

Braidwood Garlic Growers Co-op Ltd

Secretary Report

Annual General Meeting  
31 October 2020  
Braidwood Services Club

In the 12 months since the second AGM we have been subjected to drought, fire, flood and the COVID 19 pandemic – a difficult season in anyone's experience. The catastrophic bush fires directly affected several members either through loss of stock and property or through their RFS roles. Thankfully no lives were lost and we acknowledge all the hard work our services and volunteers carried out.

On behalf of the current Board and all Co-op members I would like to acknowledge the contributions made by the Chair and Directors in steering the Co-op through the past twelve months.

The running of BGGCL continues to be a voluntary effort and a great deal of time and effort is spent making the Co-op a viable entity and communicating with members. Regular updates are given with the Board Buzz and Bulletin, both written by Wendy Hutton. Wendy has also updated the website and created a Members only area.

The Board continues to develop the business and marketing plan, promote the brand maintain membership numbers and provide opportunities for members to sell their garlic.

The Co-op's regulatory and financial requirements have been met.

Member participation has again been disappointing with 6 of 20 current members not completing the July Grower Questionnaire.

The July survey indicates that the Co-op will be able to market over 1,500 kg of garlic this year (double last year's sales). The Co-op is confident that this quantity can be sold, subject to quality, at prices equal to last year.

Three members resigned and one membership was cancelled from the Co-op. There were no new members despite several strong enquiries. We expect membership numbers to remain about 20 by the end of 2020.

David Dawes  
Secretary  
Braidwood Garlic Growers Co-op Ltd  
31 October 2020

## Board Meeting Attendance since last AGM

November 2019

Shoemark, Byrnes, Dawes, Hutton, Peschler, Ellis

December 2019

Byrnes, Dawes, Hutton, Peschler, Ellis

January 2020

Shoemark, Byrnes, Dawes, Hutton, Peschler, Ellis

February 2020

Not held

March 2020

Shoemark, Byrnes, Dawes, Hutton, Peschler, Ellis

April 2020

Not held due to COVID

May 2020

Not held due to COVID

June 2020

Not held due to COVID

July 2020 Zoom

Shoemark, Byrnes, Dawes, Hutton, Peschler, Ellis

August 2020 Zoom

Shoemark, Byrnes, Dawes, Hutton, Peschler, Ellis

September 2020 Zoom

Shoemark, Byrnes, Dawes, Hutton, Peschler, Ellis

October 2020 Zoom

Shoemark, Byrnes, Dawes, Hutton, Peschler, Ellis

### Summary

Shoemark – 7 of 8

Byrnes – 8 of 8

Dawes – 8 of 8

Hutton – 8 of 8

Peschler – 8 of 8

Treasurer (Dave Ellis) – 8 of 8