# 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: PETER VAN RAALTE

for the State meeting at Richmond, November 2014.

Welcome everybody and especially those who have travelled a long way to be here.

All regions have been busy doing what they are good at and each will elaborate in their Regional reports.

There has been constructive communication by email and 'phone between Janos and Alan about processing the renewal and new membership forms and payments. With Janos being away in Bourke on weekdays, it is impossible for him to bank cheques. It seems that the simple solution is to revert to the previous system of these going to the Membership Officer in the first instance. Alan and Janos will elaborate for discussion later during this meeting.

Since last meeting I attended the Mudgee Small Farms Field day and it was great to see our Central Tablelands people so busy with their marvellous display; buzzing with activity.

Bendigo was next in July with beautiful, sunny weather for a change. A big effort by Melissa and Terri to exhibit way down there, Congratulations! I also enjoyed catching up with some of our Victorian friends.

My most recent pleasure was Picton Show just three weeks ago. An absolutely brilliant performance by Hayley Mahoney and her enthusiastic students; as well as the students and leaders of Elizabeth McArthur, Menai and Camden High Schools. Again, our Melissa and Terri presented top class sheep with success and Caroline and Wendy won some pleasing placings.

A stunning fancy dress presentation followed the formal judging. The whole event was a vibrant and happy family day. The youngest exhibitor was Piper Williams only 9 years old with her dad Mark helping. New members soon I believe. Even the judge had his two children in the mix.

Next on my must do list is Queanbeyan Show on the 9<sup>th</sup> November.

Peter van Raalte, President.

Lamb Capers with the students of Picton High School. Photograph by Hayley Mahoney.



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#### **CENTRAL TABLELANDS REGIONAL REPORT**

(incorporating the Northern Branch)

Still rather inactive. Eric and Ann are at Hawksbury Field Day this weekend. Most of our members do not own sheep, so this region is run as more a social club.

Mudgee Small Farm Field Day was our second best field day ever, if we had packed up later we may have broken our own record, great sales, lots of activity.

Balmoral was a bit down, some of our major contributors not in attendance, less stock for sale.

We lost one of our life members Margaret Morris, who was a great supporter of our region over many years.

Next year's Fibre Muster will be held in Bathurst by Bathurst Spinners and Weavers as part of Bathurst 200<sup>th</sup> year anniversary around 23<sup>rd</sup> May? Jenny Dunn to supply dates.

Janos Farkas, Regional President.

Coloured Romneys in northern NSW - not many coloured Romneys in Australia. These sheep are a credit to their owner, congratulations Jade.



The love of a new born. This week we were blessed with another lamb. Princess Zara (Purebred coloured Romney) had a pretty ram lamb "Ziggy". Ziggy's father is our young Prince George. His first lamb. www.colouredsheepie.com Our Boys.





#### HAWKESBURY REGIONAL REPORT

We were involved in the *The Back to Back* which is basically a Kurrajong Handcraft Spinners' (KHS) event but we do overlap with some of our members belonging to both. Caroline and Judy are very involved with major roles and Wendy was knitting in "reserve grade". Other members were very visible during the day.

We then participated in the *Fibre Muster* in August, which again is basically run by KHS but with us in support and taking the opportunity to present our Association and to hopefully sell many raffle tickets for the rug and cushion. Some of our members had their own presentations with crafty products and fleeces for sale. It was a successful and enjoyable event which we were pleased to have in our region.

Picton Show in October was marvellous and I had two exhibitors namely Caroline Collerson and Wendy van Raalte with me acting as the "Transport Manager" for them. It's an easy drive for us and it's another opportunity to support schools and the Picton Show Society; also to "wave the Hawkesbury B & C flag". Caroline and Wendy took home some white ribbons and I went home knowing that I could report positively on a very successful and happy B&C event.

We put thought and discussion into the option of involvement in the Rural Press (Land Newspaper) event called *Farming Small Areas Expo* again. We had done so three times previously with rather disappointing results but we tried for a better and cheaper site this time but sadly to no avail so we dropped out.

So, our thoughts are now on early next year with Castle Hill and Hawkesbury shows in the forefront.

Peter van Raalte, Regional President.

Castle Hill & Hills Dist Agric Soc Inc: 13th March 2015 - 15th March 2015

Hawkesbury Dist Agric Assn: 24th April 2015 - 26th April 2015



Castle Hill Show 2014

Grand Champion Ram "Quebon Sauvignon" and Grand Champion Ewe and Supreme Exhibit "Quebon Fudge". Exhibited by Melissa Henry of Quebon Coloured Sheep and Karin Webb. Photograph by Lauren Clark.

# **MONARO / SW SLOPES REGIONAL REPORT**

Our region has been quiet in the past few months in terms of shows and field days but has been very busy on farms with shearing and lambing. The season is drying off very quickly and pasture feed quality is going to be of concern as we head into a dry summer.

Picton High School students have completed their 2014 Primary Industries Work Placement at Drap'hyd Merino Stud. We have also had PHS students (past and present) travel to Wagga Wagga to attend the *Jobs for Girls (in wool)* seminar. They also incorporated work experience at Drap'hyd Merino Stud on the way home.

Drap'hyd Merino Stud has been asked to be involved in research into DNA work with University of Sydney.

Upcoming shows in our region:

- Queanbeyan Show is on next weekend (9<sup>th</sup> Nov). We are considering revamping the section in 2015 suggestions welcome!
- Bungendore Show (sheep) Sunday 25th January
- Gunning Show (fleeces) Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February
- Canberra Royal (sheep) Friday 27th February 1st March (Sponsorship still accepted and needed).
- Yass Show (fleeces and sheep) Sat / Sun 14th -15th March

Melissa Henry, Regional President.

What do you call a gathering of Presidents? Here we have QSS President Michael, B&C sheep Judge and President of the Monaro/SW Slopes BCSBAA Melissa Henry and next to her President Peter from the Black & Coloured Sheep Breeders Association of Australia (N.S.W.) Inc.. They are accompanied by Picton High student parading the B&C Supreme Exhibit, a 2 tooth Border Leicester ram named Saint.



# **QUEANBEYAN SHOW**

Judge: Ms Melissa Henry, Boroowa

#### **Superfine Wool**

2. Ram 4 tooth and over 1st Picton High School (PHS) Pirate

CHAMPION SUPERFINE RAM - Class 2 PHS Pirate

3. Ewe 2 tooth 1st PHS Sansa

4. Ewe 4 tooth and over 1st PHS Jaz 2nd PHS Picton Girl

CHAMPION SUPERFINE EWE - Class 3 PHS Sansa
RESERVE CHAMPION SUPERFINE EWE - Class 4 PHS Jaz.

**Fine Wool** 

8. Ewe, 4 tooth and over 1st Werowna Park Anne Barnes *Patches* 

CHAMPION FINE EWE - Class 8 Werowna Park Anne Barnes Patches

#### Strong/Rug Wool

13. Ram, not more than 2 tooth 1st PHS Saint

14. Ram, 4 tooth and over 1st C Parkes Gn3 *Pranser* 

CHAMPION STRONG/RUG RAM - Class 13 PHS Saint

**RESERVE CHAMPION STRONG/RUG RAM** - Class 14 C Parkes Gn3 *Pranser* 

15. Ewe, not more than 2 tooth 1st C Parkes Pu40 Moppit

16. Ewe, 4 tooth and over 1st PHS Primrose 2nd C Parkes Gn2

CHAMPION STRONG/RUG EWE - Class 16 PHS Primrose

RESERVE CHAMPION STRONG/RUG EWE - Class 15 C Parkes Pu40 Moppit

17. Ram Lamb 64s and finer 1st C Parkes Angus 2<sup>nd</sup> PHS Peter Pan 3rd PHS Simba 1st PHS Aladdin 2<sup>nd</sup> C Parkes William 3rd PHS Aboo 20. Ram Lamb 48s and broader

21. Ewe Lamb 64s and finer 1st PHS Tinkerbell 2<sup>nd</sup> PHS Narla

22. Ewe Lamb 58s - 62s 1st Anne Barnes Werowna Park Coffee 2nd C Parkes Carob

CHAMPION LAMB - Class 20 PHS Aladdin

RESERVE CHAMPION LAMB - Class 22 Anne Barnes Werowna Park Coffee

25. Group (1 Ram, 2 Ewes) 1st PHS 2<sup>nd</sup> C Parkes 3rd PHS 26. Pair of Ewes 1st C Parkes 2nd PHS 3rd PHS

> GRAND CHAMPION RAM - Class 13 Picton High School Saint GRAND CHAMPION EWE - Class 3 Picton High School Sansa

SUPREME EXHIBIT BLACK AND COLOURED SHEEP - CLASS 13 PICTON HIGH SCHOOL SAINT

MOST SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITOR - PICTON HIGH SCHOOL

#### BUNGENDORE SHOW

Judge: Mr David Sainsbury, Rosewood Poll Dorset Stud, Rye Park NSW

Class 1 Extra fine Ram lamb 1st Williams Blackie 2nd Drap'hyd Merino Stud RV4008 3rd Williams Kananga **Class 2 Extra fine Ewe lamb** 1st Drap'hyd Merino Stud YV320 2nd Drap'hyd Merino Stud YV367 3rd Barnes Fudge 187

Class 5 Medium wool Ram lamb 1st Henry Red 3 2nd Henry Red 4

1st Barnes Coffee 2nd Henry Red 8 3rd Williams Dianne 439 Class 6 Medium wool Ewe lamb 1st Barrell 120 2nd Williams Punkie 3rd Barrell 122 **Class 7 Strong wool Ram lamb** 

Class 8 Strong wool Ewe lamb 1st Barrell 117 2nd Barrell 118

**CHAMPION LAMB** Barnes Coffee (Medium wool Ewe lamb) RESERVE CHAMPION LAMB Henry Red 3 (Medium wool Ram lamb)

Class 9 Extra fine Ram 2t 1st Barnes Y01 2nd Drap'hyd Merino Stud YV315 Class 10 Extra fine Ram 4t

1st Drap'hyd Merino Stud PuV2195

Class 12 Fine wool Ram 4t 1st Williams DMS Mighty Mouse 2nd Drap'hyd Merino Stud PuV2200 Class 13 Medium wool Ram 2t

1st Henry Silverback 2nd Henry Sauvignon **Class 15 Strong wool Ram 2t** 1st Williams Mayerick

**CHAMPION B&C RAM** Williams DMS Mighty Mouse (Fine wool Ram 4t) RESERVE CHAMPION B&C RAM Drap'hyd Merino Stud PuV2195 (Extrafine 4t)

Class 17 Extra fine Ewe 2t 1st Drap'hyd Merino Stud YV310 2nd Drap'hyd Merino Stud YV319 3rd Drap'hyd Merino Stud

YV399

1st Barnes Bronnie 2nd Williams Berko 3rd Drap'hyd Merino Stud PuV2196 Class 18 Extra fine Ewe 4t

Class 20 Fine wool Ewe 4t 1st Drap'hyd Merino Stud PuV2042 2nd Barnes Patches Class 21 Medium wool Ewe 2t 1st Henry Y2 Fudge2 2nd Henry Y1 Fudge1 3rd Henry Y3 Cocopops

Class 22 Medium wool Ewe 4t 1st Williams 2 2nd Williams 1

Class 23 Strong wool Ewe 4t **CHAMPION B&C EWE** Barrell Y110 (Strong wool Ewe 4t)

RESERVE CHAMPION B&C EWE Drap'hyd Merino Stud PuV2042 (Fine wool Ewe 4t)

**SUPREME B&C EXHIBIT** Barrell Y110 (Strong wool Ewe 4t)



One very delighted exhibitor! Terri Barrell seeing her strong wool 4 tooth ewe winning the Supreme Exhibit at the 2015 Bungendore Show. Photograph from Facebook.

1st Barrell Y110

#### **SOUTH COAST & SOUTHERN TABLELANDS REPORT**

We wish to thank Miss Hayley Mahoney for the splendid job she did running the sheep section at Picton Show, this included white sheep, meat sheep and the coloured sheep, with a total of 81 sheep entered.

An excellent job was done by the Judge Jeff Sutton from *Wattle Farm*, Temora. There was Junior Handler classes, fun and games with Lamb Capers with both sheep and handlers dressing up, the weather was perfect and the whole day was like a country picnic. Thanks to Hayley's hard work at getting sponsorship for all classes I think every competitor went home with a prize.

Hayley is hoping to set up a junior committee for next year's show to include students from around the area. Ideas are already flowing in with the hope of having drinks and BBQ supplied for competitors for next year.

- △ The next region meeting is Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November at Mittagong RSL 11am.
- A Robertson Woolfest 2nd May 2015.

Terri Barrell,

Regional Representative.

#### **PICTON SHOW**

There were 83 sheep at Picton this year -classes for White Wool, Meat and Black and Coloured.

Judge: Jeff Sutton from Wattle Farm, Temora.

#### **Extrafine Wool**

Ram Lamb: 1st PHS 2nd PHS

Ram 2 tooth and over: 1<sup>st</sup> PHS 2<sup>nd</sup> Piper Williams

Ewe Lamb: 1<sup>st</sup> PHS 2<sup>nd</sup> PHS 3<sup>rd</sup> PHS

Ewe 2 tooth and over: 1st PHS 2nd PHS

**Fine Wool** 

Ewe lamb: 1st Delco Stud

**Medium Wool** 

Ram lamb: 1<sup>st</sup> Mel Henry 2<sup>nd</sup> Mel Henry

Ewe Lamb: 1<sup>st</sup> Mel Henry 2<sup>nd</sup> Mel Henry 3<sup>rd</sup> Delco Stud

Ewe 2 tooth and over: 1<sup>st</sup> Di Blaney 2<sup>nd</sup> Mel Henry 3<sup>rd</sup> Wendy and Peter van Raalte

Strong wool

Ram Lamb: 1st Delco Stud 2nd Delco Stud 3rd PHS

Ram 2 tooth and over: 1st Delco Stud 2nd PHS

Ewe Lamb: 1<sup>st</sup> Delco Stud 2<sup>nd</sup> Di Blaney

Ewe 2 tooth and over: 1st Delco Stud 2nd Di Blaney 3rd PHS

Wether: 1<sup>st</sup> Caroline Collerson 2<sup>nd</sup> Di Blaney 3<sup>rd</sup> Di Blaney

Champion B&C Sheep Mel Henry Cookies and Cream

Reserve Champion B&C Sheep Delco Stud

**Supreme Exhibit** Mel Henry

Interbreed1st EMHS2nd Brad and Jo 3rd PHSPair of ewes1st EMHS2nd Brad and Jo 3rd EMHS

Interbreed Sheep Champion Meat sheep EMHS Wool Sheep Piper Williams B&C Mel Henry

Best sheep exhibited by a school 1st EMHS 2nd PHS 3rd Menai

Lamb Capers 1<sup>st</sup> Menai 2<sup>nd</sup> EMHS 3<sup>rd</sup> PHS

There was also a lot of junior handlers!





**DIARY DATES 2014/5** 

DATE	EVENT	REGION
20 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Gulgong Show (Handcrafts) Contact: Brigid Glover, P O Box 294, GULGONG NSW 2852 Tel: 6374 2689 Email: info@gulgongshow.org.au Website: www.gulgongshow.org.au	Central Tablelands
21st Feb	Handmade in the Hunter – markets at Kevin Sobels Wines with B&C craft. Contact Warwick and Nina Wheatley, Warina Wool and Craft Tel: 02 4938 1599	Central Tablelands (Northern Branch)
22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Gunning Show (Spinning, dyeing, weaving and handcraft classes, Fleece classes) Contact: Jennifer Medway, P O Box 44 GUNNING NSW 2581 Tel: 4845 1123 Mob: 0417 490 329 Email: <a href="mailto:secretary@gunningshow.com.au">secretary@gunningshow.com.au</a> Website: <a href="mailto:www.gunningshow.com.au">www.gunningshow.com.au</a>	Monaro/SW Slopes
27 <sup>th</sup> Feb - 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Canberra Royal National Capital Agriculture Society (Sheep classes) Contact: B&C Steward Ruth Bosma, P O Box 124, MITCHELL NSW 2611 Tel: 6227 1432	Monaro/SW Slopes
	Email: <u>draphyd@apex.net.au</u> Website: <u>www.rncas.org.au</u>	
7 <sup>th</sup> and 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Handmade in the Hunter – markets at Kevin Sobels Wines with B&C craft. Contact Warwick and Nina Wheatley, Warina Wool and Craft Tel: 02 4938 1599	Central Tablelands (Northern Branch)
13 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Castle Hill & Hills Dist Show (Handcraft, spinning and weaving classes, Sheep classes) Contact: Gebriele Klopf, P O Box 6101, BAULKHAM HILLS BC NSW 2153 Tel: 9634 2632 Mob: 0407 075 259 Fax: 9634973 Email: tchss@bigpond.com Website: www.castlehillshow.com.au	Hawkesbury
	NOTE: Sheep classes held Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	
14 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Yass Show (Sheep, fleece and handcraft classes) Contact: Coleen Stirton, P O Box 132, YASS NSW 2582 Tel: 6226 1615 Fax: 6226 3528 Email: yassshow@bigpond.com Website: www.yassshow.org.au	Monaro/SW Slopes
	NOTE: Sheep classes held Saturday 14th	
14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Cooma Show (Sheep, fleece and handcraft classes) Contact: Christine Parkes, Wyoming, 478 Old Adaminaby Road, ADAMINABY NSW 2629 Tel: 6454 1137	South Coast and Southern Tablelands
	Website: www.coomashow.com.au	
21st - 22nd Mar	Goulburn Show (Sheep display) Christine Parkes will present a sheep display Website: www.goulburnshow.com.au	South Coast and Southern Tablelands
4th and 18th Apr	Handmade in the Hunter – markets at Kevin Sobels Wines with B&C craft. Contact Warwick and Nina Wheatley, Warina Wool and Craft Tel: 02 4938 1599	Central Tablelands (Northern Branch)
24 <sup>th</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<b>Hawkesbury Show</b> (Sheep, fleece and handcraft classes) Contact: Linda Beneke, PO Box 382 RICHMOND NSW 2753 Tel: 02 4577 3591 Mob: 0427 736 328 Fax: 02 4587 7468	Hawkesbury
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2 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b>Robertson Wool Festival</b> Robertson School of Arts, Illawara Highway, Robertson, NSW. For more information contact 0427 600 528.	South Coast and Southern Tablelands

#### **CLASSIFIEDS**



# **BOND X SHEEP FOR SALE:**

Down-sizing flock due to relocating in the near future.

All sheep shorn, vaccinated (5-in-1and Gudair) and drenched (Virbamec).

#### EWES:

C7/13 – white Bond, 1 year, approx. 26 micron	\$60
2/12 – white Bond, 2 years, approx. 25 micron	\$60
B6/12 – white Bond, 2 years, approx. 26 micron	\$60
C3/11 – white Bond, 3 years, approx. 27micron	\$60
B5/09 – brown Bond X, 5 years, approx. 27micron	\$50
C16/08– black Bond X, 6 years, approx. 28micron	\$50
B13/06 – brown Bond X, 8 years, approx. 27micron	
C6/06 – white Bond X, 8 years, approx. 27micron	
C17/06- black Bond X Corriedale, 8 years, approx. 27micron	\$40

#### **WETHERS**:

2/10 - brown Bond X, 4 years, approx. 28micron	\$60
C15/07 – black Bond X Corriedale, 7 years, approx, 26micron	\$40

**Contact:** Tony and Jenni Trudgeon

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Em: shiloh40@bigpond.com

### **LOOKING FOR A TANNERY?**

South Coast and Southern Tablelands member Dianne Blaney was looking for one and this is what she tracked down:- "A friend had a Alpaca skin tanned, (at) "Greenhalgh".

Contact: www.gretannery.com.au

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### **MINUTES OF THE STATE GENERAL MEETING**

Saturday 1st November 2014 a t The Richmond Club.

Meeting was opened at 1:10 pm by the President, Peter van Raalte.

**Present:** Ann Anderson, Terri Barrell, Alan Bertram, Barry Collerson, Caroline Collerson, Jenny Dunn, Phillip Dunn, Janos Farkas, Marianne Farkas, Melissa Henry, Broni Jekyll, Mac Macdonald, Peter van Raalte, Wendy van Raalte, Pat Smith, Elaine Tracey.

**Apologies:** Eric Barry, Dianne Blaney, Ruth Bosma, Ann Cassar, Sue Griffiths, Ann Hazell, Hayley Mahoney, Betty Nash, Christine Parkes.

**Minutes:** Having been circulated by email and regional secretaries asked to post copies to members not on email. Printed copies available at meeting.

#### **Amendments to minutes:**

- 1. South Coast Southern Tablelands report: It stated that Picton High has been asked by Picton Show Society to run this year's sheep classes. This should read Miss Hayley Mahoney was asked by Picton Show Society to run the classes for this year's show.
- 2. Hawkesbury region report: Fibre Muster on 15th/16th should read Fibre Muster on 15th/16th August 2014

Moved: Alan Bertram Seconded: Mariane Farkas Carried

**Business Arising from Minutes:** The Webmaster reports that the requested update to wool types is now on <a href="https://www.blacksheep.org.au">www.blacksheep.org.au</a>

**President's report:** See page 1.

Moved: Peter van Raalte Seconded: Philip Dunn Carried

**Treasurer's Report:** Copies of the Treasurer's report were issued to all present. The Association is still very financially healthy. If regions need funds for special projects, a percentage of the costs could be paid for by the State.

Moved: Janos Farkas Seconded: Philip Dunn Carried

**Business Arising:** As our insurance will be due for payment before next meeting, the Treasurer moved that he be authorised to pay on the due date before next meeting. The cost is estimated to be up to \$900.00

Moved: Janos Farkas Seconded: Terri Barrell Carried

Correspondence in: Nil

**Correspondence out:** 

Send good wishes card to Susan Forester on her move to the Coast.from state Peter to get address from Elaine

**Regional reports:** See pages 4 - 8

**Membership report:** 

Total members 66

Break down

Full 44 (This includes late membership renewal E. Tracey)

Associate 9
Youth 1
Life 12

There followed a disscusion regarding splitting the position of Membership Secretary and Treasurer. It was agreed that membership renewal forms due in January 2015 will be posted to the Membership Secretary with cheques that he will bank, or members can still direct deposit, but <u>please post or email form to the Membership Secretary</u> Alan Bertram. The new forms will be in the Christmas newsletter with new postal details. Alan will then upload all the information onto the membership database and copies of forms will be emailed to the Treasurer so that he has a complete record of all monies paid in and by whom.

#### Webmaster:

Ruth sent in a question regarding updates to members' advertisements on the webpage. It was decided that the rate would be the same as for the newsletter, but it will be a one-off cost per year. Advertisements need to go to the

webmaster to be put up on page. Ruth will send the information to the Treasurer who will forward invoices to members

#### **General Business**

Item 1: Light discussion about the wording of Baa Baa Black Sheep covered in the media of late. Elaine Tracey has been contacted by two radio stations and she has invited them to come and see coloured sheep.

#### Item 2: Future planning workshops

Melissa Henry is currently running Future Planning Workshops across the state with our members. The Hawkesbury Region has been the first to host this workshop, with very positive outcomes and actions. The group spoke a lot about their need to market their wool and this is one of the reasons for joining the Association to begin with. The Hawkesbury Region brainstormed potential opportunities for their raw fleeces. Selling wool to felters is an untapped market at present - felting uses a lot of wool and fellers are often younger people.

The State Meeting discussed the idea of running felting workshops in different regions to encourage people who are new to using wool an easy to pick up technique, where raw fleece can be washed, carded and felted all at home, creating a higher demand for our raw fleeces to sell. The workshops will demonstrate needle felting and wet felting techniques. Hawkesbury and South Coast and Southern Tablelands Regions will consider hosting these workshops and will contact professional felters to run them.

Item 3: A card to be sent to Susan Forester, a long time member of Hawksbury region, congratulating her move to the South Coast. Elaine Tracey to supply Peter with new address.

Next Ordinary State Meeting and Annual General Meeting will be on the 21st March 2015, held in Monaro/SW Slopes Region; the venue to be advised.

Meeting closed 3.00 pm.

Minutes taken by Terri Barrell



Tahmoor Fibre Group "Spinning at the Nepean Dam". The first week back after Christmas - it's a thing we do! We have the day spinning at the local dam in the fresh air and sun shine.

Left to Right: Some of the group - Dianne, Ros, Myra' Terri, Betty, Judy, Bron and Sue.

Photograph supplied by Dianne Blaney.

#### **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Saturday 8th February 2014 at the Goulburn Soldiers Club

**Meeting** opened at 15.45 by the President, Peter van Raalte.

**Present**: Ann Anderson, Terri Barrell, Alan Bertram, Ruth Bosma, Jenny Dunn, Phillip Dunn, Janos Farkas, Marianne Farkas, Broni Jekyll, Mac Macdonald, Bob Munday, Denise Munday, Christine Parkes, Peter van Raalte, Wendy van Raalte.

**Apologies**: Eric Barry, Dianne Blaney, Ann Cassar, Caroline Collerson, Melissa Henry, Beverly Layton, Hayley Mahoney, Veronica Taylor, Elaine Tracey.

**Minutes**: *Black Sheep Rising* **34:2** pp 13 - 14 were taken as read.

Moved: Janos Farkas Seconded: Ruth Bosma Accepted

Business arising: nil

**President's Report:** It was certainly a year of weather extremes for most of us, let's hope it levels out a bit this year.

It was a very busy year for most of us with all the usual shows, starting with Bungendore in January and finishing with Queanbeyan in November. During the year Wendy and I enjoyed Canberra Royal, Castle Hill, Hawkesbury of course and Bendigo. I added Yass, Robertson, Mudgee and Bungendore, whilst Wendy was busy with her horse.

Good to see continued involvement with schools and credit goes to Elaine Tracey, Terri Barrell, Hayley Mahoney, Broni Jekyll and Mac Macdonald, and Jenny and Phil Dunn in this regard. I see this as a very important part of our activities and a vital link with the next generation I'm sure we all support our youth in some way or another so please forgive me if I've missed anybody who also deserves particular credit.

I would like to thank you all for your continued support and involvement with our association through your regions and particularly for those who also saddle up for State positions. I trust you will continue to do so in this new period which is about to begin.

I declare all positions vacant and I call upon our public officer to conduct the election of office bearers.

Moved: Peter van Raalte Seconded: Janos Farkas Adopted

**Treasurer's report**: Copies were circulated to members. Total income for the year was declared along with expenses. A small profit was announced. Total assets were reported including the bank balances, etc.

Business arising: Nil

Moved: Janos Farkas Seconded: Ruth Bosma that the report be adopted. Carried

Elections: All positions were declared vacant. Phillip Dunn took the chair for the election of office bearers for 2014.

**President:** Peter van Raalte Nominated: Ruth Bosma Seconded: Janos Farkas **Elected Unopposed Vice Presidents:** Melissa Henry Nominated: Broni Jekyll Seconded: Peter van Raalte Mac Macdonald Nominated: Ruth Bosma Seconded: Christine Parkes **Elected Unopposed Secretary:** Terri Barrell Nominated: Mac Macdonald Seconded: Peter van Raalte **Elected Unopposed** Janos Farkas Nominated: Christine Parkes Treasurer: Seconded: Ruth Bosma **Elected Unopposed** Membership Secretary: Alan Bertram Nominated: Broni Jekyll Seconded: Peter van Raalte **Elected Unopposed Editor:** Broni Jekyll Nominated: Ruth Bosma Seconded: Terri Barrell **Elected Unopposed** 

Nominated: Broni Jekyll

**Elected Unopposed** 

Seconded: Mac Macdonald

Ruth Bosma

**Assistant Editor:** 

#### **Public Officer:** Phillip Dunn

The President thanked members for their attendance and extended best wishes to all for another productive and enjoyable year.

The meeting closed at 16.00.

Minutes taken by Terri Barrell

LEFT: Bungendore 2015 Champion Lamb Class

L to R: Alan Bertram and Terri Barrell (Delco Stud), Melissa Henry (Quebon Coloured Sheep), Anne Barnes (Werowna Park) and Sean Verney (Drap'hyd Merino Stud). The Champion was Anne's Coffee (Medium wool Ewe lamb) with Melissa's Red 3 (Medium wool Ram lamb) as Reserve Champion.



RIGHT: Queanbeyan 2015 Grand Champion Ram won by Picton High School's Saint with Christine Parkes looking on as President Peter congratulates a very happy exhibitor.



LEFT: Picton 2014 Lamb Capers. Picton Show Society President sashes Snow White while her Seven Dwarfs wait in the wings.



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ABOVE AND LEFT: Holbrook Sheep and Wool Fair 2014.

This superfine Merino ewe fleece from Donna and Ciel Georgievski's Larra Pines scored 92 points – 0.5 less than the winning Merino (white) fleece. The judge (an agent from Lempriere Fox & Lillie) used a regular score card. Usefulness to Craft is comparable to Top and Noil.

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## Next State Meeting and Annual General Meeting is hosted by

# Monaro/SW Slopes Region

on Saturday 21st March 2015

at the Junee Licorice and Chocolate Factory, 45-61 Lord Street JUNEE NSW 2663

12 noon lunch for a 1pm meeting.

