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Welcome to the final newsletter for 2013 which has seen a lot of the country experiencing heat waves and prolonged drought, but I don't think too many would change living in this wonderful country we call home.

Our Board met in November at the French's home and it was great to see member's, both young and old, discussing future projects for the Society.

Once again the show season is slowing down for the Xmas break but will be up and running in the near future in NSW, Act and many other states. We wish all member's that are showing all the best for the coming season and with their continued effort at promoting the breed.

Earlier in the year I let members know that Joe and Bobby were hanging up their cattle boots and hoping to enjoy a more relaxing life. It is with much sadness that I let you know of the passing of Joe. I wouldn't have enough space in this newsletter to tell you all the stories and fun many members have shared with both Bobby and Joe over the years. I think the next couple of stories best explain our Joe and the fact that we could never take the Queensland country out of him. In 2008 a group of breeders were in France for the French Maine Anjou Society's Centenary. We had just gotten off the TGV, fast train, from Paris to Angers, when Joe realized that he had left his hat on the train. Joe turns to me and says 'do you think they will return it to me as it has my address at 20 Toowoomba Road, Oakey in it?' Needless to say he never saw it again. On another occasion we were having a meal in a Paris restaurant when Joe saw beef tartare on the menu and asked the waitress what it was. She happily explained that it was a French specialty consisting of marinated raw mince meat. Joe said would you mind cooking it for me. Joe had fish for tea that night. Joe was one of the foundation members in Queensland and was very active around the show circuit in Queensland, showing at both Brisbane and Sydney Royals. Joe and Bobby were also instrumental in our Society becoming part of Beef Australia when it was in its early stages and was manning our stand at Beef Australia in 2012.

It is also with sadness that we have lost two other members over the past several months, being Charlie Mills from Queensland. Once again a great breeder of cattle and a real stickler for the Maines. Charlie will be greatly missed and hadn't been well for a while so we haven't seen him around the traps for sometime.

I think this last person I am about to mention will shock most members as it did the Board, and that was Barry Jones, or Baz to most people and a current Board member. Further in the newsletter is an obituary for Barry written by his partner Sue and I think it sums Barry up to a tee. It was great to hear that Barry's family are continuing with the BPC stud and remaining part of the Society.

On a brighter note, one of our Youth Scholarship winners, is organizing Maines to be shown at Boorowa Show in late February and the Society is trying to organize some events for our junior members around this show. I will keep everyone up to date as I learn more. The show is on the weekend of 28th February, 2014.

Sydney Royal will run from 10th April 2014 for two weeks and the beef cattle will be shown the first weekend. Entries are now on line and entries close 12th February. For further information go to www.rasnsww.com.au. We hope to see a number of breeders showing again this year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish all our junior members well in exams that they may have been doing over the last couple of months.

Don't forget memberships are now due and everyone needs to be financial to register their cattle. The year letter for 2014 is 'A'.

I would also like to point out that Semex have a new AI sire in the country from Canada but it hasn't been registered with our Society and therefore at present we cannot register calves by this bull.

Once again I hope everyone has had a very Merry Xmas and I hope 2014 turns out to be prosperous for all

Upcoming Events.

DECEMBER 2013

23RD -Entries out on line for Sydney Royal.

go to www.rasnsww.com.au

FEBRUARY 2014

12th - Entries for Sydney Royal close

21st- Canberra Royal starts

28th-Boorowa Show. Maine Board meeting

APRIL 2014

10TH-Sydney Royal starts.

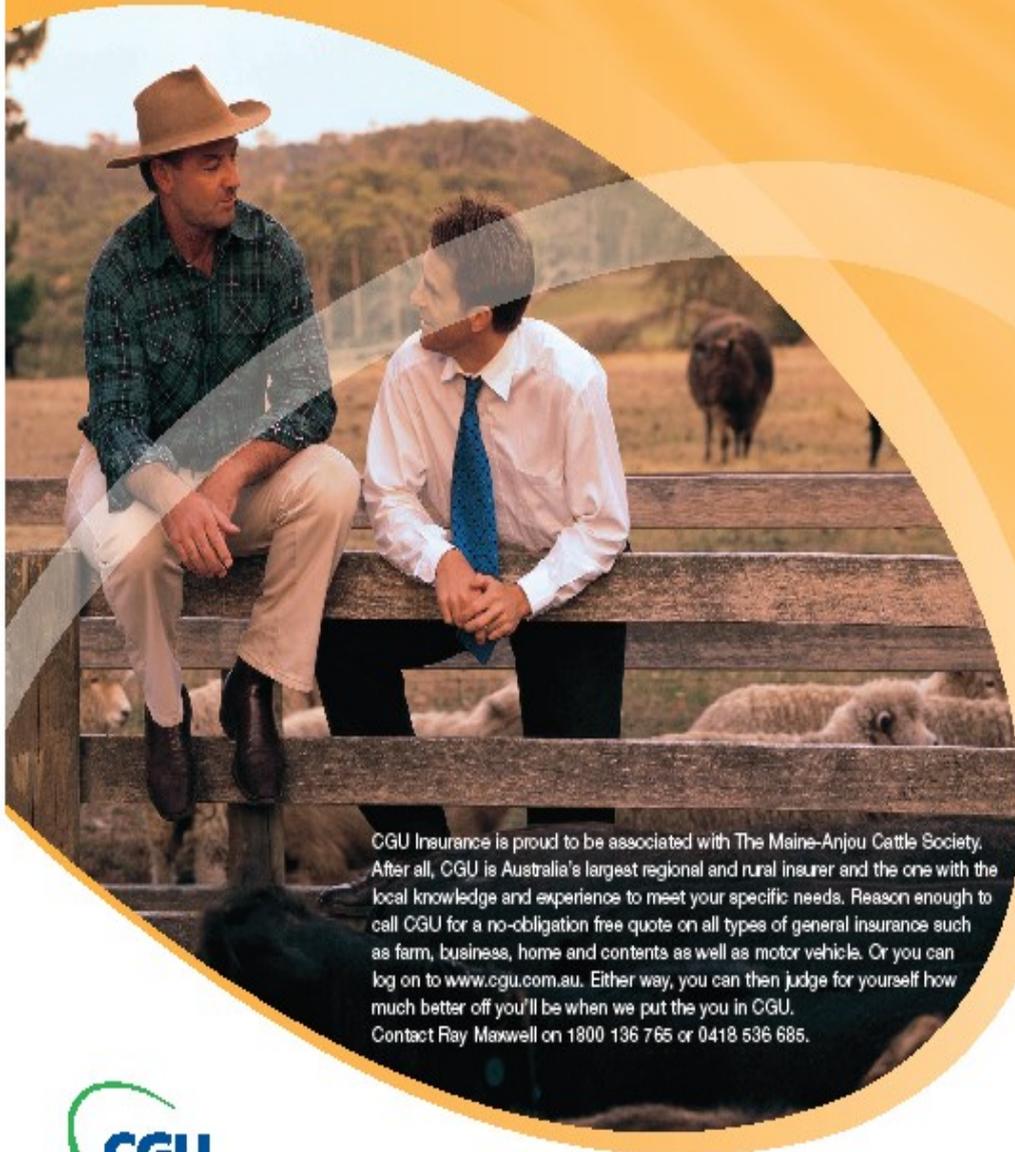
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OBITUARY - BARRY JONES 1958—2013

Barry Jones, or Baz as he was known to his family and friends, loved his cattle. He lived at 'Bangalla', a 250 acre farm in the Southern Highlands of NSW and there he bred Maine-Anjou cattle. His favourite time of day was late afternoon when he would get in his truck and slowly patrol the paddocks, spending time just looking at "who's who in the zoo" as he described it.

Baz was born in Camperdown in 1958 to Ted and Noelie Jones. Ted passed away when Baz was 8 years old and he never forgot the loss of his father. Baz and his mother moved to Leichhardt and then to Balmain where Baz was a student at Ibrox Boys' High School. As a teenager he excelled at sports playing both rugby league and rugby union. He later played Union with the Drummoyne "Dirty Reds". Baz was a fanatical West Tigers fan always staying true to his Balmain roots.

As a young man he aspired to get ahead in life and following his first job at Grace Bros Travel in Roselands he moved into the financial world eventually becoming a very successful stockbroker.

In 1987 he married Sandy and they became proud parents of three sons: Bryn, Owen and Huw. It was at this time that Baz and Sandy bought "Bangalla" and Baz began breeding cattle, initially beginning with Murray Greys and then specialising in the Maine-Anjou breed.

Baz travelled to Canada to source the genetics for his cattle and over the following decades he built one of the finest stud herds in Australia and New Zealand. He was successful in winning many prizes including Grand Champion Female at the Royal Melbourne Show in 1992, Reserve Senior Champion at the Sydney Royal Easter Show in 1992 and Grand Champion Bull at the Sydney Royal Easter Show in 2011.

He made a major contribution to the genetics of the Maine-Anjou Society and these genetics will be passed on to the young farmers to honour and continue Baz's work.

In 2008 Baz travelled with his partner, Susan, to the Loire Valley to attend the Maine Anjou conference at Gontier. He enjoyed his time there immensely and came home with many happy memories of the people he met in France, the cattle he inspected and the excellent local wines and fine food he appreciated so much.

Baz was a larger- than- life character, a big man who liked room to move. He had a great sense of humour and was a wonderful host. He had a wide range of eclectic interests including art, opera, ancient history and travelling the world.

Baz is survived by his partner Susan, his three sons Bryn, Owen and Huw and his former wife, Sandy.

Written by Susan Astor-Smith



Across the Tasman....

Hello from New Zealand.

Another calving has been and gone, mating for the next generation is well under way, and whether you are using AI or bulls I wish you all the best.

In the South we have had a very mild spring. October was a bit cool, November was very good for grass growth and any Maine-Anjou that I have seen are looking great. The North has been very dry and we are thinking of our friends up there.

We hope everyone has a great Christmas - and remember the reason for the season.

OBITUARY - GARY J. PEARSON

Recently we lost one of the real characters of Maine-Anjou breeders in New Zealand. Gary J. Pearson, an accountant by profession, used his many skills in breeding Maine-Anjou. He was the auditor for our Society for many years and was not afraid to speak out if things were not done right or if money was not spent wisely.

His knowledge of bloodlines and the breed was unsurpassed and he could tell others the background of a particular dam or sire for several generations. Gary had a great sense of humour, his storytelling was legendary, also his quaint sayings.

Gary will be greatly missed by many. We are indebted for his contribution to the Maine-Anjou in New Zealand. Now it is our turn to use that knowledge passed on by Gary and other breeders who have gone before to enhance Maine-Anjou in New Zealand.

Written by Barrie Leslie
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