

NZCCS PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2009

I would like to welcome you all to this the 42nd Annual General Meeting of the NZCCS Society.

2009 has been an eventful year for the society. With the retirement of long standing manager Pat Mellon who served the society faithfully for more than 33 years we were in need of someone to look after our administration. After looking at several options the Council moved into a short term agreement with the Nelson A&P Association for it to supply us with our technical and administration services. I am thrilled to report to members that this agreement has worked incredibly well for all parties involved. The transition of moving office has gone remarkably smoothly. I would like to thank in particular Geraldine Hassall and Stuart Bryant who being the handiest councillors to the respective offices played a major part in the transition.

I would like to welcome Liz Harvey and Annette Robinson into the Charolais fold and to thank them for their willingness to help members out, even though some of what they were doing was totally new to them. Your good nature and cheerful personalities are always present.

We look forward to a long and mutually beneficial association with the Nelson A&P.

In July 2009 we were saddened by the death of Rod Columbus. Rod was a councillor of the society from 1993 to 1997, he was a keen advocate of Charolais who participated in all things with enthusiasm and had much success in the show ring.

Bull sales throughout the country have been patchy. A reduction of beef cow numbers seems to be having an effect on prices in some areas, while others are still experiencing strong demand at good prices. Once again Charolais weaners were to the fore in both numbers and prices at sales throughout NZ.

As breeders our main joint promotion was once again in the Straight Furrow, I would like to thank those who supported this as it's important that we as breeders keep our breed in the public eye.

Our revamped website is up and running, I would encourage members to advertise their sales and list their bulls on this site. The site is receiving on average 89 visitors from New Zealand per month, as well as 200+ overseas hits per month since November 2009.

I would like to thank Council for their support over the last six years. You all have individual talents which have been put to good use for the benefit of Charolais.

I have enjoyed my time as President, and I would like to thank Karen for her support through this time.

For me knowing our administration is in good hands is a great relief.

I wish the incoming President all the best for their term in office.

Bryce McKenzie