

Hi to All Australian Ayrshire Members and Ayrshire Enthusiasts,

Happy New Year to you all, I trust you all have had a pleasurable Festive season and I hope the year ahead brings to you all good health and safe times and memories to be treasured.

Firstly I must apologize to you all for the lack of communication to you from myself and hence Federal Council, over the past few months but unfortunately I have not had any internet service and very limited mobile service for the past couple of months, which hopefully will improve in the coming few weeks.

As you would be aware, the 2018 Annual General Meeting for Australian Ayrshires Ltd was held at the end of November. The three Council Members that were due for retirement all re-nominated with no further nominations from the general Membership, and so were duly elected for a further 3 year term. We must thank Caitlin Liebich, Kelvin Haberle and Bill Macadam for their input to Federal Council and compliment them for their willingness to further support and volunteer their time for another term to serve you, the Members to take the breed forward, into times that will be exciting for us all with what lies ahead especially with the coming 2020 World Ayrshire Conference, which is now only 12 months away. Also at the AGM, our Breed representative LBC Director, Eric Ross once again took on the role for a further 12 months, but with this, he asked that a new Ayrshire Representative Director to be appointed the following year due to Eric's want to step down from this position. Brett Hayter has been appointed the Alternate Director (proxy) to this position. Thanks must go to Eric for his continued involvement with this role which has given us a voice and also further help with communications with our Secretariat and Registration Organisation, at Livestock Business Centre (Kiama).

At the following Federal Council Meeting, I was once again given the pleasure of being nominated as your Federal President, accepting the position with pride and a want to further be the voice through our Federal Committee, for the Membership of the Ayrshire breed. The full Committee positions filled for the coming year are as follows:

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CHERYL LIEBICH, ROD MORRIS, SHANE WADLEY

Federal Minute Secretary: Mrs Lil Klatt

FEES:

The 2018 AGM participants passed that Memberships Fees for the coming financial year beginning July 1st 2019 are to remain the same at \$110 + gst for Full Membership, and Junior & Associate membership at \$55 +gst.

Registration fees are to increase by \$1 + gst per registration, to \$10 + gst.

So to avoid the increase in fees, get your registrations up to date prior to the end of June.

2018 AYRSHIRE JOURNAL:

The 2018 Australian Ayrshire Journal is currently at the printers and hopefully will be ready for delivery in the coming week. If possible, those members expected to be at IDW will have them delivered in person, otherwise check your mailbox on your return for what is going to be a very interesting and exciting read. Our thanks go to Caitlin Liebich for her outstanding achievements of putting this edition together.

2019 IDW AYRSHIRE SHOW:

In the coming week, exhibitors will be making their way to Tatura for the 2019 International Dairy Week Show. The Judge this year of the National Ayrshire Show is Greg Evans from the USA. We wish all Exhibitors the very best for a very successful show and an opportunity for a good get together with fellow Breeders. Once again there will be the Annual Ayrshire Dinner to be held at the Tatura Bowling Club, on the Tuesday night following the Ayrshire judging day. This will be at 7pm for a 7.30 start. Presentation of the All Australian Photographic Competition and National Production Awards will take place during the dinner. The Dinner is partially subsidized by the Federal organization with a charge of \$10 per head (\$5 for 10yr old and under) for those who attend.

On Sunday night the Victorian Branch is hosting a Breed BBQ at IDW again. A small cost will be charged. Many thanks to those within the Branch, namely Mike Perry and family, who make this event possible.

Wednesday morning at 9am, there will be a Breed Meeting for Members and Exhibitors to attend, this will entail discussions for the 2020 Conference Show at IDW, calling for final nominations for the Judge for that show, and discussions on Branch/ Cattle Club inputs needed during the World Conference Event. This will also be a great opportunity for any Member to voice their thoughts and provide feedback to Federal Council on any point that may be of interest. This meeting will be held in or near the Wilson Hall at 9am sharp to enable those who wish to leave for home a chance to do so as soon as possible.

On behalf of all Federal Council Members, I extend our best wishes and luck to all who are attending the coming IDW Ayrshire Show and congratulate you on your participation and promotion of the Breed. In years like we are currently enduring, to participate in these types of events are a big task and the cost and work load involved can take a toll.

To you all, take care, travel safe and by all means enjoy doing what you love to do.

Hoping to see you all at IDW, and if not, somewhere along the track during the year.

Kindest Regards,
Scott Braendler
President
Australian Ayrshire Ltd.