

President's Message – March 2015

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It was great to meet with Aust Stud Merino Breeders Assoc., Superfine Woolgrowers, Aust Wool Growers Assoc and Aust Sheep Vets at our February meeting with Sheepmeats, get their input into health and welfare levies and share with them what Sheepmeats and WoolProducers have been doing in national sheep projects. Focusing our efforts to achieve a strong position for the wool industry is at the top of our priorities.

We have had some very productive meetings with Australian Wool Innovation, our wool industry Research and Development Corporation and we hope to continue to build on that relationship. We see it as really constructive and a new step for the wool industry for us to be having open discussions with AWI. It can only lead to a greater understanding of both group's roles and how we can work together better for the future of Australian wool.

Personally I have been fortunate to be asked to represent industry on the WoolPoll committee. I encourage growers to get involved and have a vote in the future of the wool industry and let their state farmer organisations know their thoughts on the levy percentages and how best to communicate to all wool growers so we can help in the process.

