

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2020

Since March 2020 it has been a very different year for the Society with scheduled shows being cancelled & then the Inter Branch Challenge & National selection and ANBC show also being cancelled due to the Covid 19 virus. It was not until July that some Branches were able to hold meetings & still Branches were later than that but with restricted numbers attending. I believe that still some are not meeting which is frustrating for those members. I know that those attending meetings are doing so in a safe way and following the health department directions no matter how onerous they may seem. Christmas functions will be different this year for all.

Since our last AGM the management committee had worked efficiently up until the Covid 19 shutdown meeting face to face but at times light on in attendance. The executive of the Society met on numerous occasions via on line facilities, which worked well and we were able to keep the BSNSW working & progressing through those months. We recently had an on line Management meeting scheduled but due to a quorum not attending (only 2 branches on line) the meeting had to be postponed to the same day & time one week later and this time a quorum was in attendance with meeting business being discussed and passed. **It is most important that all branches attend these meetings** for the Society to run smoothly and professionally. Whilst attendance at these meetings on line may not be to everyone's liking it may be the way of the future, so that those in the country areas do not have great distances to travel to attend and can do so from the comfort of their own home.

Thank you to all elected officials for executing their duties in good manner & preparing up to date information for presentation to the committee. A lot of members participated in the recent survey on the future direction & make up of the Society and you have received two (2) Notices of Motion to change the Constitution to reflect the survey results so please return your votes as requested to the Returning Officer by the due date and if successful the Society will move forward as directed. David Butters & Mark Finnemore have done a lot of work and spent a great deal of time in preparation for this.

In regard to the Variety Pointscore Competition, the management committee approved the request that 2020 points be carried forward and be added to points to be awarded during the 2021 show season with winners then being decided and awarded.

Within the next few weeks you should receive 2021 rings as ordered by you, in May 2020, but if not received, contact the new ring registrar, Rob Mead, to enquire. This is a huge job in preparation for postage & I thank him for this.

I hope that your branch has kept you informed, during this difficult period and now with some relaxation of requirements we can look forward to a more enjoyable 2021 with friendships being renewed and discussions taking place at the venues. I understand that

Branches are preparing to hold their Annual Shows on usual weekend dates and look forward to attending when I can.

I wish you a happy & holy Christmas period and then a safe & healthy 2021