

***Executive Officer's Report
Annual General Meeting
20th September, 2002***

Good Afternoon,

It is pleasing to once again to be able to renew friendships among the pork producing industry of Western Australia.

Your Executive has worked together to put initiatives into place. The Industry wheels move slowly but at least your Executive are methodical and projects eventually come to fruition. It is pleasing to see after five years of negotiation that the Agricultural Produce Commission Pork Producers' Committee is in place. The Executive Officer Max Crake believes "fee for service" should commence mid October.

WAPPA's website is at long last up and running. This website has been kept simple so it doesn't take an age to download. It is hoped that we can put together a producer's section where producers will have access through their own private code to interact with issues. So if you don't like what we are doing, or you want to have a matter clarified or have your input on an issue you will be readily able to do so.

Communication technology is rapidly changing. WAPPA was recently connected to high speed Broad band service that makes communication instant. When I think that six years ago faxes were the greatest thing since sliced bread I project that in five years many more of you will be using your email and internet service more than you do now. I still believe faxing is a great way to communicate as least you see a piece of paper there and usually will pick it up and read. Our web page address is www.wappa.com.au

Once again we have relocated the office to Suite 1, Pastoral House, 277 Great Eastern Highway, Belmont. It is a great spot and producers are welcome to call in and use the facilities. We have a meeting room available for producers' use.

Today you will be asked to nominate your representatives to Pork Industry Training (WA). Liam Flanagan and Chris Brennan represent the B class shareholders (which are the pork producers of the State) and Neil Ferguson represents WAPPA's interest on this training council. With the advent of a full time training officer this committee is pushing ahead initiatives to skill our workforce for the betterment of our Industry.

WAPPA nominated to the WA Pig Skills Centre two representatives to their Board. They were Ken Boughton and Chris Keene and together with Martin Bent and Bruce Mullan these men made up the four Directors. During the year Ken Boughton resigned as a Director together with Derek Schroder as Company Secretary. Anne Graham was nominated from our Executive to take Ken's place and for a short time I took over as Company Secretary. Recently Emalyn Loudon has taken over as Company Secretary. I would like the Annual General Meeting to ratify these actions.

Being Directors, WAPPA cannot remove Directors until they wish to resign.

The WA Pig Skills Centre is Company, the Company and its Directors are bound by Corporation law.

I look forward with anticipation to the coming year. The Annual General Meeting is a time of reflection, renewal and planning. Our ties are strong with our national body Australian Pork Limited and we will continue to work with them on their many projects as well as working to encourage, protect and promote the interest of persons and companies who carry on the trade, business or occupation of a pig producer in the State of Western Australia.

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