

GENETIC EVALUATION CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Background

The TransTasman Angus Cattle Evaluation is the genetic evaluation program adopted by Angus Australia for Angus and Angus influenced beef cattle. The TransTasman Angus Cattle Evaluation uses Best Linear Unbiased Prediction (BLUP) technology to produce Estimated Breeding Values (EBVs) of recorded cattle for a range of important production traits (e.g. weight, carcase, fertility).

The TransTasman Angus Cattle Evaluation is an international genetic evaluation and includes pedigree, performance and genomic information from the Angus Australia and Angus New Zealand databases, along with selected information from the American and Canadian Angus Associations.

The TransTasman Angus Cattle Evaluation utilises a range of genetic evaluation software, including the internationally recognised BLUPF90 family of programs, and BREEDPLAN® beef genetic evaluation analytical software, as developed by the Animal Genetics and Breeding Unit (AGBU), a joint institute of NSW Agriculture and the University of New England, and Meat and Livestock Australia Limited (MLA).

Purpose

The purpose of the Genetic Evaluation Consultative Committee is to:

- Provide a forum for consultation between leading users of Angus Australia's genetic evaluation services, and the Angus Australia Board of Directors and management team
- To communicate and represent the views and requirements of leading users of the TransTasman Angus Cattle Evaluation in relation to the operation, implementation of improvements, and future development needs of Angus Australia's genetic evaluation services

The Genetic Evaluation Consultative Committee is not a policy decision making body but may make policy recommendations for consideration by the Angus Australia Board.

Any recommendations need to be made through the Committee Chairman, and be supported by Issue or Discussion papers as appropriate.

Membership

The Genetic Evaluation Consultative Committee will consist of at least four Angus Australia members.

The Board's Breed Development & Extension Committee Chairman and Breed Development & Extension Manager will be ex-officio members.

Other Angus Australia members or non-members with special expertise may be appointed at the discretion of the Board.

Selection Criteria

Applicants for the Genetic Evaluation Consultative Committee will be assessed by the Angus Australia Board based upon their suitability against the following criteria:

- Experience in breeding, production and marketing Angus seed stock:
- Knowledge of the key principles of cattle breeding and genetics
- Knowledge of the TransTasman Angus Cattle Evaluation and companion technologies (e.g. genomics, mate allocation tools)
- Vision of future opportunities for breeding and genetics innovation

Genetic Evaluation Consultative Committee members will be appointed for a two year term, with outgoing committee members entitled to re-apply for additional term/s.

Chairman

The Angus Australia Board will appoint a Committee Chairman from members of the Consultative Committee.

Secretary

The Breed Development & Extension Manager will be the Secretary of the Consultative Committee.

Other attendees

Other Angus Australia staff or relevant RD&E organisation staff (e.g. AGBU, ABRI) may be invited to be present for all or part of the meetings.

Meetings

Meetings will be conducted as often as deemed necessary by the Consultative Committee Chairman or as required by the Angus Australia Board.

Meetings will generally be held twice per year, via either face-to-face meetings or teleconferences as appropriate. All reasonable travel expenses (e.g. flights, accommodation) for a face-to-face meeting will be covered by Angus Australia.

Reporting procedures

The Secretary shall circulate the minutes to the Consultative Committee following each meeting.

The minutes along with any feedback from the Consultative Committee will be included in the papers for the subsequent Angus Australia Board meeting.

ANGUS SIRE BENCHMARKING PROGRAM CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Background

The Angus Sire Benchmarking Program (ASBP) is a major R&D initiative of Angus Australia with support from Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA) and industry partners.

The objective of the ASBP is to:

“Grow the phenotype and genotype reference population with contemporary Australian Angus animals, particularly on hard-to-measure traits, for enhanced genetic evaluation, collaborative research and innovative development.”

Purpose

The purpose of the Angus Sire Benchmarking Program Consultative Committee is to provide guidance to the Angus Australia Chief Executive Officer and Strategic Projects Manager in developing policies, strategies and plans relating to the Angus Sire Benchmarking Program (ASBP) which are consistent with the Angus Australia Strategic Plan. The specific duties of the committee, which are in line with the ASBP Objectives, include:

- Reviewing the overall operations and progression of the ASBP and where required, provide recommendations to the Board.
- Considering ASBP related proposals and where appropriate, recommend them to the Board.

Membership

The Committee will consist of:

- At least 3 x bull owner representatives
- At least 1 x cow herd representatives
- 1 x feedlot representative (e.g. Rangers Valley)
- 1 x co-funding body representative (e.g. MLA)

The Angus Australia Board may appoint other members at its own discretion from among the Society's Membership or non-members with special expertise.

The Angus Australia Board Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, Strategic Projects Manager and ASBP Project Officer will be ex-officio members of the Committee.

Selection Criteria

Applicants for the Angus Sire Benchmarking Program Consultative Committee will be assessed by the Strategic Projects Committee based upon their suitability against the following criteria:

- Involvement in the Angus Sire Benchmarking Program (e.g. Bull nominations).

- Knowledge and understanding of the objectives of the Angus Sire Benchmarking Program.
- Experience in the guidance of research projects in livestock production.
- Vision of future opportunities for Angus Sire Benchmarking Program.

Angus Sire Benchmarking Program Consultative Committee members will be appointed for a two year term, with outgoing committee members entitled to re-apply for additional term/s.

Chairman

The Angus Australia Board will appoint a Committee Chairman from members of the Consultative Committee.

Secretary

The Angus Australia Strategic Projects Manager will be the Secretary of the Consultative Committee.

Other attendees

Other Angus Australia staff or relevant R&D organisation staff (e.g. AGBU, CSIRO, DPI) may be invited to be present for all or part of the meetings.

Meetings

Meetings will be conducted as often as deemed necessary by the Consultative Committee or as required by the Angus Australia Board.

These will generally occur twice per year via teleconference and once by a face-to-face meeting.

All reasonable travel expenses (e.g. flights, accommodation) for a face-to-face meeting will be covered by Angus Australia.

Reporting procedures

The Secretary shall circulate the minutes to the Consultative Committee following each meeting.

The minutes and any recommendations will be included in the papers for the subsequent Board meeting following the Consultative Committee meeting.

ANGUS YOUTH NATIONAL ROUNDUP ORGANISING COMMITTEE *TERMS OF REFERENCE*

Background

The Angus Youth National Roundup is a leading four-day event held every year in January.

The Angus Youth National Roundup encourages, promotes and provides a wonderful learning platform for anyone aged between 8 and 25 years of age interested in the Australian beef cattle industry.

While the event encompasses a number of competitions aligned with cattle preparation, handling, showing and judging, a large focus is placed on educational sessions and team building activities, designed to encourage and inspire the next generation to remain active in the beef industry.

Purpose

The purpose of the Angus Youth National Roundup Organising Committee is to:

- Provide guidance and assistance to the Angus Youth National Roundup Event Manager in planning, promoting and conducting the Angus Youth National Roundup
- Make recommendations to the Event Manager on planning for the Angus Youth National Roundup and associated activities, including venue(s), program, special dinner dance, prizes, catering sponsorship and partnership arrangements, marketing and promotion.
- Consider and provide recommendations to the Event Manager on all other aspects associated with ensuring an affordable and highly successful event.

Membership

The Organising Committee will consist of at least eight (8) individuals, to be appointed by the Angus Australia Board. These individuals must be an Angus Australia member over the age of 18, with an interest in assisting with the organisation, promotion and conduct of the Angus Youth National Roundup.

The Event Manager engaged by Angus Australia to facilitate the Angus Youth National Roundup will be an ex-officio member of the Organising Committee.

Selection Criteria

Applicants for the Angus Youth National Roundup Organising Committee will be assessed by the Board's Breed Development and Extension Committee based upon their suitability against the following criteria:

- Interest in Angus Cattle
- Interest and involvement in the Angus Youth program

- Interest and involvement in event planning and management

Organising Committee members will be appointed for the duration of the event and will be able to reapply for subsequent events.

All members of the Organising Committee will be required to complete a working with children check.

Chairman

The Angus Australia Board will appoint a Chairman (formerly the Coordinator) of the Organising Committee from members of the Committee.

Secretary

The Event Manager will be the Secretary of the Organising Committee.

Other attendees

In consultation with the Event Manager, the Committee Chairman may invite participation of additional individuals to contribute to the Organisation Committee as deemed necessary.

Quorum

A quorum will be four (4) Committee members.

Meetings

Angus Youth National Roundup Organising Committee meetings will be held as often as deemed necessary by the Committee or as required by the Event Manager. Meetings may be face-to-face or via video conference, as required.

Reporting procedures

The Secretary shall circulate the minutes to the Organising Committee following each meeting.

The minutes will be tabled at the subsequent Angus Australia Board meeting.