



The Royal Agricultural Society of New Zealand
(Incorporated pursuant to the Agricultural & Pastoral Act 1908)



Annual Report & Statement of Financial Performance

For the year ending March 31, 2018

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the
Royal Agricultural Society of New Zealand**

will be at the James Cook Hotel, Wellington at 4.15pm, Saturday 23 June 2018

AGM Business

- receive and adopt the Annual Report;
- receive and adopt the audited Statement of Financial Performance and Statement of Financial Position for the previous financial year;
- elect Officers and Honorary Life Members;
- elect the Executive (as applicable)
- appoint an auditor;
- review any levies;
- consider any business or proposed resolution of notice has been given;
- discuss any recommendations from the Equestrian Meeting and the United Breed Society Meeting;
- receive a report on remits or any postal ballots;
- transact any general business.

THE RAS ANNUAL DINNER

To be held at James Cook Hotel, Wellington at 6.45pm on Saturday 23 June 2018.



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UNITED BREEDS SOCIETY 2017 - 2018

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HORSE STEWARDS COUNCIL EXECUTIVE 2017 – 2018

Chairman: A. Windle (Shannon)

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Prof. R.A. Anderson (Palmerston North)

MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND SPONSORS OF THE SOCIETY

It is hard to believe that another year has passed since my last AGM. During the past season there have been some significant events that have impacted on some of our shows. Unusual weather events meant the cancellation of some shows and had an adverse effect on the attendance rate of others. Mycoplasma Bovis also took its toll especially in the South Island where shows made a conscious decision not to exhibit dairy cattle. However, some like the Otago Taieri, no doubt believing there are opportunities in adversity, filled their dairy shed with an array of other animals and pets, giving local kids the opportunity to get up close and personal.

After discussion in the Breeds section at the Central Districts AGM meetings, a recommendation on Mycoplasma Bovis to this conference, was adopted by the District and subsequently other districts. It calls for more information and a pragmatic consideration of the fact that most countries in the world live with the disease. Their commercial cattle industry continues unabated and unhindered. In ensuring the future of shows I think we need to promote our network across the country as an excellent platform for agricultural education on such issues.

I acknowledge our Vice President, Brent Snelllex, in his difficult, diplomatic role of working with Canterbury A&P to try and reach an agreement on their branding and also the possibility of hosting a Royal Show in the South Island. He is trying to find a common ground between the members wants and needs to protect not only the Royal Show and Events branding but also the Showing Movement, and Canterbury's aspirations. At the time of writing we have not got there, however I am hopeful there will be a proposal to present to Conference.

And speaking of Royal Shows, I would like to pay tribute to Hawkes Bay. In my time on the Executive, they have provided the most positive approach to the relationship between the host and the Brand owner of the Royal Show. They have played by the rules, built the relationship and the brand in a thoroughly professional way and in the interests of the showing movement overall.

In the past the Executive has taken the responsibility for producing an organisation strategic plan. We have decided to take a different approach this time.

The strategy of the organisation should be the plan of the organisation member owners which describes how they all will create more value together than they would individually. Certainly, the Executive should ensure there is a plan and we have started the process by providing some initial thoughts and ideas. These were discussed and developed at the February Executive / Districts meeting and the results were circulated to the Districts for discussion with their member/owners. The resulting strategy document will provide the Executive with their mandate and road map for the immediate future of the organisation. Decisions and actions will be referenced against that plan.

I have recommended, and Districts have adopted the requirement, that their RAS District Rural Ambassador, as a condition of holding the title, be a member of the District Council for one year. I think this is a good step to more actively engaging them in the organisation post the competition.

Annaliese Goettler has been our Rural Ambassador for the last year. I would like to acknowledge her support in the role. She took an active interest in the Young Judges and Handlers Championships at the Royal Show in Hawkes Bay by coming over from her own busy competition schedule to meet finalists and present ribbons. She took an active interest in our competitors at the Melbourne Royal whilst she was there and has also joined the Executive of the Franklin A&P Show.

The Districts have also agreed to include the Equestrian Judge Convenor as a member of the Council. Whilst some may be coincidentally on the Council, I have been concerned that those in the role may have felt isolated and not fully included in the big picture. It seems to me that this exclusion may have contributed to a growing lack of understanding around equestrian and their issues at the expense of the rest of the movement.

Earlier this year I wrote to the United Breed Societies group members noting, onlookers at our meetings could be forgiven for thinking we are an equestrian sport group. There was a growing concern that discussion about that aspect of showing was dominating the meetings with very little airtime available for the other aspects of agricultural showing. I

have suggested to them, just we have meetings between the RAS Executive & Districts, the Executive and UBS meet to discuss the wider livestock involvement and promotion in showing.

Harcourts have been great partners with their significant sponsorship and support of the Rural Ambassador competition and hosting district finals. They have also provided an opportunity for member organisations to benefit from real estate transactions. I am surprised to note that so far only one member, Marlborough, has benefited from two sales which will net them \$800. They have also included a Harcourts agent on their committee.

The equestrian forums have done a great deal to help make a better connection between competitors and the RAS. Having the benefit of their views has helped ensure more acceptable decisions. This year there were remits that would have had a significant impact for competitors and may have been quite controversial. Whilst members are fully entitled to put up remits and have them voted on, I acknowledge those who agreed to withdraw their remits to enable consultation with our customers, the competitors.

I will be meeting with the CEO of the National Field Days to continue a discussion we have begun. Although very early days, the Board of Rural Women NZ have given their President the go ahead to discuss with me how our organisations might work together. These things take time because we need to build a relationship of mutual trust before getting down to business.

A special thank you to all those who made me welcome at their shows. I get to as many as my time and work allow and I relish the discussion with the competitors, judges, officials and organisers where I learn a great deal and continue to be impressed by their passion and determination. Without doubt there is an awareness that the show is the product. We are in the events business and have to work to make our product as attractive as possible to cause the public to choose coming to the A&P show over some other option available on the day.

Learning to use the local media to maximum advantage is one of the keys. I know of one show for example which for nearly two months before the show, have a feature

article in the local paper every week profiling a section and how to get involved or a competitor and their animals.

It was good to hear that Wanganui will be running a show this coming season after contemplating going into recess, and I will attend to offer encouragement and support. Sadly, Tokoroa has gone into temporary recess and Paeroa will be looking for support to ensure the continuation of their show. In marked contrast, congratulations to Oxford and their President, Ivan Evans for their excellent Sheep Royal Event.

For an organisation so comprehensive, we achieve a lot with just the two staff, Debbie Cameron and Christine Roberts. Anyone who spends a bit of time with them will realise just how much they volunteer and contribute to the organisation beyond their paid responsibilities. The Executive acknowledge just how much they add value to this organisation; how helpful they are too many and how patient they are with people who are just downright rude and inconsiderate. Thank you, Debbie and Christine, we are grateful and appreciate everything you do for us.

I also wish to acknowledge those who were prepared to draw the line against bad behaviour. Your courage is to be commended. Every attempt is made to find an informal solution to an issue and generally that is successful. However, occasionally it is necessary to undertake the full process. The Executive is committed to creating a positive environment for all to work within.

In any organisation the youth is the most important part, and future succession is something to strive for to ensure the longevity of any society. Young people have a fundamental right to be part of making decisions and developing the future of the RAS. They have important ideas and suggestions to improve the way we work.

Youth thrive when those of us who are older support and encourage their involvement and their voice. Encouraging the youth voice and developing positive relationships between youth and the 'establishment' organisation, means we make sure that everything we do has their perspective.

They will all have an idea, a 'spark', which describes their interests and motivation. We need to help identify and nurture their 'sparks'. There are three important components to helping them thrive in our organisation. Identifying and nurturing their 'sparks'; a youth voice and positive relationships with the establishment organisation.

A special thank you to Tabitha Hazlett who chairs the Youth Council. It is great to see many of those who got involved when the Executive re-instituted the Youth Council are still involved with us. I acknowledge both Hawkes Bay and Canterbury Shows, and Districts such as Northern and Southern, for their amazing support and encouragement of younger people.

The Executive has formed the Youth Reference Panel to ensure an opportunity for even more youth to express their opinions safely and that their voice is included in our thinking and decisions. The Panel will not be involved in any issues about individuals, nor will they be involved in negative issues. Our focus will be entirely around encouraging their voice and their ideas.

When they provide feedback, it will be aggregated, and no individual feedback will be identified. Where there is an idea and a project evolves, the individuals will have the opportunity to take leadership and they will be buddied with an Executive member or District Council to support them in that project.

During the season we asked the Youth Reference Panel three questions: Why are you involved in the RAS movement? What is one thing the organisation does to create barriers for youth involvement? If you could change one thing about the organisation, what would that be?

The answers were both interesting and illuminating. A summary of their responses has been provided to the District Councils to help provide insight to their plans. To ignore these insights will be foolish.

Whereas work might be accomplished by individual contributors, it takes a team to pull those pieces together. The Executive is a small group of people who work well as a team. They have a great range of professional practice experience and wisdom

which I am fortunate and happy to rely on. Although we work well as a team, each individual feels comfortable disagreeing, or arguing their perspective, idea or views. All our decisions are by consensus, and once a decision is made, all stand by it and support it.

Again, we have revised the format of conference in response to feedback from the last conference. While conferences certainly are a great place to learn and get an infusion of new ideas, they are more than that. What you are really getting is not only the quality of the speakers but the quality of the audience. You gain access to a network of people who share a common interest. One new idea or relationship can create a worthwhile benefit. So, talk to new people at every opportunity. Do some research on the speakers and their organisations to help inform your questions. Make actionable notes. Turn off the Social app on your phone. It's a distraction. Focus on learning and face – to – face interactions. Ask questions – remember you are asking on behalf of everyone attending so make it one that will provide benefit to all rather than a personal perspective.

I am pleased to report on the 2017/18 Royal A&P Show/Events, Rural Ambassador, Junior Judging, Paraders and Golden Fleece Exhibition and the South Island Dairy Heifer Competition in the following pages.



Hosted By:



The Royal A&P Show of New Zealand is the highlight on the agricultural calendar Hawkes Bay A&P Society hosted for the third year in a row and continued the excellent work of the previous years.

The membership is indebted to President Simon Collin and his committee who have built and nurtured a very precious tradition of the Showing Movement. They have worked positively with the Executive and fellow A&P Societies and Breed Societies to ensure the wider membership has the opportunity to win the prestigious tri-coloured red, white and blue ribbon and medal. Thanks to the many individuals who all contribute to creating a great atmosphere, and a vibrant Show.



Hosted By:

BAY OF ISLANDS P&I ASSN

Bay of Islands P&I Association were celebrating 175 years of showing, and what better way to celebrate than have a Royal Event in the equestrian section.

And celebrate they did with the community and retailers getting in behind them.

Entries were up in the equestrian section as well as good representation in all other sections.

Congratulations to President Donald Jack, the committee and Bay of Islands P & I Association for reaching a very important milestone.



Hosted By:

CANTERBURY A&P ASSOCIATION

President Peter Gilbert, long-time supporter and dairy exhibitor of the Showing Movement celebrated his year as Canterbury's President by having a Royal Event in the dairy section.

This was a huge success with entries up by at least 50 percent.

Congratulations to Peter and the committee for a very convivial and successful show.



Hosted By:

OXFORD A&P ASSOCIATION

Congratulations to President, Ivan Evans and his committee for a superb Royal Event within the sheep section.

400 plus sheep were entered and this ensured a very competitive spirit, and the RAS Supreme Champion medals and tri coloured ribbons were very well received by the eventual winners.

One of the last shows of the season, it is always a pleasure to attend and catch up with old friends and acquaintances.



RAS GOLDEN FLEECE EXHIBITION

Hosted By:



Upper Clutha A&P Association entered their first year of hosting this exhibition with a determination to add more glamour and prestige. Combining this with the annual RAS Conference made this a winner and gave many conference attendees an opportunity to attend the celebration dinner. Thank you to convenor Martin Paterson and the committee for all their hard work.

Winners:

Strong Wool – Rachel Humphrey, Waipawa

Fine Wool – A, D & S Paterson

Black & Coloured – L.P & K.E Ponsonby, Christchurch



RAS YOUNG JUDGES & PARADERS COMPETITIONS

Hosted By:



Once again, a vibrant and enthusiastic team enjoyed the atmosphere at the Royal A&P Show of New Zealand. The following young finalists will represent NZ at the Australasian (FCAS) Final in Adelaide in September.

The winners were:

Dairy Young Judge – Courtney Davies

Dairy Parader – Jennifer Thomas

Beef Young Judge – Emma Pollitt

Beef Parader – Emma Pollitt

Meat Breeds Sheep – Scott Maultsaid

Merino Fleece - Courtney Davies

Poultry – Courtney Davies



**HARCOURTS - RAS
RURAL
AMBASSADOR
AWARD**



The finals for the 2018 Rural Ambassador were held at the RAS Conference in Wanaka and the overall winner Annaliese Goettler will compete in Adelaide with the young judges and paraders in September. Annaliese will be the Team Manager.

2018 District winners:

Northern – Annaliese Goettler

Mid Northern – Sophia Clark

Western – Corey Prouting

Eastern – Hannah Best

Central – Johanna Smith

Southern – Lana Medder

Congratulations also to all of the finalists.

Thanks to sponsors – Upper Clutha A&P Society, Franklin A&P Society and Hawkes Bay A&P Society.



SOUTH ISLAND DAIRY HEIFER COMPETITION

A clean sweep from the southern part of the South Island for the 2017 competition.

2017 overall winners were:

Rising 1 Year Heifers – Murray & Linsey Skedgewell

Rising 2 Year Heifers – Murray & Linsey Skedgewell

Special thanks go to the convenors and volunteers who put the time in to the Competition. It remains a strong supporter to the Showing Movement.

NZ NATIONAL EWE HOGGET COMPETITION

The overall winner – Simon and Alan Paterson (Merino) - was announced at the award dinner.

Congratulations to all those who entered and thanks go to the A&P Associations which support this competition. Congratulations also to NZ Sheepbreeders', administrators of the competition, for a well-run event.

The 2018 competition is well underway and will be reported on at the RAS annual conference and in next year's annual report.

PLOUGHING

Our relationship with the NZ Ploughing Championships continues. This year they were hosted by the Thornbury Vintage Tractor and Implement Club. Jackie Kelly, Chairperson of the Southern District represented the RAS and presented the RAS medals at the Ploughing Championships in the Deep South. Recipients were Sean Leslie and Casey Rae (Rural News Horse Champions), Alistair Rutherford (Agricentre South Ltd New Holland Agricultural Vintage Champion), Bob Merhrtens (Farmlands

Fuel Reversible Champion) and Ian Woolley (Gulf Oil Silver Plough Conventional Champion).

SHEARING

It was great to be invited to attend the National Shearing and Wool Handling Finals run by Shearing Sports NZ again this year. I am pleased to welcome Erana Stevens, their event organiser to our conference as a guest speaker.

In the past, the RAS Gold Excellence Medals were presented with all the other prizes to the Open Shearing and the Wool Handler Champions. This year, after they had received their various prizes I was invited up to individually present our medals. It was most gracious of the organising committee to provide that opportunity to focus attention on the relationship between our two organisations.

Champion Open Wool Handler was Keryn Herbert, Te Awamutu. Champion Open Shearer was Rowland Smith, Hastings. That is the sixth time he has won.

I have had the opportunity of a couple of conversations with the Chairman of the Golden Shears. The relationship between our organisations has waned a little, however I am working to rebuild that.

EQUESTRIAN

Thanks to Canterbury A&P for hosting the Tri Nations Youth Equestrian Challenge. Thanks also to Nicky Hutchinson who took on the project for Canterbury and did all the behind the scenes organisation to ensure the smooth running of the event. Although Australia were unable to field a team, we experienced a great competition with the UK team whom I welcomed when they arrived in Auckland. The young NZers made a clean sweep of the first competition but gradually the UK riders clawed their way back to produce a tie! Thank you to Keven Cholmondeley Smith for hosting the visitors and making sure they got a great tour on their way down to Christchurch. Thanks must also go to Tryphena Carter (a Youth Council member) and Melissa Jebson who took on the role of Team Managers for the NZ team.

Another success story is the RAS Livamol Series run throughout the country. Kerrin Beatson of International Animal Health Products, is a huge supporter of this event and our thanks go to him for his support and positive encouragement. Congratulations to Andrea Baxter with Fourcees who was the overall winner of this series.

I also acknowledge Nicky Hutchinson who has recently stepped down as the National Judges Convenor. She was the second person to occupy this relatively new role in the history of the organisation. We appreciate her contribution to the development of the section and their judges.

We are taking the opportunity to review the role, and, in the meantime, it is being taken care of by the Executive member with the Equestrian portfolio, Cara O'Connor.

OBITUARIES

Our sympathy is extended to the families of those Society members who have passed on during the 2017-2018 year.

PATRONAGE OF THE SOCIETY

Thanks to, Her Excellency Dame Patsy Reddy for her patronage and support.

Geoff Smith
PRESIDENT

UNITED BREEDS SOCIETY

This past year has been somewhat of a challenge for all New Zealand farmers and their families, with the extreme weather conditions, the outbreak and containment of cattle diseases, and the growing concern at the lack of incomplete animal movement records.

Most of the country was affected by an extremely wet Spring which certainly affected production and delayed many crops being planted. It then suddenly turned dry and seemed we were heading into a drought until new year when we had good continued rain which gave us a good Summer.

The discovery in July of Mycoplasma Bovis in cattle for the first time in New Zealand was of great concern as to how the disease entered our country. With MPI's decision to cull 22,000 cattle from the affected properties it is hoped we can eradicate the disease.

What has been clearly identified has been the lack of complete NAIT records for all movement of cattle. This we all have to take responsibility for to ensure we all keep full and accurate records of all stock movement required under NAIT regulation. We sympathise with those farming families affected as they work through compensation issues and begin to restock their farms.

The spread of the cattle disease Theileria was highlighted at last year's conference and the best advice as given by MPI is to consult your local vet when bringing in cattle from outside of your area.

MPI representatives have been invited to attend this year's conference and give us the latest update of both these diseases.

Environmental and animal welfare issues are continually being highlighted and we all have to be aware and follow recommended farming practices.

I would like to acknowledge the following Executives on the UBS:

Allan Windle - Equestrian

Ian Stevenson - Sheep

Mark Fleming - Beef

Peter Gilbert - Dairy

We thank them for their input into running their various sections.

We also thank all those farming families who prepare and exhibit livestock at A & P Shows. It is greatly appreciated by the public and helps to heal the Rural-Urban divide. I wish all breeders a good calving and lambing season and that we receive favourable weather.

Richard Bradly
Chairman

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF NZ TREASURER'S REPORT

The following report to members is on the financial outcomes for the Society for the period ending 31 March 2018. The objective for the Society in this financial year was to return a modest financial surplus, this to ensure that we overcome the losses of the previous two years.

We are required to provide a consolidated set of accounts to meet the Charities Commission financial reporting standards. This includes the financial performance of each of our Districts and as part of the requirement of meeting these reporting standards our administration and consultancy costs have risen across the organisation. This year the Head Office component of the accounts did return a modest surplus, however the losses experienced by several the Districts has meant that we have now returned a breakeven result.

The Society's strategic partnership with Harcourts continues to provide us with funding opportunities at National, District and local A&P levels. Through this relationship we have been able to progress the Rural Ambassador Competition. For the Society to ensure an excellent long-term strategic partnership with Harcourts we must provide them with our upmost support, so when considering a real estate sale or purchase please make sure that you discuss your needs with your local Harcourts team.

OVERALL INCOME/EXPENDITURE

During this year we have seen a concerted effort to reduce expenses, this was seen as a reasonable reduction, particularly for the Head Office function, although at a District level we did see an increase in expenses to ensure that Districts could meet their operational needs. The other area of reduction was in the area of consultancy and legal. The overall consolidated expense result provides us with a reasonable reduction in expenses when compared to last year.

Income has increased in the area of sponsorship primarily due to the strategic partnership with Harcourts although this has been offset by a reduction in income

from other areas including levies. The levies reduction is clearly due to the increased number of weather related show cancellations that we saw, something that places all of our shows at a significant disadvantage and its responding financial impact. We hope that those shows never have to face this again for some time, if at all.

MEMBERSHIP

Life membership as of the 31 March 2018 stood at 663 members. There are 2 Corporate memberships, 75 Breed and Kindred memberships and 93 A & P Society memberships.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

As in the past we continue to credit 5 percent of the life members fund to the current account which will assist in meeting the cost associated with servicing life members.

INVESTMENTS/SHARES

The investment and share portfolio remains steady with a decreased value compared to last year.

SUMMARY

Our improved financial position this year is in-part due to a reduction in our expenses alongside the increased income through the support provided our strategic partner Harcourts. Please ensure that you all also support them in their business endeavours when making real estate decisions.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank our Chief Executive Officer, Debbie Cameron; Administrator, Christine Roberts, and the members of the Executive for their fabulous on-going commitment to our Society – your dedication and commitment to our organisation is outstanding.

To the Executive thank you also for your support of the Chief Executive Officer and Treasurer, as we continue to operate in an ever-challenging environment whilst trying to ensure the long-term viability of the Society.

To our President Geoff Smith, who continues in his crusade to visit as many of our members throughout the country as he can, combined with showing great leadership for the Society - thank you Geoff and John for your continued valuable contribution.

Mr. President, I formally move the adoption of the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st of March, 2018.

Brent Snelllex
Treasurer