

Presidents Report from Australian Salers Association AGM held on 19th
November 2016

Peter Rogers opened his report by expressing sincere thanks to the Manley family for their hospitality and organisation of 2016 AGM and farm tour. For many of the attendees this was their first visit to the Toowoomba area and everyone in attendance applauded the effort that had been made to host the event.

The ASA Directors have been active during 2016 with Skype meetings every 2 months. Despite Directors being in 4 different time zones, there was 100% attendance at all meetings. Achievements during 2016 include:

- The Salers Association has run at a surplus for the first time in several years, for which a lot of credit must go to the treasurer Michael Manley.
- ASA has signed a new agreement with ABRI covering maintenance of our Herdbook including online access, registrations and certificates, and Breedplan.
- The ASA website has had a steady flow of articles and information thanks to the fantastic efforts of Roz Curtis.
- Some financial support has been made available for Junior Handlers in States where these events occur.
- An inventory of stored Salers semen is being put together so that more of the membership knows what is available and hopefully increase access.

The big story for 2016 has been the increase in cattle prices throughout Australia. This long overdue boost has injected renewed optimism into nearly all facets of the industry. Salers breeders that I have spoken to are receiving good prices and are encouraged to continue developing their herds. Long may this last!

The next ASA AGM will be held in Victoria in November 2017. All the Directors positions will be up for re-election and I encourage all members to consider getting involved.

Finally, I ask all ASA members to remember that the Directors are here to serve you and the Salers Society, and that if there is anything that you would like your Directors to do please make sure to contact your State Representative or myself.

Best wishes to all for a successful 2017 and beyond.

Peter Rogers, ASA President

ASA Victorian State Report for 2016

2016 has been a bit of a mixed year for ASA members in Victoria with the fantastic rise in cattle prices tempered by some unhelpful weather conditions in some areas, including the usual Aussie mix of flooding and scorching heat.

The demand for cattle has been good, with particular interest in female Salers breeders. The word is definitely getting out about maternal capabilities and calving ease.

A number of new breeders in Victoria are basing their herds on Salers genetics. It is also pleasing to discover people who have significant Salers contributions to their cross-breeding enterprises returning for another bull having proved to themselves that Salers do result in increased financial returns. Hopefully these new herds will lead to an increase in membership going forward.