



AUSTRALIAN AYRSHIRES NEWSLETTER JULY 2021

To all members and breeders,

Welcome to our latest newsletter

Welcome breeders and members to our latest newsletter to bring you up to date.

Your Federal board met recently via zoom and I hope this newsletter keeps you all informed. As I advised in the last newsletter the registration centre at Kiama has been sold by the Illawarra cattle society. Currently the search is on for a new premises with a few opportunities for inspection in the pipeline. Unfortunately the recent COVID outbreak has made it difficult to move forward at the moment for inspection. I will keep you informed as we progress. We have the current premises until June 2022. However this period will pass quickly and substantial time will be needed for the transition.

As we move forward with Datagene to have Ayrshires with an individual BPI this year the progress has been rewarding. Peter Thurn from Datagene has made some significant results in collecting genotypes for Ayrshire sires with over 130 bulls now identified. Thank you to the supply of this information from Semex, Agri gene and World wide sires. Our next step is to source some bulls from our breeders to supplement the results.

I must thank Anthea Day for her consultation regarding this. Once we have a process in place to source and ship the semen we can move forward. As with the change in the Directors and ownership of International Dairy Week I have had discussion with Declan Patten regarding any changes to the program of events. At this stage we can look forward to the show and most likely a sale. Our promotions subcommittee has met recently to plan an advertisement for the Australian Dairy Farmer. After consultation with the full board we have a plan in place for the next editions including breeder profiles, breed traits and advantages.

Our journal is currently with the printers so you will receive it shortly. A massive thank you to Caitlin Hentschke for her efforts in putting this together. It has been a very difficult period for the compiling of information. But looking back the World Conference and World photograph competition results were outstanding.

As part of the updating of our websites I want to review the latest of our Excellent cows listing so I am requesting that breeders email me their current Excellent cows and score and I will collate this and have it up to date on our website. Congratulations to South Australian breeders on a very successful sale with a total clearance and an average of \$2840. Finally thank you to all our members for your support and effort in these difficult times and in particular to the members of our board who put in many hours of dedication to our breed. I hope that soon we can travel freely and enjoy each other's company and promote our breed.

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