

## POLL DORSET NZ & NZ DORSET HORN BREED SOCIETY



### Breed News

**Confirmation of Breed Committee -**  
Speed McIlraith, Rick Lee, Gary Illston,  
Ian McCall, Barry Rae, Cliff Deery, Ken  
Haywood and Dick Frahm.

***A special welcome to Dick Frahm who  
has replaced Ryan, due to work  
commitments.***

**Obituaries - Mrs A Boon &  
Mr G Cunneen -**

'It is with sadness we acknowledge the  
passing of Adrienne Boon and Greg  
Cunneen, both being great supporters  
of the Breed in different ways' -  
Outgoing President

**Appointments -**

**President** – Rick Lee

**Vice-President** – Ian McCall

**CPT Facilitator** – Ian McCall

**National & Trans-Tasman Across Flock  
Analysis Facilitator** - Ken Haywood

**Across Flock Analysis** - We currently  
have approximately 20 flocks on the  
National analysis and 14 flocks involved

on the Tasman Across flock Analysis.  
The benefits of being involved include  
seeing where your flock sits nationally,  
identifying superior rams/sires in your  
flock or other participating members  
flocks, and providing you with more  
information to make better decisions.

A collective effort like this allows us to  
make greater genetic progress as a  
breed and maintain Poll Dorsets at the  
forefront of the industry.

Establishing and maintaining genetic  
linkages between participating flocks is  
essential if we are to get valid  
comparisons. This can be done by  
sharing rams, buying older proven rams  
from another breeder or coming to an  
arrangement to get some of your ewes  
in lambs to another breeder's ram.

If any member not currently involved  
wishes to participate they need to get a  
consent form from either Greg or  
myself. – Ken Haywood

Connectedness needs to improve and  
there is the ongoing problems with  
members not getting their data in.

**Reports** – June and October.

**President's Report** – A note from our  
new President

We have just enjoyed a successful AGM  
and tour based in Queenstown  
from the 8th-10th of May. Thank you to  
Barry Rae and helpers for an appealing  
itinerary and tour. I think the tour group  
benefits from the inclusion of friends

and others from the wider agricultural community.

**From the AGM** - The main point to come out of the AGM is just where to best channel our Poll Dorset advertising and marketing energy (any ideas to Gary Illston. Promotions Committee - ph 027 322 8076)

The residential and commercial growth and development in Queenstown and surrounding areas is remarkable, and to think that little of it is fueled by agriculture is food for thought.

**Recent results** - "New Generation Progeny Test" - Beef and Lamb Multi Breed Progeny Trial Maraetotara Hawkes Bay.

Three of the top seven placed sires are Poll Dorsets from Mega Meat breeding group. The top producer of lambs in the multi sire mating environment numbers wise is also a Mega Meat Poll Dorset.

Regards Richard Lee.

**Promotions Facilitators** – Sally Rae, Gary Illston and Barry Rae.

To target June, July and August.

**Interesting Stories** – Four a year required. Please contact Gary, Barry, or the office if you know of an interesting Poll Dorset story.

**Advertising Budget** – It was agreed to spend up to \$10,000.00.

**Mint lamb competitions** to be encouraged.

**Facebook** – The General Manager to liaise with Sally Rae.

**Breed Webpage** – Committee members are encouraged to send to the office any Poll Dorset news, so it can be added to the webpage.

**Dorset Horn Members** – It was agreed that they pay a reduced breed levy.

**Conference Location 2019** - Southland.

**Royal Show Judge 2017** – Rick Lee

**NZ Young Judges Championship – Meat & Wool Lady Isaac Scholarship** –Breeds to select a young person to attend the NZ Young Judges Championship on the Friday morning of the Canterbury & P Show. If any member knows of any potential person please contact the office.

**Funding Request** - Any request for funding will be considered by the Breed Committee.

**Barry Rae** – The President thanked Barry for organizing this year's Conference. A large party of members, ex-members, hangers on enjoyed the 2 days.

**Photos supplied by Rebecca Haywood**

Thank you Rebecca for supplying the following photos -

