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Dear Members,

Welcome to the first "Member News" in this format. You may notice that the newsletter looks very different to what you have become accustomed to. This is for good reason as issues of "Member News" are now designed to be sent and received in both hard copy and also as an electronic newsletter via an email subscription. The idea of this format is to reach members of the Association with information and updates more readily. By subscribing to the email format of the newsletter, members are able to share and spread the word on what the Australian Simmental Association is achieving and what major events and sales are coming up in the near future.

By increasing the Association's contact records of current members and third party associates it will assist in the wider distribution of marketing and general information. We have identified the need to reach a broader number of potential buyers of Simmental genetics and we hope to be able to increase the exposure and benefits of advertising in Association publications such as the Annual magazine.

How can you assist? Please encourage anyone that approaches your stud for information to register their contact details with the Association. A link will be made available from the Simmental website homepage where anyone can register their interest, sign up for further information and subscribe to publications.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

(1) DNA fingerprint of ALL sires (except Accredited AI Sires) is required to register their progeny

Check the Simmental Website (Animal Search) to see if an animal's DNA is on file.

(2) Hair or Semen Samples Required

- When applying to transfer a bull to another stud or junior stud member, a hair or semen sample of the bull must be submitted to the Association

(3) Check the AI Sire is Registered with ASBA

- Before using an AI sire, check that he is an Accredited AI sire with an ASBA registration number. This avoids problems in not being able to register resulting calves. Simply ring the office or check the Simmental Website before using such semen.

(4) Please contact Claudia Scott if you require a copy of the Association Bylaws

simmental@abri.une.edu.au

(5) Recording Birth Weight

- When recording calves on the S1 Form or in Herd Recording software, members are requested to record their Birth Weights.

**However, if you do not actually weigh the calf within 48 hours of birth,
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER A BIRTH WEIGHT. PLEASE DO NOT GUESS IT.**

Best wishes,



Damian Coffey
Executive Officer