



# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020 REPORT

## BRUCE ABBOTT EXECUTIVE OFFICER

At the end of 2020 I had intended to retire from this position, but due to the late appointment of a successor I felt that I should continue for a while to make the transfer to the new appointee as smooth as possible. I therefore consented to carry on as your Executive Officer for a period of time. Margaret Forde was appointed late February 2021 to take over the role as Registrar and I was asked to remain as Executive Officer for a short period of time to enable Margaret to grow into the position and take over the full role of EO/R in due time.

I produced a report in December last year which I reflected on what this association has achieved over the past few years. I do not intend to go over this again but just to highlight to you all that this association has made major progress as an organisation and is leading the industry in a number of areas. One particular area is education, the review of the Wool Technology Course and the increase in numbers attending this course, the work to compile a Wool Clip Grading Course and your association helping to deliver this course. We as classers must remember that we need highly trained wool handlers to enable us to prepare a clip to a high standard and this is the reason we promoted the wool clip grading course thus enabling senior wool handlers to not only achieve a qualification but also have an understanding of the requirement to prepare a clip to a high standard. The other area I will mention is communication. We have vastly increased our contact with you by regular emails, Web site, Facebook notifications and newsletters. Communication with the wider wool industry has also increased which has resulted in increasing the association profile.

It is time I move on and let other people carry on the work the association is doing not only for its members but the wider wool industry.

Before I sign off I would like to thank the following for their help and support over the past years, Chairman Bill Dowle, Secretary Annette Gamble and Board member Allan Frazer who all have been on the board throughout my tenure, the board members over the past 10 years that have supported me in all of my initiatives. There are many in the wool industry that I need to thank but you know who you are and my sincere thanks to you all for the help and support given to me. Most importantly my thanks to the members of this association for your support and the encouraging words I have received. Without you there would not be an association.

I wish the new management team all the best for the future and will follow the association progress with interest.

All the best for the future

Bruce Abbott