



Black Sheep Rising

The Official Newsletter of the
Black & Coloured Sheep Breeders Association of Australia (NSW) Inc.

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SUMMARY OF OUR LAST MEETING

Our next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting, to be held at Mudgee (venue to be advised) on the 14th February. Do not forget, to be eligible to vote at that meeting you must be a financial member.

There was a good roll up with representatives from all regions except Northern.

General business included a talk by Elaine Tracey about the possible sale of our excess wool to a Mr Singh, who is currently compiling delivery sites, and costs, plus estimates of price per kilo. He wants large quantities of coloured fleece. Elaine will update as the information becomes available to her.

Kath Wood has sent the first batch of fleece to New Zealand AgResearch for processing. It was quite an exercise and she has kindly given each region a copy of all the forms, contacts etc needed to undertake this operation. The New Zealand end was more than helpful and the end cost is comparable with the old processing in Victoria. Job well done Kath and thanks for all the paperwork.

Hawkesbury Region are after a new wool press, so keep your ears open about upcoming clearing sales. Anyone with information please contact Peter van Raalte, Hawkesbury Region re price etc.

What a great guest speaker Bob Rheinberger (Terri and Ron's local large animal veterinarian) was! He gave us a timely reminder about worms, as these are the ideal conditions for worm burdens to multiply on the pasture.

DO NOT FORGET TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP FOR 2009 TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE NEXT AGM.

I hope all members and their flocks have a wonderful Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

Regards,
Terri.



I took this photo about three days after the sheep were shorn and a day or so before we left for our trip to Europe, to show my cousin that we do have green grass here, too! They visited us during Christmas '06 when we did not have a blade of grass anywhere in sight. Janos Farkas

VALEDICTION

GEORGE BROOKER

We note with respect and sorrow the death of George Brooker. With his life's partner Betty Nash, he raised and showed sheep under the stud name of "George and Betty".

They moved from Sydney to The Hawkesbury in 1988 where they established their sheep enterprise. They went to the local sale to buy a goat. George persuaded Betty to buy two young black ewes. One of these was Barbie who is still well represented in the flock.

George was an enthusiastic and helpful exhibitor at local shows and a regular attendant at BCSBA meetings.

In the "George and Betty" flock, there are still sheep that George raised as poddies. His grit and devotion was praiseworthy.

Betty has managed the flock by herself since George fell ill some years ago.

He will be missed by the local branch.

REGIONAL REPORTS

Delivered at the State meeting held 6th December, 2008 at the Mittagong RSL.

Central Tablelands

The rains have arrived!!

Spring started off beautifully with my rain gauge showing 62mm in August, 65mm in September, 67mm in October and 120mm in November. And it fell almost on a weekly interval, all soaking in. Everything is beautiful and green again, and the sheep have plenty to eat for a change without me spending a fortune on them.

We had a successful Mudgee Small Farm Field Days although the hard times that people have been experiencing showed up well and truly. After record sales on Friday, Saturday was really disappointing. No rhyme or reason for it, just no buyers. Still, we could not complain as the Region's coffers have been boosted by a tidy sum.

Our fortunes at the Mudgee Wine and Food Fair at Balmoral Beach were quite the opposite. People

even wanted to buy pieces of material used to cover the display stand. We sold more goods in one day than the on the two days of the Field Days. There lies the difference between the City and the Country.

We have had one meeting since the last report, basically taken up with plans for next year. Apart from the now traditional Field Days and Balmoral, we will be organising the Wool and Natural Fibre Muster in Mudgee on Saturday 30th of May, 2009. The theme this year will be Tea Cosies – "A Cosy Tea For Two?". We will award the usual prizes for People's Choice, Most Colourful, Most Outrageous and Most Original Design. Advertising and invitations will start in early January.

Wishing everyone all the best for the holidays,

*Janos (John) Farkas,
Regional President.*

Hawkesbury Region

Our last meeting was on 16th November, which being the last for the year involved some early Christmas cheer. It was a very pleasant meeting of friends with a common interest. There was the usual exchange of recent experiences including worm problems etc.

We are happy to report that all members agreed to support Jenny Dunn's idea of each of us knit some squares to go towards the *Wrapped with Love Programme*.

No change of membership. We barnstormed the matter with no real conclusion other than that each

member should always be on the lookout for any opportunity in this regard.

We are still on the look-out for a "power assisted" wool press as we old *fuddy duddies* are struggling to use our old mechanical one. Any advice would be appreciated.

Rain in the area for the calendar year so far is slightly ahead of the long term average and the country side is looking very green.

Our next meeting is scheduled for February 2009.

*Peter van Raalte,
Regional President.*

Monaro/SW Slopes Region

On 12th July, 2008 the region held both an ordinary meeting followed by an AGM at *Drap'hyd*, Dick's Creek via Murrumbateman. Anne Hazell has taken on the role of Secretary, as well as Events Co-ordinator. Mac Macdonald fills the spot of Treasurer and our two Vice-presidents are Ruth Bosma and

Anne Hazell. Broni Jekyll continues on as President and Show Co-ordinator.

Holbrook Sheep and Wool Fair was held over 18th - 20th June. The number of schools attending was outstanding, but only *Drap'hyd* Merino Stud represented Black and Coloured sheep exhibitors.

Fleece classes attracted entries from Drap'hyd and Ruth Bosma, Lambing Downs.

A month later, Drap'hyd Merino Stud represented NSW at the Australian Sheep and Wool Show in Bendigo, Victoria with six sheep (results in last newsletter). The two magnificent trophies brought home to NSW were displayed on a table during this meeting. Since then, a foray up north to Picton Show was followed up with Queanbeyan Show back in our region. Thank you to the exhibitors from other regions who make the effort to travel to our shows.

Broni has now completed her studies at UNE, Armidale and strongly recommends to anyone with some spare time and cash to enrol in (at least) the Sheep and Wool units.

As usual, our region will cease holding meetings until after the summer fire season, however some of us will gather at Bungendore Show and try to catch up with Lorraine Follett at the Old Bus Depot Markets in Canberra.

*Broni Jekyll,
Regional President.*

Since the State meeting, we have been talking with John Ive (Regional Chair, Australian Superfine Wool Growers' Association) who is directly involved in developing various local events for the International Year of Natural Fibres 2009. Places and events to visit will be listed in the next newsletter.

Northern Region

No report was submitted at this meeting, however the following report was forwarded afterwards.

Nothing at all is going on in this region. Doubt if we will have a display at Tamworth Show, but will still continue to sponsor sections in the pavilion, as usual.

This area has been very fortunate to have good falls of rain and good follow-ups. Everything is 'picture perfect'. Fly strike has been a bit of a problem with all the green grass and humidity that is around. A lot

of burrs have germinated along with many, many weeds! Wool could be very seedy next time around.

A very large (local) property has just been sold (asking price was \$M25 - bare, stock extra), to 'Macquarie Bank', along with a neighbouring one.

It will certainly bring changes to our area and town ... probably not all good!

All have a very happy and safe Christmas, and a bonza 2009.

*Veronica Taylor
Regional Secretary.*

South Coast and Southern Tablelands Region

Terri reported about their Regional General Meeting held this morning.

The Robertson Wool Fest will be held on 4th April, 2009. An added attraction to the usual fleece etc will be shearing demonstrations by Michael Cabban during the day.

It has been agreed that this region will organise and run the Picton Show for 2009. Many thanks for the help from Elaine (Tracey) for the 2008 show.

Kath Wood gave a good talk about the completion of her first 50kg of raw wool sent to New Zealand for processing. Copies of the steps she used to achieve this will be distributed to all other regions

The next meeting will be the Regional Annual General Meeting, held at Mittagong RSL on 21st February, 2009 commencing at 10:30AM.

*Terri Barrell,
Regional Secretary.*



NOTICE

JOHN TRACEY

The editor received the sad news that John Tracey, husband of our current State President Elaine, died at home on the morning of Friday, 19th December, 2008. We wish to send our love and support to Elaine and her family during this time.

More from Hawkesbury...

2009 – THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF NATURAL FIBRES

2009 not only features the World Congress on Coloured Sheep in Brazil, but the international spotlight on natural fibre provides us with the perfect opportunity to showcase our wool. Hawkesbury Region looked at how we could utilize the media attention on fibre to promote our association and display the wonderful range of natural colours in fleece.

We decided that some display at the three Sydney-region agricultural shows in which we are involved would be a good start. Our members are busy knitting 10 inch squares in all the natural colours we can find to be made up into a "Wrap with Love" blanket to go on show as a backdrop to our display. We are also repeating last year's successful *Mini Back-to-Back* competition at Castle Hill Show – where the fleece from a freshly shorn sheep is used by five teams in a race to spin and knit one of the *Guardian Angels'* charity jumpers for children in third world countries – our jumpers are black wool, of course!

We found last year that the sight of 25 women in a row, all spinning flat out, was quite a crowd puller and the jumpers constructed in 2008 will go on display with the blanket before being sent away.

Other Regions may like to use this idea as well, but whatever you come up with, let's all try to be noticed and make this OUR year.

Jenny Dunn



Castle Hill Show spinning competition, 2008
Photographs: Jenny Dunn



MINUTES of BLACK and COLOURED SHEEP BREEDERS ASSOCIATION of AUSTRALIA (NSW) Inc.

Held 6th December, 2008 at the Mittagong RSL.

NOTE: At the time of publication, the editor had not received the minutes of the meeting, however the representatives concerned forwarded the following reports. The minutes will be distributed when they are available.

Treasurer's Report: The State is in a relatively comfortable financial position. We have sufficient funds to pay for our regular recurring expenses such as insurance and BSR production costs. We have a sufficient reserve of show ribbons to see us out for the coming year.

For the current period we received \$132 membership fees and we paid out just over \$800 in expenses. Our current account balance is \$1,027.87. From this we will have to deduct expenses presented to this meeting and close the current financial year on a positive note.

End of Year: As this is the last meeting this financial year, I ask all regional treasurers to send me their final figures for the year ASAP, but NOT later than the 21st of January 2009. This will allow me to prepare a consolidated financial report before the next AGM and be able to send a copy to the Department of Fair Trading on time to avoid additional charges.

If you have email, send to janosfar@hotmail.com otherwise post it to PO Box 987, Mudgee, NSW 2850.

Thank you and wish you great time for the holidays and have a prosperous and happy New Year.

Reports from Regions: Refer to pages 2-3.

Newsletter Editor's Report: Broni distributed a smaller format of the newsletter for discussion. Costs are being reduced by the donation of paper by Drap'hyd Merino Stud. A request was made for all members (who receive the newsletter) who have an email account, to please accept it in electronic form. The present format of the hard copy will be maintained. A reminder of the Due Date for articles and reports was made as it occurred shortly after the meeting, please email to [the Editor](#)

Next Meeting: Saturday, 14th February, 2009 at Central Tablelands, 12 noon for 1pm start.

INTERNATIONAL YEAR of NATURAL FIBRES (IYNF) 2009

http://www.fao.org/es/esc/en/15/320/highlight_322.html

To raise awareness of natural fibres, to promote efficiency and sustainability of the natural fibres, and to foster an effective international partnership among the various natural fibres industries

Official Launch of the International Year of Natural Fibres 2009

The International Year of Natural Fibres will be officially launched on 22nd January 2009, at the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO), in Rome. This will be small event aimed at attracting the attention of the press. Watch for our press release and for coverage in news outlets.



Logo

The International Year of Natural Fibres has a logo and slogan. We hope this image will become widely known in 2008 and 2009. Please contact IYNF if you wish to use the logo. For information on the conditions for the use of the logo, see the document linked on the right. (**Ed. Note:** Our Assoc. has permission for limited use of the logo.)

New website and Brochure

We are working on a new website, to be launched in 2008: www.naturalfibres2009.org A printed brochure on the International Year of Natural Fibres 2009 is available in English, French, Spanish, Chinese, Arabic and Russian.

What are Natural Fibres?

Natural fibres may be defined as “those renewable fibres from plants or animals which can be easily transformed into a yarn for textiles”.

Animal fibres are largely those which cover mammals such as sheep, goats and rabbits, but include also the cocoon of the silk-worm. Vegetable fibres are derived from the stem, leaf or seed of various plants. Close to 30 million tonnes of natural fibres are produced annually in the world, of which cotton is dominant with 20 million tonnes, wool and jute each around 2 to 3 million tonnes followed by a number of others.

What are Natural Fibres used for?

Natural fibres form an important component of clothing, upholstery and other textiles for consumers, and many of them also have industrial uses in packaging, papermaking and in composite materials with many uses, including automobiles.

Why are Natural Fibres important?

Apart from their importance to the consumer and in their various industrial uses, natural fibres are an important source of income for the farmers who produce them. In some cases they are produced on large farms in developed countries, but in many developing and least developed countries proceeds from the sale and export of natural fibres contribute significantly to the income and food security of poor farmers and workers in fibre industries. For some developing countries natural fibres are of major economic importance, for example, cotton in some west African countries, jute in Bangladesh and sisal in Tanzania. In other cases these fibres are of less significance at the national level but are of major local importance, as in the case of jute in West Bengal (India) and sisal in north-east Brazil.

Why an International Year of Natural Fibres?

Since the 1960s, the use of synthetic fibres has increased, and natural fibres have lost a lot of their market share. The main objective of the International Year of Natural Fibres is to raise the profile of these fibres, to emphasise

their value to consumers while helping to sustain the incomes of the farmers. Promoting measures to improve the efficiency and sustainability of production is also an important aspect of the Year.

Who decided that 2009 would be the International Year of Natural Fibres?

The idea came from a meeting of fibre producing and consuming countries in the FAO of the United Nations. At the request of FAO, the actual declaration was made by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 20th December 2006.

Who will organise the International Year?

There is a coordinating unit in FAO, but a great many other organisations and people will be involved. An International Steering Committee, with representatives from various fibre organisations, consumer bodies, and funding agencies, will meet from time-to-time to guide the programme. Most of the activities will be organised by partner organisations, some at the international level, and many more within individual countries.

What will happen in 2009?

The programme of events is now filling out. One or more large international conferences will be held. There will be displays and fashion shows and many other events in many countries, run by a variety of different national organisations.

With our partner organisations we are now making plans for events in 2009:

- **15-17 April 2009:** Combined New Zealand and Australia [conference of The Textile Institute, Dunedin, New Zealand](#).
- **16-19 April 2009:** Creative Fibre Festival, Timaru, South Canterbury, New Zealand.
- **27 Sept to 2 Oct 2009:** [10th Southern Hemisphere Feltmakers Convergence](#), Masterton, New Zealand.

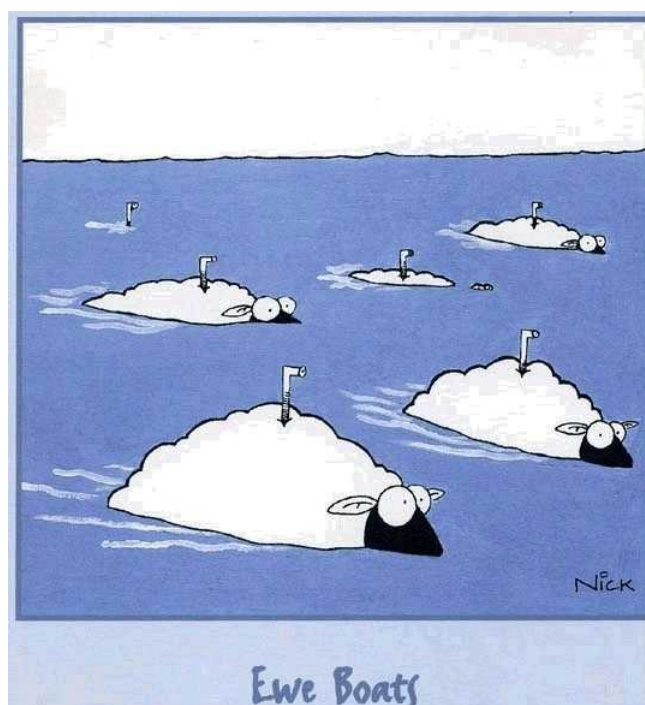
(Aust/NZ events listed only - Ed.)

Where will the money come from?

FAO needs funding in order to coordinate activities and to provide support to partner organizations around the world. Without this support the potential benefits of the IYNF will not be realised.

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NEW QUICK TEST FOR SHEEP WORMS

<http://theland.farmonline.com.au/news/state/livestock/sheep/new-quick-test-for-sheep-worms/1386821.aspx?storypage=1>

A new, rapid testing tool is being developed for sheep graziers in regions where Barbers Pole worm is a known or potential major risk to sheep health and productivity.

In development for several years by the Sheep CRC, the 'Haemonchus dipstick' is now in the final stages of field testing with a commercial partner.

Principal Veterinary Parasitologist with the Department of Agriculture & Food WA, Dr Brown Besier, CRC project manager, says the aim has been to develop a quick on-farm test as an alternative and substantial improvement to the traditional process of monitoring worm egg counts.

"It is aimed squarely at the Barbers Pole worm, which is a major problem in northern NSW and Queensland, and at times in southern higher rainfall zones, including Victoria and south-west WA," he said.

Dr Besier said the test dipstick was about 4mm wide by 10 cm long, and the total process from collection to result took up to half an hour.

"Farmers will still need to collect dung samples from the paddock, but from there it's a much easier process," he said.

"The sample is mixed with water according to set dilution rates and the 'dipstick' is inserted into the solution, and the colours on the stick will change according to the amount of blood in the faecal sample."

The basis for the test is that Barbers Pole worms (*Haemonchus contortus*) are blood-sucking internal parasites, and as they feed in the abomasum, some blood passes through the digestive tract.

The dipstick is chemically sensitive to haemoglobin (a product of blood breakdown) and changes colour according to the amount of blood in the sample.

"The more worms that are present and active, the more blood in the faeces and a higher reading on the dipstick," Dr Besier said.

"It is a good indicator of Barbers Pole presence and activity, and therefore an indicator of the risk of deaths posed by Barbers Pole worms.

"Farmers and their advisors can then make a decision on if, or when, drenching is required."

The major benefits of the *Haemonchus* dipstick include:

- Speed and ease of diagnosis
- Easily accessible and able to be kept on-hand on-farm
- Reliable, accurate and inexpensive

Dr Besier suggests that usage will depend on the time of year – at peak times (especially summer) it could be used at least once/week to predict risks. Outside the main danger periods, its use depends more on recent climate conditions.

"Farmers rarely conduct conventional worm egg counts every week due to the cost, hence, industry runs a risk of stock losses when there are rapid increases in Barbers Pole infection," Dr Besier said.

"It is now over to the commercial operator to conduct the final stages of product development, which should be concluded in February to March 2009.

"We're very hopeful that we will have a new tool to significantly lower the risks to animal health and productivity caused by this parasite."

Editor's Note: At the recent State Meeting, there was a very interesting talk given by veterinarian Bob Rheinberger, on the topic of internal parasites. Thank you to Terri and Ron Barrell for organising the presentation.



Scottish version of coloured sheep!

The following article, re-edited and submitted by Katherine Wood appeared in *Your Times* Dec 08/Jan 09.

SCOURING FOR WOOL

Deb Richards

Australia grew on the sheep's back, but now we've let it slide to New Zealand. Burrawang holds a story of Australia's lost opportunity, but a veteran wool producer remains undaunted.

Tucked on a spread of lush green acres is the Burrawang wool business, *Burrawool*. It's been producing naturally coloured wool for the knitting and craft market for 25 years, but for the last year its future has been in doubt. The last wool scour handling smallish quantities of wool in Australia announced in 2007 it was shutting up shop, as it was no longer economic to remain operational.

"The craft fibre industry in Australia went into a 'state of panic', and there are still questions being asked in Parliament about it," says Katherine Wood, owner of *Burrawool*. However Katherine believes it is not all doom and gloom, and that the future of Australia's craft wool lies in New Zealand. "It has been complicated to organise, but with biosecurity, quarantine and export and import permits, and assistance from our AQIS here and AgResearch and MAF in New Zealand, it is possible."

Mrs Wood's first shipment of lustrous black fleece has just successfully been air freighted across the Tasman and arrived in Christchurch on the 27th November.

It is an industry worth fighting for. For 20 years Katherine's goal has been to develop the best quality black merino cross bred fibre possible. Strong, jet black and glossy, it is value-added by converting the unprocessed wool into 50gm balls of top quality knitting yarn. It is sold locally and overseas. "This year I have produced the best 50 kilos of consistently high quality raw fleece ever," she says with pride. "My biggest thrill at shearing was as Michael Cabban threw the fleece across the wool skirting table. I just dropped myself into its long clean silky fibres. Michael is one of the few people in this district who really understands sheep husbandry. It's thanks to his assistance and input, a good season, and giving the sheep the supplementary nutrition they need to grow sound wool in this region, that we have such success.

But Mrs Wood, like all the other producers in the elite fibre industry in Australia, was facing the prospect of nowhere to process it.

"The wool used to be cleaned at the CSIRO's wool scour in Geelong, Victoria, then processed at Meskills Woollen Mills in Kyneton, central Victoria. It was the only mill still handling small (50kg minimum) lots of coloured fibre wool in Australia. After scouring, carding, spinning, plying and balling it would arrive back here through Australia Post in 20kg bags as 100% pure new Australian Knitting Wool."

The CSIRO facility in Geelong was originally part of this scientific research organisation's wool research and development section. Successive budget cuts over 20 years saw the priorities of the organisation switch to profit driven 'sure bets' and wool languished.

At the same time, New Zealand has invested in its wool industry. Its scientific research organisation (AgResearch) worked collaboratively with CSIRO, drew on CSIRO research, and has now put itself and New Zealand's wool industry at the cutting edge of innovation in the world's wool market.

Burrawool's owner Katherine Wood, thinks what New Zealand has done is amazing. "They have developed new generation, softer merino next-to-skin-wear, which has no prickly factor and they have a truly amazing wool based material which is not only cut and flame resistant, it has protective qualities, making it impossible to penetrate with a knife or blade. They have made huge advances in a product that will help the manufacturers of woollen carpet and upholstery fabric undertake a natural metal-free dyeing process, that will make it as colourfast as the best synthetics and an innovative product that may potentially keep European woollen carpet makers internationally competitive. AgResearch's taking on contracts from all over the world means it is all happening in New Zealand" she says.

So now *Burrawool* wool will be sent to NZ for processing. "Through a very strong learning curve, I've been working my way through the onerous paperwork required to protect the biosecurity of both Australia and New Zealand. This will have to be done every time, but I've established a template now, listing phone numbers and contacts (for both here and NZ) of who to contact in AQIS and AgResearch. Personnel from both these bodies have guided me all the way. Even finding an AQIS-approved veterinarian, a typewriter to fill in a form in quintuplicate, navigating a small truck to the middle of Port Botany, and the procedure to follow at Air Menzies (the freight forwarding agent) have all presented their own small challenge, but written down now, it will be easier for everyone the second time around." Mrs Wood has blazed the way for all small-lot growers of coloured fibre (fleece, alpaca, mohair and cashmere) to follow, which she hopes will secure a future for the elite fibre industry.

She laments the loss to Australia, and that the CSIRO's closure has also resulted in Meskills Woollen Mill, although still operational, being offered for sale.

"It never ceases to amaze me where people turn up from to buy my wool. I've posted it to Holland, Canada, Vietnam, France, the UK and Ireland. But the largest quantity is distributed locally from home at the "farm gate", and at Robertson through the Old Potato Shed Gallery and the Cheese Factory. There are always people coming back for more wool."



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website <http://www.burrawool.com>



Pictures supplied by Kath Wood from her Burrawang wool business, *Burrawool*.



QUEANBEYAN SHOW 16TH NOVEMBER 2008

Judge: Mr Kevin (Dusty) Coves, Landmark Sheep and Wool Specialist

<u>Extra Fine Wool</u> <u>64s & finer</u>	First	Second	Third
Ram, 2 tooth	No entries		
Ram, 4t and over	Drap'hyd Merino Stud Y059	Drap'hyd Merino Stud R047	Drap'hyd Merino Stud R065
Ewe, 2 tooth	No entries		
Ewe, 4t and over	Drap'hyd Merino Stud R049	Drap'hyd Merino Stud Y0025	Drap'hyd Merino Stud Y0334
Ram Lamb	Drap'hyd Merino Stud BL058	Christine Parkes 11 Green	
Ewe Lamb	Drap'hyd Merino Stud BL71504		
<u>Fine Wool 58s to 62s</u>			
Ram, 2 tooth	No entries		
Ram, 4t and over	Drap'hyd Merino Stud R090	Drap'hyd Merino Stud Y0011	
Ewe, 2 tooth	No entries		
Ewe, 4t and over	Drap'hyd Merino Stud Y50584		
Ram Lamb	No entries		
Ewe Lamb	Christine Parkes 1 Black		
<u>Medium Wool 50s to 56s</u>			
Ram, 2 tooth	Christine Parkes 11 Blue		
Ram, 4t and over	Christine Parkes 39 Red		
Ewe, 2 tooth	No entries		
Ewe, 4t and over	Christine Parkes 12 Yellow		

	First	Second	Third
Ram Lamb	No entries		
Ewe Lamb	Christine Parkes 54 Blue		
Strong/Rug Wool 48s and broader			
Ram, 2 tooth	No entries		
Ram, 4t and over	Terri Barrell Y51 Delco Iced T	Christine Parkes 50 Red	
Ewe, 2 tooth	Christine Parkes 63 Red		
Ewe, 4t and over	Terri Barrell Y22 Delco Frosted Ice	Terri Barrell Y52 Ebony	Terri Barrell Y30 Linda
Ram Lamb	Terri Barrell Y57 Hot Dog	Terri Barrell Y65 Zorro	
Ewe Lamb	Terri Barrell Y68 Icing Sugar		
Group of Three	Terri Barrell Y51, Y30, Y22	Drap'hyd Merino Stud R090, Y334, R065	Christine Parkes 39 Red, 54 Blue, 12 Yellow
Pair of Ewes	No entries		

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There was only one exhibitor (Christine Parkes) in the fleece events. She had fleeces in almost all categories and created a beautiful display.

(Advertisement)

Drap'hyd R090 "The General"

Poll Merino 2006 Drop

2008 Titles: Bungendore - Champion Lamb, Supreme B&C Exhibit, Interbreed Champion

Yass - Champion Ram (March shorn), Grand Champion Ram

Holbrook Sheep & Wool Fair - Champion Ram, Supreme B&C Exhibit

Australian Sheep Show, Bendigo - Grand Champion Ram

Queanbeyan - Champion Ram, Supreme B&C Exhibit

Fleece: Jerrawa - Champion Ram, Supreme B&C Exhibit

Holbrook Sheep and Wool Fair - Champion Ram, Supreme B&C Exhibit

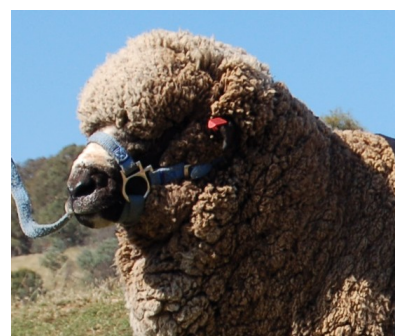
Grenfell - Champion Ram, Supreme B&C Exhibit

2008 drop lambs available now.

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Don't get caught napping...



Don't be red-faced!!



**Jump ahead to Pages 19 and 20
and renew your membership**

NOW!!





The World Congress of Natural Coloured Sheep and their Products, Brazil - Call for papers

Editor: Dr. Tania de Azevedo Weimer will be acting as the book editor. She is a Professor at Lutheran University of Brazil (ULBRA), and has developed research on conservation of rare livestock breeds for the last 15 years. Dr. Weimer's main interests are genetic diversity, genetic aspects of colour pattern and animal production.

All the accepted papers will be published in English, in an indexed book. They will be peer-reviewed by the members of a Referee Board.

The dead line for submitting manuscripts is January 31st, 2009. If you have any questions, call or email to:

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The World Congress - continued

Thanks to Bob Munday for the following email from Brazil (via Marree Vinnicombe, Victoria).

The World Congress [website](#) is working correctly, but we will change our web sponsor to speed up the modifications of site. We are finishing the programme of post-tours until December 10th. Unfortunately in Brazil, the people don't have the habit to accept the schedule so soon. In the post-tour, we will visit the south of Rio Grande do Sul state, seeing sheep farms and rural cities, maybe visiting some farms in Uruguay, too. We cancelled the pre-tour because most of the Brazilians farmers will be busy with our show before the congress. The post-tour will occur on

September 10th to 15th. The hotel where the congress will occur is [Serra Azul Hotel](#). The rate is US\$ 74,00/day in a double room. This is one of the best hotels of Gramado. It is located just downtown, near to everything: central church, banks, restaurants, cinema and main attractions of the city. This week we will send by email a new announcement with new information. My best greetings,

Eduardo Amato Bernhard



DIARY DATES 2008/09

Date	Event	Region
1 st January - 31 st December 2009	International Year of the Natural Fibre - List of events next newsletter	International
25 th January 2009	Bungendore Show – Sheep classes. Contact Grant Doran Tel: 4849 4277 Fax:4849 4463 Email: dcsggrant@iimetro.com.au	Monaro/SW Slopes
TBA February 2009	Regional meeting	Hawkesbury
TBA February or March 2009	Regional meeting, date pending fire season.	Monaro/SW Slopes
7 th February 2009	Regional AGM to be held at Mittagong RSL, commencing 10:30AM	Sth Coast and Southern Tablelands
10 th February 2009	Direct applications to UNE close	University of New England, Armidale
14 th February 2009	NSW State general meeting, 12 noon for lunch, meeting commences 1PM	Central Tablelands
27 th Feb - 1 st March 2009	Canberra Royal - Coloured sheep in the Animal nursery, Merino, British Breed and Fleece judging competitions.	ACT
6 th – 7 th March 2009	Mudgee Show - Fleece and craft. Contact Janos and Marianne Farkas	Central Tablelands
14 th March 2009	Cooma Show - Sheep and fleece classes . Contact Christine Parkes, Tel:(02) 6454 1137	Sth Coast and Southern Tablelands
20 th – 22 nd March 2009	Castle Hill Show - Sheep and fleece classes. Contact Phillip Dunn, Tel: (02) 9654 1069, Email: woolfarm@bigpond.com	Hawkesbury
20 th – 22 nd March 2009	Tamworth Show - Pavilion events. Contact Veronica Taylor, Tel: (02) 6783 0146	Northern
28 th - 29 th March 2009	Yass Show – Sheep and fleece classes. Contacts: (Sheep) Broni Jekyll, Tel: 6227 1432 - (Fleece) Anne Hazell, Tel: 6227 5878	Monaro/SW Slopes
4 th April 2009	Robertson Wool Fest - Fleece, craft and shearing displays. Contact Terri Barrell, Tel: (02) 4684 2085	Sth Coast and Southern Tablelands
9 th - 22 nd April 2009	Sydney Royal - Coloured sheep display, Merino Young Handler's competition (13-25 yr old), State finals sheep and fleece judging.	Sydney
1 st - 3 rd May 2009	Hawkesbury Show - Fleece and sheep. Contact Elaine Tracey Tel/Fax: (02) 4579 9436	Hawkesbury
23 rd May 2009	Richmond TAFE - one day course for Basic Sheep Husbandry. Call Richmond TAFE direct or Terri and Ron Barrell Tel:4884 2085	Sth Coast and Southern Tablelands
30 th May 2009	Wool and Natural Fibre Muster in Mudgee on Saturday 30 th of May, 2009. The theme will be Tea Cosies – “A Cosy Tea For Two?”. Advertising and invitations will start in early January.	Central Tablelands
4 th -9 th September 2009	The World Congress of Natural Coloured Sheep and their Products in Brazil.	International

To have your local show, meeting or event listed here, please contact the Editor by the 17th April, 2009.



Broni Jekyll writes the following article at the request of several members attending the last State meeting.



Studying Sheep and Wool units at UNE

Around 2001, the Rural School at the University of New England (UNE), Armidale offered a short certificate course over two years. Topics included animal production, feedlotting, pasture studies plus others. The outcome would be a Certificate in Agriculture (later Rural Science). To suit mature age, working students, the four units were offered as external study, with a 4-5 day residential component and students would do one unit per semester (six months). This certificate programme no longer exists as part of the (now) School of Rural and Environmental Science, however, I recommend pursuing a course of study in Sheep and Wool Science, however you can construct it.

The original certificate format offered by UNE captured my interest, as I had been looking for some sort of academic challenge ever since finishing my woolclassing qualification. The workload seemed reasonable and the units of study were exactly what I was looking for to upgrade my accumulated knowledge from the family farm. So I enrolled and commenced my study in 2002.

Initially there were two mandatory units to provide a very broad base of knowledge: ANSC200 (An introduction to animal production systems) and ANSC300 (Animal production and product science). As you can see, we went straight into second and third year units, thus missing lots of the really troublesome first year units that can trip many a young player (see later!). Both these Animal Science units offered more than just sheep information, covering cattle, pig and chicken production as well. These two units are now offered as a single unit ANPR211 (Animal production systems and products): this unit is mandatory before taking on any of the Sheep and Wool Science units.

The two specialist Sheep and Wool units offered in 2003 were WOOL412 (Wool production) and WOOL422 (Wool marketing): the latter was particularly straightforward if you held a professional classer's qualification. During my year of Wool units, I was blinded by a sense of achievement and mid-way through second semester, I transferred into a [Diploma in Agriculture - Wool Production](#) stream. In 2004 I worked my way through ANUT300 (Applied animal nutrition) whilst I waited for more of the promised Sheep and Wool units to be developed and offered. It was then the principal Sheep and Wool prof chatted with me and inferred that if I wanted to complete more of the specialist units, I had to be enrolled in the Bachelor course.

Becoming somewhat baffled now with the endless collections of forms and requests for this number and that, I managed to transfer...more fool, me! Suddenly, all those wonderful results I'd gained previously now hung on the condition I passed the various first year units that were pre-requisites for my completed units. This raised the ugly sceptre of Chemistry and Biology and those (until now) deeply hidden and fearful memories of my Senior Year teachers. "What the heck!" I said to Mac (or something similar!), "In for a penny, in for a pound! Let's get the hard ones over and done with!"

Have you ever contemplated the joys of studying Chemistry as an external student? No, nor had I! In a word, impossible. I spent more time on the telephone or emailing my lecturer with questions than our old copper wire line could manage. Eventually, after a teary heart-to-heart with surely the most patient lecturer in the world, I withdrew from CHEM110 (General chemistry 1) with the promise to attend a special school holiday prep course in the next year. ANPR417 (Disease in animal production) filled the second semester gap while I enrolled in WOOL432 (Wool metrology) and GENE261 (Applied animal and plant breeding).

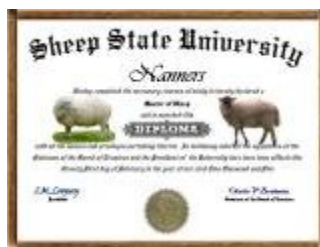
The cost of all this study had to be covered somehow (coloured wool doesn't make huge profits, we all know) and 2005/6 saw me working part-time in the local regional centre. Although the Genetics unit was second year level, one requirement was the submission of tests and quizzes every fortnight. After starting to fall behind - at work, on farm and in study, I telephoned the co-ordinator (the lecturer was away for several weeks) and discussed the problems I faced. She agreed the course was particularly difficult if working and off-campus...(it was the on-campus course offered to both groups of students) and she said many 'externals' had complained. I withdrew.

I felt defeated. I wanted to finish the other interesting Wool units, but apparently I couldn't. I mentioned this in passing when chatting with the Head of School. "What's that?" he exclaimed, "of course you can! You don't need to do the degree, just transfer to the Diploma course and you'll be right...let's plan the rest of your units."

So back I went into the Diploma course. In 2006, the Australian Wool Education Trust (AWET) began to make grants available to students of Wool units and so in 2007 I completed two more, with sponsorship. These included RSNR421 (Sustainable agriculture and catchment management) and WOOL482 (Wool processing). The trust covers students' travel expenses to residential school and for WOOL482, we were initially going to visit the CSIRO woollscour in Geelong. Well, we all know what happened there and a quick 'phone around saw our res. school relocated to Lincoln University and AgResearch in Christchurch, New Zealand - all travel and on-campus accommodation paid.

I didn't wish to complete the Sheep meat unit, so had a break from study in first semester, 2008. Second semester, I completed my final unit, AGEX310 (Agricultural and natural resource extension), completing a major project on the development and implementation of workshops on fleece and livestock assessment and judging. It has taken a long time, but I was in the pursuit of knowledge and networks, not a fancy piece of paper. I now have contacts not only at the pointy edge of sheep and wool research, but also with lots of amazingly enthusiastic and interesting young people, all keen to work in agriculture. I wouldn't trade it for quids!





Note: Following is the latest information from UNE about the current status of studying Sheep and Wool units. Enrol as a mature age student in the Diploma in Agriculture. The person who made the most sense to talk to is Associate Professor Geoff Hinch. If you can, visit the [UNE website](#) and explore.

Updated: 24 November 2008

ANPR211 Animal Production Systems and Products

Credit Points: 6 Teaching Period: Semester 1

Mode of study: Off campus, internet access

Mandatory Residential School: 21st-24th April, 2009

Supervised exam: June 2009

Pre-requisite: none

Co-ordinator: Geoff Hinch (ghinch@une.edu.au)

Unit description: This unit examines production systems for sheep, beef and dairy cattle, pigs, poultry and emerging animal industries covering elementary aspects of reproduction, lactation, growth and development. As well the unit will examine in some detail the nature and assessment of animal products and their quality, including factors influencing carcass composition and meat quality and wool growth and quality.

Updated: 02 October 2008

WOOL412 Sheep Production

Credit Points: 6 Teaching Period: Semester 1

Mode of study: Off campus, internet access essential

Mandatory Residential School: 14th-16th April, 2009

Supervised exam: June 2009

Pre-requisite: ANPR211

Co-ordinator: David Cottle (dcottle2@une.edu.au)

Unit description: This unit introduces the major themes associated with sheep production in Australia including: wool production, sheep meat production, sheep management, sheep breeding, grazing and nutritional management. The unit represents a specialisation for students planning to enter the sheep and wool industry. Students enrolled in WOOL512 will have to complete additional guided reading/practical work appropriate to the needs of individual students.

Updated: 06 November 2008

WOOL422 Wool Marketing and Clip Preparation

Credit Points: 6 Teaching Period: Semester 2

Mode of study: Off campus, internet access essential

Non-mandatory Residential School: 6 days in combination with WOOL482

Supervised exam: November 2009

Pre-requisite: ANPR211

Co-ordinator: Terence Farrell (farrelltc@bigpond.com)

Unit description: This unit consists of 39 lectures and a number of tutorial and practical sessions. It will focus on the wool product from greasy wool through to garment emphasising raw wool testing, early stage processing, product specification, quality control and quality assurance. It will also provide an understanding of the alternative marketing systems for wool and the factors that influence them as well as an introduction to risk management strategies for wool growers. Attention will also be given to the demand factors and marketing of competitive fibre types. Students enrolled in WOOL522 will have to complete the requirements for WOOL422 and complete additional guided reading/practical work appropriate to the needs of individual students.

Updated: 02 October 2008

WOOL472 Wool Biology and Metrology

Credit Points: 6 Teaching Period: **Not offered in 2009**

Mode of study: Off campus, internet access essential

Mandatory Residential School: Held in Sydney, travel costs re-imbursed

Supervised exam: -

Pre-requisite: ANPR211

Co-ordinator: Emma Doyle (edoyl3@une.edu.au)

Unit description: Wool Biology and Metrology covers the molecular structure of the wool fibre, wool follicle formation and cellular and molecular processes. The characteristics of wool follicles and fibre are related to aspects of wool measurement or metrology and its effect on sheep selection, prediction formulae and processing performance. The unit explains the procedures and measurements involved to objectively specify the Australian wool clip. This unit supplements topics introduced in WOOL482/582. WOOL572 is based on WOOL472 with an extra assessment expecting a greater level of understanding of the unit material.

Updated: 16 October 2008

WOOL482 Wool Processing

Credit Points: 6 Teaching Period: Semester 2

Mode of study: Off campus, internet access essential

Mandatory Residential School: Held at AgResearch, Lincoln, New Zealand in combination with WOOL422/522 intensive school. Wool marketing/processing will be integrated into the one intensive school. All students have their airfares paid in full by AWET. Students are out of Australia for 6 days. The school includes tours to wool marketing and manufacturing establishments. Enables students to enrol in both units in the one semester.

Supervised exam: November Pre-requisite: ANPR211 Co-ordinator: Errol Wood (Errol.Wood@agresearch.co.nz)

Unit description: This unit covers: wool scouring, carbonising, wool carding, combing, weaving, knitting and finishing, and principles of woven, non-woven and carpet manufacture. Also the effect of fibre qualities on processing performance are covered. WOOL582 has additional load consisting of an extra assignment and an examination expecting a greater level of understanding of the unit material.

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The UNE Undergraduate Admission Rule provides for Mature Age Special Entry, as an Alternative Entry pathway for applicants without educational qualifications. The purpose of this entry process is to grant admission to a place in an undergraduate course. You, the applicant have the opportunity to make a case, bearing in mind that it is our responsibility to admit candidates who have a reasonable prospect of successfully completing the course.

This sheet is to be used in conjunction with the Undergraduate Admission Application Form, and appended to it when submitting your full application to UNE. It is available electronically from:

www.une.edu.au/studentcentre/mature-age-form.doc



A Peep into the life of a Life Member

The Glennie-Holmes' Sheep Saga:

In September 1977 we moved to 539 Koorungal Road in Wagga Wagga, which had a transportable house on seven acres. We named it *The Wilderness*, not only after the original family property in the Hunter Valley, but a highly appropriate label. We had watched the price of this property drop more than one-third over a year before we made our offer. Whenever the owner showed the property to a prospective purchaser, they would enquire "*what's behind those big trees?*" and upon being told, lose all interest in purchasing, because behind those big trees was the Koorungal sewerage facility. Now, I knew that in Wagga, the prevailing wind is from the southwest, and only ever comes from the east – the offending direction – in winter when it is about to rain. So the price dropped. And dropped. And dropped. We have smelt the facility about four times in thirty years. The huge houses – one covers about 700 square metres with its own squash court – on the hobby-farms on the other side of the works frequently change hands in winter, because the smell in summer is so bad that they can't use their evaporative cooling.

Our property has a U-shaped driveway, and around this the owner had planted Tasmanian blue gums - advanced saplings eight feet tall with trunks as thick as my arm. One morning, I thought they looked a little desiccated. By that evening, all but two were dead. In puzzlement, I gave one of them a push, and it fell over, as they had been planted still in their plastic bags. The two survivors are still stunted. Presumably their taproots got through holes in the bags. Apart from these spectacularly defunct specimens, the property was a poorly fenced, ploughed triangular paddock, with seven huge, centuries-old gums. Over the next few years, we – or more correctly, Ann – planted about 300 replacements, 500 roses and 46 fruit trees.

To keep the weeds down outside the garden, we obtained some coloured sheep and, knowing absolutely nothing about sheep, we joined the Black and Coloured Sheep Breeders' Association. We had to shear them, (the sheep, not the Association) which was done by the shearer on an old door in the race using a portable machine. A friend had rented an acre from us to keep a horse for his daughter. He built a large stable and storeroom on this acre, complete with yards, brick floors and water supply. When his daughter hit puberty, or puberty hit her, horses were forgotten and we got the acre back plus the shed. I spent some time converting it to a shearing shed, mounting a crutching unit I purchased at a clearing sale, building a catching pen and constructing a floor. Our next-door neighbour was an ex-sheep farmer. He hated sheep so much that whenever we started to do anything with ours, he would leap into his car and go to work so we couldn't ask him for help. When I had finished the shed, he climbed over the fence and came to have a look. He wandered in, looked round and said, "*When the shearer gets here, he will turn around three times. Then he will jump up and down. Then he'll throw oil everywhere and then he'll start to swear.*" Well, Bob turned up, turned around three times, hung up his gear, jumped up and down about six times, threw oil all over the machine, flexed his hands and said "*Now, where's that first □□□ sheep?*" Apparently all shearers do this in a new shed: to get used to the dimensions and to see if there are any weak spots in the floor – the swearing just comes naturally.

The next shearer to use the shed had terrible trouble with the set-up, not assisted by the fact that it was during the vicious shearers' strike of the '80's over wide combs and "NZ scabs". There was an experiment on wool growth at the Department of Agriculture where I worked, where a small group of sheep had to be shorn regularly and often as part of the research. The department had to have high-level talks with the Union to have these special sheep

shorn, but then found there was nowhere to do it. Because of the strike, the Ag College had taken the opportunity to dismantle its shearing shed and rebuild it. So the sheep were all bought to our place, and with Union enforcers watching every move, the shearer tried to shear the sheep. He could only do a few each day. I assumed that this was due to the extraordinary care he had to take to avoid second cuts. It was only when he fervently pointed out that “.... *the whole bloody shed was bloody arsy-versy*” that I realised I had instinctively built the entire arrangement for a left-hander. Bob had never complained, as he was also left-handed.

By 1982, at the time of the last drought, we had a flock of 17 ewes and two rams. The following year, every ewe had twins, blowing the numbers to a ridiculous level for the few acres on which they were confined. Any blade of grass foolish enough to raise itself out of the ground was immediately eaten. From then on, at about six month intervals, half-a-dozen hoggets were taken to the Junee Abattoirs and the meat picked up from a local butchery for the freezer. It has taken twenty-five years and the loss of both rams for the numbers to decline to two geriatric individuals. And we never buy lamb.

Ann became a skilled spinner, (she was already a knitter, keeping the family in jumpers, cardigans, scarves, gloves and beanies) completing the two-year TAFE course in the early 90s. Almost two decades later, several of the class still meet once a month to spin and talk – in fact, they are meeting as I type this.

Highlights? We enjoyed our time with the Association, particularly going to local shows and other breeders' properties. Cyril Lieschke in Henty, at the time the biggest breeder of coloured sheep in the world (he had 3,500 of 'em), the Birkinshaws of Sandigo, the Bakers of Grenfell and Gail Suttor of Mudgee come immediately to mind. In 1984, as President of the B&CSBAA (NSW) I received an invitation to the opening of the \$150,000,000 Animal National Health Laboratories in Geelong. So I went. The ceremony was carried out by the Governor-General, watched by a large group of the true heavies of the agricultural and pastoral industries plus an unhealthy leavening of very senior public servants. Seeing me there, the astonished Director-General of my department (at the time my boss', boss', boss', boss' boss) sent a flunky to find out how a lowly Grade III chemist had managed to be present. I was President of the Association for about five years. When I stepped down they were so relieved they made me a Life Member.

Our time with the Association was most enjoyable, but our flock declined as did the membership of the Riverina branch, and when the Branch went into recess, we also stepped back from active involvement in the Association.

Disappointments? We never managed to raise a poddy lamb, despite our best efforts. Because we have suburbia on the other side of Koorringal Road, our sheep have suffered several times from dog attacks. Last year, we lost three of our remaining sextet to two feral Staffordshire terriers, who, at least, were caught by the Council Rangers some days later. We also lost a ram, which we had bought at the Association's show in Albury some years before, to someone who caught and butchered it for the meat. When I called the police, they told me that, even if they found the culprit, they couldn't be prosecuted, as a law passed during the Great Depression allowed itinerants to kill a sheep for food, as long as they left the skin, which could otherwise be sold. Hopefully the perpetrator broke his teeth on the 8-year-old ram's meat.



While you're busy doing things...

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- ☐ Central Tablelands ☐ Northern
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Number of coloured sheep owned: _____

Breeds: _____

Sheep for sale: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Soon **Fleeces for sale:** ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Soon

Interests: ☐ Breeder ☐ Crafts ☐ Other

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To improve communication between members, please complete this short questionnaire, print and/or tear off and return to the Editor (Broni Jekyll), address page 21.

Member's name	
Trading as	
Number of coloured sheep owned:	Pure bred -	Crossbred -
Number of heterozygous (white carrying colour gene) sheep owned	Pure bred -	Crossbred -
Breed of coloured sheep owned:	Pure bred -	Crossbred -
Breed of heterozygous (white carrying colour gene) sheep owned	Pure bred -	Crossbred -
Number of classes of sheep owned	Pure bred Rams -	Crossbred Rams -
	Pure bred Ewes -	Crossbred Ewes -
	Pure bred Wethers -	Crossbred Wethers -
If you have rams, what month do you join?		
Do you breed seed stock?	Rams - Yes/No	Ewes - Yes/No
Do you sell seed stock?	Rams - Yes/No	Ewes - Yes/No
What is the quality number/micron range of your flock?	Minimum.....	Maximum
Do you shear all your sheep as a mob?	Yes/No	
If so, what month do you shear?		
Are your sheep rugged?	Yes/No/Some	
Are your sheep crutched within 3 months before shearing?	Yes/No	
Do you exhibit your sheep at shows?	Yes/No/Some	
Do you exhibit your fleeces at shows ?	Yes/No/Some	
Do you value-add your clip?	Yes/No/Some	
If so, do you use all your early stage processed fibre yourself or do you sell?	Yes/No/Some Details:	
Do you make craft items?	Yes/No Details:	
Do you sell craft items at Field Days?	Yes/No	
Do you exhibit your craft at shows ?	Yes/No	
If you do not value-add, how do you dispose of your wool clip?		
Do you wish to network more closely with other B&C sheep breeders?	Yes/No Details:	
Please number the following activities / subjects/services in order of importance to you (1 = most important, 10 = least)	Social interaction with members..... Publicity of show results..... Breeding & management info..... Promotion of members' products..... Generic promotion of the Assoc..... Wool buying service..... Promote members' register..... Organise shows..... Outlets for members' products..... Wool pooling for members.....	
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Central Tablelands Region

Saturday, 14th February, 2009

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