

## The Annual General Meeting of Livestock SA Inc.

Held on Monday, 23 August 2021 commencing at 1.00pm

Venue: Adelaide Hills Convention Centre, Hahndorf

# Minutes

### 1. Open and Welcome

#### Zoom Registration

Nancy Mann (Baltersan Investments), Lower Mitcham 5062

Roger Hughes, Prospect Hill

Adam Dawes, GM of WoolProducers

Leonie Mills, Cowell

Deane Crabb

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### 2. Apologies and Declare Quorum

Rob Kerin

Robyn Verrall & Christopher Bullen from Keith

Charles Wallis, Kongorong

Shirley Barker

### 3. Minutes of Previous AGM held 14 September 2020.

*MOTION: Moved P Schulz / Seconded B Nosworthy that the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting be accepted as read. CARRIED.*

### 4. Presidents Report: to be presented by Joe Keynes, President

Joe Keynes delivered a formal presentation of the Presidents Report and thanked Penny and Jamie for their contributions to the board of Livestock SA.

#### 2020/21 The year that was.

Optimism – hopeful for a beneficial year.

#### Advocacy

- Pastoral Act
- Biosecurity Act

#### Funding Livestock SA activities

- Levies for Advocacy - in 7 years have not ask for increase in funding and have leveraged the same dollars for projects.
- Project Funding from other sources – Heritage agreement project leverage.

Independent Review - Consideration and implementation of review recommendations – a lot of work on recommendations that have come out of the review.



Engaging our members

- Northern and Southern Regional Meetings
- Regional networks – Air Ep and AgKI
- Workshops and events – Staff interacting with

Thankyou Deane, the board and regional chairs, David Bell and Brad Bateman. Members of the Sheep and Cattle Industry Fund boards. Sub Committee of the Board, FAC and BAHWAC. Finally CEO Andrew Curtis.

2020/21 The Year ahead

State and National Election -

Primary Producers South Australia - Acknowledge Don Plowman as interim chair of PPSA.

FDF - 8 Programs – drought hub has 5 nodes. 100million per year. Encourage all our members how they might engage with us.

## 5. **CEO Report: to be present by Andrew Curtis, CEO**

Andrew Curtis delivered a formal presentation of the CEO's Report. Recapped the projects and thanked the team for their contributions.

Highlights for the past 12 months were presented through an infographic.

Growing SA has been interrupted for it's second year, the reschedule has offered an opportunity to present election focus.

Continue to welcome members to engage with the team and within the industry.

## 6. **Treasurers Report: to be presented by Gillian Fennell, Treasurer**

We are pleased to present to members the 2020 financial year reports of Livestock SA Incorporated. Acknowledge the board and particularly Marina and Sam for their efforts on the FAR Committee.

The Board of Livestock SA is pleased to present to members the 2021 financial statements. This financial year has proven to be the biggest year yet for Livestock SA, seeing us managing just under \$5 million in funding on behalf of industry.

The main contributor to this increase was the management of the Cattle and Sheep Industry Funding which resulted in \$3 million in project funds allocated to industry in the 2020/21 financial year, including continued support of Livestock SA's advocacy efforts. While the financial transactions run through the Livestock SA accounts, all recommendations regarding project funding are made by independent sub-committees - the Industry Fund Boards. The Boards are comprised of South Australian levy paying livestock producers who have no requirement to be affiliated with Livestock SA as a member or Director. The respective Chairs of these Boards will provide a more detailed overview of the funding on behalf of the Cattle and Sheep Industry Fund Boards later in the session.

Livestock SA also successfully undertook a number of projects including ongoing management of the freight assistance program for bushfire-affected producers on Kangaroo Island and administering the Meat & Livestock Australia Back to Business program for SA livestock producers to access consultancy advice assisting with bushfire recovery planning. We also partnered with government to deliver a range of services to our members including a Biosecurity Extension, Revitalising Heritage Agreements and the Flows for the Future outreach services. Delivery of these programs and services not only delivers key services but plays an important role in our informing and underpinning our advocacy efforts.



Livestock SA was a recipient of the Federal Cashflow Boost which was strategically invested into some key infrastructure upgrades for the organisation including a new Customer Relations Management (CRM) platform as well as an upgrade to the website. Continued development of these systems will allow us to engage more effectively with our members and industry as well as improve our emergency disaster response. The Board also invested in an external review during 2021 to look at the organisation's governance structure and processes to ensure efficient ongoing management in line with its current growth.

The surplus posted for the financial year is \$185,856. The major contributor to this amount is the recovery of \$103K in outgoings Livestock SA incurred from the bushfire recovery project in 2019/20FY. Increases in operational expenditure including staff expenses, consultancy, sub-committee and media and communications are directly attributable to the increase in funding received and are covered within individual project funding.

It is pleasing to see the organisation's reserves successfully building over the past eight years of operations with the board this year taking the opportunity to invest, through an advisor, some of the organisation's funds into the share market. While taking a conservative approach, it is expected that the investments will return between 4-8% per annum and assist in growing the organisation's asset base over the medium to long term.

After a successful 2021FY we look towards the next 12 months where we will continue to support our members through provision of advocacy as well as continuing to deliver a range of projects and services to benefit the livestock industry. Livestock SA has been successful in securing ongoing funding for the continued development of the Sheep and Beef Industry Blueprints, allowing the appointment of Libby Tedstone as the new Blueprint Manager in July 2021. Lead by our project manager Pene Keynes, Livestock SA continues to develop and refine its project delivery operations seeking new opportunities while also continuing delivery of Biosecurity Extension and Heritage Agreement outreach services into 2022FY.

Though the year has presented its challenges, as both the industry and the organization have had to manage the ongoing effects of COVID, overall it has been a successful year for Livestock SA.

#### **7. Board Member Election / re-nominations –**

5 positions became available by rotations, 5 returning board members welcomed for another 2 years.

#### **8. Blueprint Report – Libby Tedstone and Shannon Logan**

Release of the SA Sheep Industry Blueprint 2030. An in-depth consultation with the industry supply chain, extensive analysis of data and collaboration of industry in development of a 10 year strategic plan

The Sheep Focus Workshop: With the Primary aim to educate and inform supply chain on the upcoming and current projects/research occurring within the industry, Funded by Livestock SA and SA Sheep Industry Blueprint. Over 120 attendees

Libby introduced herself, started with the team 4 weeks ago. An exciting project and looking forward to the next 12 months with the following plan. Taking control of the industries future.

- Re-energise both Blueprints – sheep & beef.
- Identify and focus on priorities important to the two sectors

- Secure valuable wins to regain momentum & confidence
- Roll out useful communication & engagement at all levels
- Begin the shift from collaboration to integration of effort, investment & findings
- Measure the unique achievements of the Blueprints
- Identify policy and advocacy priorities
- Identify extension processes that lead to long-term adoption

Encourage all members to engage and talk with the team, and the Blueprint Working Group.

## 9. BAHWAC Report – Allan Piggott

The Committee's objectives is to provide a forum for ongoing review of key issues and challenges relating to biosecurity, animal health and welfare.

Members consists of; Allan Piggott (Chair), Pene Keynes (EO), Glen Tilley (Wool Producers Australia Representative), Anthony Hurst (Sheep Producers Australia Representative), Tiffany Bennett (Cattle Representative), Craig Hamilton (Dairy Representative), Joe Keynes (Livestock SA Representative), Emily Buddle (Animal Health Australia), Michele Walter (Livestock SA Policy Officer).

Recommendations to the Livestock SA and SADA Board on policy and industry wide issues, such as proposed or recommended changes to the law, codes, and regulations.

Industry insights and advice from National Peak Industry Biosecurity, Animal Health and Welfare Advisory Committees affecting South Australia Identify, discuss, and recommend courses of action in relation to Animal Health, Welfare and Biosecurity issues, policy, and programs

Assist in the development of linkages with existing industry contacts and networks for implementation of Biosecurity initiatives.

Livestock SA change Mulesing Pain Relief Policy: "Livestock SA supports mandating the use of pain relief for mulesing. Pain relief is recommended for other invasive procedures such as tail docking, dehorning and castration."

### 2020 Submission

- Proposed amendments to the Animal Welfare Regulations 2012
- Coopers Footvax- "Footvax® Footrot vaccine - gazette notice published making Footvax® a prescribed vaccine under the Livestock Regulations 2013
- Support for Custom Footrot Vaccine to Ministers State and Federal
- Pain Relief and Mulesing Submission to Ministers State
- SA Biosecurity Act
- Traceability in Sheep
- Pain Management policy for all species
- State Biosecurity Initiative – appendix to the Sheep and Cattle Blueprints

#### 10. Sheep and Cattle Industry Fund – Tom Consentino

The 2021FY was the first complete financial year under the new Livestock SA Industry Fund management model (previously administered by PIRSA).

The transition has been successful

Administrative cost savings realised

Continued to build stronger relationships with service providers leading to more applications

Small project funds have been re-established by both Funds and will feature again in 2022.

The Plans include:

- 5 year estimate of the contributions to the Funds
- How the Funds can be invested
- How the Funds can be applied
- Funding guidelines

The Plans have been updated for the 2021-22 financial year (available on the Livestock SA website) <https://livestocksa.org.au/industry-funds>

Final Reports for previous projects.

Recruiting for new board members.

#### 11. Cattle Industry Funds Annual Report – Penny Shulz

- Maintaining market access & securing new markets
- Efficient & sustainable production
- Business management & skills development
- Advocacy

The new Cattle Industry Fund Board has revived the small projects fund.

An open call for projects will be issued later this year for small projects and sponsorships totaling \$30,000. This initiative is designed to enable small organisations to engage with the Cattle Industry Fund. Typically, these organisations will be in regions where large projects are difficult to administer.

#### 12. Sheep Industry Fund Annual Report – Ian Rowett

- Rebuild of the Dog Fence
- Predator Control
- Animal Health
- Traceability
- Advocacy
- Research
- Industry Development

The Sheep Industry Fund will call for project concepts in November 2021.

Applicants will be encouraged to pitch their concept to the SIF Board at their December meeting.

This process is designed to allow applicants sufficient lead in time to develop their funding application prior to the regular February open call for projects.



13. Other Business – Nil.

14. Close of Meeting

Thank you all for coming along, our efforts are all about collaboration. The Dog Fence happened because industry, farmers, government and Livestock SA work together to achieve this huge and positive outcome. For any issues to come to fruition the only way forward is to collaborate. We need look at strong partnerships to achieve all our goals within Blueprints and strategic plans.  
We will move to be a stronger organisation.