

Braidwood Garlic Growers Co-op Ltd

Secretary Report

Annual General Meeting  
19 October 2019  
Braidwood Services Club

In the 8 month period since the first AGM the composition of the Board has changed. On behalf of the current Board and all Co op members I would like to acknowledge the contributions made by the inaugural Directors (Georgina Byrnes, Anna Farnham, Matthew Reid and Bronwyn Richards) and the Treasurer Dave Ellis. Phil Shoemark remains as Chair.

At the last AGM David Dawes and Cliff Burton were ratified as Directors and Wendy Hutton and Liz Peschler were elected as Directors. Cliff Burton subsequently resigned and inaugural Director Georgina Byrnes has been acting as an interim Director.

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.

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.

Unfortunately member participation has been poor with 8 of 23 current members not completing the July Grower Questionnaire and only 6 members contributing to the establishment of the Paddock Plot crop. This crop provides funds for the Co op's administration and rent and the intention is for it to be a seed source for members.

The continuing drought conditions in 2019 are creating a difficult season. However, the July survey indicates that the Co op will be able to market about 950 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.

Ten members resigned from the Co op in its first full year which is disappointing and there were 2 new members. There are several more positive enquiries from keen growers. We expect membership numbers to be about 26 by the end of 2019.

David Dawes  
Secretary  
Braidwood Garlic Growers Co-op Ltd  
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## Board Meeting Attendance since last AGM

February 2019 - #16 –

Phil Shoemark, Cliff Burton, David Dawes, Wendy Hutton, Liz Peschler

March 2019 - #17 –

Burton, Dawes, Hutton

April 2019 - #18 –

Shoemark, Dawes, Peschler

May 2019 - #19 –

Shoemark, Burton, Dawes, Hutton, Peschler

June 2019 - #20 –

Shoemark, Dawes, Hutton, Peschler

July 2019 - #21-

Shoemark, Dawes, Hutton, Peschler

August 2019 - #22 –

Shoemark, Byrnes, Dawes, Hutton, Peschler

September 2019 - #23 –

Shoemark, Byrnes, Dawes, Hutton, Peschler

October 2019 - #24 –

Shoemark, Byrnes, Dawes

### Summary

Shoemark – 8 of 9

Burton – 3 of 4

Byrnes – 3 of 3

Dawes – 9 of 9

Hutton – 7 of 9

Peschler – 7 of 9

Treasurer (Dave Ellis) – 8 of 9