

## VER Presidents Report July 2019

Good morning and welcome to everyone. Firstly a big thank you to Joy for allowing us to use her home for this meeting and for allowing us to run a halter workshop at this meetings conclusion.

A little bit of an update on events and tasks that have been accomplished over the last few months. The survey we sent out earlier this year had some great feedback and insightful comments that we are trying our best to implement where we can. Many of the respondents also gave us some great ideas for events they would like to see run in our region in future and we are grateful for their ideas.

Farm World was a success this year turning a profit for the region. General consensus amongst stall holders was that it was a good four days promoting alpaca. The VER again had a stand at Farm World, this time inside the alpaca pavilion. This stall served to act as a general information stand to members of the public. The hard work of the volunteers who made the event happen, both the VER stand and getting the event sorted was amazing and thank you to those who assisted and participated at Farm World.

I wont speak much on the Spectacular as there is a report tabled for later in the meeting but I would like to thank all the helpers and attendees for making the night one that was enjoyable and contributing to the great atmosphere on the night. It was great to see so many faces there from new and existing members. Hopefully we can see even more there next year

Future planning:

The three shows in the remainder of this calendar year. Alexandra show is just around the corner on the 3rd of August, Lardner is now open for entries on eAlpaca and Sale has just moved their show date to Sunday October 13. Dates and further details are up on the events page of the VER website and on eAlpaca for those of you wanting to enter.

We have a shearing workshop scheduled for October/November this year, currently just waiting for finalised dates. We are also looking into having a birthing workshop later next year, a fleece skirting and collection workshop and a workshop on the AAA breed standard to aid in selection for conformation and fleece traits.

Also a gentle reminder that membership renewals were due on the 30th of June. Please make sure your membership is up to date. If you know someone who may have forgotten to renew, and you know they were meaning to, just give them a little reminder. It can be an easy thing to miss with the busy season fast approaching.

Lastly our ARM is scheduled for Sunday the 8th of September. Nominations must be in prior to the 11th of August which is now only two weeks away.