



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – October 2022**  
**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The AAA is a member organisation recognised as the peak body representing the alpaca industry in Australia. Our endeavours are proof that we as an organisation have volunteers and members who are at the forefront of the AAA's activities and resulting achievements for the benefit of all members and industry participants. The AAA is constantly looking for ways to improve its services, member benefits and importantly, the growth of the industry, and during this past year the Directors have sought to ensure that our Vision, Mission and Strategic Plan are upheld and maintained, and that we have continued to make progress towards our strategic goals.

When I reflect on our activities during the past twelve months, I am pleased to advise you of what has been achieved with the assistance of our volunteers:

Developed and implemented the new biosecurity program, Alpaca CheQA. An introductory platform to increase the awareness of on-farm biosecurity and engage a higher proportion within the industry. Online training opportunities for members on a variety of topics.

Established the online learning platform for continued education for members with potential to be promoted to others within the industry.

Regular communication with members via the AAA member update; and with the appointment of Rita Soares as the Social Media volunteer manager, our social media presence has gained further momentum.

Updated the AAA Code of Conduct, with a new Complaint's Handling process and policies to further encourage the best culture for members.

Invested in future alpaca vets through the Richard Dixon scholarship.

Liaison with Animal Health Australia on several matters pertinent to animal health and biosecurity in the face of increased risk from FMD and other endemic disease.

Progressed negotiations for the implementation of NLIS for alpacas.

Maintained relationships with key partners within government and industry to promote and advocate on behalf of members.

Continued the remit on behalf of members to open further export pathways for alpaca bloodstock and fibre.

Support and liaison across all Regions.

National Show 2022 successfully promoted the alpaca industry in partnership with the Adelaide Royal Show to a large and varied agricultural base, in addition to broadcasting around Australia and internationally.

This list is not exhaustive, nor does it include the governance activities that were undertaken in response to numerous matters that arose during the year, and these achievements represent considerable hours of work undertaken on behalf of all AAA members. The Board conducts a regular review of our progress regarding our Strategic Plan. This plan outlines the key initiatives and deliverables that will guide the future policies, processes, and practices of the AAA as the peak industry body and a global leader.

The significance of the above activities cannot and should not be underestimated. The Directors individually and collectively, together with the support from several committed breeders and volunteers, have enabled this industry to continue its progress along a pathway of success.

At this AGM we thank Prue Walduck as the retiring Board member for her significant contribution over the last three years. She has been a part of the leadership team that weathered the worst of the storms. Prue's endeavours to expand the Australian export market for bloodstock have been insurmountable. Her contribution to the Board will be missed.



A special mention to Carolyn Austin who held a voluntary position as the AAA Finance Manager for over 12 months. With her support the AAA have been able to navigate the economic environment encountered from COVID and has us financially well placed for the future.

We welcome two Directors to the Board – Mick Williams renews his term working with the Board since early 2020 and we welcome Andrew Bousie to the Board adding a fresh and new perspective.

For the past year as AAA President, I have had the opportunity to work with many people with a broad range of knowledge, experience, and skills; and to communicate with many members about a range of issues and concerns. I have learned something from each situation and have been inspired and challenged by the dedication and persistence of many who share the passion for the alpaca industry.

In closing I would like to thank:

My fellow Directors for their dedication and continuous efforts during the past 12 months.

The volunteers on whose enthusiasm and commitment we rely to enable AAA to be represented at many and varied events, in order to promote the alpaca industry and AAA. These volunteers take on the responsibilities of Regional Office bearers, Committee Chairs, regional and committee members and event coordinators, and on behalf of all AAA members I thank each of you who have been involved in and led various projects during this past year.

Our great team in the office positions who have worked hard throughout the past year to continue to provide a quality service and support to members, and to assist in the promotion of the Australian alpaca industry.

**Brett Fallon**  
**AAA President**