

The Top Sire

Newsletter of The NSW Stud Merino Breeders' Association



September - December 2006

President's Message

Increasingly throughout my presidency of the SMBA I have been approached by Merino breeders who have professed concern and some confusion, particularly since the birth of Sheep Genetics Australia (SGA), about breeding programmes, calculation of breeding values, working with figures etc.

In my current role, I represent the Merino breeder, whether this is the traditional breeder, SRS breeder, advocate of EBVs etc.

The concern of many of our members in regard to a national database is loss of independence in control of our data.

Realistically we must appreciate that we now live in a computer age. We also represent youth, the future of our industry, and anyone who is 21 today has not lived in a world without mainstream use of computers.

We must therefore allow for the fact that figures are going to play a major part in the breeding programmes of the future for an increasing number of farmers.

Many breeders have been asking me to stand up before it's too late to get a decent deal in the national database. Merino breeders should be able to remain independent with regard to control of our own data. I simply want the best possible deal for our fellow stud breeders and a database with total integrity.

My current personal feeling is that SGA is using figures to the extreme and I would advocate a middle-of-the-road strategy and a balance that respects the independence of stud breeders and allows them to breed their sheep along the guidelines of whatever programmes they desire. We all have the common goal of breeding better sheep.

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Selling to the season's second-top on-property price was Steve Phillips of Yarrawonga, Harden, pictured holding the 20.4-micron ram which he sold to buyer Dougall Walker, "Templemore", Murringo for \$10,250.

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Read about Driza-Bone's second generation Merino wool collections, to be available in March 2007
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Our association has moved to support all improvements in the areas of wool handling and shearer and shedhand training and we are currently investigating ways in which SMBA can assist the TAFE shearer and shedhand training programme to not only extend the programme but also service the area of traineeships.

At the suggestion of Jim Murray of Western Institute of TAFE, I recommend that all members obtain copies of the new AWEX Code of Practice (2007–2009) and also that members take up the invitation of AWI to obtain copies of the DVD, "Wool Handling and Shed Skills" (AWI hotline 1800 070 099).

Our councillors also share the concerns of processors and many commercial and stud breeders about the contamination risk resulting from the increasingly high proportion of stray breeds of shedding medullated fibre sheep, particularly in the Western Division of NSW but now also running in higher rainfall areas. We have instigated discussion with industry bodies on methods of handling this and similar grave contamination threats to the wool industry.

Guidelines for minimum standards of health and general management in the conduct of wether trials have been drawn up by the SMBA's Technical Committee with a view to obtaining acceptance of these standards from all wether trial organisers. These guidelines are currently being circulated and are also available on the association's website.

At this point I would also like to remind all woolgrowers to put aside fleeces for the Sydney Royal Easter Show. In an effort to increase exhibitor numbers, the RAS has arranged for fleece packs to be sent to brokers for distribution to clients who have not exhibited in Sydney within the last two years.

As 2006 draws to a close, I take this opportunity to again thank the long-standing sponsors of *The Top Sire* and the 2007 Elders NSW Merino Calendar. I thank Rabobank and Elders – their support, not only of our association, but also of our industry is both extremely generous and well received.

Kim Henderson
President NSW SMBA
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Great Southern Supreme Merinos Canberra Showground

Show – Saturday and Sunday 20 and 21 January
Sale – Monday 22 January

Accommodation:
Rydges Eagle Hawk Resort
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The top-priced hogget for the 2006 round of on-property sales was, for the second consecutive year, from Uardry, Hay. Pictured are manager, Chris Bowman and principal, Graeme Black, with Louisa, Kaye and Clunie Fraser of Murrumbucca, Cooma who paid \$15,000 for Sims Uardry 5.277. The ram is held by James Armstrong.

Good news for lamb industry

Strong global demand for Australian beef and lamb is the driver behind a positive outlook for the red meat industry, according to Peter Weeks, chief market analyst with Meat & Livestock Australia.

Speaking at late November's MLA producer forum in Adelaide Mr Weeks said that despite the severe drought covering most of Australia's livestock production areas the Australian livestock industry was still managing to produce near-record amounts of beef and lamb.

"Production levels for both beef and lamb are currently near the highest on record and the overall sales value of Australian beef and lamb continues to increase," Mr Weeks said.

"Although we've seen a drought-induced slide in the last month or so, cattle and sheep prices are still at historically high levels.

"Global demand for lamb has never been stronger, with the value of lamb exports rising a further 12 per cent last year to a record \$782 million."

Mr Weeks said the strong performance of the industry had been achieved amid a very challenging trading environment.

Mr Weeks said that the Australian lamb industry was performing strongly, with export volumes to all key markets showing continued growth.

"Demand for lamb remains strong domestically and in export markets, with the US and Japan showing particularly strong growth. The main challenge facing the lamb industry will be to expand supply of consistent quality product as these markets continue to grow," Mr Weeks said.

Mr Weeks said that Australia's ability to respond to the strong and growing global demand for red meat is likely to be limited by the worsening drought which, at least in the short term, will lower supply.

On The Fall of the Hammer

2006 ON-PROPERTY SALES

Stud	Sold	Top \$	Ave \$
ADINA, Cooma	27	1800	926
AIRLIE, Warialda	52	1200	-
ALFOXTON, Armidale	34	2600	1012
ALLENDALE, Goolma	16	1050	513
ARABLE, Berridale	31	1000	600
ARMIDALE UNHOUSED, Armidale	81	3200	942
ARNEVILLE, Yass	20	750	540
AVENEL, Wanganella	100	5500	1142
BACK CREEK, Nundle	14	750	407
BOCOBLE, Mudgee	28	1400	704
BOGO, Bookham	78	1800	872
BORAMBIL, Balldale	98	4000	1201
BOYANGA, Mungindi	52	1800 (2)	828
BRUNDANELLA, Grenfell	40	1250	739
BUNDILLA, Young	71	2500	1082
BUNGULLA, Manilla	70	3600	981
CARA, Delungra	30	1100	577
CARRABUNGLA, Laggan	43	1200	600
CASSILIS PARK, Cassilis	45	1650	759
CORA LYNN, Peak Hill	53	5400	1229
CORROBOREE, Borenore	-	700	500
COTTAGE PARK, Cooma	47	2600	898
CRESSBROOK, Armidale	155	3100	950
CROMARTY, Ben Lomond	60	3200	1150
DARRIWELL, Trundle	107	1400	673
DEMONDRILLE, Murrumburrah	72	4000	1170
DUNBOGAN, Elong Elong	36	1680	810
EASTERN RIVERINA, Culcairn	46	1500	828
EGELABRA, Warren	107	4000	1386
F S FALKINER studs, Wanganella	55	6000	1295
GENANEGIE, Peak Hill	82	2300	879
GLANNA, Gulgong	69	2000	849
GLENOAK, Nundle	34	1800	735
GLENWOOD, Wellington	38	1000	688
GOOMALEE, Uralla *	13	1200	607
GRATHLYN, Hargraves	29	3500	1065
GREENLAND, Nimmitabel	55	2400	878
GULLENDAAH, Baldry	58	1750	863
GULLEN GAMBLE, Yeoval	53	2600	802
HADDON RIG, Warren	79	4500	1226
HAZELDEAN, Cooma	100	3400	1294
HILLCRESTON, Bigga	79	6000	1498
JERILDERIE A Q SALE, Jerilderie	59	1500 (2)	676
KARORI, Walcha	67	3100	1280
KELVIN VALE, Uralla	33	2400	850
KERI KERI, Moulamein	90	2600	896
KOONWARRA, Canowindra	53	2200	909
KURRAJONG PARK, Warialda	28	1200	520
LACHLAN MERINOS, Forbes *	60	3600	1710
LANGDENE, Dunedoo	60	6000	1392
LAUREL PARK, W Wyalong	48	1200	520
LOCHNESS, Laggan	30	2000	585

Stud	Sold	Top \$	Ave \$
LONGFORD, Armidale	48	3800	1472
LORELMO, Armidale	42	8000	1217
MERRIGNEE, Boorowa	70	2200	983
MERRYSHIELDS, Walcha	42	2400 (2)	1090
MERRYVILLE, Boorowa	161	4000	1384
MIDDLE RIDGE, Windeyer	30	2200	902
MIDDLE VIEW, Dalgety	75	2600	1257
MILANDI, Windeyer	9	1100	662
MONARO Merino Asscn. Cooma	42	3250	851
MYOCUM, Cooma	28	1550	700
MYOCUM, Wellington	8	1000	830
NERSTANE, Woolbrook	129	3000	1397
ONE OAK, Jerilderie	142	3000	1085
ONE OAK POLL, Jerilderie	50	4600	1075
PARKDALE, Dubbo *	53	1500	748
PEMCAW, Dunedoo	70	1800	926
PETALI, Walcha	41	2400	1024
POOGINOOK, Jerilderie	187	7000	1460
QUAMBY PARK, Walcha	31	5200	1118
QUEENLEE, Uralla	37	2800	995
ROSEVILLE PARK, Dubbo	140	8000	1596
ROXANNA, Birriwa	25	1200	666
SEVERN PARK, Cooma	86	3750	1470
SHALIMAR PARK, Walcha	42	2000	843
SNOWY PLAIN, Berridale	32	4600	950
STANLEY VALE, Uralla	46	2450	711
STRABAN, Walcha *	36	3400	919
TARA PARK, Boorowa	84	6000	1372
THALABAH, Crookwell	44	1200	641
THE YANKO, Jerilderie	64	2500	970
TRYNOW, Spicers Creek	12	600	600
TOWALBA, Peak Hill	85	1200 (2)	711
UARDRY, Hay	112	15,000	1340
WANTANA, Boorowa	17	2000	730
WAVERLEY DOWNS, Delungra	45	1850	556
WEEALLA, Balladoran	40	2300	897
WENDOUREE, Grenfell	48	1300	570
WESTVALE, Wollun	52	4000	1206
WHYWORRY PARK, Uralla	43	1800	900
WILLANDRA studs, Jerilderie	82	3200	1075
WILLURAH, Conargo	48	1800	750
WINYAR, Canowindra	47	4600	1340
WOODPARK, Jerilderie	86	4000	1621
WOOLAROO, Yass	53	2200	904
WYUNA, Armatree	47	1500	700
YALDARA, Yalgogrin North	28	650	630
YALGOO, Walcha	71	4400	1439
YARONG, Forbes	49	1650	875
YARRAWONGA, Yass	65	10,500	1333

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* - Inaugural on-property sale. Figures in red = top four prices and top average

Classing the CLIP

Woolclasser Registrations due

Woolclassers, Owner Classers and Associates are reminded that current stencils will expire on 31 December and that re-registrations are now due.

The re-registration packages which were recently sent out to currently registered classers include *The Code of Practice (2007—2009)*, a new stencil, updated stamp and 2007 to 2009 registration card.

No new training course is required for those with current registration.

If packages have not been received, contact AWEX's Woolclasser Registrar on (02) 9428 6140.

Misleading Bale Descriptions

AWEX undertakes clip inspections and sale audits of all wool offered at auction. Where lines do not meet the requirements of the Woolclasser Code of Practice (COP), in accordance with the rules, AWEX will contact the woolclasser.

The nature of the problem will be identified to the woolclasser and suitable corrective action will be required. The purpose of the corrective action program is to increase awareness of the need for vigilance in the shearing shed.

One of the three key principles contained in the COP is the need for all wool to have proper documentation and identification of wool on-farm and at time of sale.

Some of the key Bale Descriptions are:

- Stain is to be called STN PCS or STN, not BPCS or PCS or APCS (see page 36 in the COP)
- The placing of P as the bale description is advising the buyers that the lot has medullated fibre in the bale. Therefore, do not brand your PCS just P as it implies that the wool is medullated fibre

Bale descriptions that do not adequately describe the wool in the bale are misleading to the buyers and the processors.

Frequently asked questions:

Q. *If there are some butts in the shed and I have inspected these butts can I incorporate this wool into my lines?*

A. Yes, provided that the wool is completely removed from the butt and is correctly skirted and prepared to the COP. If there is any doubt, particularly with black fibre, this wool should be bulk classed.

Q. *If when I arrive there are pressed bales in the shed with no stencil on them can I apply my stencil?*

A. No. Do not apply your stencil to wool that you have not classed yourself.

Q. *Does Y mean exotic fibre?*

A. No. Y means pigmented fibre. There is no bale suffix for exotic fibre. Use Y if you see or expect there is pigmented fibre or P if you see or expect medullated fibre. You must use both if the wool is contaminated by both pigmented and medullated fibre, i.e. AAAMYYP.

Q. *Does the woolclasser sign the DMFR declaration?*

A. No. the only person who can sign the declaration is the owner or manager of the property.

Q. *The grower is not selling through the auction. Should I place my stencil on the bales?*

A. Yes, if prepared to the Code of Practice. The grower may change his mind or the wool may not fit the specifications of the private buyer. It also allows the AWEX woolclasser registrar to follow up any complaints by processors of poor preparation and/or contamination.

Branding Fluid Analysis Project

Despite the recent introduction of electronic animal identification technology, according to AWEX the marking of sheep with branding fluid will remain a key flock management tool for woolgrowers in the foreseeable future.

AWEX has recently commenced a project aimed at objectively ascertaining the effect of different sheep marking substances in fleece wool.

There is a real need for information on branding fluid contamination that combines the science of brand performance through processing with the commercial reality and up-to-date market data to which AWEX has access.

The AWEX brands analysis project will involve identifying and collecting samples from wool offered and sold at auction from all three selling regions.

Using the showfloor as the starting point the following three sets of data will then be collated:

- Origin and type of contamination (Blue, Green Red branding fluid or raddle, wool statistical region, rainfall, date and method of application)
- The buyer (price paid, discount applied, potential end use), and
- The objective performance from the colour test

The colour test basically involves taking the staples of brands affected and unaffected wool from the sample and running them through the same washability and carding procedures and then comparing them on a colour scale (Y-Z).

AWEX will be engaging the broker and/or grower about the type of marking substance used and its application. In addition, AWEX will seek feedback downstream from processors in order to understand what sort of product those lots go into and if there was any contamination from sheep marking substances found in the wool top.

AWEX envisages that the findings will equip woolclassers and growers with useful knowledge of the effect of sheep marking substances on profitability and clip preparation strategies.



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Contacting AWEX

If you have questions regarding woolclassing, the articles on this page, or what you should do in a situation, email Woolclasser@awex.com.au or call AWEX on (02) 9428 6100.

Promotional Opportunities - advertise with NSW SMBA

The 2007 edition of the NSW SMBA's *NSW Stud Directory* will be produced early in the New Year.

Due to popular demand, it has been decided to produce this handy A5-size booklet each three years in the period between production of the Australian Flock Register CD-ROM.

Containing contact information for all NSW studs, it will again be made widely available to members and to commercial sheep breeders through their stud and representatives of sponsors, Elders, Rabobank and Australian Wool Network.

An additional feature of the 2007 edition will be an index of owner names, making it easier to then locate contact details for individual studs.

Members are encouraged to consider this index when completing Annual Returns and to include personal names as well as trading names.

In addition, members are reminded that email addresses should be included with contact details when completing Annual Returns.

Members can also have their websites linked to the Association database for a one-off fee of \$55. Once supplied, email and website addresses are automatically linked to the websites of the NSW SMBA (www.merinosw.com.au), the Australian Association of Stud Merino Breeders (www.merinos.com.au), The Australian Stud Merino Flock Register CD-ROM and included in all future editions of the *NSW Stud Directory*.

The SMBA is also calling for advertisers from members, show, sale and field day groups etc and industry for both *The Top Sire* and the *NSW Stud Directory*.

For advertising rates or further information contact Carol-Ann Malouf, PRO, SMBA on (02) 6895 2274.

ANNUAL DINNER CELEBRATIONS

During the recent NSW SMBA Council Annual Dinner, president **Kim Henderson (centre)** presented **Life Governor** badges to well-known Merino identities, **Stuart Beveridge, Wyuna, Armatree and Ian Wass, Woodside, Warren.**

Both gentlemen joined the SMBA Council in 1979 and recently transferred to the position of Life Governor, an appointment that is available after service of 20 years on the SMBA Council.



At the same dinner, held at the Royal Automobile Club in the city, a special prize was drawn by Rocky Henderson who is pictured with husband, Kim and prize winner, **Rob Lindsay, Cora Lynn, Peak Hill.**

Rob and his wife, Kay, have won a weekend for two donated by the popular Pacific International Suites, Parramatta - the preferred choice of the majority of Merino exhibitors at the Sydney Sheep Show at the Royal Easter Show each year (see box, page 7).



Management skills for young farmers

Agribusiness experts address future farm owners

A group of 36 of Australia and New Zealand's most promising young farmers gathered in Mt Eliza in Victoria last month to develop the skills necessary to help them manage their businesses and relationships in what is set to be a very stressful period for Australia's agricultural community.

The group of farmers, who had travelled from as far afield as Ravensthorpe, Western Australia and Gore in the South Island of New Zealand, to attend Rabobank's inaugural Farm Managers Program (FMP), was told that business management skills were essential in assisting them to deal with any situation – from drought to succession planning.

Rabobank's programs manager, Kobie Tesoriero says, "It is so important to empower farmers at a time when the environment they work in seems so out of their control.

"Helping them to gain business management and people management skills goes some way to enabling them to better control aspects of their businesses and their daily lives."

Charlie Bell is the manager of "Paling Yards", a family owned fine wool Merino operation, with a 15 to 19-micron range. "Paling Yards" which has been in the family since 1935, with an adjoining property added in 1973, is situated 80km north west of Goulburn.

"The FMP has helped me to look at the business as a whole, to try to work on the business and not in it," Mr Bell said.

"It has helped highlight the vast opportunities there are within agriculture for new younger generation farmers to grasp and run with.

"I would highly recommend the FMP to young farmers. The motivation that is injected into you is inspirational and the network that you are placed in provides you with a fantastic base to maintain that motivation."

Mr Bell also said, "I have kept in contact with the people I met at the FMP because they are like minded business people and it is invaluable for me to be able to talk to them about issues within my business and the industry."

Over the week, the group participated in sessions lead by business experts on topics such as business planning, people management, financial management, time management and succession planning, with the content of each session developed and presented in such a way that it was directly relevant to young farmers.

The first course of its kind in Australia and New Zealand, the Rabobank Farm Managers Program has been developed to fill a void in the industry, providing participants with a forum to develop business skills and establish a valuable network with other experienced farmers within the course.

"The program has been developed to meet the increasing demand for such a course. Research indicates that over the next decade, leading young farmers (25 to 35-years old) will assume an increasing level of importance in dictating the fortunes of Australian and New Zealand agriculture," Ms Tesoriero says.



Charlie Bell, "Paling Yards", Goulburn, accepts the certificate of participation in an FMP from Peter Knoblanche, Rabobank's general manager - rural Australia.

While their numbers may have declined, Ms Tesoriero says that young farmers will individually become far more influential, and will control a proportionally larger component of New Zealand and Australian agriculture in the future.

For more information on the Rabobank Farm Managers Program, contact Kobie Tesoriero, Business Programs Manager on (02) 8233 8241 or email Kobie.Tesoriero@rabobank.com

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FOR INFORMATION PHONE 1300 303033

Welcome ...

To newly registered stud

Bellaine, F. No. 5045 registered to CJ Peardon & DK Maxwell at Guyra



2007 Don Brown Memorial Merino Ewe Competition - Condobolin District

Monday 19 February (noon start)

Tuesday 20 February (7.30 a.m.)

Presentation Dinner - Tuesday 20 February

Judges

Cam Munro, Egelabra, Warren
Andries Pienaar, Klipplaatsfontein Merinos,
Colesberg, South Africa
Associate - Jonathan Merriman, Merrignee, Boorowa

**For further information, contact Carol-Ann Malouf,
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The Top Sire and The NSW Stud Directory

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NSW SMBA COUNCIL

Members are encouraged to serve on Council and nomination forms are available from the Australian Merino Centre, ph (02) 9763 2744, fax (02) 9763 1878, email office@merinos.com.au

NOMINATIONS CLOSE 28 FEBRUARY 2007

Place your ad here!

Deadlines

The Top Sire

- **15 February 2007**
- **15 May 2007**
- **15 August 2007**
- **1 November 2007**

2007 Elders Merino Calendar

- **1 November 2007**

Media Releases for SMBA website

Accepted any time

ANNUAL RETURNS

REMINDER

If Annual Returns are not received in December, please contact the Australian Merino Centre early in January and request another copy to avoid the late lodgement penalty fee which applies after 28 February.

Members are encouraged to include a website and email address where indicated on the return - this can then be included in any further editions of the NSW Stud Directory, providing a further promotional opportunity for your stud.



PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL SUITES PARRAMATTA

Reservations - 2007 Sydney Sheep Show

Phone: 02 9685 1600

Sydney Sheep Show Dates 2007:

Group Name:

Group Confirmation No:

Room Types:

Per suite, per night -

Sheep Arrival - Wednesday 11th April: Departure - Saturday 14th April
NSW Stud Merino Breeders Association
803069 (This number must be quoted when making reservation)

All rates include a Full Buffet Breakfast in the Kanto Restaurant

25 x Standard King or Twin Suites \$155.00

2 Executive Spa \$165.00

12 x One Bed room Apartments \$180.00

5 x Interconnecting Suites (1 Luxury + 1 Twin) \$260.00

Guarantee: All reservations must be guaranteed by credit card or with one night's accommodation deposit, which will be due no later than one week after reservations are confirmed. Should a booking be cancelled this must be done 14 days prior to arrival to avoid a full cancellation penalty of total nights booked. The hotel reserves the right to release all unsold rooms if these requirements are not met by **28 February 2007**.



2007 SYDNEY ROYAL SHEEP & FLEECE SHOW

108th Sydney Sheep Show

- Merinos & Poll Merinos -
Wednesday 11 April to Saturday 14 April 2007
Venue - Bruce Pavilion

MID-SIDE SAMPLING From 19 January to 2 February 2007

ARRIVALS Wednesday 11 April by 9.00 a.m.
INSPECTIONS Wednesday 11 April from 9.00 a.m. to 12 noon

NSW SMBA AGM Sunday 15 April - 10 a.m.

JUDGING TIMETABLE

Wednesday 11 April from 1.00 p.m.
Merino Pair of the Year – NSW Final and Junior Classes

Thursday 12 April from 8.00 a.m.
All Other Age Classes

Friday 13 April from 10 a.m.
Grand Champions, Best Merino Ram, Best Merino Ewe, Supreme Merino
Bruce Merriman Memorial Trophy, Otway Falkiner Cup and Stonehaven Cup
Judging of Merino Objective Measurement Class

OFFICIAL OPENING AND PRIZE PRESENTATION Saturday 14 April from 2.30 p.m.

RAS/ASC STATE MERINO JUDGING COMPETITION Saturday 14 April from 8.00 a.m.

RAS/ASC STATE FLEECE JUDGING COMPETITION Saturday 14 April from 3.30 p.m.

DEPARTURES Saturday 14 April from 5.00 p.m.

— Fleece —
Tuesday 10 April 2007

DELIVERIES OF FLEECES TO RAS By Friday 16 March 2007

FLEECE JUDGING Tuesday 10 April 2007

Sheep Entries Close Wednesday 21 February 2007

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For entry information contact

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