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NEW SOUTH WALES 2023 Dairy Doe of the Year

Osory Simonah

*Owner/ Breeder
Darrell Bishop*

*Pictured with
Judge, Alex Berry
(NSW)*

*L. Handlers,
Eliza and Krystle
Rheinberger.*



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Last weekend, the 25th and 26th of May we held our AGM and Federal Council Meetings in Perth. Everything was well organised by the Western Australia Branch, and we had a number of interested local members as observers for both meetings.

Elsewhere in this edition of the AGW you will find a simple summary from Anita regarding the fate of all of the proposed Article changes dealt with at the AGM as well as the fate of all the Motions discussed and voted on at the Federal Council Meeting. There's at least one other subject that should be commented on, and that was the lengthy discussion surrounding this year's Draft Budget. Despite stable membership numbers our Federal Treasurer presented a Draft Budget that had a projected loss for the year of over \$5,000. As a group we found this to be an unacceptable outcome and started discussing different ways of further reducing costs. In doing so we covered some of the same ground as last year, for example the costs involved in holding the AGM and Federal Council Meeting. We believe we have arrived at a solution that will save us money (which won't be evident until the 2025 accounts) whilst still allowing face to face meetings to take place.

As Anita has also commented on, we have decided on how the information in the Herd Book will appear in the future. For the time being we will be sticking to the traditional format for the first 60% of the Herd Book. Members Lists, Judges Lists, Production Awards, Animal Registrations will continue to be printed and presented in the way that most of you are familiar with, however the Articles, Memorandum of Association, Regulations, Duty Statements and Code of Ethics will be presented in a more cost-effective manner. Precisely how this will happen is yet to be finalised, but I wish to make two points clear regarding this change. Firstly, all members will continue to have access to the most current version of the Articles, Regulations, etc, and secondly, those members who wish to receive the information currently found in the back of the Herd Book in printed form will be able to do so. In a sense this is a revisit of the past when the Articles, Regulations etc were separate to the Herd Book. This initiative will result in modest savings in printing costs and possibly result in a reduction in postage costs associated with the Herd Book. Other cost savings measures will be considered next year; however, the Directors do not want to withdraw or diminish any of the current services that we offer to our members.

Finally, the Directors considered Income. We will continue all of our promotional activities in order to try to attract new members, however with Registrations falling it was found necessary to increase the Membership Fees for 2025 and beyond. The increase from \$99 to \$120 will seem enormous to some, and the Directors were fully cognisant of this when making the decision. What should be borne in mind is that this will be the first increase in seven years, and represents annual increases over that period of less than the movement in the C.P.I.

Last, but certainly not least, Liz Ruis has been elected as the new AGW Editor filling the enormous gap left behind by Shelley's retirement from the position. This edition will be Shelley's final edition as Editor, being the end of her second stint in the role. Whilst we will miss Shelley, it will be interesting to see how the AGW evolves under Liz's direction.

Two cases of Covid in our household three weeks apart, so anyone who was under the impression that this had been and finally gone, it hasn't.

Stay Safe, Ian

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