



Life Membership

Paddy and Barbara Boyd

PETER ALLAN MAPLE VALLEY DEER

It has been an absolute privilege to have worked alongside Paddy Boyd for the past 10 years on the NVSB. I have known Paddy for over 30 years, mainly through our collective involvements in various facets of our industry. We are both very passionate about our industry, none more so than Paddy.

There would be very few (if any) large scale properties in the country, like Haldon station, where there have been more owners than managers. Although Haldon station has only had two different owners in the past 45 years, Paddy Boyd has been there right through that time.

Paddy was right at the forefront of live capture in the very early days of deer farming, with the Innes family, the previous owners of Haldon Station. I have been lucky enough to hear some of the stories from back in those early capture days. One in particular was flying across the Southern alps in a Cessna when the live capture deer in the plane got loose from their capture ropes and started walking around in the plane. As you can imagine Paddy has some amazing stories to tell, and they are all well worth listening to.

If you saw Haldon Station 45 years ago and get to see it today, you understand just what an amazing transformation the property has undergone, and Paddy has been at the forefront of this process over the past 40 years. Paddy has worn many hats, in representing a large number of farming entities over the past 35 years. From sheep and fine wool to beef and deer farming, Paddy has a passion for all. Paddy has had a huge input and influence in all the various roles he has had within the deer industry.

Paddy is also a very proud husband, father, and grandfather, and always speaks proudly of his family. Paddy has been extremely well supported by his wife Barbara and their two adult children, Anna and Hamish. They should be very proud of Paddy and Barbara in recognition of life membership of the DFA.

JAMIE WARD AGRESEARCH

I first met Paddy when Haldon was considering being an industry farm for the Deer Progeny Test (DPT).

One of the huge impositions that the DPT put on Paddy and the Stevens was a barrage of questions from other farmers about what the "results" were or when they were going to get to hear "results", as well as supporting each other as DPT farmers. In many respects Paddy answered these questions and shielded the science team from a good deal of challenging industry feedback and angst. His mana in the industry gave the science and those answers great validity and credibility.

The commitment and input of Paddy, the Klisser family and Haldon team was a huge factor in the success of the DPT. He then followed this up with incredibly valuable input into the P2P process and the Advance Party concept. Paddy has a long involvement with deer science stemming back to the early TB days and the DRL, and his contribution has been invaluable ever since. His knowledge is deep, and his opinions are always worth listening to. I always value the opportunity to chew the fat with Paddy.

Finally for such a big man he moves like a ghost in the deer shed, you have a sudden feeling you are being watched, look up and there he is. His animal counts are legendarily accurate. Heaven help anyone who is foolish enough to say a bad word about Paddy in the deer shed.

Thanks, Paddy, for everything.

DONALD WHYTE EDENDALE & MOUNT POSSESSION STATION

When Paddy joined the SAP it was soon apparent that he was going to be an asset to the selection process and hence deer farming and administrating community.

His wide skill set extending from his years managing the challenging multi species property of Haldon, dealing with staff, external agencies, economic and climatic swings gave him the patience, resilience and understanding to soon be elected chair of the SAP.

He was a team leader that sought to improve discussions around the table, upskilling with the Institute of Directors to build a selection process that gave integrity, respect and accuracy to ask the hard questions, to ensure candidates gave their best and we could select the right people for the right job.

He worked behind the scenes to improve communications with the Board, Executive, and SAP. Homework was done before meetings, phone calls made, papers in order, people in order.

Paddy is a self-effacing throughout all his roles with the Deer Farmers Association, pragmatic and gives 100%, I don't know how he finds the time.

Thanks to Paddy and Barb, Outstanding.

JOHN SOMERVILLE NZDFA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR

It is with great pleasure that I support the nomination of Paddy and Barbara for life membership of the NZDFA.

Paddy has had a huge input into the deer industry with his involvement in the TB Free Committee, NVSB, PGP and SAP plus the respect he is held in by other farmers with his management of Holden Station and farmer outreach. For his huge industry contribution, he very deservedly received the Deer Industry Award in 2014.

My main involvement with Paddy was with the SAP, in which he became Chair. The importance of how the SAP process works is crucial to ensuring its integrity and that the industry has confidence in the selection process for board candidates

During Paddy's tenure as Chair, he used his common-sense approach and industry knowledge to keep and lift the level of professionalism needed to ensure the whole process from pre interview work, the interviews and voting, to following up with all candidates after the decision, ran smoothly and professionally. Being a Chair can entail its share of lonely responsibility in dealing with issues and personalities. In this he was much respected in his ability by fellow SAP members and all the candidates.

Paddy's time on the NSVB took him through its biggest changes in years, with the implementation of the RCS and recently VelTrak. Both these have brought us into the 21st century in how we harvest and track our product. We thank Paddy for his part ensuring that the end process was practical for farmers.

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impact can't be understated.

Eradicating Tb from Haldon station was a large part of Paddy's early deer farming career. A huge amount of work done by James Innes and Paddy in helping in the on-farm development of Frank Griffin's blood test, which was ground breaking in accurate Tb testing and evaluation. Paddy went on to a long and hugely valuable contribution to local and national Tb control. He was South Canterbury Tb free committee chair, Southern South Island Tb free committee chair and on the NZDFA AHB Tb working group, a role he still has at present. A life time contribution to fighting Tb.

Paddy's extensive deer farming knowledge was put to great use when Paddy joined the Productivity Leadership Group and then went onto the P2P advisory group which directed the overall path for the programme. Paddy just retired from this role last year. This long tenure again shows the dedication and energy Paddy has given to another aspect of our industry.

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We can't forget Barbara's contribution in supporting Paddy on the farm and when he was involved in all his deer industry positions.

It is with great pleasure that the NZDFA gives Paddy and Barbara its greatest honour for a lifetime of dedicated service.

TONY PEARSE IMMEDIATE PAST DINZ PRODUCER MANAGER

At the 2014 deer industry conference an evening highlight was the announcement that the Deer Industry Award winner was Paddy Boyd of Haldon Station. That was universally applauded by all those at the event and subsequently as the news was publicised. Typically, Paddy was somewhat disbelieving and quite sure there were others out there more deserving.

Not so. The citations covered 8 pages of reflection and garnered support from across the NZDFA, former GIB CEOs and Chairs, DINZ, the Animal Health Board/OSPRI, Otago University and the Deer Lab and the NVSB. The list goes on, Paddy played a leading role in the development and bringing the Passion 2 Profit programme into existence as a key member of the Productivity Leadership Group. Once the project began he continued to play a leading role in the P2P Advisory Group. And there have been many other roles in supporting the NZDFA SCNO Branch field days to Haldon Station.

The citations also noted considerable recognition in Haldon's environmental stewardship and success in the Deer Industry and wider Canterbury Ballance awards and being a host for the progeny test herd in developing the industry breeding values and genetic improvement programme. And there many other recognitions.

Within the NZDFA Paddy has taken the role of Chair of the NZDFA Selection and Appointment Panel for the past decade and led it and its process in association with the NZ Institute of Directors to a new level of understanding of the DINZ board roles and the subsequent appointments from an increasing interest of talent

offering to be part of the industry's governance.

In 2019 back at Haldon station with the support of Klisser Family, Paddy and Barbara hosted day 1 of the DFA's Next Generation conference along with facilitator Andy Macfarlane to produce one of the great days out in this vital NZDFA programme.

He continues to work at governance with OSPRI in their Board selection process and gives his time freely to industry projects or in support and advice at the individual level as he's always done.

Paddy is noted for his public promotion of Haldon and the multi-stock large operation and has championed the deer industry alongside sheep and cattle to media in NZ (including Country Calendar amongst others) and worldwide with BBC productions and hosting countless visitors throughout his working life and industry engagement.

The NZDFA and DINZ acknowledges a debt of gratitude for Paddy and Barbara's contribution to the wider deer industry, for the welcomes at Haldon station at branch and national level and for his passion, industry leadership and companionship across the breadth of industry engagement. In particular related to the battle with Tb in the deer and cattle industries, and for the enormous contribution to the P2P programme and deer farmers across the country. His retirement from the SAP after many years will be missed for his integrity, chairmanship and strong relationship with the DINZ Board and staff.

For your immeasurable service ... Thanks Paddy