

The Good Oil

October 2008

Newsletter of the Olive Growers Mudgee

Events For 2008

**Annual General
Meeting
2pm 8th November
2008
At
Railway Station**

From the Chair

2008 has been a very fruitful year for Olive Growers Mudgee Inc. The Mudgee Olives Association was incorporated under this new name.

I wish to thank our members and Executive for the tremendous efforts in making this a successful year. In particular our Operations Officer, Karl Ritar, for his tremendous day to day attention to detail and for seeing the team through the incorporation of our Association and the dedicated work on the web site, Deputy Chair Mike Sweeney for his overseeing so many projects and representing us on the Mudgee Tourist Board, Jan Kenworthy for all her efforts in particular being the organiser and promoter of our Olive Oil and Olive Product Shows and June Ritar, our Treasurer for her constant assistance with all of our activities.

Field Days were well attended and in particular the Field Day with Professor Robert Spooner Hart highlighting lace bug and black sooty mould problems and eradication was invaluable. During the year Clarrie Beckingham retired from the Department of Primary Industries and we have welcomed Sue Marte who has been most helpful and obliging.

We conducted "Fresh from the Press" once again and promoted Mudgee and the Olive industry in Mudgee as being one of the best regions in the world.

Our Harvest Dinner was a most enjoyable night with awards being presented by Food & Wine journalist and personality, John Newton. Our Olive Oil and Product Shows again had a strong number of entries, the oils and products were of a high standard.

A number of tasting sessions for members were conducted by myself during the year.

An interesting programme has already been planned for next year with advance bookings being made for a number of our activities.

Having been President for a year reinforces my opinion that ideally the President should be Mudgee based as without the tremendous efforts of our Mudgee based Executive the year would not have gone as smoothly and as well as it did.

Robert Colquhoun

Annual General Meeting

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the last AGM
3. Business arising
4. President's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Ops Manager Report
7. Election of office bearers
8. General business
9. Membership fees for 2009
10. Close meeting
11. Ordinary meeting

Members: Please consider standing for a position on the executive for 2009. We welcome new and fresh ideas and your association needs you.

Note: Olive lace bug is just starting to emerge. Suggest you check your trees for activity and take appropriate action. An effective control is ½% canola based oil spray at 20 day intervals

➤ **NEXT MEETING – to be determined**◀

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