

ARCBA Chairman's Annual Report 2023

As the president and independent chairman of ARCBA I am honoured to present this annual report to the 49th annual general meeting in 2023.

Whilst this year has been relatively quiet your Executive have been organising, finalised and been involved with the following;

- Organised the young breed leaders workshop 24th & 25th October in Brisbane
- Organised Arthur Rickards scholarship. 24th October Brisbane.
- Organised the upgrade of the ARCBA website.
- Our EO Alex McDonald represented ARCBA on the Cattle Australia working group on Lumpy Skin Disease and FMD.
- Our EO represents ARCBA on the AUSVET Plan Valuation and Compensation Writing Group to rewrite the Manual.

I would like to thank the Board and Executive for their contribution, dedication and enthusiasm in providing their time in being available to address the needs of ARCBA.

Our EO Alex McDonald notified the Executive that after the AGM he will be leaving ARCBA.

Alex I find it difficult to summarise your 50 plus years contribution to the Cattle Industry in my annual report. I have attached a resume highlighting your contribution and involvement with the Cattle Industry which is unequalled.

As our Executive Officer your personal involvement, direction, dedication and experience you have provided ARCBA with, will always be recognised and appreciated.

Alex you have been great to work with and your advice and guidance to me as the Independent Chair has always been generous and supportive.

I also recognise none of this would have been possible without the love and support of Judy and your family. Simply we say thank you and may you be blessed with health and happiness.

In view of Alex's retirement the board has asked me to extend my term. I am honoured and have agreed to remain as Independent Chair till the AGM in 2024.

As the lobby organisation for the registered Beef industry, ARCBA remains ready to represent members in their interests on industry developments that could be detrimental to our sector. This work is largely reactive and I am happy to say that in the past 12 months this has not been required.

ARCBA in developing Our Young Breed Leaders is an essential link to having a strong Executive committee to continue this work in the future if and when we need to protect our sector.

The Hon. Thomas George

President & Independent Chairman