



Braidwood Garlic Growers Co-op Ltd

Braidwood Garlic Board Buzz March 2021

Dear Members

Your board, elected November 2020, continues to respect the advice given to the previous board not to publish the minutes of Board meetings. However, we recognise that members have a desire to know what the board is doing on their behalf, hence this newsletter.

Your Board continues to meet regularly to discuss how best to progress the interests of your Co-op. We believe we have made significant progress. Our current focus is:

1. We welcome Megan Williams who has taken over duties as Secretary to the Board
2. We have sold all the garlic that members have supplied to us this season. We have clients we can't service. It would be great if members could look in their sheds and find more garlic.
3. The "Paddock Plot" produced little useful garlic, which has been sold.
We would like to have a Paddock Plot this year, but much reduced in size: mainly for seed garlic and educational purposes: looking at 5 metres each of 3 different garlies: a turban, a creole and Dunganski
If you can help planting, please contact Wendy 0406 475 091
4. It was difficult for Marketing to know if they had stocks, since members were slow to indicate how much garlic they were wishing to sell through our co-op. In the coming season, it would be good if members could let marketing know as early as possible.
5. Documents from the last AGM are in the Members' Only section of the website. Contact Wendy for your login information.
6. Our value adding project made some progress.
The Braiding Workshop was productive and members sold more than \$800 worth of braids at Provisions in Braidwood
We have tentative clients for dried, frozen and minced garlic
and have experimented with dried and powdered garlic scapes which are apparently FODMAP friendly according to Monash University
7. We have an eZine initiative to publish recipes that use garlic, and have changed the focus of our website Braidwood Garlic - Home to encouraging new members, it would be helpful if we had some ideas for using garlic and recipes for this: for instance preserving scapes; drying garlic, garlic oil etc
8. We continue to work in line with our budget, The Board is satisfied that the co-op is solvent and has the financial capital to trade for the foreseeable future. Day to day management remains a challenge for the current voluntary positions, the Board is considering how to make this more sustainable in the longer term.

Your Board 2021:

Phil Shoemark	-- Chair
Dave Ellis	-- Treasurer
Megan Williams	-- Secretary
Gerogina Bynes	-- Director
Liz Peschler	-- Director
Wendy Hutton	-- Director

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