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from the Editor:

Happy New Year to you all. 2010 and what new challenges will it throw up at us this year. With all the vagaries of the weather are we learning to live with them? Yes, I think most farmers are challenging all the obstacles that are thrown up at them, and in most cases finding new ways to deal with the problems. I hope you all are starting the season with some good rain despite being patchy in some areas.

A special welcome to our new Scholars Marty Philips and Don Madden. We wish them well on their journey of learning and may the experience be one that they will remember as we all did when we did our studies. Good luck. I look forward to catching up with you all at Ronald & Sally's. *Phil Donges 07 4675 1326*

We would like to congratulate them once again and welcome them and their families aboard and assure them that we will support them as best we can.

The executive is planning for another year of scouting for new applicants and seeking your assistance to identify them.

*This year our **AGM** will be held on the **7th March 2010 at 10am** in Chinchilla at hosts Ronald and Sally Thompson's property, Yarnham.*

The day will commence with the AGM and then a BBQ lunch followed by a farm tour then a catch up session over afternoon tea.

I will be in touch with you all from time to time, please make the effort to attend our AGM and the Thompson day out, we would love to see you there.
Regards

Michael McKellar-Qld Chairman. 07 4654 9142

Where are they Now??... Segment looking at the life of past Scholars.

*Name: **Duncan McMaster** Scholar Year: **1995***

Duncan and Kym and their four children, live on their property at 'Whetstone East', west of Inglewood.

Formally producing sheep and Stud Santa Gertrudis cattle, the sheep enterprise has now lapsed, but the Stud cattle enterprise is a very important part of the business.

Duncan and Kym have received many prizes at major shows due to the high quality of the stock they are producing.

Both Duncan and Kym have expanded their 'off farm' careers. Duncan is utilising his vast knowledge of agriculture, teaching Rural Skills at Warwick and Goondiwindi TAFE, while Kym is involved in Teacher Education within the State School system.

They are both very involved in Community organisations, while still finding time for their favourite hobbies of horse breeding and Polocrosse days.



Marty Philips explains to Ben Forsyth the 'catch of the day'!

Chairman's Chat:

Hello to everyone and may 2010 bring health, wealth and happiness to all.

Well our year ended celebrating Christmas with family and waiting for drought breaking rains, which did arrive and relieved a grim situation for a while at least.

Over the past 12 months we have seen Nuffield move forward with continued support from sponsors which has resulted in 18 new scholars leaving Australia including our new Qld scholars Marty Philips and Don Madden who are looking forward to their upcoming study tours.