



Black Sheep Rising

The Official Newsletter of the

Black and Coloured Sheep Breeders Association of Australia (NSW) Inc.

Founded 1978 – Incorporated 1987

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Having only returned home last Tuesday afternoon from our eleven weeks caravanning trip to northern Queensland, I now have to settle back into the real world.

Since our last State meeting, the South Coast and Southern Tablelands Region have had their 28th Annual Wool Fest day at Robertson on 4th April, and even though the crowds were down a little on previous years and that the weather was kind to them, I do believe that they had a very successful day. One full member and two associate members joined the Region on the day and if they are here today I do welcome them along to the State meeting. Other shows have also been held in Canberra, Castle Hill, Hawkesbury and Holbrook. As I have not received any information from the Regions concerned as to how these show went, I cannot comment on the success of the days, but I suggest the Regional reports will tell us this. Also, the Wool and Natural Fibres Muster was held in Mudgee at the end of May. This had a theme of *A Cosy Tea For Two*.

I do believe that a number of members from most Regions have submitted fleece exhibits to the National Fleece Competition to be held in Victoria next month, and I wish them well in the competition. Also, the Central Tablelands Region would like to show, in conjunction with the International Year of Natural Fibres (IYNF) festival during the Mudgee Small Farm Field Days, as many different breeds of sheep that they can get together to show. If anyone can help out here, then please contact Ann Cassar and if required I do believe that Eric and Ann can arrange accommodation. The Australian exhibition commemorating the United Nations' IYNF will be held from 22nd July 2009 to mid November 2009 at the Focus Room, Canberra. I have noticed that coloured wool from a Victorian producer will be included in the exhibition – but no ACT nor NSW producers!!

Whilst away, I received a number of emails from various members and also a lot from Broni and I do believe that she has forwarded them on to most (if not all) members for their information – thank you Broni for doing this.

On our travels, we saw that most of the country where we went was lovely and lush, however returning back to the Southern Highlands it changed; more rain would be good for the region. The only area of fibre that we saw during our trip was a visit to a cotton farm and gin processing factory at Moree. I did report on this in the previous *BSR*'s President's report. Also reported in that *BSR* was that Denise and I, along with both John and Maryanne Farkas are not going to the World Congress in Brazil in September. This is due to the organization of the event not being finalized by the beginning of April, and with only five months to go, we all decided that we should not attend. However we do fly out of Australia on 6th September for Canada, Alaska, Turkey, Germany, UK and Singapore, returning home on 2nd November 2009.

Looking forward to a mild winter and then a great spring and plenty of spring lambs.

Bob Munday, HLM.
President.



Mudgee Small Farm Field Days: young visitors take time out to enjoy a craft activity whilst their Nana looks on.

Photo: Broni Jekyll

REGIONAL REPORTS

Delivered at the State meeting held 27th June 2009 in Richmond, Sydney - plus updates.

Central Tablelands

We participated in two successful events – the Tocal Field Days and the Wool and Natural Fibre Muster in Mudgee.

This is the third year that we attended the Tocal Field Days and it continues to grow. Although we did not have the levels of sales we probably expected after the previous years, we are establishing a good presence in the region. We completely ran out of brochures and each contained a membership form. Our coloured lambs on display even caught the attention of a roaming TV crew from SBS. The segment is scheduled to be on air in September.

The Wool and Natural Fibre Muster caused us considerable anxiety. There were so many other “woolly” functions on around the end of May that a good proportion of the regular traders have made other commitments. To top it all off, on the day before the Muster we received a call from our keynote speaker

(who also was to hold the feature workshop), that due to a serious illness in the family she could not attend. Despite all this the event was a resounding success. The traders who attended all made record sales, the Tea Cosy competition attracted close to sixty entries and the quality of the entries were outstanding. The Region recorded over \$800 profit from the function. We even received a couple of really complimentary letters from attendees. If we can convince the local Council to give us an annual grant, we may even look into turning it into an annual event. All we need is some organisers.

We are now in full swing planning the Mudgee Small Farm Field Days on the 24th of July and the Mudgee Wine and Food Fair in Balmoral in August.

*Janos (John) Farkas
President,
Central Tablelands Region*

Hawkesbury Region

We had a market day at “Virginia Farm”, which is the Dunns' residence in Annangrove.

In spite of Jenny's efforts in gaining publicity, including radio, the day was disappointing because it was very wet and very cold. However we will soldier on and the next one is scheduled for July 12th.

Castle Hill Show: we were involved in various ways - Jenny Dunn had organized a “Mini Back to Back”; Phil and friends organized pens, helped set up, etc. etc. Melissa Henry, Jessica Valentine and Sam Wan were very active. I was a sort of a steward. It was good to see so many schools present and one (namely Pittwater) exhibited for the first time.

We were very active at Hawkesbury Show. Everybody was involved one way or another. Especially Elaine Tracy with another good performance in the sheep side of things, again with excellent school participation and a very interesting judge named Kelvin Cronk from West Junee.

Ann White and her team were very busy on the large number of fleeces entered. There was good interest from the public and we sold twelve fleeces on the day.

We supported the *Back to Back* event hosted by Kurrajong Handspun Crafts people, simply by having

quite a few of our members present. I believe they were second in this world event last year, but were a bit slower this year. There were crowds of people all day long including Bryan Brown and his lovely lady Rachel Ward.

It certainly was good for the promotion of the various crafts associated with black and coloured sheep.

We were represented at the very good judging workshop presented by Monaro/SW Slopes Region. Our Melissa Henry took her pretty Moorit Bonds down. Mel, Jessica Valentine and Samantha Wan (students and junior handlers from our region) were all very involved on the day. I was very pleased with the experience too.

We have four fleeces entered in the National Fleece Competition and with a bit of luck Wendy and I will attend the event in Bendigo.

We are pleased to announce the return to membership of our Region of Pauline and Ken Mc Glynn.

Our next Regional meeting is scheduled for 23rd August 2009.

Sheep well,

*Peter van Raalte,
Regional President.*

Monaro/SW Slopes Region

The region has been fairly quiet. Anne Hazell and friends have performed a sterling job organising the Old Bus Depot celebration of Wool market again this year. The Boorowa Wool Fest stall was also organized by Anne and Mark.

Without such fund raisers and outlets for members' product and craft, the region would definitely struggle financially - thank you Anne. I know she has been in contact with members regarding the approaching Murrumbateman Field Days. At time of print, Yass High School was looking at providing Year 11 and 12

Vocation Education students to assist us as part of their academic evaluation.

Shows in the area include the Holbrook Sheep and Wool Fair. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with lots of various sheep breeders and school competitors. There is an annual dinner and lots of classes for sheep and fleeces.

The region conducted a training day open to all members of the association. The attendance was spread over three regions, with sheep supplied by all these regions too. The presenters commented during

the luncheon afterwards that such days are of great value - for all breeds.

*Broni Jekyll,
Regional President.*

Northern Region

Veronica Taylor reported to the Editor that Russell Roach has been unwell and the existing sheep breeding members were looking to take a step back from running the region and preferably take on more of a mentoring role, with the newer members shouldering some of the responsibility. An updated membership

list will be forwarded to Veronica and to the members, so they can make contact and discuss future plans for the region.

*Broni Jekyll
Vice-president and Editor.*

South Coast and Southern Tablelands Region

We held our last regional general meeting yesterday 26th June 2009 at Mittagong RSL.

We intend holding our next general meeting on the morning of the next State meeting to be held in November.

Our region has taken on the task of organising the sheep section at Goulburn Show 20th March 2010. We are already gathering sponsorship for this event and hope to encourage local schools to compete in a White Wool and Meat sheep section to be held in conjunction with the Black and Coloured exhibits.

At this stage, we will not be having a fleece section. We hope to revive the memorial trophy for Past members.

Organisation is already under way for our Woolfest next year with the proposed date of 1st May 2010.

A sub-committee has been formed and the regional Committee has agreed to the running of a BAG

COMPETITION to be run as an extra attraction on the day. All bags have to be made of at least 80% wool. We hope to have a celebrity judge and have already had interest from *Ashfords* to donate great prizes.

Terri and Ron attended the Holbrook Sheep and Wool Fair in June with great success. There was tremendous mixing with white sheep breeders and High school students who have their own sheep studs. It was a great opportunity to get the message out there that there are more than white wool sheep. We will be going to the Australian Sheep and Wool Show, Bendigo in July and will take two exhibits - wish us well!

We find our region is expanding with a steady increase in numbers,, and we value all our new associate members who are the end-users of our product; they provide great feedback to our sheep breeders.

*Terri Barrell,
Regional Secretary.*

Step by Step

Raw fleece to NZ - Yarn to Australia

Thanks to Kath Wood for all the following information and copies of relevant documentation.

Prologue

In 1990, my late husband Fred sold the last of a farming enterprise he had partnered since 1948 with his brother in the Robertson district of NSW.

We downsized to what he called a 'house block' of eight acres at Burrawang, on which I had run a few sheep since the late 1970's.

The rest is history; we ate the existing sheep and became much more serious about quality and genetics. We went to life-long friends in the Western division between Nyngan and Bourke to collect a small unwanted flock of coloured fibre sheep from a large (52,000 ha - 15,000 sheep) serious wool growing property. It took twenty-odd years and many changes of rams from there, as well as some line breeding ourselves, to breed a flock of thirty jet black Merino/Border Leicester cross with good frame, good quality medium raw fleece.

Since 2000, the best 50 - 100 kgs of this wool has been taken by us to Peter Sporle at *Meskills Woolworks* at Kyneton in Victoria, for scouring at the CSIRO at Geelong and returning to him for processing into 50 gm balls of knitting yarn which he sent back to us via Australia Post.

In December (2007), with the imminent closure of Australia's processing (CSIRO mini-scour, Geelong - Ed.) I visited AgResearch (New Zealand's equivalent to our CSIRO) and spent the morning with John Lindsay, Manager of Textile Processing. I was 'blown away' by their commitment, their research, their processes, their equipment and their products. I believe our industry is so small we are never likely to achieve economic viability here and the following is an account of my decision to pioneer and document for anyone interested, on details relating to sending my 2008 raw fleece for processing at AgResearch, 13 kms south of Christchurch in New Zealand.

None of this could have been achieved without the assistance of John Lindsay and Laurie Chapman (Logistics Centre Operator and National Fleet Supervisor) of AgResearch - some of the most helpful and cooperative people anyone could wish to work with.

Timeline - Names - Contact numbers for achieving the export of 50 kgs of raw wool for processing in NZ.

Initial contact back in Australia and receipt of paperwork required to be completed from John Lindsay, Manager of Textile Processing. Telephone: 0011 64 3 321 8612 Email: john.lindsay@agresearch.co.nz

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No 1

PERMIT TO IMPORT ANIMAL PRODUCTS

This permit is issued under The Biosecurity Act, 1993. Any queries, please contact Animal Imports & Export Group, MAF Biosecurity (New Zealand), P O Box 1256, Wellington, (Phone 64 4 494 0667)

Authorising Officer: James Kemp on 16 Oct 2008

for Director General, Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry, Biosecurity New Zealand, acting under delegated authority.

Permit for : AgResearch Private Bag 4749 Christchurch 8140 New Zealand Attention : Laurie Chapman	Permit No : 2008035470 Replaces Permit No : 2007032402 Expiry Date : 16 Oct 2009 No of Consignments : Multiple Import Purpose :
Establishment No : Client Ref : 746767	
Shipped From : Australia	
Exporter Name : Various	Country of : Australia Origin Product To : Fibre to be Exported
Description of Items Unprocessed animal fibre, sheep and alpaca	Quantity Measure Unlimited Units
Import Health Standard FIBUNPICALL, 02 Sep 2004, FIB - Unprocessed specified animal fibre from all countries	
Foot Entry Type : Transitional Fac Standard Reference : 154.02.18 (Standard - Transitional Facilities for Animal Products) Transitional Facility : AgResearch Ltd Private Bag 4749 Christchurch Our Springs Road and Gerald Street, Lincoln, Christchurch Ref : 918	
Operator : Klaaske Maryann Van der Werf Inspector : - South Biosecurity Officer	

Approved for Conditions

Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
in partnership with the Department of Biosecurity

13 Jul 09 04:30p Katherine Wood

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No 2.

District Veterinarian's Office, Camden

61 John Street
PO BOX 141
CAMDEN NSW 2570

Phone: (02) 4655 9165
Fax: (02) 4655 3054
E-mail:
keith.hart@rnpb.org.au

10 October 2008

Property of Origin Zoosanitary Certificate relating to:

Katherine Wood
'Goolara', 1 McGraths Road,
BURRAWANG, NSW 2577

I, K G HART, being an Official Veterinarian, certify with respect to the animal fibre identified in this Zoosanitary Certificate (viz. wool) that:

1.1 The products were derived from animals resident in a zone in which no case of Foot and Mouth Disease has occurred within a 10 km radius within the last 30 days

AND

1.2 The products were derived from holdings that have been free from Foot and Mouth Disease for the previous 3 months.

2 Sheep pox/goat pox/ lumpy skin disease has not occurred in the country of origin during the previous 12 months.

3 After due inquiry, it was found that the fibre was derived from live/healthy animals resident in the country of origin.


Signature of Official Veterinarian



Working For Rural NSW

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1. Copy of AgResearch's Permit to Import Animal Products into New Zealand.

From Laurie Chapman (Logistics Centre Operator and National Fleet Supervisor)

Telephone: 0011 64 3 321 8611

Email: laurie.chapman@agresearch.co.nz

(Ed's Note: Due to the lack of definition resulting from scanning faxed copies of photocopies, the included images are only provided to give the reader some idea of what the forms etc. should look like. The Permit to Import Animal Products is actually a two page document.)

2. A letter which complies with the requirements of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry NZ (MAF) and AQIS, these being the corresponding national authorities for Biosecurity.

This letter is required to support your AQIS Declaration and Certificate of Skins Hides and Wool (No. 3). It may be signed by a LHPA Official Veterinarian - and the wording must be EXACT.

(Ed's Note: Wording in letter as follows:)

[Date]

Property of Origin Zoosanitary Certificate relating to:

[Property owner's name]

[Property address]

I, [Full name of Veterinary Officer], being an Official Veterinarian, certify with respect to the animal fibre identified in this Zoosanitary Certificate (viz wool) that:

1.1 The products were derived from animals resident in a zone in which no case of Foot and Mouth Disease has occurred within a 10 km radius within the last 30 days

AND

1.2 The products were derived from holdings that have been free from Foot and Mouth disease for the previous 3 months.

2 Sheep pox/goat pox/lumpy skin disease has not occurred in the country of origin during the previous 12 months.

3 After due inquiry, it is found that the fibre was derived from live/healthy animals resident in the country of origin.

[Signed]

Signature of Official Veterinarian

Stamped and dated with official stamp.

13 JUL 09 09:30p Katherine Wood 480011001 p.32

No 51

Name and address of exporter
Katherine Wood
Coolara 1 McGraths Road
Burrawang NSW 2577
Australia

Name and address of consignee
AgResearch Limited
Lincoln Research Centre
Cnr Springs Rd & Gerald St
Lincoln Canterbury NZ

For the Attention of:
Anglo Pacific International
Cnr Sheffield Cr & Wairakei Rd
Christchurch NZ
Attention: Hugh Little
Phone 03 3588 191
Fax 03 3588 896

No. 1092760

Australian Government
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service
Export Control Act 1989

Declaration and Certificate for Shipments of Skins, Hides and Wool

Country of origin
New South Wales

Single point of loading
Sydney

Date of departure
19 Nov 08

Ship/Airline
Air Freight

Sea/air port of discharge (if not consigned)
New Zealand ChCh

Final destination (New Zealand)

Description of goods
Greasy Wool

Container identification marks

The product was derived from animals resident in a zone in which no case of foot & mouth disease has occurred within a 10km radius within the last 30 days.
The products were derived from holdings that have been free from foot & mouth disease for the previous 3 months.
Sheep/goat pox, lumpy skin disease has not occurred in Australia during the previous 12 months.
After due enquiry, it was found the fibre was derived from live healthy animals resident in Australia or from animals which had been slaughtered in Australia to produce meat for human consumption.

No. and kind of packages
1 Bale (Fadge)

Signature of Exporter/Agent
Katherine G. Wood

Declared at
Sydney

In the State of
NSW

day of
20

month of
November

year
2008

Printed Name
Andrew Carey

Signature of Veterinary Officer
Graham Wilson

Printed Name
Graham Wilson

day of
20

month of
November

year
2008

State of
NSW

for the Australian Government

3. This form is obtained from AQIS, Sydney office contact is (at time of writing) Lisa Hoare

Telephone: 02 8334 7483

Email: Lisa.Hoare@aqis.gov.au

It is in quintuplicate and requires a word processor or typewriter to complete.

Don't make a mistake with this one or you may never see your wool again!

Top left box - Name and address of exporter (that's you).

Box below - Name and address of consignee - AgResearch Limited, Lincoln Research Centre, Cnr Springs Rd and Gerald St, Lincoln, Canterbury, NZ

For the attention of:
Anglo Pacific International,
Cnr Sheffield Cr and Wairakei Rd,
Christchurch NZ
Tel: 03 3588 191
Fax: 03 3588 896

Small boxes - Sea/air port of loading (e.g. Sydney), Ship/Airline (e.g. Air Freight) Date of departure Sea/air port of discharge (New Zeal ChCh) Final destination (New Zealand)

Middle box - No. and kind of packages - 1 Bale (Fadge?) Description of goods - Greasy wool

The products were derived from animals resident in a zone in which no case of Foot and Mouth Disease has occurred within a 10 km radius within the last 30 days. The products were derived from holdings that have been free from Foot and Mouth disease for the previous 3 months.

Sheep pox/goat pox/lumpy skin disease has not occurred in the country of origin during the previous 12 months.

After due inquiry, it is found that the fibre was derived from live/healthy animals resident in the country of origin or from animals which had been slaughtered in Australia to produce meat for human consumption.

Lower left box - Declaration. Insert your name and address. Also sign as Signature of Exporter/Agent, insert location, State and date BEFORE AN Officer from the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry AND a Veterinary from same Department. (Carey and Wilson in form shown).

3A. This form and your cheque will accompany your Declaration both into AQIS and back to you as a receipt. It is called the Record of Documentation Lodged with AQIS and includes your name and address plus a description of the document lodged (Declaration and Certificate of Skins Hides and Wool).

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Australian Government
Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service

Record of Documentation Lodged with AQIS

No. 452577

Name of Exporter
Katherine Wood

Address of Exporter
Coolara 1 McGraths Road
Burrawang NSW 2577
Australia

Account Code
COM

Date of Lodgement
20/11/08

Establishment No. (if applicable)

Postcode
2577

Printed Name
Katherine G. Wood

Signature of Exporter/Agent
Katherine G. Wood

Office Use Only

Location Code
411

Document Service Code
30500

Invoice No.

Entered by

Inspectors Name

Inspectors Phone Number

Company Representative's Signature and Data
Katherine G. Wood

Printed Name
Katherine G. Wood

NOTE: This form is to accompany export documentation presented to AQIS for endorsement. The above named company will be involved for any document or quantity change applicable. "Export Quantity" and "Quantity Service Code" relate to EX 28 and EX 222 documents only.

Green - Finance Copy; Blue - Office Copy; White - Client Copy

No. 452577

13 JUL 08 04:30p Katherine Wood 40001201 P.11

No 4.

BURRAWOOL® COPY

10th November 08

Re: One Bale of Greasy (Unprocessed) Wool
Being consigned to AgResearch Limited
Lincoln Research Centre
Lincoln
Canterbury
New Zealand

To Whom it May Concern

This fibre is being sent to New Zealand for further processing, and will be returning to Australia, its country of origin, as processed yarn.

It has no commercial value, but a value for Customs purposes only of \$250.

The wool has been packed in new clean packaging.

Katherine G Wood
JP No. 182325
Wool Grower

Grown by - Katherine G. Wood
"Goolara", 1 Mc Graths Road. N.S.W. 2577 Australia.
Phone 61 02 4885 1263 Fax 61 02 4885 1261
Email kgwood@hinet.net.au \www.burrawool.com

4. This, on your letterhead containing all this information as stated, will accompany your wool and be left at the Freight Forwarding Agent's office.

Content:

[Date]

Re.: X Bale(s) of Greasy (Unprocessed) Wool

Being consigned to AgResearch Limited,
Lincoln Research Centre,
Lincoln,
Canterbury New Zealand.

To whom it may concern

This fibre is being sent to New Zealand for further processing and will be returning to Australia, its country of origin, as processed yarn.

It has no commercial value but a value for Customs purposes only of (\$250 - as an example).

The wool has been packed in new clean packaging.

(Ed's Note: Now, Kath Wood is a Justice of the Peace and has quoted her own JP Number. She has not mentioned whether you may have to get your letter sighted and signed by a JP - please check with Kath.)

13 JUL 08 04:41p Katherine Wood 40001201 P.12

No. 5.

BURRAWOOL® COPY

PACKING SLIP TO ACCOMPANY

1 Bale of Greasy (Unprocessed) Wool

Weight : 50 Kgs.

Being consigned to : AgResearch Limited
Lincoln Research Centre
Lincoln
Canterbury
New Zealand

C/O
Anglo Pacific International
Cnr Sheffield Cres & Wairakei Rd
Christchurch
New Zealand

Attention : Hugh Little
Phone 03 3588 191
Fax 03 3588 896

THIS WOOL IS PACKED IN NEW CLEAN PACKAGING

Grown by - Katherine G. Wood
"Goolara", 1 Mc Graths Road. N.S.W. 2577 Australia.
Phone 61 02 4885 1263 Fax 61 02 4885 1261
Email kgwood@hinet.net.au \www.burrawool.com

5. The same as for item 4.

Contents:

Packing Slip to Accompany

(X) Bale(s) of Greasy (Unprocessed) Wool

Weight: X kgs

Being consigned to:

AgResearch Limited,
Lincoln Research Centre,
Lincoln, Canterbury, NZ
C/o

Anglo Pacific International,
Cnr Sheffield Cr and Wairakei Rd,
Christchurch NZ

Attention: Hugh Little

Tel: 03 3588 191

Fax: 03 3588 896

**THIS WOOL IS PACKED IN NEW CLEAN
PACKAGING**

13 Jul 08 04:44p Katherine Wood 48851261 p.13

No 6.

BURRAWOOL COPY

Sat 22nd Nov 08

Dear Laurie

Please find the following Fax (6) pages which I will be submitting to Air Menzies on Monday 24th Nov. for Consignment to : AgResearch Limited

Lincoln Research Centre
Cnr Springs Road & Gerald Street
Lincoln
Canterbury
New Zealand

c/o
Anglo Pacific International
Cnr Sheffield Cres & Wairakei Rd
Christchurch
New Zealand

Attention : Hugh Little
Phone 03 3588 191
Fax 03 3588 896

I'm not sure how many of these documents will be required by you, but all will be presented to Air Menzies on Monday

Kind regards
Katherine

Grown by - Katherine G. Wood
"GOOLARA", 1 Mc Grath's Road, N.S.W. 2577 Australia.
Phone 61 02 4885 1263 Fax 61 02 4885 1261
kgwood@hinet.net.au www.burrawool.com

6. A covering letter to accompany all six (6) pages faxed to Laurie Chapman for him to check out for accuracy and then return to me before delivering the wool to Air Menzies

13 Jul 08 04:44p Katherine Wood 48851261 p.14

No 7.

AMT Air Menzies International Pty Limited

Shipper's Name and Address
BURRAWOOL C/- UAC SYDNEY
"GOOLARA" 1 MCGRATHS ROAD
BURRAWOOL NSW 2577 AUSTRALIA
KATHERINE G WOOD 0248851263

Consignee's Name and Address
AGRESEARCH LIMITED
LINCOLN RESEARCH CENTRE
LINCOLN
CANTERBURY

Notify:

AMT No. 176-5614 5495 SHIPPER Ref. AR

Report on Consignment (Part of that Consignee) and requested Receipts
SYDNEY

To Flight/Club CHC EK418 27-Nov

Report of Consignee
CHRISTCHURCH

Consent Ref. 228845

Handling Information
PLEASE NOTIFY CONSIGNEE IMMEDIATELY UPON ARRIVAL.

It is agreed that the goods herein are accepted in accordance with order and condition (except as noted) SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT OBTAINABLE ON APPLICATION. THE SHIPPER'S ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THE NOTICE CONCERNING CARRIER'S LIMITATION OF LIABILITY. SHIPPER may increase such limitation of liability by declaring a higher value for carriage and paying a supplemental charge if required.

Chargeable Amount Account No.

CRASH SALES C/- UAC SYDNEY CDS 00

ALD YES

1. I hereby warrant that the Goods are as described in the accompanying documents and are in proper condition for carriage by air according to the International Air Transport Association Dangerous Goods Regulations.

SHIPPER'S RECORD COPY

No of Pieces	Gross Weight	Rate Class	Chargeable Weight	Rate	Charge	TOTAL	Remarks and Quantity of Goods (Net Dimensions or Volume)
1	50.00		95.0	0.85	80.75		BREASY WOOL FOR PROCESSING & RETURN
1	50.00				80.75		EDN:EXLV
Subtotal					80.75		
Freight							
Insurance							
Handling Charge							
Carriage and Counter							
Miscellaneous Charges							
Total							
Currency Conversion Rates							
CC Charges In Dest. Currency							

PPD: AIL 5.00, XSF 5.00, EAB 20.00, FUE 10.00

SHIPPER certifies that the particulars on the face hereof are correct and that he/she is fully aware of the consignment conditions, dangerous goods, and that he/she is properly certified by name and is in proper condition for carriage by air according to the International Air Transport Association Dangerous Goods Regulations.

AIR80003470
25 Nov 08

Alan Rogers

Signature of Shipper on the agent

ALL BUSINESS IS TRANSACTED UNDER THE COMPANY'S STANDARD TRADING CONDITIONS OBTAINABLE ON APPLICATION

7. Your sign of achievement - your copy of the "House Waybill", your receipt and the final document which accompanies your wool.

The contact at AMI Air Menzies is Alan Rogers.

Telephone: 02 8304 4700

Address: Unit 12, Discovery Cove,

1801 Botany Road,

Botany.

Located at the roundabout on the intersection of Botany Road and Foreshore Drive.

There will be other information I have forgotten to include. I am happy to be contacted if I can help with further questions.

Sincerely,

Katherine Wood.

Telephone: 02 4885 1263

Email: kgwood@hinet.net.au

Dated: 6th December 2008

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

State meeting held 27th June 2009 at the Richmond Club, Richmond, Sydney.

Meeting opened at 1.25pm by the President, Bob Munday.

Present: Terri Barrell, Caroline Collerson, Phillip Dunn, John Farkas, Susan Griffiths, Melissa Henry, Broni Jekyll, Mac Macdonald, Bob Munday, Denise Munday, Betty Nash, Christine Parkes, Elaine Tracey, Peter van Raalte, Wendy van Raalte, Anne White, Berta Wieringa

Apologies: Kathleen Allen, Audrey and Chris Bird, Diane Blaney, Ruth Bosma, Vanessa Bradley, Ann Cassar, Eric Day, Jenny Dunn, Marianne Farkas, Anne Hazell, Judy Schonkala, Jane Southwell

Moved: Christine Parkes Seconded: Broni Jekyll **Carried**

Visitors: Ron Barrell, Barry Collerson

Minutes: It was moved by Terri Barrell and seconded by Melissa Henry that the Minutes from the last meeting circulated in *Black Sheep Rising*, Volume 30, Number 1, page 5, are taken as read. **Carried**

Business arising:

➤Victorian Bush fires

Broni Jekyll has contacted the Victorian executive - two Victorian members were affected by the bush fires; they send thanks for well wishes but declined any financial help.

➤Apologies

It was pointed out that the Apologies from the last meeting were not correct.

Minutes be accepted as as true and correct.

Moved: Broni Jekyll Seconded: Denise Munday **Carried**

Correspondence: In - nil

Out - Phillip Dunn sent report of 2009 Annual General Meeting to the Department of Fair Trading

President's Report: See Page 1 for this Report.

Moved: Bob Munday - the President's report be adopted Seconded: Broni Jekyll **Carried**

Treasurer's Report: Presented at meeting

Moved: John Farkas – the Treasurer's report be adopted Seconded: Denise Munday **Carried**

Reports from Regions: See Pages 2-3 for these reports.

Moved: Terri Barrell – the Regional Reports be accepted Seconded: Peter van Raalte **Carried**

Editor's Report:

The account for the cost of producing the last newsletter was presented for payment.

I have received good feedback regarding the articles about our Life members and I plan to continue this column. There was a great contact re-established at Holbrook Sheep and Wool Fair with a very early member (now retired from coloured sheep breeding) named Herman Bootsma. He took photographs on the day of the winning Grand Champion Ewe and Grand Champion Ram for his personal record. I plan to send to Herman a few back copies of the newsletter.

General Business:

Item 1: Bob Munday received an email from Nancy Bennett informing us that Wendy Dennis is no longer doing the *Wool Pages* magazine. It has now been changed to web site www.wool.com. A letter of thanks to Wendy Dennis for the work she did to be sent (Bob to email Secretary details).

Moved: Phillip Dunn Seconded: Christine Parkes **Carried**

Item 2: Bob Munday received email from aussigns@iinet.net.au regarding special 'end of financial year' prices on banners and signs.

Bob will forward email details to Broni.

Item 3: Farm guide website (www.farmguide.com.au) will give us free space for our logo, one photograph and 150 words, plus a listing of members, under the NSW Sheep Breeders category.

Motion that Broni Jekyll be reimbursed for cost of telephone calls to members not on email to seek permission to be included on Farm Guide.

It was also suggested she check up with members who have paid their \$2.00 to have their details put on the web site.

Moved: Broni Jekyll Seconded: Terri Barrell **Carried**

Item 4: Terri Barrell informed editor that member Wendy Norris cannot receive newsletter without clogging up her system, please post. Noted by editor, who enquired if Wendy could receive news updates. Opinion was that this was probably possible.

Item 5: Comment had been made that although the Association is not a Trading Business, there is nothing in the Constitution to prevent individual members getting together and trading under the umbrella of the Black and Coloured Sheep Breeders Association NSW. However, each event must be minuted at a Regional or State meeting and notice of the venue and date MUST be sent to the State Secretary so the event is covered by insurance.

Item 6: The Editor was notified of a new member who had joined early in the year and whose contact had been mislaid in transferral to the newsletter listing via the Treasurer's list. The editor reported that by the time of this meeting, a newsletter had been sent and telephone contact had been made.

Item 7: The Constitution states that there is a position of Membership Secretary. This is usually performed by Treasurer, but as Janos is extremely busy with work, it is proposed to make this a separate position.

Nominated: Melissa Henry Nominated by: Broni Jekyll Seconded: Christine Parkes **Elected unopposed**

Item 8: The recommendation was made to amend all membership forms and website to include the address of the new Membership Secretary: Melissa Henry, 6 Luttrell Street, Richmond 2753.

Item 9: The President asked the Editor if the membership renewal and questionnaire could be a back-to-back form in the edition before the January 2010 renewals.

Item 10: Peter van Raalte reported on the judging workshop held by the Monaro/SW Slopes Region at Broni and Mac's farm. See page 16.

Item 11: There was discussion on an item in the BCSBAA(Victoria) newsletter about Jodie and Mike Taylor being affected by the bush fires. One of their soot-affected fleeces is included in a display of Australian wool at the National Museum of Australia's commemoration of the IYNF.

Item 12: The Editor's report - see above

Item 13: Thanks were expressed by the President to Hawkesbury Region for organising the meeting venue and a special thanks to the members who organised the very informative forum before lunch.

Next Meeting to be held on 28th November 2009 at 1pm in the Monaro/SW Slopes Region at the Yass Soldiers Club, 86 Meehan Street, Yass. Lunch will be available in the Bistro before the meeting.

Meeting closed at 3.20 pm



**Mudgee Small Farms Field Days
marquee display.**

Photo: Janos Farkas

COOMA SHOW 19TH MARCH 2009

Judge: Mr Ron Davis, Yass

Black and Coloured Sheep

<u>Fine Wool 58s to 64s</u>	First	Second
2. Ewe, 2 or more teeth	F.A.R.M., J. Southwell and K. Allen	
<u>Medium Wool 50s to 56s</u>		
3. Ram, 2 or more teeth	Christine Parkes	
4. Ewe, 2 or more teeth	Christine Parkes	
<u>Strong Wool 38s to 48s</u>		
6. Ewe, 2 or more teeth	Christine Parkes	
<u>Rug Wool 38s and broader</u>		
7. Ram, 2 or more teeth	Christine Parkes	
<u>Lambs</u>		
9. Ram Lamb	Christine Parkes	Christine Parkes and Third Christine Parkes
Ewe Lamb	Christine Parkes	

CHAMPION

RAM

Christine Parkes (Medium wool Ram)

RESERVE CHAMPION RAM

Christine Parkes (Rug wool Ram)

CHAMPION

EWE

F.A.R.M., J. Southwell and K. Allen (Fine wool Ewe)

RESERVE CHAMPION EWE

Christine Parkes (Strong wool Ewe)

CHAMPION

LAMB

Christine Parkes (Ram Lamb)

RESERVE CHAMPION LAMB

Drap'hyd Merino Stud BkV001 (Fine Ram Lamb)

SUPREME B&C EXHIBIT

F.A.R.M., J. Southwell and K. Allen (Fine wool Ewe)

Ribbon sponsored by South Coast and Southern Tablelands Region
Christine Parkes

MOST SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITOR

Black and Coloured Fleece

<u>Fine Wool finer than 58s</u>	First	Second
2. Ewe or wether	Alan and Bev Caldwell	Tony Brown
<u>Medium Wool 50s to 56s</u>		
4. Ewe or wether	Christine Parkes	Christine Parkes
<u>Strong Wool 38s to 48s</u>		
6. Ewe or wether	Christine Parkes	Christine Parkes
<u>Rug Wool 38s and broader</u>		
7. Ram	Christine Parkes	
8. Ewe or wether	Christine Parkes	

CHAMPION

FLEECE

Alan and Bev Caldwell (Fine wool ewe/wether)

RESERVE CHAMPION FLEECE

Christine Parkes (Strong wool ewe/wether)

BEST HANDICRAFT FLEECE

Christine Parkes (Strong wool ewe/wether)

YASS SHOW 28TH-29TH MARCH 2009

Judge: Ms Melissa Henry, Richmond

Black and Coloured Sheep

Class	CHAMPION	RESERVE CHAMPION
Ultrafine Ram	Drap'hyd Merino Stud YV011 (Mar shorn)	Drap'hyd Merino Stud BIV012 (Aug shorn)
Ultrafine Ewe	Drap'hyd Merino Stud BIV6882 (Aug shorn)	Drap'hyd Merino Stud RV049 (Aug shorn)
Superfine Ram	Drap'hyd Merino Stud RV026 (Aug shorn)	Drap'hyd Merino Stud Rv065 (Mar shorn)
Superfine Ewe	Drap'hyd Merino Stud BIV009 (Aug shorn)	F.A.R.M. Gn2 (Mar shorn)

Class	CHAMPION	RESERVE CHAMPION
Fine wool Ram	Drap'hyd Merino Stud RV090 (Mar shorn)	No entries
Fine wool Ewe	Drap'hyd Merino Stud YV50587 (Mar shorn)	F.A.R.M. Gn29 (Mar shorn)
Medium wool Ewe	F.A.R.M. Gn15 (Mar shorn)	F.A.R.M. Gn23 (Mar shorn)
Strong/Rug wool Ram	R. and E. Davis BIV121 (Open)	No entries
Strong/Rug wool Ewe	Delco Border Leicester Stud 2t (Open)	R. and E. Davis BIV 2t (Open)
Grand Champion Lamb (Open)	Delco Border Leicester Stud Ram 64	Drap'hyd Merino Stud Ewe BkV033 Highly Commended F.A.R.M. Ram Gn39
Grand Champion March Shorn Ram	Drap'hyd Merino Stud RV090 (Fine wool 6t)	
Grand Champion March Shorn Ewe	F.A.R.M. Gn2 (Superfine 2t)	
Grand Champion August Shorn Ram	Drap'hyd Merino Stud RV026 (Aug shorn Superfine)	
Grand Champion August Shorn Ewe	Drap'hyd Merino Stud BIV009 (Aug shorn Superfine)	
Grand Champion Ram	Drap'hyd Merino Stud RV090 (Mar shorn Fine wool)	
Grand Champion Ewe	Drap'hyd Merino Stud BIV009 (Aug shorn Superfine)	
Supreme Exhibit	Drap'hyd Merino Stud RV090 (Mar shorn Fine wool)	
Open Pair - Ram and Ewe	Drap'hyd Merino Stud Aug shorn	Delco Border Leicester Stud
Open Group of Three - Ram and 2 Ewes	Drap'hyd Merino Stud Aug shorn	Delco Border Leicester Stud
Open Group of Five - 2 Rams and 3 Ewes	Delco Border Leicester Stud	Drap'hyd Merino Stud Mar shorn

Black and Coloured Fleece**Judge:** Mr Jason Byron, Canberra

Class	First	Second	Third
Ewe/Wether Fleece, ultra fine 16.4µm or finer	Drap'hyd Merino Stud		
Ewe/Wether Fleece, superfine 16.5 µm – 19.4 µm	Christine Parkes	Farm Animal Resource Management	Farm Animal Resource Management
Ram Fleece fine 19.5 µm – 25µm	Farm Animal Resource Management	Farm Animal Resource Management	Farm Animal Resource Management
Ewe/Wether Fleece, fine 19.5µm – 25µm	Christine Parkes	Farm Animal Resource Management	
Ram Fleece medium 26µm – 30µm	Anne Hazell		
Ewe/Wether Fleece, medium 26µm – 30µm	Anne Hazell	Anne Hazell	Anne Hazell
Ewe/Wether Fleece, strong 31µm -37µm	Christine Parkes	Christine Parkes	Christine Parkes
Ram Fleece rug wool 38µm and stronger	Christine Parkes		

Judge's Comments: There were twenty-two entries from five exhibitors. I was very taken by the overall quality - and many of the fleeces were very heavy.



Australian Sheep Show and National Fleece Show results will be published next edition.



A Peep into the life of a Young Member

Melissa Henry:

Young Black and Coloured Sheep Enthusiasts – Pathways to Success

As a young student in agriculture – all I knew was that I wanted to be in agriculture. The 'how' has simply unfolded, as I will explain...

In 2001 I saw an article and photo in the Hawkesbury Gazette promoting an upcoming BCSBAA meeting. The photo was of Elaine Tracey walking one of her ewes down the main street of Richmond on a lead. I thought, "That looks interesting. I'll go to the meeting and see how it goes". Within a few months, I had convinced the school to purchase two ewes from Betty Nash and show them at Castle Hill and Hawkesbury Shows. It was also during this time that I participated in many Sheep and Cattle Junior Judging and Handlers Competitions, as well as being on the Hawkesbury Show Committee, building my knowledge, skills and networks within the industry.

At the end of 2004, I purchased 'Baabra' and her lamb from the school, ready to start my own flock. And what has made it work is the support that I have received from the members of BCSBAA in my learning and the 'have a go' attitude. I have learnt about:

- ✓ sheep management (health, reproduction, shearing);
- ✓ preparing and exhibiting;
- ✓ preparing and selling of lambs and wool;
- ✓ livestock assessment (judging and for purchasing).

What has set this learning in me is being able to apply it to my own flock, to have discussions with other members about their experiences and how they make decisions, as well as being given the opportunity to increase my contribution back to the Association. For me, this learning and involvement is the value of being a member of BCSBAA.

Where am I now? In 2008 I completed a Bachelor of Animal Science (Honours) at the University of Western Sydney (Hawkesbury Campus). I focused my degree within the area of agricultural training (capacity building and extension) particularly around youth and women in agriculture. I now work for the Grain Growers Association – as a Membership Liaison Officer, based in Sydney.

My coloured flock is growing slowly, within the boundaries of agisted land in the Hawkesbury. The breeding objectives that I am setting are becoming clearer and more achievable – that of quality dual-purpose moorit Corriedales.

So in taking my experiences with the BCSBAA and the need to encourage more young people into the Association for the purpose of succession, there are a number of pathways in which young people can come into the Association and within Agriculture more broadly. And aren't we in a prime position to continue to do that?!

The Hawkesbury and Monaro Regions have been two key regions that have been proactively working with young people through the show movement – as that is where the students are. Last year at Hawkesbury Show (as one of many examples) there were thirty-six students that competed in the Coloured Sheep Junior Judging Competition – what fantastic exposure for our Association! In addition, more targeted informal mentoring programs have been established, in which young people (like myself) have been given the opportunity to exhibit for breeders, to steward, to judge at shows across NSW. It is this contact that makes the real difference.

Are all of these young people going to become coloured sheep breeders and members of BCSBAA? – No. Some will though, now or in the future! It is also important to remember that involving young people through the Association also has huge benefits for the wider industry.

- ✓ Young people choosing the Sheep Industry as a career choice – across the supply chain;
- ✓ Supporting young people in owning a small flock (of any breed or colour);
- ✓ Young people choosing a career within the agricultural industry more broadly;
- ✓ Encouraging high school students to undertake further study at TAFE or University;
- ✓ To appreciate and buy wool products;
- ✓ Increasing the number of young people involved in the show society movement.

I wish to thank all of the BCSBAA members that have encouraged me to think outside my current mind set, supported my breeding objectives (through sharing of genetics) and pushed me to step outside my comfort zone.



Melissa and 'Flopsey' Reserve Champion Coloured Wool Ewe – Hawkesbury Show 2009. Photo: Debbie Webb

Genetics Article

The following is Part 1 of a paper to be presented in two parts. There has been an increasing indication of an interest in genetics, so your editor has tried to source information presented in an 'easy-to-read' format that provides something useful and interesting. I hope you enjoy it.

Making New Bloodlines Using the Only Ram You Have

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Introduction

Many small flock owners believe they need to replace their ram every couple of years to avoid problems with inbreeding. They may discover, however, that finding a suitable replacement ram is harder than they thought.

- If they have a good quality flock, it may be hard to find an unrelated ram that is equal to or better than the one they want to replace.
- Having found a great new ram, they may discover that he doesn't "nick" well with the ewes; their combined genetics just don't turn out as well as planned.
- When the combined genetics *do* create great new lambs, the lambs may be surprisingly difficult to sell. Customers wanting breeding stock or a starter flock may balk when they realize how hard it will be to find unrelated stock within driving distance when it is time for them to expand.



Illustration 1: Polled Barbados Blackbelly ram, Zane

If replacing rams every other year might create as many problems as it does solutions, what are the options? This article suggests that small flock owners consider establishing two or more distinct bloodlines on their farm. Owners can do this inexpensively using one ram and will end up with animals whose health, purity, and background they can feel confident about while knowing the animals are not too closely related.

My Experience: Starting Out Small

When I acquired my first two Barbados Blackbelly ewes, they already had been bred at their previous owner's location. I kept their lambs, one ram and one ewe, and thus began my flock of four. It didn't take me long to realize that my breeding options were limited—my ram could be bred to his mother, but without knowing what good and bad traits such inbreeding might be intensifying, I was unwilling to risk breeding him to his sister or half-sisters. I purchased an additional two unrelated ewes, but I was still stuck with the limitations of one ram.

I thought about getting another ram, but the nearest unrelated polled ram was several thousand miles and several hundred air-freight dollars away. Also, as a newbie to raising sheep, I didn't have space or pasture to accommodate a separate ram pen, which I would need if I wanted to be certain about which ram had bred my ewes. What to do?

Luckily, about that time I read an email posted to the Sheep-L listserv that mentioned the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy's (ALBC's) breeding plan for rare and endangered animals. I want to summarize their information in this article so that it might help other breeders of uncommon breeds who are stuck in a "one ram rut." All information in this article is liberally and thankfully borrowed from the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy's book *A Conservation Breeding Handbook* authored by D. Phillip Sponenberg and Carolyn J. Christman (ISBN 1-887316-00-0, 136 pp, \$12.95 +P&H). You can purchase this book directly from the ALBC's Web store at <http://www.albc-usa.org/> with my heartiest recommendation. You can contact the ALBC at P.O. Box 477, Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312, telephone 919-542-5704.

Small Is a Lot Like Rare

There are almost 100 breeds of cattle, goats, horses, asses, sheep, pigs, and poultry that are in danger of becoming extinct. The Barbados Blackbelly sheep, although not threatened by imminent extinction, is considered a "watched breed" because there are fewer than 10,000 of them in the world and fewer than 2,500 of them registered annually in North America. Many of the truly endangered breeds of livestock live in isolated clusters where a single male lives with a few females (the foundation male and females). Intense inbreeding occurs as the male, and eventually his sons, breeds with the only available females, which are all related to him. The ALBC has developed a breeding program to rescue these endangered breeds from extinction. The rescue breeding program is designed to increase the animal count in a breed while also maintaining the breed's genetic diversity and decreasing its incidence of inbreeding.

For the small farmer choosing to raise an uncommon breed of sheep (in my case Barbados Blackbelly), a flock of one ram and two or three ewes often resembles one of the "endangered" breeds. There may be no place close to obtain replacement livestock or funds to purchase good breeding stock. Without new blood, the flock will become seriously inbred, reducing the value and vitality of the flock. Therefore, for the purpose of this article, we will treat the small Barbados Blackbelly flock as if it were rare and describe a rescue breeding program useful for the small farmer.

Step 1—Rescue Breeding

If anything happens to your only ram, your "rare" flock is essentially extinct. The goal of a rescue program is to develop at least three distinct male bloodlines from the original ram and ewes, thus preserving your male line while also reducing inbreeding. Because you have only one ram, it will be the ewes who contribute most heavily to the genetic diversity in your breeding program.

In order to develop three or four distinct male bloodlines, you will need to breed your ewes to as many different rams as possible. Since you have only one ram, you will need to make more. The following paragraphs explain how to do this using a sample flock of one ram and four ewes.¹ Throughout this article, alphabetic letters are used to represent each of the bloodlines in your flock. We start off in this example with Ram A and four ewes, B, C, D, and E. Their offspring are identified by the combination of letters from the ram and ewe. For example, Ram A + Ewe C=lamb AC. Table 1 illustrates the steps using alphabetic letters. As the number of generations increases, so does the number of letters used to identify the lambs. I found this to be very complex and learned that I could better understand what was going on by referring back and forth between the text and the table. Hopefully, you will, too.

Only the rams, the original ewes, and the ram lambs are listed in the table because they are the most important members of the rescue breeding program. When the daughters enter the breeding program, mate them to whatever ram lamb is scheduled to breed with their mother. Because Barbados Blackbelly sheep will breed at any time throughout the year, you can breed the ewes back shortly after you have weaned their lambs.

First breeding cycle: Breed the foundation ram to all four ewes. Keep the foundation ram until the next generation of rams is ready to breed, then cull him (sell, butcher, or transfer to a different breeding program). Keep all of the lambs for the third breeding cycle.

Second breeding cycle: Do the same thing you did with the first breeding cycle because your foundation ram is still the only ram old enough to be reliably fertile. Keep all of the lambs for the fourth breeding cycle.

Third breeding cycle: Divide the flock into two small breeding groups (this can be a problem when space is really limited, but it is necessary to at least temporarily cordon off a small area for each breeding group (using electric netting or some other temporary fencing that is sturdy enough, however, to prevent ram break-throughs). In each group place one of the best young rams born from the first breeding cycle, two unrelated foundation ewes, and those ewes' daughters from the first breeding cycle. (The daughters are half-sisters of the rams, but as we progress through the rescue breeding program, this inbreeding will be reduced.) Cull the ram lambs used in this breeding after their offspring are born. Also cull any ram lambs born to the daughters of the foundation ewes in this group.

1. If you don't have four ewes, you can easily modify Table 1 to illustrate a situation with two or three foundation ewes and one ram.

Fourth breeding cycle: As you did with the third breeding cycle, divide the flock into two breeding groups, except use the ram lambs from the second breeding cycle, all of the foundation ewes, and all of their daughters from the second breeding cycle. Cull the ram lambs used in this breeding after their offspring are born. Also cull any ram lambs born to the daughters of the foundation ewes in this group.

Fifth breeding cycle: This breeding cycle continues to use ram lambs born from foundation ewes rather than from the daughters of those foundation ewes (which you should have culled). This further reduces inbreeding and increases genetic diversity. Again, create a small breeding group for each of the rams born in the third and fourth breeding cycles. Each ram will be assigned one of the foundation ewes and her daughters from the #1, #2, and #3 breeding cycles. (If there are more than four rams available that were born from foundation ewes, create a separate breeding group for each ram if you have space.)

The rams that result from this fifth breeding are quarter-brother rams and only one-fourth the genetic influence of the foundation ram. Genetically, they can be considered to be four distinct male bloodlines.

Table 1: Rescue breeding program

Generation ^a	Breeding Cycle	Ram used	Ewes bred	Young rams produced ^b
First	1	A	B, C, D, E	AB, AD
	2	A	B, C, D, E	AC, AE
Second	3	AB	C, D (plus their daughters from the #1 breeding cycle)	AB/C
		AD	B, E (plus their daughters from the #1 breeding cycle)	AD/E
	4	AC	D, E (plus their daughters from the #2 breeding cycle)	AC/D
		AE	B, C (plus their daughters from the #2 breeding cycle)	AE/B
Third	5	AB/C	E (plus her daughters from #1, #2, and #3 breeding cycles)	[AB/C]E
		AD/E	C (plus her daughters from #1, #2, and #3 breeding cycles)	[AD/E]C
		AC/D	B (plus her daughters from #1, #2, and #3 breeding cycles)	[AC/D]B
		AE/B	D (plus her daughters from #1, #2, and #3 breeding cycles)	[AE/B]D

In as little as three years, you have four rams instead of one, and at least 30 ewes! Each foundation ewe now has daughters sired by different rams, and each ewe's bloodline is distinct from the other ewes' bloodlines. From a rescue perspective, the flock is no longer genetically endangered and can now progress to a conservation breeding program.

To be continued...

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REPORT on BCSBA JUDGING WORKSHOP 13th JUNE 2009

held at "Drap'hyd" via Murrumbateman, the property of Broni Jekyll and Mac Macdonald.

Peter van Raalte

The day began crisp and cold but clear and sunny after the fog lifted.

Proceedings got under way with a warm welcome from Broni Jekyll and an introduction to the two high profile judges.

Several sheep supplied by Melissa Henry, Dianne and Neil Blaney and Mac and Broni, had been yarded ready for presentation.

The first address was by Bruce Patterson from Canberra. He judges all breeds of sheep at top level as well as poultry and other caged birds. He also trained and looked after the Border Leicesters used in the movie "Babe".

The other judge was Jamie Derrick, another very experienced judge at high level, an educator of young and associate judges and handlers, and a successful stud breeder of Poll Dorsets and Poll Merinos.

Both were excellent communicators, with a wealth of knowledge to convey, together with a nice dash of humour.

Following the opening addresses, sessions followed covering confirmation, structure, teeth, stance, ability to reproduce (the 3T's) etc. viz all the qualities judges would be looking for in a sheep. Also covered were the protocols of the judge, steward and exhibitor.

Then came the time for several of the attendees to play the role of judge by assessing five exhibits, making their selection of the top three and then explaining how they arrived at their decisions.

The expert judges Bruce and Jamie commented on each participant's performance offering most informative and encouraging advice. We also took turns in handling and exhibiting a sheep whilst others did their judging.

It was my first experience of a workshop with high profile judges and whilst a lot of this might seem old hat to some, I was impressed by the good questions from successful breeders and up-coming young judges present on the day. There was plenty to be gained by people involved at all levels of breeding, exhibiting and judging.

The atmosphere throughout was positive and friendly, and the hospitality was superb.

Congratulations to Broni and Mac for the preparation and planning, the execution of the day and the splendid hospitality. An excellent day of learning with a marvellous atmosphere of camaraderie among like-minded people.

Present on the day:

Ann Anderson	Life member, South Coast and Southern Tablelands Region
Terri and Ron Barrell	South Coast and Southern Tablelands Region, exhibit Border Leicesters and teach Animal Studies at TAFE.
Dianne and Neil Blaney	South Coast and Southern Tablelands Region, show dogs, supplied Border Leicesters on the day
Jim Fletcher	Monaro/SW Slopes Region, Associate Judge and experienced handler and exhibitor of poultry and sheep, Sydney Royal steward poultry and sheep.
Liz Graham	Interested in helping at sheep events.
Anne Hazell	Monaro/SW Slopes Region, stewards Yass fleece events, assisted exhibit sheep for F.A.R.M. at Yass Show
Melissa Henry	Hawkesbury Region, Associate judge, supplied Bonds on the day.
Peter van Raalte	Hawkesbury Region, stewards local shows.
Jessica Valentine	University of Western Sydney, student in Bachel of Agriculture, Sydney Royal sheep steward, Associate judge and sheep handler.
Samantha Wan	Final year of Ag Science at Uni. of Sydney, Associate judge and sheep handler, Sydney Royal sheep steward.
HOSTS:	Broni and Mac - Monaro/SW Slopes Region; train young judges and handlers, breed and exhibit super fine Merinos, Sydney and Canberra Royal sheep stewards, supplied Merinos on the day.

**High Strung, sheepcognition show at the
Australian Sheep and Wool Show, Bendigo.**

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DIARY DATES 2009

Date	Event	Region
22 nd Jul until mid Nov 2009	Exhibition commemorating the United Nations International Year for Natural Fibres, Focus room, National Museum of Australia, Lawson Crescent, Acton Peninsula, Canberra, ACT. Web: http://www.nma.gov.au/index.html	National
4 th -9 th Sep 2009	The World Congress of Natural Coloured Sheep and their Products in Brazil.	International
5 th Sep 2009	Grenfell Show, Secretary Mrs Blake Tel: 6343 1513 Email: foxrun@bigpond.net.au Sheep and fleece classes and Junior Judging competitions	Monaro/SW Slopes
11 th Oct 2009	Picton Show, Secretary Mrs Ford Tel: 4677 2485 Email: secretary@pictonshow.com.au Website: www.pictonshow.com.au Sheep and craft classes and Junior Handlers competition	Hawkesbury
17 th - 18 th Oct 2009	Murrumbateman Field Days - two Regional sites. Other regions welcome to participate. Contact Broni Jekyll or Anne Hazell	Monaro/SW Slopes
21 st - 22 nd Nov 2009	Queanbeyan Show, Secretary Mrs Mayne Tel: 62973324 Sheep, fleece and craft classes	Monaro/SW Slopes
28 th Nov 2009	Regional General Meeting, South Coast and Southern Tablelands Region, Yass Soldiers Club, Yass. Held prior to State meeting. Secretary Terri Barrel Tel: 4684 2085 Email: kotarb@bigpond.com	South Coast and Southern Tablelands
28 th Nov 2009	NSW State General Meeting, Monaro/SW Slopes Region. Secretary Terri Barrel Tel: 4684 2085 Email: kotarb@bigpond.com	NSW State
31 st Jan 2010	Bungendore Show, Secretary Ms Hurley Tel: 62381687 Email: taffytykes@bigpond.com Website: www.bungendoreshow.com.au Sheep classes	Monaro/SW Slopes
20 th Feb 2010	Gulgong Show, Secretary Mrs Monaghan Tel: 6374 2689 (show time) Email: gulgongshow@bigpond.com Fleece classes	Central Tablelands
21 st Feb 2010	Gunning Show, Secretary Ms Colebrook Tel: 6205 1941 Mob: 0400 484 531 Email: alison.colebrook@bigpond.com Fleece classes	Monaro/SW Slopes
26 th - 28 th Feb 2010	Royal Canberra Show, Contact Broni Jekyll Website: www.rncas.org.au Merino and British Breeds Junior Judging, B&C display.	Monaro/SW Slopes
4 th - 6 th Mar 2010	Armidale Show, Secretary Mrs Howe Tel: 6772 3113 (show time) Email: jmhowe23@bigpond.com Website: www.armidaleshow.com.au Fleece and craft classes	Northern
5 th - 7 th Mar 2010	Mudgee Show, Secretary Miss Stanford Tel: 6372 4099 Mob: 0429 033 844 Email: secretary@mudgeeshow.org.au Website: www.mudgeeshow.org.au Fleece classes	Central Tablelands
12 th - 14 th Mar 2010	Castle Hill Show, Secretary Ms Fuller Mob: 0407 075 259 or Tel: 9634 2632 (show time) Email: TCHSS@bigpond.com.au Website: www.castlehillshow.com.au Sheep, fleece and craft classes	Hawkesbury
13 th Mar 2010	Cooma Show, Secretary Mrs Daley Tel: 6452 6454 Mob: 0428 589 846 Email: secretary@coomashow.com.au Website: www.coomashow.com.au Sheep, fleece and craft classes	South Coast and Southern Tablelands
20 th - 21 st Mar 2010	Goulburn Show, Secretary Miss McNeil Tel: 4821 1064 Mob: 0448 282 759 Email: goulburnshow@bigpond.com Website: www.goulburnshow.com.au Sheep classes	South Coast and Southern Tablelands
27 th - 28 th Mar 2010	Yass Show, Secretary Mrs Cox Tel: 62261615 Email: yassshow@bigpond.com Website: www.yassshow.org.au Sheep, fleece and craft classes	Monaro/SW Slopes

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Black Sheep, sheeping show at the Australian Sheep and Wool Show, Bendigo.

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Monaro/SW Slopes

Saturday, 28th November 2009

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