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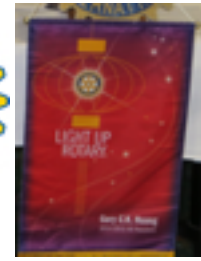
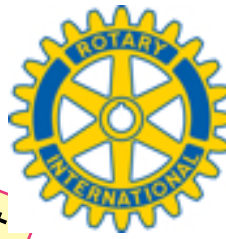
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## President's Report



What an awesome visit to the Ag Farm at BWSC. It's such a great feeling to be a part of what is happening at the Farm. To know that our contributions and support are making a difference. A difference that we can see.

For several years now we have followed the progress of Allana Norris, as she rose up the recognition ladder to where she is so highly regarded, at BWSC, among her peers and in the industry. She is the Junior Ambassador for the Limousen Cattle Breeders Group and is looking at a university course at UNE, AND, has a back-up plan if that doesn't work out. How good is this girl...???

We saw Luke Boxsell and Luke Brookes come up through the ranks and do so well at the Wingham Beef Week, earlier this year. They are both moving on to bigger and better things because of the Ag Farm and the training and support they received from the dedicated team there. I get one of my "warm feelings" when I think about it, knowing our Club was involved in this.

Our budget this year provides for another \$5,000 to go to the Farm, so, when it's our turn to cook a sausage sizzle, we know the money we are earning for our Club, will be making a difference, for those students whose lives are enriched by attending the Ag Farm, that we support.

## Our last meeting was with Agfarm



Before darkness took over we were escorted to view six calves just received from various parts of the State, for improving growth etc.. (More detailed information on the Rounding Shed on page 7) Then I, being left behind at that point with the calves, the group went on to view the scholars in the Parade Section. These photos should be larger for better understanding, but we see Louisa Briggs describing the finer point of parading control and the prizes so won and also for the steer's qualities. The lass, pictured parading a prize steer, is important to me, because she is the grand-daughter to "Royda" a very supportive nurse to me in the Don Leggett House.



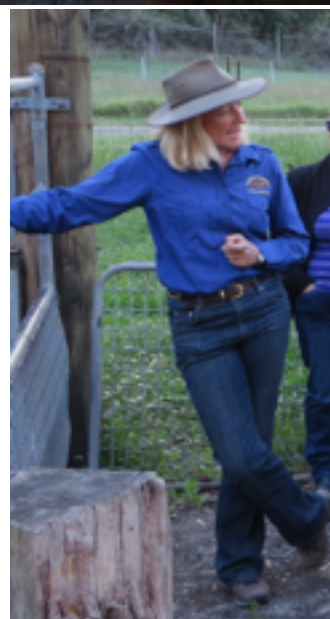
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The proud time in my visit was when I could go no further, young Jake introduced himself with a real handshake and stayed with me to explain the reason for having these new calves just off milk diet. Jake lives Dooralong Valley, busses to Wyong, train to Woy Woy to the Agfarm each day. He compared the calves, their coats, coming from different climates and combing procedures. He drew attention to their various body structures and need of development, their diet needs, their current sensitivity to people, and their potential. He spoke of the Brahman value to Australia. Drew attention to an adjacent cow mother to be and a combination of a one DNA bull mating with this 3 DNA cow for hopeful improvement. So looking at cross breeds. His personal effort of buying cattle, improving at Dooralong and him selling at right time. I am pleased to steal this space to show the real value of Agfarm and for its continuation. Thank you! Jake Bennett



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Meal time BBQ, as prepared by students. Louisa Briggs detailed world expectation of population and food chain over next 40 years. Asia needing 70% more food, Australia supplying. OS investors, Euro and China, already buying land areas. Opportunities for current students being highly qualified in so many areas of equipment, stock improvement, supply, transport, veterinary, abattoir and sale yards. She spoke of their successes, the students' dedication, and quality of animals as supplied by sponsors. She detailed need of finance and how wonderful the support being given.



Two lower photos show the appreciation felt by Brent Walker Head of BWSC of having Agfarm, and of our continuing support. Pres. Geoff again added \$500 to this support. Sorry, I couldn't enlarge the cheque (Photo)

