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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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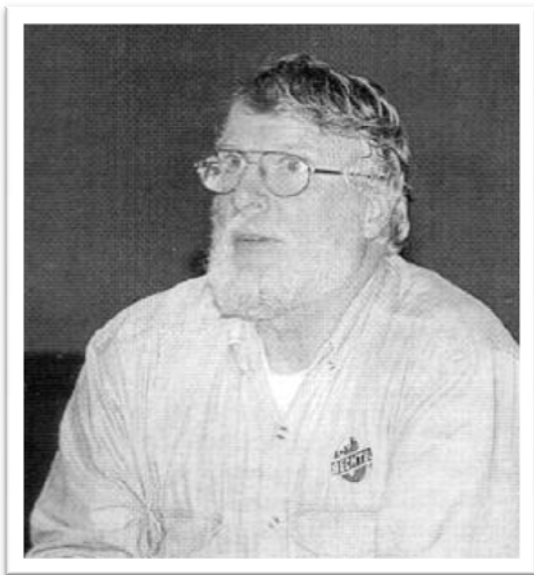
As noted in the last magazine, we are seeing better prices for both venison (tops over \$4) and velvet (around \$80) which is great, especially with the Australian dollar over NZ\$1.28 and US\$0.93.

It didn't take the Government long to review the AQIS charges. They have increased the charges for meat inspectors and Vets as per their original plan but given a 40% rebate until the end of the 2010 financial year.

The original abattoir registration fee has been revised and there is now a new two part fee. The original was based on a very broad kilogram throughput which disadvantaged small abattoirs. The first part is a small base fee and the second part is a charge for AQIS presence at each abattoir. Both parts have the 40% rebate to 2011. Overall, we should see an increase in abattoir charges but nowhere near what was estimated in the last magazine. However, it is still a new cost and will increase in 2011.

It has been an eventful year ... from a bad start with the bushfires, then to drought breaking rains leading on to floods in Queensland and New South Wales. So let's hope that we have a less stressful year in 2010.

From the DIAA executive, we wish you all our best wishes for the festive season and a prosperous and safe New Year.



Jim Moir
President DIAA