

Presidents Message - Richard Halliday

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The wool industry is currently going through a very important time with a number of key industry events occurring that will impact on the future direction of our industry and I urge all eligible wool growers to participate in these events.

WoolProducers Australia is currently conducting its independent director election. This happens every two years and provides the unique opportunity for grass root growers to have their say in who represents their interests at the national level. I am pleased to announce that we are having a contested election this year – the first since 2009. I wish all candidates the best of luck.

WoolPoll 2015 is currently happening where growers can determine the future of their industry by choosing the amount you pay to go into research, development and marketing.

AWI are also conducting Board elections with three nominees putting their names forward to fill three vacancies. Brian van Rooyen is standing down from the AWI Board and is not seeking re-election this year after serving on the Board since 2002. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his contribution to industry.

The results of the WPA director elections will be announced at our upcoming AGM on 18 November, followed by the WoolPoll and AWI election results to be announced at the AWI AGM on 20 November.

As a wool grower I will be taking the opportunity to make my vote count in these significant industry proceedings and I encourage other wool growers to do the same.

Further detail on all three of these events can be found within this newsletter.

