

# Association Staff Changes Announced

The Association's President, Bill Almond, recently announced the restructuring of Association staffing arrangements following the pending departures of Peter Speers (CEO) and Lyn Yates (Registrar and Secretariat Manager).

From early to mid January the team looking after Simmental matters will be:

- Damian Coffey** Executive Officer
- Claudia Scott** Registrar and Secretariat Manager
- Wendy Croft** Accountant
- Lynette Hutton** Processing Assistant

Also, **Christian Duff**, ABRI's Manager of Extension Services and an SBTS Technical Officer, will provide support and assistance to ASBA members in the use and understanding of the genetic technologies, such as BREEDPLAN, BreedObject Selection Indexes, Internet Solutions, TakeStock & Gene Markers.

All BREEDPLAN collection and submission queries can still be directed to the BREEDPLAN data processor, **Jo Squires** at ABRI."

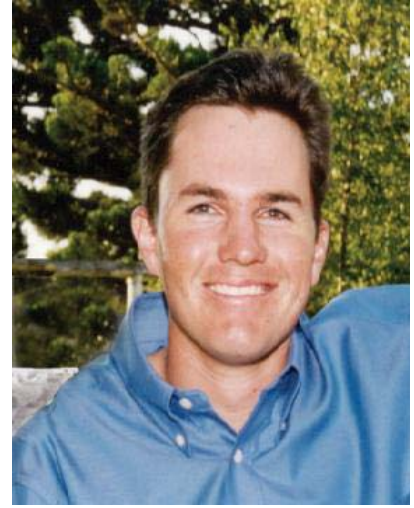
Full details of the changes are outlined in the President's letter below.



**Peter Speers**



**Lyn Yates**



**Christian Duff**



**Damian Coffey**



**Claudia Scott**



**Wendy Croft**

28 November 2007

**Dear Member**

As members are aware, after a period of twenty years the Chief Executive Officer, Peter Speers will complete his official duties and retire at the end of 2007.

Lyn Yates who has managed the secretariat and recording will also retire from her position with ABRI and ASBA in mid January 2008.

Peter and Lyn have provided dedicated service to ASBA over a long period of time and we wish both of them and their families a long and happy retirement.

The Federal Council have moved swiftly to arrange replacements for Peter and Lyn's positions with new staff commencing in mid January 2008. We are grateful to both Peter and Lyn who have offered to be available to assist during the transition period.

An opportunity to consolidate the above positions and provide the best level of service to members for the ongoing development of the breed has been made available.

Mr. Damian Coffey who has an extensive rural background with academic qualifications in agricultural economics will fill the executive officer position. Damian has previously held a livestock-marketing analyst position with Meat and Livestock Australia and also has extensive knowledge and experience in marketing and computer applications.

Damian will be based at ABRI in Armidale and contact details will be provided shortly.

Ms. Claudia Scott has been appointed to fill the position previously held by Lyn Yates. Claudia has extensive knowledge in recording systems and administrative procedures and will be a great asset to ASBA. Claudia will also be based in Armidale at ABRI.

The ASBA contact numbers for secretariat and recording will remain the same i.e.

Phone: 02 6773 3341; Fax: 02 6772 5376; Email: [simmental@abri.une.edu.au](mailto:simmental@abri.une.edu.au)

We look forward to the continuing development of the Simmental breed following the appointment of the above new employees.

Sincerely

Bill Almond  
President Simmental Australia.



Claudia Scott (left) with Lyn Yates (centre) and Lynette Hutton