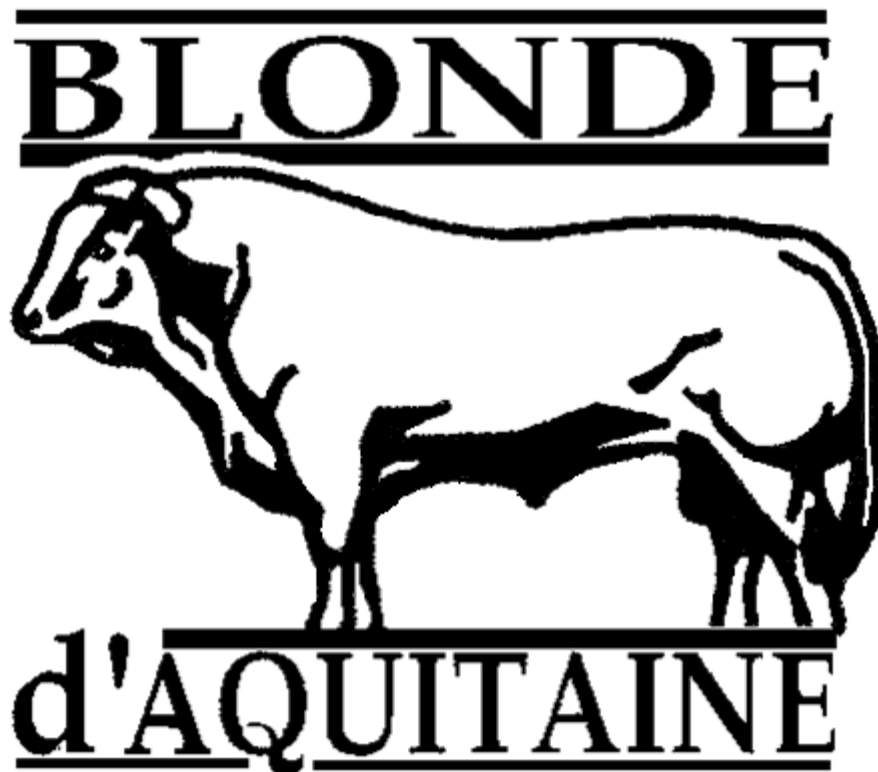


The Blonde d'Aquitaine Society of Australia and New Zealand

Society Regulations



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1. THE BLONDE d'AQUITAINE SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND CATTLE REGISTER

1.1 THE BLONDE d'AQUITAINE HERD BOOK

A Herd Book is maintained for the recording of pedigree, tattoo, brand or NLIS, sex, date of birth, origin and ownership of all Blonde d'Aquitaine animals meeting the requirements as set forth by the Rules and Regulations of the Society, for registration as an Australian Purebred or French Pure Blonde d'Aquitaine.

1.2 THE BLONDE CROSSBRED REGISTER

A Crossbred Register is maintained for the recording of pedigree, tattoo, brand or NLIS, sex, date of birth, origin and ownership of all Blonde d'Aquitaine cross animals meeting the requirements, as set forth by the Rules and Regulations of the Society, for registration as a graded crossbred, this includes base animals.

1.2.1 COMPOSITE BLONDE ANIMALS

Composite animals will fall under the crossbred register and must follow rules as set out to be eligible for registration. They must have a minimum 22.5% Blonde d'Aquitaine to be allowed in this register. Animal's under 44.75% Blonde d'Aquitaine will be recorded as base animals that are subject to FIS as per the fee schedule.

1.3 BLONDEMAN

Animals registered or recorded in the Blondeman Register which have 25% to 75% Brahman and 25% to 75% Blonde d'Aquitaine are to be recognized as Blondeman. Blondeman animals will be denoted by the suffix MN to the name of (MN). Base Brahman animals used to develop Blondeman animals must be herd book registered with their respective breed society or herd book eligible. Commercial females can be used as base animals for this herdbook, but progeny will not be eligible for showing.

2. IDENTIFICATION OF BLONDE d'AQUITAINE ANIMALS

All Blonde d'Aquitaine progeny requiring registration must, within 9 months from date of birth, be permanently and legibly identified by one or more types which include:

2.1 FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION

Tattoos can be in either or both ears with the Herd Identity Letters, Grade Code, Year of Birth Code and Calf Drop Number, in the sequence here specified, which comprises the unique identification combination under which the animal is recorded in the Blonde d'Aquitaine Herd Book. Both ears can be used for the complete tattoo e.g., herd prefix and grade in the right ear and the year letter and number in the left ear. Alternatively, the tattoo can be placed in one ear provided it is tattooed in two lines (herd prefix and grade above year letter and number). Where only one ear is used, the complete tattoo should not be tattooed in a single line.

Branding must include Herd Identity Letters or Registered brand, Grade Code, Year of Birth Code and Calf Drop Number, in the sequence here specified, which comprises the unique identification combination under which the animal is recorded in the Blonde d'Aquitaine Herd Book.

If NLIS (National Livestock Identification System) ear tags are inserted in the ear of an animal, this will be recognized as a substitute for a tattoo. The visible number of the tag including the Property Identification Code as well as the Herd Identity Letters, Grade Code, Year of Birth Code and Calf Drop Number for each calf must be recorded with the society .

If an NLIS tag is lost and a replacement tag inserted the Society must be notified of the number of the new tag within seven (7) days of insertion in the ear.

2.2 HERD IDENTITY

A member must apply to the Executive Officer to be allocated letters for the exclusive use of that member in an ear tattoo to permanently identify the stud or origin of each registered animal.

2.3 GRADE CODE

Grade codes are as follows;

0 = Base: Cattle of any breed or cross including unregistered Blonde d'Aquitaine crossbreeds of any grade.

1 = Grade 1

2 = Grade 2

3 = Grade 3

P= Australian Purebred.

F= French Pure

Sire Grade	Dam Grade					
	Base	1 (1/2 Bred)	2 (3/4 Bred)	3 (7/8 Bred)	P (Pure)	F(French Pure)
Base	N/A	0	0	0	1	1
1 (1/2 Bred)	0	1	1	1	2	2
2 (3/4 Bred)	0	1	2	2	3	3
3 (7/8 bred)	0	1	2	3	3 or P ¹	P
P (Purebred)	1	2	3	3 or P ¹	P	P
F (French Pure)	1	2	3	P	P	F

Note: Overseas imported genetics and their progeny must comply with these Grade Codes.

1 - Grade 3 - 89.49% and below or P - 89.5% and above . *Grade 1 must be equal to or greater than 44.75%

2.4 YEAR OF BIRTH CODE

This letter code designates the year of birth. Codes from the following table must be used.

2010 = F	2016 = M	2022 = T	2028 = Z
2011 = G	2017 = N	2023 = U	2029 = A
2012 = H	2018 = P	2024 = V	2030 = B
2013 = J	2019 = Q	2025 = W	2031 = C
2014 = K	2020 = R	2026 = X	2032 = D
2015 = L	2021 = S	2027 = Y	2033 = E

Note: In the case of any State in which the tattooing of a letter in the ear is illegal it will be sufficient if a number corresponding to the last number of the calendar year in which the calf was born is used instead of the Year Code.

2.5 CALF DROP NUMBER

The Calf Drop Number can be any number between 1 and 9999 inclusive, irrespective of the sex or grade of the calf.

Note: It is generally accepted practice that the sequence of calf drop numbers used in any one year indicates the birth order of those calves.

2.6 ELIGIBILITY FOR SHOWING

Any animal registered with a grade of French Pure or Purebred are eligible to be shown at Royal Shows, Country Shows and Exhibitions with a minimum of 4 generations of pedigree.

3. THE REGISTRATION OF BLONDE d'AQUITAINE CATTLE

Only Full or Junior Members who are fully financial shall be entitled to register animals in the Herd Book or Crossbred Register. Calves must be registered with the prefix of the owner of the Dam or recipient Dam of the calf at the date of birth of the calf. Fees may apply to calf registration as set in the fee schedule. Animals will not be registered until payments of fees are received.

3.1 PERMANENT IDENTIFICATION

All calves submitted for recording or registration in the Herd Book or Crossbred Register must be permanently identified in accordance with the current regulations set out in Section 2.1.

3.2 UNREADABLE OR INCORRECT TATTOOS

(a) Should a breeder wrongly tattoo a calf, the Blonde d'Aquitaine Society must be notified in writing within sixty (60) days of discovery with a diagram of the ear/s showing the incorrect tattoo and applying for the Registration Certificate to be endorsed. The Registration Certificate (if already issued) and the applicable fee is to accompany this application for endorsement or re-tattooing.

(b) If permission is granted for re-tattooing, a diagram or photograph of the re-tattoo and its position in the ear is to be forwarded to the Blonde d'Aquitaine Society.

(c) Where the owner is not the breeder of an animal with an incorrect or unreadable tattoo, the owner must inform the Blonde d'Aquitaine Society in writing with an exact diagram or photograph of what can be clearly read of the existing tattoo and its position in the ear. In some cases, there may be sufficient information to authorise re-tattooing or the endorsement of the Registration Certificate. In other cases, the breeder may be requested to supply proof of the animal's identity. If neither of the above are satisfactory, and the animal cannot be identified by DNA typing methods approved by the Society, it will be deregistered.

3.3 CALF REGISTRATION

To register or record a calf in the Blonde d'Aquitaine Herd Book or the Crossbred Register, a B1 Form must be completed, signed by the owner, dated and returned to the Blonde d'Aquitaine Society or by completing the approved online registration form within nine months of the calf's birth or a late penalty will apply as per fee schedule.

3.3.1 COAT COLOUR RECORDING

Animals may vary in solid coat colour from white, cream, wheaten, silver, black and red. Brindle coloured animals are excluded from registration. This information is to be provided upon the registration of calves.

Animals are given the suffix as follows:

B- Black/ Heterozygous Black

HB- Homozygous Black by DNA upon the supply of certification

BB- Homozygous Black by Pedigree upon the supply of DNA certification OR Two full generations of HB

O – anything other than normal Blonde colouring

3.3.2 HORN / POLLED RECORDING

Animals must be recorded as either Horned, Scurred or Polled.

The suffix are as follows:

H- Horned - including dehorned animals

S- Scurred

P- Polled / Heterozygous Polled

HP- Homozygous Polled by DNA upon the supply of certification

PP- Homozygous Polled by Pedigree upon the supply of DNA certification OR Two full generations of HP

3.4 PROGENY RESULTING FROM ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION

An animal conceived by AI shall be eligible for entry in the records of the Society providing that the Sire used by the owner of the Dam at the time of insemination is:

- a) Registered with the Society.
- b) Is an approved AI Sire or has semen held by the original breeder and subsequent owners (number of straws retained must be recorded with the society and current purchaser).
- c) Has a DNA profile recorded.

Progeny born from AI will be recorded or registered by the Society on the same terms as calves of similar parentage by natural mating, subject to the requirements set out and any other requirements that may be determined from time to time by the Council of the Society.

3.5 EMBRYO TRANSPLANT PROGENY

In addition to the general requirements for registration, the following information must be included with applications for the registration of calves born by embryo transplant (ET calves):

- a) Identification of the donor Dam and the Sire.
- b) Identification, breed code and year of birth of recipient dam.
- c) Date of embryo transplant (implant).
- d) ET calves must be DNA Parent Verified to be registered.

Calves born by embryo transplant will be so designated by the addition of the letters “ET” after its name. An ET calf recording fee is payable for all calves produced by embryo transfer unless a herd inventory fee for the recipient Dam has been paid for the relevant year.

A DNA certificate for both donor Dam and Sire, from a Society approved establishment must accompany the registrations, unless previously lodged with the Society.

NOTE: In the case of Approved AI Sire, the DNA type may have already been lodged with the Society. When embryos change ownership, either in the frozen state or in utero, the transfer of ownership must be reported to Blonde d’Aquitaine Society on an ET Transfer Form within 90 days of sale.

3.6 MULTIPLE SIRE MATINGS

Progeny resulting from multiple Sire mating’s, whether in an embryo transplant, artificial insemination or paddock situation, will be accepted for registration by the Society, providing parentage is confirmed by DNA typing by a Society approved establishment.

3.7 PENALTIES FOR LATE CALF REGISTRATION

For each application for late registration a fee is payable according to the current fee schedule. For calves over 18 months of age DNA typing may be requested at the approval of the council. If, however, a calf has been recorded with the Society before it is 9 months of age, the registration may be affected up to 16 months of age with no fee. Recorded animals can only be registered by the breeder of the animal.

3.8 REGISTRATION OF IMPORTED BLONDE d'AQUITAINE CATTLE AND GENETICS

The Society shall accept, at face value, properly executed certificates from overseas Herd Books, provided the animals described on those certificates have met the necessary requirements for registration with the Society. All imported animals (live, semen or embryo) must be DNA tested. All applications should be accompanied by the relevant fees.

3.9 REGISTRATION OF APPROVED AI SIRE

The Society will register a donor bull as an Approved AI Sire, provided that the said animal is a Herd Book registered bull that has been licensed as an AI Sire, subject to the following conditions:

- a) The provision of a pedigree certificate certified correct by the National Breed Society with which the bull was first registered.
- b) Provision of a certificate from a Society approved laboratory setting out the DNA type of the bull.
- c) The bull satisfies all other requirements of Society Regulations.
- d) The payment of the prescribed fee as per the current fee schedule.

3.10 REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES

A Registration Certificate will be supplied, by the Society, to the member/breeder, once: the completed B1 form or the approved online calf registration has been processed, registration of the calf has been requested and; any required fees in accordance with the current fee schedule have been paid.

3.11 REISSUE OR ENDORSEMENT OF CERTIFICATES

Reissue of a lost or altered Registration Certificate, made necessary for example, by an incorrect tattoo, will incur a charge as per the current fee schedule. If required in the case of a pedigree change a full explanation and supporting proof in the form of a Statutory Declaration must be forwarded to the Blonde d'Aquitaine Society.

In some cases, the explanation and supporting proof may contain sufficient information to authorise the change, otherwise the Society may call for parentage verification by means of DNA typing. The certificate endorsement fee applies.

4. THE TRANSFER OF BLONDE d'AQUITAINE CATTLE OR GENETICS

It is the responsibility of the vendor/seller of a registered animal or the vendor/seller of a share in such an animal to transfer the animal or share within ninety days of sale date, along with the appropriate fees stated in the schedule. It is important that vendor/s advise the purchaser/s of any semen held or embryos sired by or recovered from the animal sold as the vendor can only register progeny connected with the animal sold if the vendor has retained a share. It is the responsibility of both the vendor and the purchaser to confirm that the identification of the animal being transferred is in accordance with the certificate issued for the said animal.

4.1 TRANSFER OF REGISTERED CATTLE

Application to transfer a registered animal may be made by the member/owner upon completion of the Transfer Form on the reverse of the Registration Certificate of the animal being transferred, and then forwarding of the required Transfer Fee.

4.2 TRANSFER OF EMBRYOS AND/OR PREGNANT RECIPIENTS

Forms for the transfer of any Embryo or a Pregnant Recipient are available from the Blonde d'Aquitaine Society. The completed form with the relevant transfer fee should be returned to the Society. The resultant calf will then be eligible for registration by the new owner.

4.3 COMMERCIAL TRANSFER TO NON-MEMBERS

Registered animals may be transferred to a non-member. Non-members have the right to transfer such animals. Transfer fees are the responsibility of the purchaser in this case and Females are re-instated as of the date of transfer to the new owner.

4.4 TRANSFER OF RECORDED ANIMALS

Recorded animals must be registered before they can be transferred.

5. THE LEASING OF BLONDE d'AQUITAINE CATTLE

Should an animal registered with the Society, other than a base cow, be leased for breeding purposes, a copy of the agreement signed by the Lessor and the Lessee is to be forwarded to the Blonde d'Aquitaine Society. The terms of the agreement shall be fully disclosed on the agreement forwarded to the Blonde d'Aquitaine Society.

The Lessee will in all cases be considered the owner of the progeny resulting from such a lease.

6. OWNERSHIP SHARES OF BLONDE d'AQUITAINE ANIMALS OR GENETICS

Animals may be transferred or sold wholly or as a share and the number and percentage of shares will be determined by the parties involved. The transfer of shares be recorded and incur a transfer fee per share set out in Section 4 of the Regulations. However, government legislation in some states requires that no less than a quarter share of bovine animals may be sold or leased. The percentage of ownership per stakeholder will be recorded on the Registration Certificates issued after such share transfer.

Where a share in an animal is a semen share, each co-owner must notify the Society of the number of straws of semen they receive for their share in the animal at the time of transferring ownership of their share.

7. MULTIPLE OWNERSHIP

Any number of individuals and/or companies may be co-owners of an animal or group of animals; however, the ownership must be single entity. The Society requires the said group to file a memorandum of multiple ownership and a signature card with each co-owner's signature. One of the co-owners must be selected as the chief representative for said ownership and so indicate on the signature card. The chief representative will be responsible for knowing the location of any and all animals owned by the multiple ownership and must attest to all transfers of animals by this group.

8. MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

- a) Every member is required to keep accurate records of cattle recorded or intended for recording in the Blonde d'Aquitaine Herd Book or Crossbred Register. These records must contain all information that is required from time to time by the Society for the recording and registration of animals and genetics.
- b) Misconduct: Interpretation of misconduct as it applies to the Blonde d'Aquitaine Society is as follows:-
 - i) Falsification of recording data as required of the Breeder, by the Society to register Blonde d'Aquitaine cattle and or genetics.
 - ii) Failure to observe and act in conformity with the Regulations of the Society.

Such behavior shall constitute grounds for the Council to consider expulsion of the offending member.

9. SOCIETY RIGHTS

9.1 DNA TYPING OF SIRE

It is a requirement of the Society that for a calf to be registered the Sire must have a DNA type lodged with the Society laboratory from an approved DNA typing laboratory.

9.2 PARENTAGE VERIFICATION

The Society may require at its discretion that one natural calf, one ET calf and one AI calf for every 250 calves registered with Blonde d'Aquitaine Society, selected at random, be DNA typed for parentage verification. The cost will be borne by the Society and samples are to be supplied by the breeder requested. The Society reserves the right to demand DNA type for parentage verification by a Society approved establishment on any animal falling within its jurisdiction if it is deemed necessary or advisable.

For progeny resulting from an abnormal gestation period, breeders may be required to submit proof of parentage before such progeny are accepted for registration.

9.3 CONFUSION

The Society reserves the right to refuse any name, prefix or identity which may be confusing or misleading.

9.4 MISREPRESENTATION OR FRAUD

Should any animal or genetics be accepted for registration or transfer through misrepresentation or fraud, the Council on discovery of same, shall declare the said registration or transfer void, together with entries that may have been made of descendants of such animal or genetics. When registration or transfer has been affected through misrepresentation or fraud, the Council may direct the Executive Officer to refuse any subsequent registration or transfer dependent upon the signature of any person implicated in such misrepresentation or fraud.

9.5 RESPONSIBILITY

Every recording or registration or transfer of ownership is based on statements made in the breeder's application for such registration or transfer. The Blonde d'Aquitaine Society shall at no time be responsible for damages which may be caused by any certificate issued on erroneous or fraudulent information, or damages arising out of any action taken under the provisions of their Rules and Regulations.

9.6 COMMUNICATION AND REPORTING

All Federal AGM and Council Meetings shall have appropriate meeting minutes ratified and confirmed by a majority of those present within 6 weeks of each meeting being held. Issues of confidentiality or potentially prejudicial nature may be with-held. Minutes shall be made available, either by email or available for download from the Society web-site, within 1 week of being confirmed as a record of the meeting. Other sources of communication such as short Newsletters are recommended.

9.7 LATE PAYMENT PENALTIES

Any Member/s with outstanding fees for membership and/or Female Inventory in the current financial year are subject to being made Non-financial as of the 31st of October each year and must pay the entrance fee along with current amount owing to be made financial. If fees are still overdue as of the 31st of December in the given year, their herds will be made inactive and reinstatement fees will apply to all animals as well as the entrance fee and current owing amount.

9.8 MEMBERSHIP TYPES

FULL MEMBER

Full members can register animals and have voting rights. New full members joining, receive a free year's membership when purchasing a registered, active Blonde d'Aquitaine female from a current financial member.

JUNIOR MEMBER

Junior members must be 21 years of age or under. They can register animals but have no voting rights. Junior membership is only available when starting a new stud with animals transferred into their name. Junior members are limited to 10 active females before being required to transition to a Full Membership.

ASSOCIATE /COMMERCIAL

These members cannot register animals and have no voting rights.

LIFE MEMBER

There is only to be an active life membership percentage of 3% of the active society member base. Active Life Members can register animals and have voting rights. Life Members that have de-activated their herds are then listed as inactive Life Members and are no longer given voting rights.

10. HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP PROCESS

Honorary Life Membership Guidelines – APPENDIX V: Also available from the Societies Executive Officer.

To be eligible for consideration by the Council nomination must be:

- Submitted on an official nomination form (APPENDIX VI).
- In recognition of an individual, not an entity.
- Seconded by a financial member of the Society.
- Endorsed by the nominee's relevant Regional President or in the case of the nominee holding the position of a Regional President, endorsed by an alternative Regional President.
- Accompanied by a citation of no more than 500 words describing the reason/s for the nomination and addressing the selection criteria as described below – can be provided electronically.
- May be accompanied by other background information in dot point format in support of the nomination.
- Nominations should be directed to the Executive Officer, including all related and relevant supporting information as supplied by the person responsible for the nomination. The Executive Officer will then provide, or arrange, an independent assessment of the nomination relative to the Society's criteria. Honorary Life Membership Assessment Guide (doc 1052018).
- The independent assessment shall be presented to the Council for consideration and possible endorsement.

APPENDIX I



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Notification of Embryo Transfer of Ownership

I certify that I have disposed of embryo(s) as described below to:

(NAME)

(ADDRESS)

Herd Prefix _____ Stud Name _____

and that ownership passed on the _____
(DATE)

EMBRYO DETAILS

EMBRYO NO:	DAM IDENT	SIRE IDENT	STATUS FROZEN(F) IMPLANTED(I)	RECIP IDENT	RECIP YEAR OF BIRTH

Signature of Transferor _____ Date _____

Address _____

Herd Prefix _____ Stud Name _____

This form, completed in detail, to be filed with the Société d'Aquitaine Society within 90 days of transfer

APPENDIX II



Mail this TOP COPY to:
Blonde d'Aquitaine Society
c/- A.B.R.I.,
University of New England,
Armidale, N.S.W., 2351.

FORM B1 MATING, CALVING & REGISTRATION DATA

N^o 4420
BLONDE BREEDPLAN

YOUR HERD
DESIGNATION

BREEDER
(BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE)

(Y/N)

DAM				SIRE				CALF																	
IDENT NO.		BREED		IDENT NO.		NAME	MATING DATE	* A I	IDENT NO.			NAME	BIRTH DATE	Wgt. Kg.	SEX				P E R I O D L	R E G I S T E R					
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DAM FATE
Blank - Calved
F - Failed to Calve
D - Died, Slaughtered,
Delete

A.I.
TWIN
EMBRYO
REGISTER
Y - YES
N - NO

Identifies sections which must be completed

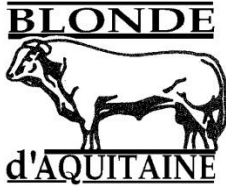
SIGNED _____ DATE _____

CALVING DIFFICULTY
Blank - Not observed
1 - No difficulty
2 - Easy Pull
3 - Hard Pull
4 - Surgical
5 - Posterior Presentation

FATE
1 - Alive
2 - Abortion
3 - Died at Birth
4 - Died in 48 hrs

SEX
H - Heifer
B - Bull
S - Steer

P - Polled
S - Scurfed
H - Horned



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

The information provided by you to the Society is used to undertake its role in relation to memberships, registrations and transfers, sales, marketing and promotion of Blonde d'Aquitaine cattle and performance recording. By applying for membership of the Society you consent to allow the Society to use this information for these purposes as well as for publication in Blonde d'Aquitaine newsletters, journals, sale catalogues and the Society website.

Membership Type: (please tick one)

☐ Full

☐ Associate/Commercial

☐ Junior

Membership Name: _____
 (E.g. A & B Smith, ABC Blonde d'Aquitaine, ABC Pty Ltd)

Contact Person/s: _____

Voting Member: _____

Property Address: _____

_____ **State** _____ **Postcode** _____

Postal Address: (if different from above) _____

_____ **State** _____ **Postcode** _____

Phone (BH): _____ **Fax:** _____

Mobile: _____

Phone (AH): _____ **Email:** _____

APPLICATION FOR HERD TATTOO & PREFIX

Full & Junior Members must complete

Herd Tattoo (in order of preference): 1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____
 (Two -three characters – letters and/or numbers only)

Herd Prefix: 1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____
 (No more than 12 characters)

I/We apply for membership of the Blonde d'Aquitaine Society of Australia and New Zealand and agree to abide by the terms of the Constitution and Rules and Regulations of the Society. I/We certify that the details shown are correct and that I/we have the appropriate authority to sign this application on behalf of membership name applied for.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP (Document 1052018) Full document can be obtained from the Executive Officer

GUIDELINES

In considering the approval of an honorary lifetime membership, an individual member should have demonstrated significant, sustained and high-quality service which enhances the reputation and future of the Society and the Breed. Emphasis should be given to service or contribution which requires more than the holding of office positions, be they Regional or Federal.

Honorary Life Membership entitles the recipient to individual membership free of charge, for the rest of his or her life. Life Members shall be encouraged to continue to contribute to the Society through active involvement; i.e. mentoring of other or new members, providing advice, providing breed improvement or statistical data for historical or promotional purposes, showing of cattle at regional or state shows or exhibitions.

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

Prior to the receipt of an endorsed nomination for honorary life membership, the following general guidelines should be considered:

- It should be non-competitive. A nomination should be assessed on its own merit in consideration of selection guidelines. Previously awarded recipients may be discussed for natural comparison, however comparison to previous recipients should not directly impact the Council's decision to endorse a nomination.
- A nominee's sex, age, race, cultural or religious background, nor reputation should be used whatsoever in assessing merit.
- Consideration of nominations should be balanced. Not all members have capacity to meet all the assessment criteria. Merit should be assessed as an overall contribution, using the criteria provided. These guidelines should be considered as such and not absolutes.

CRITERIA

For Council to consider a nomination, the availability of Lifetime Awards shall be determined. Given availability, the nominee must have been a continuous member of the Blonde d'Aquitaine Society of Australia and NZ for a minimum period of 10 years.

Upon receipt of a nomination, the nominee shall initially be independently assessed by the contribution to the following criteria:

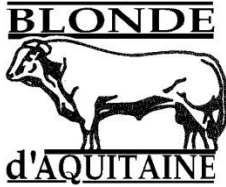
1. Promoting business improvement within the Society
2. Supporting the financial status of the Society
3. Supporting accurate herdbook recording process of the Society
4. Commitment to breed promotion
5. Commitment to breed improvement
6. Commitment to the Society membership
7. Commitment to the ethical approach of seedstock breeding and marketing

The independent assessment will seek to identify the contribution to these criteria according to the "Honorary Lifetime Membership Assessment Guide" document provided by Council.

This ensures that the active participation in the forwarding of the breed and the Society by an individual member is both transparent and demonstrable. It also negates the need for the nominee to be contacted prior to the announcement of the AGM agenda which may include a nomination consideration.

PROCEDURE FOR ENDORSEMENT

- Nominations that have been accepted by the Executive Officer and have been independently assessed, should be presented to Council for consideration and possible endorsement.
- Assessed nominations should be listed in the Agenda of the next available Council meeting prior to an Annual General Meeting
- Assessed nominations should be forwarded to Council members prior to next council meeting and prior to the Annual General Meeting for Council member consideration
- Election to Honorary Life Membership shall be by a two – thirds majority of voting members present at the Council meeting prior to an Annual General Meeting
- The Council has resolved all matters relating to a nomination shall remain confidential with only the final decision of the Council in favour of a nomination being announced publicly at an Annual General Meeting.



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HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION FORM

STEP 1 Please read the “Honorary Lifetime Membership Guidelines” document (Appendix V) to be aware of the process and reasoning behind it.

STEP 2 Please ensure the nominee has at least 10 years continuous service as a financial member.

STEP 3 Please check with the Society’s Executive Officer that there is a Vacancy available, because, if not, the efforts of nomination will not be fruitful. NOTE: Council have declared that the maximum ratio for honorary lifetime members shall be not greater than 3% of the financial member base.

THE NOMINATION: **DATE:**/...../.....

NOMINEES NAME

NOMINATING MEMBER

SECONDING MEMBER

REGIONAL OFFICE HOLDER ENDORSEMENT

SUPPORTING CITATION: (not more than 500 words)

Please address each of the seven criteria with appropriate supporting comments. The criteria are listed below:

1. Promoting business improvement within the Society
2. Supporting the financial status of the Society
3. Supporting accurate herdbook recording process of the Society
4. Commitment to breed promotion
5. Commitment to breed improvement
6. Commitment to the Society membership
7. Commitment to the ethical approach of seedstock breeding and marketing

Please forward the completed nomination to The Executive Officer who will organise an independent assessment.