

Illawarra Cattle Society of Queensland 2019 Chairman's Report

It is with great pleasure that I present this report for 2018 – 2019.

It has been a trying year with the price of milk, the cost of production and the weather. No wonder so many people are leaving the industry.

To those who have lost loved ones or have sickness in the family our thoughts and prayers are with you.

To those that have shown at our various shows, thank-you for keeping the Illawarra Breed in front of the public. Gatton show has pushed ahead to be the biggest Illawarra Show in Australia. For how long I don't know, but it is up to us as breeders to support these few shows we have left. Congratulations to all who won prizes at the various shows. A special congratulation must go to the English family on their Brisbane Show wins. I believe it is 29 years since the last Illawarra Supreme Cow and I don't think we have ever won all 3 Supremes at Brisbane before.

To those that have won milk awards during the year, congratulations. It is not easy with the weather as it has been.

All clubs are still operating having meetings at various times and some clubs are still running calf days.

Again we ran the On Farm Challenge. It was very well supported and was judged by Doug Savage. The awards day was run in conjunction with the Darling Downs Club 50 years' celebrations held on the 29th September 2018. It was great to see so many people at this function. To have three original members, Pat O'Sullivan, Lloyd Peters and Bob Ceisolka present made the day. It was also great to have Ian Muller our Federal President attending.

I would like to thank all committee members for their attendance and discussion at our meetings.

Thank you to Di who does a great job with the books and to Tanya for her job as publicity officer. A big thank-you must go to Betty. She seems to be on to anything as it arises which makes all our jobs a whole lot easier.

Again I thank you all and wish you all well in your efforts of breeding our great Illawarras. Hopefully 2019 -2020 may be a little bit better.

Thank-you all.

Mike Henry 

31st August 2019