

## Australian Salers Association – Presidents Letter October 2020

Greetings to all Australian Salers Association members and friends.

In a year like no other, this ASA Presidents letter and mail out contains information about our 2020 AGM due to be held from 7-9 pm Vic/NSW time on Saturday November 21<sup>st</sup>. As already flagged on the ASA website;

<http://www.salersaustralia.com.au/australian-salers-association-agm-2020/>

this year's AGM will be a virtual meeting due to the travel restrictions currently in place.

The AGM will be held using the computer meeting program Zoom.

It will be possible to join from a PC, Mac, iOS or Android using the following link:

<https://unimelb.zoom.us/j/86423114771?pwd=VE5RUHBEVm9DbzJZcjhYdnBtRkp5dz09>

We will email this link to everyone nearer to the meeting. If you are new to Zoom I suggest you make sure it is set up and working on your computer before the meeting is due to start. It is relatively simple to use and allows you to see other people in the meeting. You will need a computer with a camera and microphone, and a reasonable internet connection.

It will also be possible to join by phone: Dial 03 7018 2005 or 02 8015 6011

If you phone in, you will be asked to enter the Meeting ID: 86423114771

And then the Password: 033162 before you can join in.

I hope as many of you as possible can make it.

Further details for the meeting will also be available on the ASA website a few days before the meeting.

To entertain you, your ASA Directors have all promised to try and produce some video and/or photos that we will attempt to show after the business portion of the AGM to replace the farm visits that we normally undertake on the AGM weekend.

With this mail out are financial statements for the ASA. My thanks go to our treasurer Michael Manley who keeps us on the straight and narrow with costs for running the Association. We have held regular 2 monthly Council meetings by zoom over the past year, with business kept brief and issues dealt with efficiently. If any ASA member has anything they would like to bring to Council, please contact your State Representative, or myself, so that it can be tabled at the next Council meeting.

The ASA website plays an important role in our society, thanks to the ongoing efforts of Roz Curtis, who is always on the lookout for material to post. This is a cost-free opportunity for members to promote their studs or share information of interest. We will continue to provide most communication with members through the website and/or via emails to save costs.

I would like to thank our ASA Directors; Michael Manly (Qld and Treasurer), Kathy Gardner (NSW), Alan Penfold (WA and International Rep), Nathan Rabe (Tas) and Roz Curtis (SA) for all the work they have put in over the past year.

The Covid19 pandemic has resulted in a very different year for many of us, particularly those in Victoria. Despite this, it has been one of the best years on record for cattle prices, with good rains over much of Australia and the promise of more to come with La Niña conditions now established and above average rainfall predicted across nearly all regions. For those that were lucky enough to hold on to stock during the drought and fires, the picture is much rosier than it was. We can all hope the good times continue!

Best wishes to all,  
Peter Rogers

Australian Salers Association President