branch Show, held the first Buck show for some years, collected our storage trailer which is currently parked at the secretary's home and delegated a committee member, Patricia Smith, to locate missing trophies and then photograph and catalogue all perpetual trophies so we know where they are for the next year when required and to keep a record of the trophies history. Thank you Patricia, you are doing a great job.

As every one will remember, we had the devastating floods here in Queensland in January with other states affected later. A small number of our members were affected by the flood and/or the following cyclone, and we hope they are all now fully recovered.

Five Queenslanders attended the Federal Council meeting in May. It was a good meeting and as you will see in the next AGW, some Queensland motions were passed and all states are to receive a small sum of money from the Federal body to help make ends meet.

During the Federal Council proceedings, we were presented with a 30 years membership badge for Tom Byrne and an Honourable Mention award from Dairy Express and The Dairy Goat Society of Australia for Charella Jennel 451, owned by Ella and Charles Parsons, for Herd Recording. Congratulations to both of these members.

So far this year some shows have been well attended and it was great to see Marburg introduce a Dairy Goat section again after a ten year break. We understand it can be expensive to attend shows but showing is the best way of advertising dairy goats to the general public that we have.

Due to the floods the SEQ Kid and Goatling show was held in March this year. Although still a bit warm it wasn't as stinking hot as in January and we would like member's thoughts on changing the date to March permanently.

After all the work put into a new CAE Protocol, Biosecurity decided not to release it just yet. We are still waiting to have a meeting with Rick Symons about this and will keep you updated as information becomes available.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new members, say 'thank you' to all our members for your support and help in promoting dairy goats, and give a big 'thank you' to the committee members for their hard work raising funds to keep Queensland afloat and their support to me and for the branch.

Also an extra big thank you must go to our secretary, Patricia Colbran, who works tirelessly for the Queensland Branch.

Good luck to all members with your breeding and show results.

Iris Millett

President