



Braidwood Garlic Growers Co-op Ltd

Braidwood Garlic Board Buzz November 2020

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 monthly 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 thank all members who came to the AGM and helped us set our co-op's course for this year. We thank David Dawes for his many contributions to the board over the past few years and wish him well in his new venture. He is also attending the Burrill Lakes markets. We need a replacement Director.
2. We expect to sell member garlic to existing and new clients as this year's harvest is cured. We will let you know when we can take deliveries – remember that our Co-op exists to serve members by selling our garlic, using our combined strength to negotiate better prices for consistent delivery. It is important that members supply garlic to our Co-op to take advantage of these benefits.
3. The “Paddock Plot” scapes have been pulled and the Turban was harvested on 21st November. Cleaning is still in process.
4. Members who have 70mm or better garlic bulbs this year, are asked to contact Georgina, we have orders that we need to fill.
5. We have completed some important aspects of the Procedures Manuals to assist future members of the board. We have ensured our procedures meet the requirements of NSW Co-ops, and have established processes for dealing with lapsed memberships.
6. Documents from the last AGM will be published in the Members' Only section of the website.
7. Our value adding project made some progress during the lock down, but markets for cryovac garlic have been delayed. However, an opportunity to sell products in Braidwood exists – emails have been sent. A braiding workshop is offered on 29 November.
8. We have an eZine initiative to publish recipes that use garlic, including preserving garlic which has received little support from members to date, but we hope that will change.
9. We continue to work in line with our budget, but the uncertainties of the existing environment are making reliable planning challenging. The Board is satisfied that the co-op is solvent 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
Gerogina Bynes	-- Director
Liz Peschler	-- Director
Wendy Hutton	-- Director