



Media Release

SALRC appoints Regional Chairs and new sheepmeat and grass-fed beef producer members on Regional Committees

The Southern Australia Livestock Research Council (SALRC) has appointed new Regional Chairs for its Northern NSW and Central & Western NSW, including QLD Sheepmeat, Regional Committees and appointed a number of new producer members on its Regional Committees.

SALRC is an independent, incorporated association and one of three national research Councils setup to provide recommendations on Research, Development & Adoption (RD&A) priorities and planning for grass-fed beef and sheepmeat producers throughout Australia.

Magnus Aitken, a sheep and cattle producer from the Conargo region, has been appointed Regional Chair of the Central and Western NSW, including QLD Sheep, Regional Committee. Magnus manages Paraway Pastoral's Steam Plains and Cooinbil Stations and is the Board Chair of Western NSW Local Land Services. Christine White, a cattle and sheep producer from the Coolah region, has been appointed the Regional Chair of the Northern NSW Regional Committee. Christine is a Board Member of the Central West Local Land Services and a Producer Member on MLA's Producer Advisory Reference Group (PARG).

In addition to the two newly appointed regional Chairs, SALRC is also pleased to announce that Lisa Anderson (Southern NSW Regional Committee Chair) will continue her leadership role with SALRC, with her second term commencing following the SALRC AGM on 15 September 2021. SALRC Chair Ian Rogan also welcomes a number of new sheepmeat and grass-fed beef producer members to the Regional Committees:

- Louisa-Jane Cunningham, Western Victoria - Mixed farming enterprise (Dohne sheep and cereal crops), Shelford Vic
- Georgie Knight, Western Victoria – Cattle breeding and backgrounding, Mortlake Vic
- Will Bignell, South east Victoria and Tasmania - Sheep enterprise (prime lamb and composite ewe flock), Bothwell, Tas
- Wayne Osborne, South east Victoria and Tasmania - Steer/bullock operation West & South Gippsland
- Allan Vagg, Central and Western NSW including QLD Sheepmeat – Self-replacing sheep and cattle enterprise, Hillston , NSW
- Sandra Ireson, Central and Western NSW including QLD Sheepmeat – Grass fed beef breeding enterprise, Hay, NSW

In announcing these appointments SALRC Chair, Ian Rogan said *“these appointments follow a strong commitment to building industry and organisational capability and once again followed an extensive selection and appointment process. Our lamb and beef producer members of our seven regional committees across four states, bring crucial on-ground experience to the processes we use to develop priorities for research and development that can bring value to our industries”*.

Central and Western NSW, including QLD Sheep, Regional Chair Magnus Aitken commented *“I am pleased to have the opportunity to take on the role of SALRC regional chair for CWNSW incl QLD Sheep. I believe that producer input into RD&A investment priorities is an essential part of ensuring that R&D funding is directed towards projects which are commercially relevant, which in turn plays a big part in the adoption of R&D outcomes. We have an excellent committee which is representative of the whole region and its demographics. It is a diverse region covering pretty well all livestock industries, ranging from mixed farmers to extensive livestock and rangeland producers, and a*

growing QLD sheep industry. I am keen to ensure that input from our whole region and all of its livestock industries is on the table when decisions are being made to determine investment priorities for the whole industry.”

Newly appointed Northern NSW Regional Chair Christine White also commented that “SALRC provides a unique platform for researchers and producers to connect. Being able to have a say on livestock research, provide feedback on potential projects and see how challenges can become opportunities is part of what SALRC has to offer. It’s an exciting time to be in the industry, and an exciting time to be part of SALRC.”

The Terms of all positions commenced following the SALRC AGM on 15th September 2021. More information about recruitment can be found on the [SALRC website](#).

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