

AUSTRALIAN WELSH BLACK CATTLE SOCIETY INC

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Next Committee Meeting: February 2016

YOUR COMMITTEE

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2015 AGM & DINNER

When: Saturday 10th October 2015

Where: Warragul

A small group of members travelled to Warragul in West Gippsland for the Annual Meeting this year. A new Constitution has been adopted (except for one regulation) at this meeting and the Society is now compliant with state regulations. A sincere Thankyou to Barry for his many hours of hard work compiling an excellent Constitution that is tailored to the needs of the Society. A presentation of 6 Wine Glasses engraved with the Society logo was made by the Chairman Mark Woodstock at the AGM Dinner. The new Constitution will be available on the website shortly.

The AGM also saw the election of a new Treasurer as Colin Sedgman has decided to resign from the position. The society is grateful for his many years of diligent service to this role. Karen Chipperfield has been elected to the position of treasurer. The committee would like to welcome Mick Dent to the committee. Mick and his wife Michelle have a small but growing herd at Neerim South.

The Annual Dinner was enjoyed by around 20 members and friends and they were fortunate to hear from Mr. Larry Cutler. Larry is a born and bred cattleman with an interesting family history and a depth of cattle knowledge and experience across many facets of the cattle landscape. He spoke to us

about his many and varied positions particularly his involvement and knowledge of the carcass aspect of our industry and where he believes the beef industry is heading. It was very pleasing to hear his very positive thoughts on the future and his ideas on where we can improve our own breeding to capitalize on these opportunities.

Vale:

Recent months have seen the passing of two esteemed members of the association.

Jim Treasure: A life member based at Dargo in the High Country of Victoria, whose association with the Welsh Black breed goes back to the very early days of their introduction into Australia.

Alan Dawe: a long time member of the society who with his wife Jane have been breeding Welsh Blacks at Kyneton for many years.

The AWBCS is very grateful for their contribution to the promotion of the breed through field days, shows and assisting the committee.

2016 World Conference

The 2016 Convention is being hosted by the New Zealand Welsh Black Cattle Association and an amazing itinerary has been prepared. Commencing on October 27 2016 in Christchurch there is 14 days of travel that will encompass visiting 10 Welsh Black studs and many of the famous New Zealand tourist attractions and scenic highlights across both Islands. Please contact Carol if you would like the information to be forward to you. It will be a fantastic experience and I encourage you to attend.

NEW Herd Book.

An updated version of the Herd Book is now available.

If you would like a copy of any older copies, they are available from Carol for \$20.

TATTOO LETTERS FOR 2015

As we say farewell to 2015, please remember that registrations for 2016 will be "MM".

<u>Membership</u>

If you no longer require full membership, for whatever reason, and would like to continue receiving news from the Society, have you considered becoming an Associate Member? There is a cost to producing this News Letter which the Society tries to cover, as advertising does not cover all the expenses. As of 2010 our Senior Membership is \$100, junior is \$20 and Associate Membership is \$40 per year.

Welsh Black Peak Caps.

They are a black cap with the Australian Welsh Black logo on the front (see logo on top of News Letter). If you would like to purchase one or two, please contact Carol Mazurek. The cost is \$20 per cap plus postage. If necessary, we can purchase more as required.

Ruralco/CGU Insurance

For those of you who are not aware, CGU Insurance gives a commission to the Welsh Black Cattle Society for any policies taken out by members or friends associated with our Society. This commission is from your annual premiums, not just your initial premium.

Georgia Mallia has taken over from and is available on 03 5782 1943 or 0428 302 928 at the Kilmore office.

WELSH BLACK REUNION

This Sunday 22nd November, 2015

Time: 11.00 am till you leave

Where: Caledonian Hotel, 153 Graham Street, Wonthaggi

I've decided to organize a reunion for past, present & future Welsh Black Cattle people. I'll be keeping it nice and simple so all we do is turn up, catch up with old friends, meet members you have never met and just enjoy the stories going around. Everyone is welcome, even bring friends along.

One thing I do ask though is give me an RSVP as lunch will be available and hopefully because of the numbers, we'll need to do the right thing by the staff at the Hotel.

PLEASE RSVP ASAP

For more information or your RSVP, contact myself, Colin Sedgman, on 0427 599 344 or email ctsedgman@bigpond.com

Advertising Aside from advertising your own stud, do you know of a business that would put an advertisement in, or do you have a business besides your cattle? Rates are very reasonable and it's a lot cheaper than using stock agents. Advertising in this News Sheet has worked well in the past for many of our members. Advertising rates are: 1/8 page \$10.00; ½ page \$40.00. If at all possible, could you please email your completed advertisement to me. Thanks.

Karen Chipperfield <u>kc3806@hotmail.com</u> 0409182448
Editor

Overseas Visitor:

Allan & Jill Furborough were recently visited by Lisa King who has a small Welsh Black Stud in the UK. She was in Australia on a working holiday and contacted Allan & Jill in the hope of seeing some animals whilst here. She is a keen member of the Welsh Society and is developing a herd of Polled Welsh Blacks who she exhibits at Local shows.



SEMEN FOR SALE MORLAIS DEWI SANT (POLLED)

Morlais Dewi Sant (PB) (AI) is a trait leader for 200, 400 and 600 day growth. Pedigree, data and photos are available on UK Sire Services website http://www.uksireservices.com/?cat=42

I am in the process of importing 100 straws from the UK via Agri-Gene. Expected arrival in Australia is about February or March next year.

I only need a few straws so I am offering so sell the excess at cost – about \$30-\$35 per straw (dependent on currency exchange rates)

If you are interested please contact Cherryl Fleming either by phone 0417 210 339 or email cfle6901@bigpond.net.au

Photo – UK Sire Services



Finally, I would like to wish all our members, family and friends a very Happy and Safe Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

Karen Chipperfield

Editor

PS Articles for the newsletter are always very welcome. If you have a photo, a news item or something you wish to share please feel free to email on kc3806@hotmail.com