

POPPY GROWERS TASMANIA INC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 18th June 2020

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am pleased to present my President's Report for the 2019/2020 Season.

Well, what a season – dry, windy and cold!

In some instances crops did not perform up to expectations and in other instances the crops performed above expectations.

But, as we know that is the way with farming.

Given we are now living in quite extraordinary times with Covid19, its social distancing regime and an AGM by teleconference, I do not intend to provide a detailed report.

Instead, I would like to provide a summary of the major issues managed by your association over the past 12 months.

- Conducted 7 poppy industry workshops throughout the entire growing region;
- Assisted a number of growers who had concerns regarding previous seasons crop;
- Submission re GM Moratorium
- High level discussions with Tas Alk re Proposed new payment arrangements;
- Impact of J&J opioid decision in US;
- Participated with Washington Post re Tasmanian Poppy Industry;
- Participated with National Drug and Alcohol Research Project;
- Tas Fire Service Guideline for industry to harvest on days of total fire ban;
- Submission re Tasmanian Government White Paper on Competitiveness of Tasmanian Agriculture for 2050;
- Prepare study on increased costs for 19/20 season;
- Attended United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs Meeting – only grower organisation to do so;
- Participated in discussions with Sun Pharma re adjustments for growers with below average performance in their 19/20 morphine crop;
- Conducted contract negotiations with Sun Pharma and Tas Alk for the 20/21 crop;
- Prepared submission to Tasmanian Government in relation to Rural Water Use Strategy.

- Manage the day-to-day affairs of Poppy Growers Tasmania Inc in an efficient and professional manner at all times in accordance with the policy and direction of the Committee of Management.

In closing, I have some people to thank:

- I would particularly like to thank all the company field officers and contractors for their valuable advice, assistance and professionalism in the manner in which they go about their respective business and delivery to their services.
- Also the PACB and staff for their diligence and cooperation when administering our world renowned security procedures.
- All form essential elements of this vanguard global industry.
- My gratitude and appreciation to the Committee of Management for their commitment and support over the past 123 months, it is truly appreciated.
- I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to Pip Webster as she joins the Committee representing the Southern Midlands, welcome Pip!
- And last but not least to you, our growers, thankyou for your ongoing support.

My very best wishes for a successful 2020/2021 season.

I know we as an industry still face some challenges in the global market place however I have total confidence that better times lay ahead and I remain fully committed to this world class Tasmanian industry.

Thank you Ladies and Gentlemen.

I would now Move that my report be received.