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Canterbury announces new President

The 2011 Canterbury Agricultural and Pastoral Association President was announced at the Association's Annual General Meeting held last week. Peter Gardner from Amberley takes over from outgoing President John Grigg of Darfield. Richard Lemon, Ashburton moves to Senior Vice President and Mark Fleming, Leeston becomes Junior Vice President.

Peter Gardner, a retired farmer from Scargill, has been a great supporter of the Canterbury A&P Association for many years, both as an Exhibitor and Life Member. Peter took over the family farm, Colseno Angus Stud, with his brother in 1963. At the time, they were third generation farmers on the property which is currently being run by Gardner's son.

Gardner is an accomplished cattle judge which has seen him travel the country to attend Shows. He is also a Past President and Life Member of the New Zealand Angus Association.

"My interest in Shows started off as a Steward in the sheep section in 1959 at Christchurch when I was at St Andrews. The school use to send kids down there to help Steward in the sheep section. I started showing sheep in 1963 and then cattle in the 70's, and went on to win three Meat and Wool Cups at Canterbury", added Gardner.

The Canterbury A&P Association is working towards celebrating its 150th Anniversary in 2012. A programme of events to celebrate the milestone will be announced this year.

The 2011 Canterbury A&P Show will be held Wednesday 9 to Friday 11 November at Canterbury Agricultural Park in Christchurch. It is the largest A&P Show in the country attracting over 100,000 people, close to 7000 livestock and feature competition entries and 600 trade exhibitors.

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