

# New Zealand Wagyu Breeders Association Inc.

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## Presidents Report for 2022-2023

Dear Members

Following the conclusion of another year with the NZWBA it is satisfying seeing steady and positive progress has once again been made over the past 12 months.

Membership has increased steadily so we now have 23 full memberships and one associate member. This is an increase of 7 over the previous year with a couple more during the last few months. The trend is very encouraging and is perhaps indicative of the increasing interest in the Wagyu breed. There appears to be a general rise in interest in the breed. This has translated into more demand for the purchase of Wagyu cattle. Long may the trend continue!

The 2022 AGM was successfully held entirely by video conference on July 7th, 2022. Those who attended were treated to interesting presentations organised by Rachael Powell our new Vice President. Speakers were:

- Dr Matt McDonagh CEO of the Australian Wagyu Association
- Jeanie Alderson rancher and owner of Omega Beef Wagyu, USA
- Amy Hoogenboom, NZ Beef Genetics Area Manager, Zoetis Ltd.

Association office holders remained the same as the previous year. However the new position of membership officer was suggested and agreed upon. The purpose of the office is to assist new members with all things related to herdbook registration of their animals. Nina Juby kindly agreed to take up this job. Thank you Nina:-)


I would like to thank council members for the various roles they have performed this year. In particular Rachael for her work as Vice President, maintaining Facebook pages and sitting on the World Wagyu Council committees, Shaddon Waldie for his continuing work with the herdbook, Chari Collier for meeting minutes and membership liaison as well as website and email account maintenance. Also Nina Juby for kindly sorting out members with their animal details, DNA testing and other things related to animal registration. Lastly a big thank you to Vicki Oliver for being our treasurer for the past few years, Unfortunately Vicki has resigned her position this year for personal reasons.

Members Wagyu meat is starting to become more visible in the marketplace with great product being marketed now from Tarahills Wagyu, Rosaleigh Wagyu and Oak Range Wagyu. Keep it up guys and gals your product looks great.

So looking forward to this year the Association is considering the merits of a carcass/meat grading camera developed by the AWA. Come and see the presentation at the AGM and see what you think. Also we are in need of extra hands running your Association. We have a vacancy for membership secretary and treasurer. Having one or two people to fulfill these roles will lighten the load on the rest of us. Neither job takes much time but it would be great to have the support.

My thanks to all our members for their support and encouragement during the past year.

Malcom Collier



President

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