



AUSTRALIAN AYRSHIRES NEWSLETTER

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To all Ayrshire breeders,

Welcome to our March Newsletter,

It has been a little while since I have been in contact. As part of this newsletter, will be the link to join in on the zoom meeting for the presentation of our Semex All Australian photograph awards and our National test prize awards for production.

It will be held this Thursday evening at 7.30 eastern states and 7. pm Adelaide time. When you consider the affects of COVID-19 on our events the support the competition received was outstanding . There was 84 entries in the cow and heifer classes and 28 entries in the farm contest The quality of the entries was superb and the results will put us in centre stage when the World Federation competition comes along shortly. Likewise the production awards were well supported with outstanding results. I look forward to your company on Thursday evening to announce the winners. I must thank Semex for continued support for our All Australian competition and Janine Eagles for efficiency in collating results and organisation of awards. When the results are announced we can put them on our website and Facebook.

The support for the Virtual show was good and we appreciate the time that the participants put in to the presentation The videos have been sent to our Judge World Federation President Edmund Els and results will be available soon. Thank you to Emma Ludington for putting this together it would not have happened without her.

Your Board has been active despite the lack of the normal events we will be advertising in the Australian Dairyfarmer shortly and our journal is progressing. We should all appreciate the effort that Caitlin puts in for this. Only last week a delegation from your board met via zoom with DataGene in an effort to have our breed separated from other red breeds with ABV releases and give Ayrshires a genuine index . The response was very positive. Matt Shaffer CEO has requested that we continue discussion. Also I would like to acknowledge the input from David Mayo and Trevor Saunders.

I think that is all.

Let us hope that over the next few months we can begin to return to normal and renew old friendships. Look forward to your company on Thursday evening.

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