

Reminder: Membership Renewals are due by the end of the year.

A renewal notice was sent with the Herd Book in November and is due for payment prior to end of the year. Please check your Herd Book and envelope for this notice.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We continue to live in challenging times. In recent years we've moved from Bush Fires to Covid and now we have unprecedented flooding of large areas down the east states. Many people will be affected by these floods directly or indirectly for many months and in some cases possibly even years to come. More than 10,000 houses inundated, roads and other infrastructure damaged or destroyed, crops and other produce ruined. All of which have an obvious effect on those in the midst of the flooded areas, but the loss of farm produce will have a significant impact on food supply and cost to most of us, at least in the short term. I don't know about you, but I would happily settle for a boring 2023. One in which life has become predictable again.

Continuing for a moment the theme of unpredictability, we have only just been made aware that Holstein Australia will not be able to offer the current Dairy Goat Classification System beyond "early 2023". This is a global decision by Holstein rather than one taken by Holstein Australia. We are still seeking clarification on what "early 2023" actually means. We have also started making enquiries about options from around the world that might be available, suitable, and financially responsible. We will provide more information about this as we work through the process.

The February AGW will include the usual Formal Notices for our Federal AGM and annual physical General Meeting of the Directors. All members are entitled to attend either or both of these meetings. The meetings will be held at the Brisbane Airport Conference Centre on May 28th and 29th 2023. Full details will be published in the next AGW. This is purely advance notice of the dates and venue to facilitate planning by anyone interested in attending.

As I have said earlier 2022 has been another extraordinary year in many of our lives. It is now rapidly drawing to an end. Christmas and maybe holidays are fast approaching. My hope is that all of you have a blessed time with family and friends this festive season, and that we can put all the challenges of the last few years behind us and have a happy and straight forward 2023.

Stay Safe,
Ian



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