



**NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF  
ANIMAL PRODUCTION (INC)**

## PRESIDENT'S PIECE \_\_\_\_\_ MAY 2022

It has been an interesting two years for the society, with COVID having put halt to our 2020 conference and then moving the 2021 conference twice. Not to mention I possibly set a record for the short time as Vice President before taking up the helm. With the disruptions that COVID has caused, I would like to ask you all to check to see if you are still members (check this on the NZSAP website – we are starting to revamp this soon). Over the past few years, it has been more difficult to keep these up to date with memberships as without a conference and an inconsistent publication process, we have fallen behind on it.

To address the publication aspect of this challenge we have approached the New Zealand Journal of Agricultural Research about publishing a special issue, this would publish around half a dozen of our papers. We would like to keep our own publication as well, as this is a large part of why we exist. Finally, we are also closing in on that time of the year that our AGM will be held and of course notified to you as the membership. We must get back into our standard reporting and management timeline and November will be too late for this to happen, thus the AGM will be held online via zoom as per the last two years. **The AGM will be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of July From 12-2pm, link for this is below.**

I would like to thank both Kirsty Hammond and Chris Rogers for their contributions to the society and the committee over the past years and know that they are both keen to continue to support the society.

Again – please check your membership status as some of you will be getting the membership discount at the conference without being current members for up to 3 years.

Nick Sneddon

NZSAP President

## REMINDERS

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### MURRAY WOOLFORD YOUNG DAIRY SCIENTIST AWARD

DUE: 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2022. SEE:

[HTTP://WWW.NZSAP.ORG/MURRAY-WOOLFORD-YOUNG-DAIRY-SCIENTIST-AWARD](http://www.nzsap.org/murray-woolford-young-dairy-scientist-award)

### APPLICATIONS FOR NZSAP ANIMAL SCIENCE TRAVEL AWARDS

DUE: 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2022

DETAILS CAN BE FOUND HERE:

<http://www.nzsap.org/nzsap-animal-science-award>

### OVERDUE 2022 MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE OVERDUE FOR PAYMENT.

PROMPT PAYMENT IS APPRECIATED.

### 2022 AGM

TO BE HELD ON ZOOM

<https://massey.zoom.us/j/89452051533?pwd=NmU2NmIHTjFQY2xob3pOOWFSY0twUT09>

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## OBITUARY- DR SHERYL-ANNE NEWMAN

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The NZ Society for Animal Production joins with the animal science and production industries, to acknowledge the life and achievements of Dr Sheryl-Anne Newman who passed away on 8 November 2021.

Sheryl-Anne was a renowned animal scientist in New Zealand. Her work especially in the field of genetic research saw her awarded the NZSAP Sir Arthur Ward Award in 2017. She was nominated by Neville Jopson and seconded by John McEwan and Mark Young. The nominators recognised the successful application of research or experience to an aspect of animal production in New Zealand. Sheryl-Anne was at the forefront of developments to the Sheep Improvement Ltd (SIL) Genetic Engine since its inception in 1997 through to its launch in 1999 and beyond, working closely with scientists from a range of fields, and with sheep breeders who use SIL breeding values to improve their flocks, to apply genetics research for the betterment of the New Zealand sheep industry. Her logical approach to problem solving and her ability to explain things to users from different backgrounds have been key attributes contributing to SIL's success.

Sheryl-Anne had been the engineer in SIL's genetic engine room for over two decades. The New Zealand sheep industry has benefited hugely from what is arguably the world's best sheep genetic evaluation system. Sheryl-Anne's dedication to SIL support has been a key plank in SIL's success.

The Society can trace back Sheryl-Anne's membership to 1994 when she was employed as a Technician for MAF at Flockhouse in Bulls. These records do show of her role on the Committee in 1996 and of papers submitted to the Society's annual conferences.

It was fitting that Dr Sheryl-Anne Newman, who had dedicated much of her scientific career to making Sheep Improvement Limited what it is today, was recognized with the New Zealand Society of Animal Production Sir Arthur Ward Award. She was only the second woman to receive this prestigious award in our proud 40-year history.

The Society wishes to extend its sincere sympathies to Sheryl-Anne's family, friends and colleagues and are forever appreciative of the input Sheryl-Anne continued to have into the Society as a valued resource and friend over the many years.

## NZSAP MEMBERSHIP FEES 2022

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Full membership	\$95
Student membership	\$47.50
Australian members	\$95
Rest of World members	\$125

## NZSAP CONFERENCE 2022

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After having to move the 2021 conference twice due to COVID restrictions, we would like to confirm that the conference is still happening and will take place on 15 -17 November 2022 in Invercargill.

Hope to see you all there.

## NZSAP PROCEEDINGS – FREE ONLINE

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The 2021 proceeding of the NZSAP is published online and can be accessed using the following link: <http://www.nzsap.org/view/biblio/volume/81>

## NEW MEMBERS

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The NZSAP would like to welcome our new members:

Ana Carolina Marshall  
Alex Caulton

To nominate somebody for an award, please send the following to the Executive Secretary:

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- Name of Nominee (Printed) and signature of Nominee
- Proposer (Print name) and Proposer's signature
- Secunder (Print name) and signature of Secunder
- Date

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