



# Black Sheep Rising

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

Founded 1978 – Incorporated 1987

## 2008 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

I write this report with a heavy heart. After the last few days, my mind flashes back to my childhood and remembers fighting fires beside my Mum, Dad and members of the small town where we lived - their children who attended school with me. It was frightening. Words could never describe what it was like. One could never, ever know what the people of Victoria faced. Our hearts, thoughts and prayers go to all those touched by the fires.

On a lighter note, some (NSW) members will be getting ready for the show ring as others will be spinning, weaving and knitting, ready for the winter markets.

If you haven't already heard, this is the International Year of Natural Fibres (IYNF) 2009. The IYNF was promoted in New York on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2008 and was officially launched on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2009, at the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO), in Rome. You can obtain updates about the IYNF from the official website: <http://www.naturalfibres2009.org/> or [www.iwto.org](http://www.iwto.org)

As I reported last meeting, Mr Avter Singh (whom I have been negotiating with regarding the sale of our coloured wool), had a meeting with the company *Australian Country Spinners*. After discussions regarding transport, scouring etc, *Australian Country Spinners* have put the negotiations on hold, owing to the financial side of the negotiations. Mr Singh telephoned me on the 6<sup>th</sup> February 2009.

Back to the IYNF, I would like to suggest we hold at State level, an exhibition that would include sheep, shearing, spinning, knitting, weaving and a display of naturally coloured wool. When and where would have to be discussed.

I wish those entering the show ring best of luck and those off to market, may there be many customers!

May all our members have a very safe and Happy Easter holiday.

It may be we will meet at the Royal (Sydney Show). Best of luck to those competing in various sections. Just a snippet: A friend of mine has been invited to judge in the Sheep Section at this year's Royal!

That's all for now.

Regards,  
Elaine Tracey.

### Reminder

All regions and members are reminded that if they propose to attend functions under the banner of the Black and Coloured Sheep Breeders Association, please forward written notice to Terri Barrell (State Secretary) before the event so that it can be kept on file in the case of any insurance issues.



A pause for discussion during the State meetings held in Mudgee.

## REGIONAL REPORTS

Delivered at the State meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> February 2009 in Mudgee.

### 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 noted with regret the sale of the Geelong scour, which seems to mean there is no such facility left in Australia. President Jenny made the point that this increases the need to strive for best possible presentation by way of cleanliness etc. of our fleeces.

McGraths Hill Sale yard has ceased operation. Not of any great loss to us but rather an interesting piece of rural history drawing to a close.

We are still on the lookout 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 countryside is looking very green. Interesting to note we have had two consecutive years of slightly above average rainfall: calendar year 2007 was 986mm = 122% of long term average; calendar year 2008 was 941mm = 116% of long term average.

We respectfully acknowledge the sad loss of Elaine Tracey's husband John and more recently Anne White's husband Alan Downes.

Our next ordinary meeting and/or AGM will be on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at the van Raalte's home at 249 Grono Farm Road, Ebenezer at 10:AM followed by a light luncheon with fellowship and good cheer.

*Peter van Raalte,  
Regional President.*

### Monaro/SW Slopes Region

On 12<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> 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.*

## Northern Region

No report was submitted at this meeting, however the Editor delivered the following update.

There has been a flow of emails from a possible new member, Helen Lee. She and her husband are cattle producers who have purchased a small block on the northern coast.

Helen is very keen on permaculture and wants to have a handful of sheep so she can spin and market the wool. She has purchased some Romney Marsh sheep from Margaret Fry (decreasing her flock due to drought

conditions) and is holding them with family (who are vets) in Victoria, until she is ready to have them in NSW.

Hopefully this new breeder, along with the existing members (including last year's couple of craft producers), may see a revitalisation of the Northern Region.

*Broni Jekyll*

*Vice-president and Editor.*

## South Coast and Southern Tablelands Region

Terri reported about their Regional General Meeting held this morning.

The Robertson Wool Fest will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> February 2009 commencing at 10:30AM.

*Terri Barrell,*

*Regional Secretary.*



## A word from our 2009/2010 President...

It gives me great pleasure to be writing my first President's Report for the B.S.R. Currently, Denise and I are in Moree in northern N.S.W. on a ten weeks caravanning trip during which we plan to travel as far north as Townsville and return in time for the State meeting in the Hawkesbury Region. If anyone needs to contact me for any reason I can be contacted via the internet e-mail [munrolafibres@bigpond.com](mailto:munrolafibres@bigpond.com) or my mobile 'phone 0427 600 528.

Prior to our departure, a decision had to be made as to whether or not we will be attending the World Congress in Brazil in September 2009. At that date, the organising committee for the World Congress still had not finalised the arrangements for the congress, accommodation nor tours; so along with John and Maryanne Farkas, we all decided that we would not be attending the World Congress. With less than five months to go and the details not finalised, perhaps it may not go ahead. It is a large amount of money to outlay and risk in an event that may not proceed. I have personally been contacting the Brazilian committee for over 14 months, without any success.

It appears that some areas in the State have received good rainfalls during the late part of Summer and into Autumn. I do hope that your area has been one of these. At this time of year and with the rains, it is time to watch out and drench for liver fluke and also check for the occasional fly strike that could result with the wet humid weather. Also, check that the ewes for joining are receiving the full amount of nutrition they require during their gestation period.

I believe that plans are under way for the Year of Natural Fibre festival to be held at Mudgee during the annual Field Days there on 24 - 25 July 2009. If anyone has anything to exhibit or show in the festival, please contact John or Maryanne Farkas (Tel: 02 6373 3589). Also Central Tablelands Branch will be holding the annual Wool Muster in Mudgee again on 30 May 2009, so your support there would be very greatly appreciated.

I offer my sincere thoughts to any of the Victorian members who suffered losses of property, stock, etc; and also sincere condolences to any who may have lost loved ones during the dreadful 'Black Saturday' bush fires. All the N.S.W. members are thinking of you at this sad time in your lives.

Whilst in Moree, Denise and I had the chance to travel on a free bus trip to a 40,000 ha cotton farm for a tour of the full operations of the farm and on-farm commercial gin (cotton processing works) on the property. This opened our eyes and I could not believe that they have to produce five bales of cotton (227 kg/bale) to make a profit of one bale. Each bale is only worth (at time of print) \$500. Therefore it costs \$2000 to make \$2500. They took all the land where sheep and wool were produced to make less profit than was being made with sheep and wool production. I do not see the reason why the farmers went that way. One of the dams that we saw on the farm was 80Ha (200 acres) and was seven metres deep, and this cost almost Aus\$3,000,000 to put in.

I will now keep travelling this lovely country of ours. I hope to see many of our members at the next State meeting in Hawkesbury on Saturday 27 June 2009 at 1pm - venue to be announced.

*Your travelling President*

*Bob Munday – HLM (Honorary Life Member)*

## More from Central Tablelands...

The Central Tablelands Region finished the year with good results. We attended the Tocal Field Days for the second time. It has great atmosphere, excellent organisation, the attendance is on par with the Mudgee Small Farms Field Days. As we are getting to be known there our sales is steadily increasing.

The other two major events we participated in were the Small Farm Field Days and the Wine and Food Fair in Balmoral. The Field Days started out great on the first day but disappointing on the second. At Balmoral we could hardly keep up with customers – an outstanding financial success.

The negative side to the year is that our membership numbers have remained static. In the coming year we expect to lose one of our longest serving members due to the drought forcing them to dispose of their coloured sheep.

We held a baling day in June and put together three bales of selected fleeces. Unfortunately our search for a buyer at a reasonable price has been unsuccessful so far.

The Region held the AGM prior to the State meeting. Elected were:

President:	Janos (John) Farkas
Secretary:	Beverly Layton
Treasurer:	Ann Cassar
Publicity:	Marianne Farkas
State Delegates:	Janos and Marianne Farkas

Planning is well advanced for the 2009 events focussed on the three where we have been successful in the past; Tocal, Mudgee, and Balmoral. The Tocal Field Days is on the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May, the Mudgee Small Farm Field Days on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of July, and the Wine and Food Fair at Balmoral on the 16<sup>th</sup> of August. In addition, this year we are also organising the Wool and Natural Fibre Muster in Mudgee on the 30<sup>th</sup> of May. The theme is "A Cosy Tea for Two" tea cosy challenge. So far the interest is high and we have a bus scheduled to bring people from Sydney.

More information on the web [www.gulgee.com.au](http://www.gulgee.com.au)

*Janos (John) Farkas*  
*President*

## 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*

**Robertson Wool Day - Winner of the  
Creative Garment Competition with the  
Judge, Margaret Smith.**



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

State meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> February 2009 in the Henry Lawson Hotel, Mudgee.

Meeting opened at 1.30pm by the President, Elaine Tracey.

**Present:** Christine Parkes, Denise Munday, Bob Munday, Terri Barrell, Marianne Farkas, Eric Barry, Peter Van Raalte, Wendy Van Raalte, Jenny Dunn, Phillip Dunn, Broni Jekyll, Mac Macdonald, Janos Farkas, Kevin and Christine Brodie, Beverly Layton, Melissa Henry, Elaine Tracey and Ann Cassar

**Apologies:** Caroline and Barry Collerson, Betty Nash, Vanessa Bradley

**Visitors:** Ron Barrell.

**Minutes:** It was moved by Broni Jekyll and seconded by Eric Barry that the Minutes from the last meeting at Mittagong on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2008 are taken as read. **Carried**

## **Business arising:**

### **➤Insurance**

Ann Cassar reported that the Elders Insurance policy that we currently have covers volunteers for travel to and from the venue as well as their time at the venue.

### **➤Badges**

South Coast and Southern Tablelands and Central Tablelands regions have received them.

Minutes be accepted as read.

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

**Correspondence: In** - National Fleece Competition details and entry forms received from Victoria

It was moved by Bob Munday and seconded by Melissa Henry that Broni Jekyll to contact Schute Bell regarding help with transporting the fleece entries to Victoria. **Carried**

**Out** - none

**Treasurer's Report:** As per attachment.

Moved: John Farkas – the Treasurer's report be adopted. Seconded: Phillip Dunn

**Carried**

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

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

Moved: Christine Parkes – the Regional Reports be accepted. Seconded: Eric Barry

**Carried**

## **Editor's Report:**

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

A membership notice will be run in the next newsletter to remind those who still wish to renew.

## **General Business:**

**Item 1:** Ron Barrell to update website with current detail requests

**Item 2:** *Landscape Dyes* were burnt to the ground in Victoria, so there will be a short supply until they are up and running again

**Item 3:** A suggestion was made that the BCSBAA(NSW) hold a display for the International Year of Natural Fibres. After some discussion, it was moved by Broni Jekyll and seconded by Melissa Henry that Marianne Farkas of the Central Tablelands Region will contact AREC (who hold Mudgee Field Days) to see if:

- a) we can get additional space to house approximately twelve different breeds of sheep and at what cost, and
  - b) would we have room in the marquee to house the above if AREC do not let us have extra space?
- Carried**

Item 4: Broni Jekyll advised that she has been in contact with the President and Secretary of BCSBAA(Vic) to see if any members were adversely effected by the bushfires and suggested a possibility of sending some funds to help. Phillip Dunn commented that individual members could but not the Association.

Next Meeting to be held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2009 at 1pm in the Hawkesbury Region. Lunch from 12md to 1pm, with the venue to be decided on by the Hawkesbury Region.

Meeting closed at 3.10pm

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

**Annual General Meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> February 2009 in the Henry Lawson Hotel, Mudgee.**

The Annual General Meeting opened by the President, Elaine Tracey

**Present:** Christine Parkes, Denise Munday, Bob Munday, Terri Barrell, Marianne Farkas, Eric Barry, Peter Van Raalte, Wendy Van Raalte, Jenny Dunn, Phillip Dunn, Broni Jekyll, Mac Macdonald, Janos Farkas, Kevin and Christine Brodie, Beverly Layton, Melissa Henry, Elaine Tracey and Ann Cassar

**Apologies:** Caroline and Barry Collerson, Betty Nash, Vanessa Bradley

**Visitors:** Ron Barrell.

Moved: Broni Jekyll – that attendees and apologies be accepted    Seconded: Jenny Dunn    **Carried**

**Minutes Read (Janos Farkas):**

Moved: Broni Jekyll – that the minutes of the previous AGM be accepted    Seconded: Eric Barry    **Carried**

**Correspondence:** Nil

**Treasurer's Report:** Total liabilities and equity    \$15,834.48  
State Balance minus \$200.01

Janos Farkas moved for the adoption of his report.    Seconded: Denise Munday    **Carried**

**President's Report:** The President offered her report from the preceding ordinary meeting.

**Elections:** All Office Bearers' positions were declared open and Ron Barrell took on the role of Returning Officer for the election of the new Executive Committee.

President:	Bob Munday	
	Moved: Mac Macdonald	Seconded: Eric Barry
	Elaine Tracey	
	Moved: Phillip Dunn	Seconded: Melissa Henry

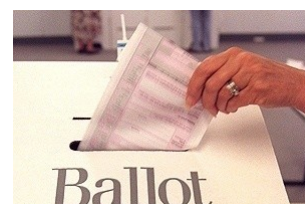
Secret Ballot conducted

	Bob Munday		<b>Elected</b>
Moved by Broni Jekyll that ballot papers be destroyed.		Seconded: Terri Barrell	<b>Carried</b>

Vice Presidents (2):	Elaine Tracey		
	Moved: Mac Macdonald	Seconded: Terri Barrell	
	Broni Jekyll		
	Moved: Mac Macdonald	Seconded: Phillip Dunn	<b>Elected unopposed</b>

Secretary:	Terri Barrell		
	Moved: Broni Jekyll	Seconded: Eric Barry	<b>Elected unopposed</b>

Treasurer/Membership Officer:	John Farkas		
	Moved: Phillip Dunn	Seconded: Christine Parkes	<b>Elected unopposed</b>



Newsletter Editor: Broni Jekyll

Moved: Phillip Dunn

Seconded: Terri Barrell

**Elected unopposed**

Public Officer: Phillip Dunn

**Confirmed**

The New President took the floor and thanked the retiring President and Committee. He continued with the following comments: I am still hopeful of going to Brazil this year if the World Conference organising committee get their act together.

I hope the new committee can work well together. Even though Denise and I do not own sheep anymore, we are still very interested in promoting them - although that interest now has to be shared with our new Model-T Ford.

We have just returned from a trip to NZ where we were able to follow up Kath Wood's wool that is being processed into yarn.

Looking forward to a productive year.

Meeting closed at 4pm.



**The 2009/2010 State Committee: (l-r back row) Phillip Dunn, Bob Munday, Janos Farkas, Terri Barrell (l-r front row) Elaine Tracey, and Broni Jekyll.**



**Hawkesbury Region's Mini Back-to-Back competition at Castle Hill Show**

#### **NOTICE**

South Coast and Southern Tablelands Region's next meeting will now be held on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2009 at 10.30am and will be held at the Mittagong RSL Club (and not the 19<sup>th</sup> June as previously stated).

# INTERNATIONAL YEAR of NATURAL FIBRES (IYNF) 2009

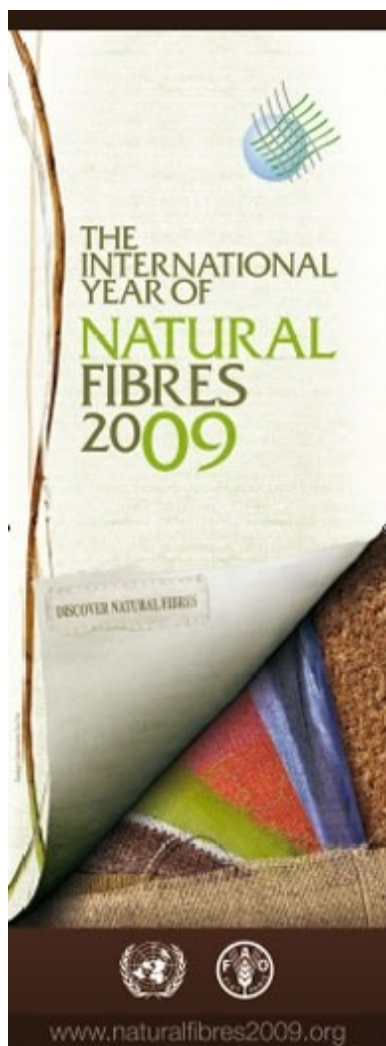
To raise awareness of natural fibres, to promote efficiency and sustainability of the natural fibres, and to foster an effective international partnership among the various natural fibres industries.



## 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.)

## Australian activities



The details of the Australian exhibition commemorating the United Nations International Year for Natural Fibres are:

Where: Focus Room, National Museum of Australia

Located at: Lawson Crescent, Acton Peninsula, Canberra, ACT

Web: <http://www.nma.gov.au/index.html>

When: 22<sup>nd</sup> July until mid November

Overall theme: *Innovation*

- Sub themes:
- a) On-farm
  - b) Textiles
  - c) Competitions

A promotional article is proposed for next issue of *Beyond the Bale*.

That is the extent of my knowledge at the moment (thanks to John Ive, Dicks Creek, who initiated the concept of this display) - the conceptual design of the exhibition is up for approval by the museum board on Friday, 22nd May 2009.

Coloured wool supplied by a Victorian producer (whose home was destroyed in the recent fires, but who managed to save his shed and sheep) will be included in this exhibition.

Incidentally, Tony Burke launched UN-IYNF, Australia on Thursday, 21st May in Sydney.



## NOTICE - PICTON SHOW

The South Coast and Southern Tablelands Region will not be organising the upcoming Picton Show. Any questions or offers of assistance should be directed to the Chief Steward, Elaine Tracey.

# BUNGENDORE SHOW 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2009

**Judge:** Mr Bruce Patterson, Canberra

## Black and Coloured Sheep

<b>Extra Fine Wool</b>		
<b>64s &amp; finer</b>	<b>First</b>	<b>Second</b>
Ram, 2 tooth	Drap'hyd Merino Stud BIV058	
Ram, 4t and over	Drap'hyd Merino Stud YV0011	Drap'hyd Merino Stud RV065
Ewe, 2 tooth	Drap'hyd Merino Stud BIV009	Drap'hyd Merino Stud BIV6882
Ewe, 4t and over	Drap'hyd Merino Stud RV049	
<b>Fine Wool 58s to 64s</b>		
Ram, 4t and over	Drap'hyd Merino Stud RV090	
Ewe, 2 tooth	Drap'hyd Merino Stud BIV007	Drap'hyd Merino Stud BIV003
Ram Lamb	Drap'hyd Merino Stud BkV039	Drap'hyd Merino Stud BkV001
<b>Medium Wool 50s to 56s</b>		
Ram, 4t and over	Christine Parkes	
Ewe, 4t and over	Christine Parkes	
Ram Lamb	Christine Parkes	
Ewe Lamb	Christine Parkes	
<b>Strong/Rug Wool 48s and broader</b>		
Ram, 4t and over	Christine Parkes	
Ewe, 4t and over	Christine Parkes	
Ram Lamb	Christine Parkes	
Ewe Lamb	Christine Parkes	
<b>Group of Three</b>	Drap'hyd Merino Stud (Fine Wool)	Drap'hyd Merino Stud (Superfine Wool)

## Australian and British Breeds

<b>Poll Dorset</b>	<b>First</b>	<b>Second</b>
Ram under 18 mths	Gooramma	Gooramma
Ram over 18 mths	Gooramma	
Ewe under 18 mths	Gooramma	Gooramma
<b>Any other breed</b>		
Ram lamb under 6 mths	Christine Parkes	
Ewe lamb under 6 mths	Christine Parkes	

**CHAMPION** **RAM**

**RESERVE CHAMPION RAM**

**CHAMPION** **EWE**

**RESERVE CHAMPION EWE**

**CHAMPION** **LAMB**

**RESERVE CHAMPION LAMB**

**SUPREME** **B&C** **EXHIBIT**

**GRAND** **CHAMPION**  
**INTERBREED** **RAM**

**GRAND** **CHAMPION**  
**INTERBREED** **EWE**

**INTERBREED** **SUPREME**  
**EXHIBIT**

Drap'hyd Merino Stud RV090 (Fine Ram 4t)

Drap'hyd Merino Stud YV0011 (Fine Ram 4t)

Drap'hyd Merino Stud BIV009 (Superfine 2t)

Christine Parkes

Drap'hyd Merino Stud BkV039 (Fine Ram Lamb)

Drap'hyd Merino Stud BkV001 (Fine Ram Lamb)

Drap'hyd Merino Stud R090 (Fine Ram 4t)

Ribbon sponsored by the Monaro/SW Slopes Region

Gooramma Poll Dorset (under 18 mths)

Ribbon sponsored by the Bungendore Show Society

Drap'hyd Merino Stud (Superfine 2t)

Ribbon sponsored by the Bungendore Show Society

Gooramma Poll Dorset (under 18 mths)

Ribbon sponsored by the Bungendore Show Society

## Judge's Report:

Black and Coloured Sheep - 2 exhibitors - Christine Parkes (Adaminaby) and Drap'hyd Merino Stud (Yass).

Australian and British Breed Sheep - 2 exhibitors - Christine Parkes (Adaminaby) and J and J Corcoran, Gooramma Poll Dorset Stud, Boroowa.

In the Black and Coloured, there were 19 exhibits with all microns covered by the two exhibitors. The lamb classes were very strong, with a very nice English Leicester ewe and an exceptional Merino ultrafine ram that went on to be the champion lamb.

In the senior ewes, the quality was there in every class. The champion ewe and reserve are both very good ewes for their breeds; a two-tooth superfine wool Merino ewe being champion and the reserve was an English Leicester ewe.

The champion and reserve rams both showed great frame and good coverage, the champion ram being a four tooth fine Merino and the reserve being a superfine Merino (four tooth) and closely followed by another superfine ram with good style and coverage (two tooth).

Three groups of three (one ram and two ewes) were presented - extrafine, fine and a strong, the winning group being the fine wools.

This left me with a selection of one ram lamb, one senior ewe and one senior ram to award the champion Black and Coloured exhibit. And the award went to...the senior ram.

At this point, I then judged the Australian and British Breed sheep, Poll Dorsets and English Leicesters, with the Poll Dorsets taking out both male and female awards.

The Bungendore Show Society then awards Best Ewe and Ram of Show. Best ram was the Poll Dorset ram - 16 months and 150 kilograms, exhibited by J and J Corcoran, Gooramma Poll Dorset Stud, Boroowa. The Best ewe was the Black and Coloured ewe exhibited by Jekyll and Macdonald, Drap'hyd Merino Stud, Yass. Supreme Exhibit of the Show was the Poll Dorset ram.

All the sheep that took home broad ribbons would hold their own in any competition.

Signed: B. Patterson

## ActewAGL ROYAL CANBERRA SHOW - 27<sup>TH</sup> FEB-1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2009



Display of Black and Coloured sheep in the popular Animal Nursery, Canberra Royal Show.

## MUDGEES and GULGONG SHOWS - 2009

Whilst gathering results from various show secretaries, the editor came across the frustrating situation of one exhibitor. Regardless of whether readers are themselves exhibitors or think shows are a waste of time and finances, those that support our local agricultural shows are willing to place their sheep, fleeces and/or craft items into the public forum for assessment, promotion and possible sale. They are contributing to the local community economy and social network.

The fleece events at Mudgee and Gulgong Shows have good schedules and worthwhile trophies and prizes, as well as organisational support from the local Region. At both shows however, there was only one fleece entered and exhibited. At each show, this fleece won its class and also was awarded Champion exhibit.

The tenacious exhibitor is Robyn Northam and she deserves all the praise her beautiful medium wool fleece was granted. She has one request of her fellow members in the region:

I would also like to add that I was disappointed no-one else entered fleeces, I know that the public like to see these entries...

Congratulations Robyn! We hope you have more competition in 2010.

## CASTLE HILL SHOW 20<sup>TH</sup>-22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2009

**Judge:** Mrs Kath Wood, assisted by Dr. Brian Stacey

### Black and Coloured Sheep

#### Section A – Sheep shorn after 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008

Class	First	Second	Third
Class 9 Fine Wool Ewe any age	Melissa Henry	Elaine Tracey	Nagle College
Class 11 Med Wool Ewe 4 teeth or less	Elaine Tracey	Elaine Tracey	Caroline Collerson
Class 12 Med Wool Ewe 6 teeth & over	Nagle College	Melissa Henry	Nagle College
Class 13 Med Wool Wether	Elaine Tracey	Nagle College	Elaine Tracey
Class 17 Pen of 3 (same count)	Caroline Collerson	Nagle College - equal 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Elaine Tracey - equal 3 <sup>rd</sup>

#### Section B – Sheep with nor more than 12 months wool

Class	First	Second	Third
Class 24 Med Wool Ewe 6 teeth & over	Nagle College		Nagle College
Class 25 Med Wool Wether any age	Caroline Collerson		
Class 26 Strong Wool Ewe Lamb	Terri Barrell, Delco BL Stud	Terri Barrell, Delco BL Stud	Terri Barrell, Delco BL Stud
Class 26A Strong Wool Ram Lamb	Terri Barrell, Delco BL Stud	Terri Barrell, Delco BL Stud	
Class 28 Strong Wool Ewe 2 teeth	Terri Barrell, Delco BL Stud		
Class 30 Pen of 3 (same count)	Terri Barrell, Delco BL Stud		

**CHAMPION**

**EWE**

**RESERVE CHAMPION EWE**

**CHAMPION**

**RAM**

**SUPREME**

**B&C**

**EXHIBIT**

Nagle College, Medium wool Ewe

Elaine Tracey, Medium wool Ewe

Terri Barrell, Delco BL Stud, Strong wool Ram Lamb

Nagle College, Champion Ewe



Sheep judges Dr Brian Stacey and Kath Wood



Peter van Raalte (steward) with students from Nagle College holding their Medium wool ewe (Champion Ewe and Supreme Exhibit)

# HAWKESBURY SHOW 1<sup>ST</sup>-3<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2009

**Judge:** Mr Kelvin Cronk, Junee

## Black and Coloured Sheep

Class	First	Second	Third
Ewe or Ram Lamb Fine wool	Menai High School		
Ewe or Ram Lamb Strong wool	Terri Barrell, Delco BL Stud	Terri Barrell, Delco BL Stud	Terri Barrell, Delco BL Stud
Wether Lamb	Caroline Collerson	L and B Abbott	
Wether 2 tooth	L and B Abbott	Menai High School	JSJ Coloured Sheep
Wether 4 tooth	JSJ Coloured Sheep	JSJ Coloured Sheep	Nagle College
Ram 2 tooth and over	Terri Barrell, Delco BL Stud		
Ewe 2 tooth and over Fine wool	JSJ Coloured Sheep	JSJ Coloured Sheep	
Ewe 2 tooth Medium wool	L and B Abbott	Caroline Collerson	JSJ Coloured Sheep
Ewe 4 tooth Medium wool	Melissa Henry	Nagle College	Melissa Henry
Ewe 6 tooth Medium wool	Nagle College	Melissa Henry	Melissa Henry
Ewe Strong wool	Terri Barrell, Delco BL Stud	JSJ Coloured Sheep	

**BEST WETHER**

**BEST SCHOOL SHEEP**

**MOST SUCESSFUL SCHOOL**

**BEST PEN of THREE**

**CHAMPION**

**EWE**

**RESERVE CHAMPION EWE**

**CHAMPION**

**RAM**

**SUPREME**

**B&C**

**EXHIBIT**

**JSJ Coloured Sheep**

**Menai High School**

**Nagle College**

**Melissa Henry**

**Terri Barrell, Delco BL Stud, Strong wool Ewe**

**Melissa Henry**

**Terri Barrell, Delco BL Stud, Ram 2 tooth and over**

**Terri Barrell, Delco BL Stud, Champion Ewe**

## Show Report:

2<sup>nd</sup> May 2009

The judge for the sheep section was Mr Kelvin Cronk from Junee. The weather was perfect for showing sheep, bright sky, not too hot, not too cold. We had hundreds of mums dads and children come through the sheep section, with plenty of questions. Some of the comments were that the Hawksbury Show was better for families than the Royal!

**Results:** The most successful school exhibitor was Nagel High, just pipping out Menai High. Both schools put in a good showing, with the students working hard on presentation.

Best pen of three was won by Melisa Henry with a beautifully matched pen of three Moorit ewes.

Grand Champion Ram was won by Terri and Ron Barrell with Delco *Fire Fox*.

Grand Champion Ewe was won by Terri and Ron Barrell with Delco *Fizz*.

Supreme exhibit was won by Delco *Fizz*.

A big 'Thank you' must go to the members and committee of the Hawksbury Region for putting on a wonderful venue for the competitors and for the members who manned the fleece section, giving away wool samples and answering questions.

*From Your Secretary,  
Terri Barrell.*

## Black and Coloured Fleece

Results thanks to Anne White

Class	First	Second	Third
Class 6 Merino	Pat Archer	J and S Blake	Rosie Apap
Class 6A Merino Fine	Gina Makkink		
Class 7 Crossbred Fine	Betty Nash	Geoff Orchard	Betty Nash
Class 8 Medium Fine	Joanne Henry	Betty Nash	Pat Smith
Class 9 Medium Strong	Pat Smith	Elizabeth Simpson	Betty Nash
Class 10 Strong	Betty Nash	Gafa Family	Betty Nash

**CHAMPION**

**FLEECE**

**Pat Archer, Class 6 Merino**

## DIARY DATES 2009

Date	Event	Region
23 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> May 2009	Wool and Natural Fibre Muster in Mudgee on Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> of May 2009. The theme will be Tea Cosies – “A Cosy Tea For Two?”.	Central Tablelands
17 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> June 2009	Holbrook Sheep and Wool Fair, Secretary Rita Bowler Tel: 6036 3727 Sheep and Fleece events	Monaro/SW Slopes
26 <sup>th</sup> June 2009	Sth Coast and Southern Tablelands Region's next meeting will now be held on Friday, 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2009 at 10.30am and will be held at the Mittagong RSL Club (and not the 19 <sup>th</sup> June as previously stated).	Sth Coast and Southern Tablelands
17 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> July 2009	Australian Sheep and Wool Show, Bendigo, Secretary Andrew Ternouth Tel: 03 5439 5094 Email: <a href="mailto:aternout@bigpond.net.au">aternout@bigpond.net.au</a> Web: <a href="http://www.sheepshow.com">www.sheepshow.com</a> Sheep, <b>National B&amp;C Fleece Competition</b> , Junior Judging and photography events.	National
22 <sup>nd</sup> July until mid November	Exhibition commemorating the United Nations International Year for Natural Fibres, Focus room, National Museum of Australia, Lawson Crescent, Acton Peninsula, Canberra, ACT. Web: <a href="http://www.nma.gov.au/index.html">http://www.nma.gov.au/index.html</a>	National
4 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> September 2009	The World Congress of Natural Coloured Sheep and their Products in Brazil.	International
11 <sup>th</sup> October 2009	Picton Show, Steward Elaine Tracey Tel: 4579 9436 Sheep classes and Junior Handlers competition	Hawkesbury

To have your local show, meeting or event listed here, please contact the Editor by the **31<sup>st</sup> August 2009**.



Sydney Royal Easter Show Merino Handlers competitors (back l-r) William Webb (Merino Junior Judge) equal 4<sup>th</sup>, Sam Wan (B&C Associate Judge) 1<sup>st</sup>, Jess Valentine (B&C Associate Judge) 2<sup>nd</sup>, (front l-r) Lauren Derrick (B&C and Merino Associate Judge) equal 4<sup>th</sup> and Charles Bingley (Merino Junior Judge and B&C stud groom) 3<sup>rd</sup>.



## A Peep into the life of a Life Member

### Judy Baker's Story: Reminiscences of a founding member

When Broni invited me to write something of my involvement in the NSW BCSBA it really took me back! I now live on the far North Coast of NSW in the sub-tropics and sheep and wool growing are a long-distant memory – but a very happy one.

I married Robin in 1972 and moved to our farm at Grose Vale, in the Hawkesbury region. I came from Sydney and knew virtually nothing about sheep. As we were driving through the countryside, I remember asking how you could easily distinguish the different sheep breeds! Our first sheep were Suffolks, as we thought they'd suit the wetter coastal environment better than the traditional wool breeds (Robin had jackerooed in the Riverina on a large Merino station). I soon heard about the Kurrajong Handspun Crafts group, joined up and loved being involved in all the craft activities – spinning, dyeing, knitting, weaving etc, and meeting such delightful country people. Yes, the area was definitely 'country' back then - fulltime dairies, orchards etc.

Our sheep flock rapidly expanded to cover the full range of breeds necessary for all craft activities: Merinos for baby wear and fine knitwear, Corriedales for heavier knitwear and Romney Marsh for strong wool for weaving etc. We stuck to pure breeds so that we could sell stock as well as wool. This involved many interesting trips to meet stud breeders, mainly white sheep breeders, who took an interest in what we were doing and led to many great friendships and return visits.

At this stage the Black and Coloured Sheep Breeders Association of Australia (BCSBAA) was based in Victoria. In 1979 a meeting was held of NSW members to form our own state branch. This was at Eric Sykes' Goulburn property. Eric was running a very successful operation, including a thriving tourist business showing off the Australian wool industry to many overseas visitors, but he also had an interest in coloured sheep. We formed a committee, set up our independent State branch and went back to form our regional branches within NSW. My memory is a bit hazy of what happened when, but there was much discussion between State associations, looking at forming a federal body and standardising showing rules and fleece judging cards etc. It was an exciting time in the craft industry. There was a strong resurgence in the old crafts of spinning, weaving etc. and our Association helped promote this through sponsoring handcraft sections at agricultural shows etc. We manned displays at agricultural field days, such as Mudgee and Orange, to get the message across to white-wool growers that we were responsible sheep owners, aware of the risk to the Australian wool industry if coloured fibres contaminated the white clip. I was part of a delegation to the Australian Wool Corporation in Melbourne and was pleased to find we had a good reception and useful dialogue.

Being State President for a number of years was challenging but exciting too. It involved a lot of travel as I tried to attend events around the State and meet as many members as possible. Whilst we sometimes had teleconferences of the State executive, I preferred to talk face to face.

We moved to Grenfell to become full-time farmers in 1979, with a Poll Hereford cattle stud and a coloured sheep flock (eventually about 500 sheep). When I turned up at the Grenfell Show Committee meeting, offering to run a Black Sheep section at the next show, there was stunned silence for several minutes! The show secretaries had written to our BCSBAA of NSW to enquire about classes etc, as one was a spinner, but I don't think the sheep stewards knew about this. Nevertheless, I was eventually nominated and elected to the committee and ran the Black Sheep section for the next 14 years. Thanks so much to all those members who turned up at that first show, amazing all the staid, local white sheep breeders when they saw that we DID have quality sheep! It was the biggest sheep section at the show for many years. When the white sheep breeders heard that there were more black sheep entries than white, they hurried to enter more white sheep!

We were one of the few operations in NSW where the coloured sheep enterprise was a major part of our income. We sold stud sheep, carefully prepared rugged fleeces, craft supplies and our own brand of naturally coloured knitting wool - *Three Bags Full Natural Coloured Wool*. It was a lot of work! Rugging over 300 sheep involved regular changes of rug as the fleece grew and careful checking the sheep weren't hooked up on a fence somewhere. I undertook the two-year TAFE course to become a Professional level woolclasser so that I understood wool qualities and faults and what was required for commercial processing. Having our own knitting yarn meant careful separation of wool styles and colours at shearing time, arranging scouring and spinning,

labelling and packaging and finally distribution through craft shops or mail order. Robin did a lot of driving around the State delivering and we attended many craft shows to promote our enterprise. Still, we enjoyed it all.

Sheep shows were great events, piling the girls into the car, the sheep into the trailer and taking off. We showed at Goulburn, Moss Vale, Tumbarumba and Albury, as well as Grenfell. Albury Sheep Show was the biggest and best and an opportunity to check out the white stud sheep for possible coloured stock and to meet Victorian breeders. Winning Grand Champion Coloured Sheep at the Albury show was a very proud moment.

Perhaps the most exciting events during our years with black and coloured sheep were attending the World Congresses: in New Zealand in 1984 and in Eugene, Oregon, USA in 1989. These congresses really opened our eyes to how big the naturally coloured wool industry was around the world. We were surprised to find it was a major export industry in Iceland! The conferences covered topics such as: Breeding conservation and genetics, Sheep health and management, Understanding and preparing wool, Processing and using coloured wool and Marketing coloured wool products. I presented a paper on *The Rugging of Sheep in Australia* at the Oregon conference. I took a rugged silver-grey Corriedale fleece with me and there was a tremendous amount of interest. There was great camaraderie between producers and users of coloured wool and the fashion parades and displays were quite amazing.

After selling the farm at Grenfell I went to Armidale in 1993 to study and take up a career in science. Robin died in 2003 and I have now re-married and live happily in retirement, pursuing other hobbies such as bridge and yoga and bushwalking. A far cry from our days with sheep and wool and true country life! I keep some connection with the land by writing stories for our local magazine on nature and the farmers who sell at our local markets.



**Photographs (from top left, clockwise):**

Judy and Robin Baker, World Congress in New Zealand, 1984;

BCSBA NSW South-West Region float at the Henry Lawson Festival, Grenfell, Robin Baker holding sheep, Judy spinning, June 1982;

Judy Baker holding her Corriedale ram (*Alec*, from the Loiterton's white stud, Cootamundra), Champion Fine Medium Wool Ram and Supreme Champion Black and Coloured Exhibit, Albury Sheep Show, 1987;

Amelia and Lucy Baker, Albury, 1983;

Albury Sheep Show, Black and Coloured Sheep Champions, 1982. (Far left - sorry can't identify the handler/owner of the champion Fine/Medium wool ram; 2<sup>nd</sup> from left - Robin Baker holds the champion Strong Wool ram [*Les*], a Romney Marsh imported from G.L. [Les] Morrison's [white] Romney stud in Gore, New Zealand. Second from right - Ethel Stephenson [Victoria] with the Champion Strong Wool Ewe, and on right - Sonia McKillop [Victoria] with the Champion Fine/Medium Wool Ewe [a Corriedale, I think] awarded Champion Black and Coloured Sheep of the show).



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**Due Date:** **JANUARY 2009** - do not complete if already financial for 2009

**Date of Application:** \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby apply for membership / membership renewal of the Black and Coloured Sheep Breeders Association (NSW) Inc. and agree to abide by the rules and Constitution of that Association.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

It is important that you nominate a regional area to which you wish to belong both for administrative and insurance purposes during group activities.

## Nominated Region:

- ☐ Central Tablelands ☐ Northern  
☐ Hawkesbury ☐ South Coast and Southern Tablelands  
☐ Monaro/SW Slopes

The following information is required for the Association records to assist the effective coordination of membership interaction.

**Number of coloured sheep owned:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Breeds:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sheep for sale:** ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Soon

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

**Interests:** ☐ Breeder ☐ Crafts ☐ Other

## MEMBER'S INFORMATION

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

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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**Hawkesbury Region**

**Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

**Bistro lunch at 12 noon for 1 pm meeting start**

**At the Richmond Club, corner of East Market St and Francis St, Richmond**

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