

New Zealand Wagyu Breeders Association Inc.

6th August, 2024

Presidents Report for 2023-2024

Dear Members

Greetings to all those attending this years 6th August AGM by Zoom Video conference. In looking back in our records I find this is the 11th AGM since the Association restarted in July 2014. Having been in recess for quite a number of years prior to that its quite a milestone the Association has progressed and reestablished itself successfully. We are sorry to miss those of you who are unable to attend but even if you haven't made it thank you to those who are participating in the Association and paying their subs and animal registration fees. This income flow helps support our activities and underpins the cost of running our herdbook. After another year of operations the NZWBA has maintained a steady course.

Membership has increased a little since last year with 24 full memberships and a couple of new members joining in the past couple of months. There are about 36 different listings in our current membership database. There's continuing interest in Wagyu breeding stock and importantly in wonderful Wagyu beef. We need to see more herds of purebred and full blood Wagyu breeding cows out there! In my view this is important as it can provide steers and heifer to grow into genuine wagyu beef not just the F1 offering currently comprising a high proportion of the available local product.

The 2023 AGM was conducted by video conference on July 22nd, 2023. As with the previous year interesting speakers were organised by Vice President Rachael Powell. They were:

- **Aaron Van Der Heuval**- Australian Wagyu Association on carcass camera
- **Dr. Kelly Andrews**- Waikato Veterinarian -Livestock care at calving
- **Richard Saunders** - British Wagyu Breeders Assoc. -Commercial Wagyu Breeding

NZWBA office holders remained the same as the previous year. I would like to thank council members for the work they have put in this year in their various roles:

- Rachael Powell as Vice President, maintaining Facebook pages and sitting on the World Wagyu Council committees,
- Shaddon Waldie for his patient maintenance of the herdbook,
- Chari Collier for meeting minutes and membership liaison for new members. Also dealing with our aging cantankerous website, email account maintenance and random queries!
- Nina Juby has continued to help members with their animal registrations, DNA profiling and related matters
- Garth Foote has picked up the treasurers job this year too so thanks very much for that Garth.
- Nigel Juby on governance guidance, for being the ideas man and looking at things from a different angle when needed.

Members Wagyu beef is still out there in the marketplace from Tarahills Wagyu, Rosaleigh Wagyu and Oak Range Wagyu. Lets hope this will expand over time!

We plan to upgrade our website and move it to an alternative lower maintenance platform. The current Wordpress based site is too costly to maintain for a small enterprise. Options are being considered to move it to a less complex platform called Wix which will simplify website maintenance. This change is in the planning process so watch this space!

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

Malcom Collier

President
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