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## DATES TO REMEMBER

Hopefully I'll have something for here in the next one.

## YOUR COMMITTEE

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## 2018 AGM

On the 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2018, the Australian Welsh Black Cattle Society held its 2018 AGM in Bairnsdale, Victoria. A very big thank you to all that attended. The atmosphere was very positive with all in attendance wanting to move forward into the future. Hopefully you would like to be part of that future. I've got an old job back again as editor of this NewsLetter, so please bare with me through it all. This first one is a very basic one with another one later with more "stuff" in it, but at the moment I just want to get the news out there.

## Your Committee

Your new committee you will find above, but here's a little info on each person.

**Colin Sedgman.** Colin & Tania bought Welsh Blacks and joined the society about 22 years ago. Since then Colin has been on and off the committee for 12 of them which included the role of Vice President for 2 years and Treasurer for about 10, which included the position of Public Officer, plus was editor of the NewsLetter for 10 years.

**Michael Dent.** Become involved with Welsh Blacks with Michelle about 7 years ago. Michael has had 4 years as a committee member and is now your Vice President. Both Michelle and Michael are Gippslanders which has always been a stronghold of the Welsh Blacks.

**Cherryl Fleming.** Cherryl and Barry have been at Cobargo since 2011. Their first Welsh Blacks were purchased in 2013. Since then Cherryl spent 2 years on our committee and now is our Secretary, which includes Registration Officer and Public Officer. Barry is a retired solicitor and has volunteered to help us with our constitution, plus has been able to advise us on other matters.

**Karen Chipperfield.** Karen became involved with Welsh Blacks through her parents, Alan and Jill who become members in 2003. Karen joined our committee in 2012 and has been Treasurer since 2015, plus acting Secretary for two years up to 2018. It was Karen who worked hard to get the 2018 AGM up and running. Thank you to Karen.

**Lesley Gilchrist.** Lesley has been a member for about 26 years. Lesley spent many years on our committee, including years as Vice President under Malcolm Douglass. If anyone deserves the title, “The Quiet Achiever”, it’s Lesley. Over many years this competent lady organized handlers camps and other fund raising events for the society, mainly for the youth of our society, and through this fund raising was able to send a number of our younger members to both Wales and New Zealand. Lesley is still involved in organising handler’s camps for interested people.

**Ron Webb.** Ron first became involved with our society at the 2008 Royal Melbourne Show as a teacher of Rutherglen High School. Since then he has run the Ag program at the school, which includes beef carcass entries at the Royal Melbourne Show. Ron has been a committee person since 2013.

**Ben Cole.** Ben has been a Welsh Black member for about four years, hails from Kendall, NSW, which is north of Sydney, our most northern Australian breeder. Of his four years with the society, this will be his third year as a committee member. I’m sure Ben would be in the running for a gold medal as our most enthusiastic breeder.

### **Rutherglen High School and the Royal Melbourne Show.**

Since 2009 Rutherglen High has been entering carcass animals in the Royal Melbourne Show Beef Carcass competition. Sarah Rae was involved for the first 2 or 3 years from 2008 when students helped breeders at the 2008 Royal Melbourne Show when the Welsh Blacks were the Feature Breed. Ron Webb put his hand up to help (and run) the Ag program after Sarah, and with due respect, as Ron has told me this, “he didn’t know one end of a cow from the other”. The first few years were certainly learning years, but each year the quality and results improved with more cattle breeders wanting to donate animals to the school. The breed didn’t really matter, it’s the students who were getting the benefit in so many ways, mainly in their development as young people and in exposure to the opportunities in the agriculture industry. The program became so popular, student numbers had to be restricted.

Jump to this year and the big result was **Grand Champion Carcass** out of all classes, in other words the number one carcass at the 2018 Royal Melbourne Show. I’d also like to point out that this was against big cattle studs and schools with many more resources. Also look at the Paraders Awards and the high placing of Rutherglen students. What Rutherglen had was the enthusiasm of the students, the complete support of the school and the help of so many volunteers. I’ll have to be careful here as I know I’ll forget some of these volunteers/supporters, but I would like to mention some of them. Ron to start with, yes, he was a teacher, but it was all the extra hours, days and weekends he put in for the benefit of the kids. Mark Woodstock, has been there from the very first year. His cattle knowledge is next to none, so for him to travel on a regular basis to Rutherglen to pass his knowledge on and help with the preparation of these animals, has been an invaluable contribution. Without it, this year’s results would not have happened. Winnie Jones was another person in the early years, helping to get the program off the ground. Also, there were all the cattle breeders who have enjoyed making animals available for the school program. In the early days there was Daniel Laird who besides being a cattle donor, travelled to the school from Colac to talk with the students about cattle and judging, falling back on his judging experiences. Right from the early days there was also Peter Jakober (Jacko), another teacher at Rutherglen, ALWAYS in the background

helping Ron and the students, plus each year travelling to Melbourne helping out. Besides Jacko, there were always one or two other young teachers giving up their time to help at Melbourne, and being part of the fun. It was a combination that meant success in 2018.

Here's just a little extra about Ron Webb, which is another feather in his cap that he's very modest about talking about. He's one of the 'teachers and industry experts' on the VCE Agriculture and Horticulture Review Panel. They were advising/writing the VCE curriculum for Ag/Hort.

## **Melbourne Show Results including Rutherglen Show results**

### **Cattle Awards.**

1. Le Martres Beef Steer - Champion Light Domestic Steer or Heifer
2. Le Martres Steer - Highest Placed School Exhibit Steer or Heifer
3. Le Martres Steer - First Light Domestic Steer Heat 1
4. Le Martres Steer - 6th Place Light Domestic Heat 1
5. Baony Stud Steer - 3rd Place Export Class Heat 4
6. Baony Stud Steer - Highest Placed School Exhibit Steer or Heifer
7. Barambogie Beef Steer - 2nd Place Export Class Heat 1
8. Alpine Angus Steer - 6th Place Export Class 5

### **Alpine Angus Champion Steer 2018**

- Champion Export Carcase 89.55 points
- **Grand Champion Carcase 89.55 points**
- Marcus Oldham College Trophy for the Champion Schools Carcase.
- Third most successful school exhibitor overall with 17 points.

## **Paraders Awards**

### **Royal Melbourne Show**

Hayley Webb - 4th place ribbon in her age group  
Alex McQuade - 6th place ribbon in her age group  
Maddie Hocking - 5th place ribbon in her age group  
Darcy Williams - 6th place ribbon in her age group  
Sarah White - 4th place ribbon in her age group  
James White - 4th place ribbon in her age group  
Jess Oats - 6th place ribbon in her age group  
Jemma Holmes - 1st place ribbon in her age group

### **Rutherglen Show**

- Champion Handler 15 years and over – Mackenzie Rolls
- Reserve Champion Handler Junior Handler – Mackenzie Rolls
- Champion Junior Judge – Sarah White
- Reserve Champion Junior Judge – Blair Hanson
- Cattle Encouragement Award – Mackenzie Rolls

## **NEW CONSTITUTION – PLEBISCITE/SURVEY**

At the 2015 AGM a new AWBCS Constitution, which would comply with the current Legislation, was put to the membership for adoption. There was considerable discussion

about whether or not cattle should or should not be horned or dehorned when on display, at a field day, or other event, or when entered in competition. It was decided to hold a plebiscite to resolve the issue. However, due to a number of matters, the survey was not conducted.

At the 2018 AGM it was resolved to hold the survey as soon as practical. The Secretary was directed to send a memorandum setting out the two options and request all financial members to indicate their preference.

Once the responses have been received, the result will be noted by the Committee and an Extraordinary General Meeting will be organised so that the new Constitution can be put to the membership for adoption. All members will be advised of the Extraordinary General Meeting and those financial members who are unable to personally attend the meeting will have the option of sending a proxy.

Should you have any queries please contact the Secretary: Cheryl Fleming, phone 0471 210 339 or email [cfle6901@bigpond.net.au](mailto:cfle6901@bigpond.net.au)

### **Membership**

**Unchanged since 2010 our Senior Membership is \$100, Junior is \$20 and Associate Membership is \$40 per year.**

### **TATTOO LETTERS FOR 2018**

**For the year 2018, the tattoo letters will be “PP”, until we get to the letter “Q” which will be for the year 2019.** Keep in mind there is NO “II” or “OO”.

If you have any animals to register, please forward your registration papers to Cheryl Fleming, your new secretary from Cobargo. Please see top of NewsLetter for address and contact details.

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