

From The Editor

The next AGM is to be held in the Mount Lofty Ranges to the east of Adelaide on the 17th May - only two months away.

The AGM is to be held in the middle of a conference. The South Australian Branch are going out of their way to organise interesting speakers and hopes that they will entertain and inform us of the deer industry options for the future. If you have any concerns or world shattering options to improve our lot - be there and make a contribution!! The program schedule is outlined on Pp 4 and 5. Please observe the booking date - Friday the 4th April. Anybody who has an interest in the future of deer farming is welcome to attend and voice an opinion but only current members are allowed to vote.

All the information needed to attend the AGM has been included in this issue. It will save a bit of Marika's time if you could print out the relevant pages of this issue and bring them along to the meeting. Please be aware of the Notice Of Motion (P.17) and the Proxy form (P.18).

Once again, we should be grateful that our Committee has finished the year with a profit. There are always a certain number of fixed costs involved with running an association such as ours. Hopefully, income streams such as the bookshop will continue to contribute in the future. Although the book shop expenses rose this year, the income trebled. Good signs.

This will be the last issue that will be put on the web soon after the members have received a copy. Our funding from RIRDC has now ceased. We now have no obligation to satisfy RIRDC requirements that the DIAA inform the wider deer community (who are not DIAA members) of the "deer research" that is taking place. However, the ADF magazine can be subscribed to on its own and those interested should contact Marika McKinnon on (03) 5584 7265. In addition, future copies of the magazine will only be available on the deerfarming.com.au website - approximately 12 months after publication.



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