

Presidents Report
2016/17

A telephone call a few days ago from a man who needed advise and help with his group of alpacas & llamas has reinforced, for me, the importance of NZLA., and the role of its members in the wider community.

This network of members and the information they possess is invaluable.

Over the past year your Committee has met regularly, using a closed facebook group for the meetings. This was reasonably successful, and certainly very cost effective!

Email was used for communication between meetings.

At its first meetings your Committee set itself a number of goals, including to stop the decline in membership and to increase membership in NZLA. The website was updated, and a push was made at the Canterbury Show. A number of members have also encouraged purchasers of llamas to join NZLA.

A result of the lower membership numbers has meant more of a workload for past and current members, with many of the same people stepping forward. Its very encouraging to see the number of members stepping up to join the Committee, including some of our newer NZLA members. Your skills, fresh ideas and enthusiasm will be very welcome.

I would like to thank all of those who have contributed their time and shared their knowledge over the past year. I would like to thank Keith Payne for his successful convening of the Canterbury Show, and Judy Webby for her efforts with llama rescue.

There are others who have also made very valuable contributions, and although I havent mentioned you by name, your efforts have been very much appreciated.

I would like to thank my fellow committee members, each of whom has contributed their time, skills and knowledge freely with no thought of reward.

Lastly I would like to thank you, the members of NZLA. Your continued membership of our Association makes it possible to

- keep the website going
 - o giving members of the public a place to go to get reliable information on llamas
 - o giving members an official venue to go to to advertise themselves
- provide a “go to” place for organisations such as the SPCA , Government Departments and the A&P Association
- provide llama rescue
- provide a network of like minded llama owners

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