

# AUGUST 2012

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

JULIE WIESNER

**G**reetings from Walla Walla, I hope your season is progressing well. From what I hear, most areas have finally had rain and although there isn't much pasture growth, crops have been planted.

As we move to the second half of the year, many of us will be preparing for shows and ram sales. Unfortunately lamb prices have steadied due to the global climate but hopefully sales will improve when sucker lambs hit the market.

The organisation of the 2013 White Suffolk conference is well under way, and will be held at Cowra in central New South Wales. I hope we will have a good attendance and members can see our great state.

A very committed group of White Suffolk breeders are organising the first Bendigo Elite White Suffolk Show and Sale to be held Saturday 15th – Monday 17th September. I congratulate them on their efforts in organising this event and I urge members to support it to help make it a great success.

Craig Mitchell has resigned from Federal Council due to personal commitments and I would like to thank him for his contributions to the Council, in particular the Hypotrichosis sub-committee and as chair of the Promotion sub-committee.

The Promotions sub-committee has been busy evaluating the White Suffolk promotional activities. They are discussing many ideas of how to promote our breed into the future. Their aim is to develop an advertising strategy for the next few years to increase the profile of the White Suffolk Breed.

With sale time approaching, I wish all members a successful ram selling season and remember that the reputation of both your stud and the White Suffolk breed is dependant upon the quality of rams you provide.

Regards  
Julie Wiesner

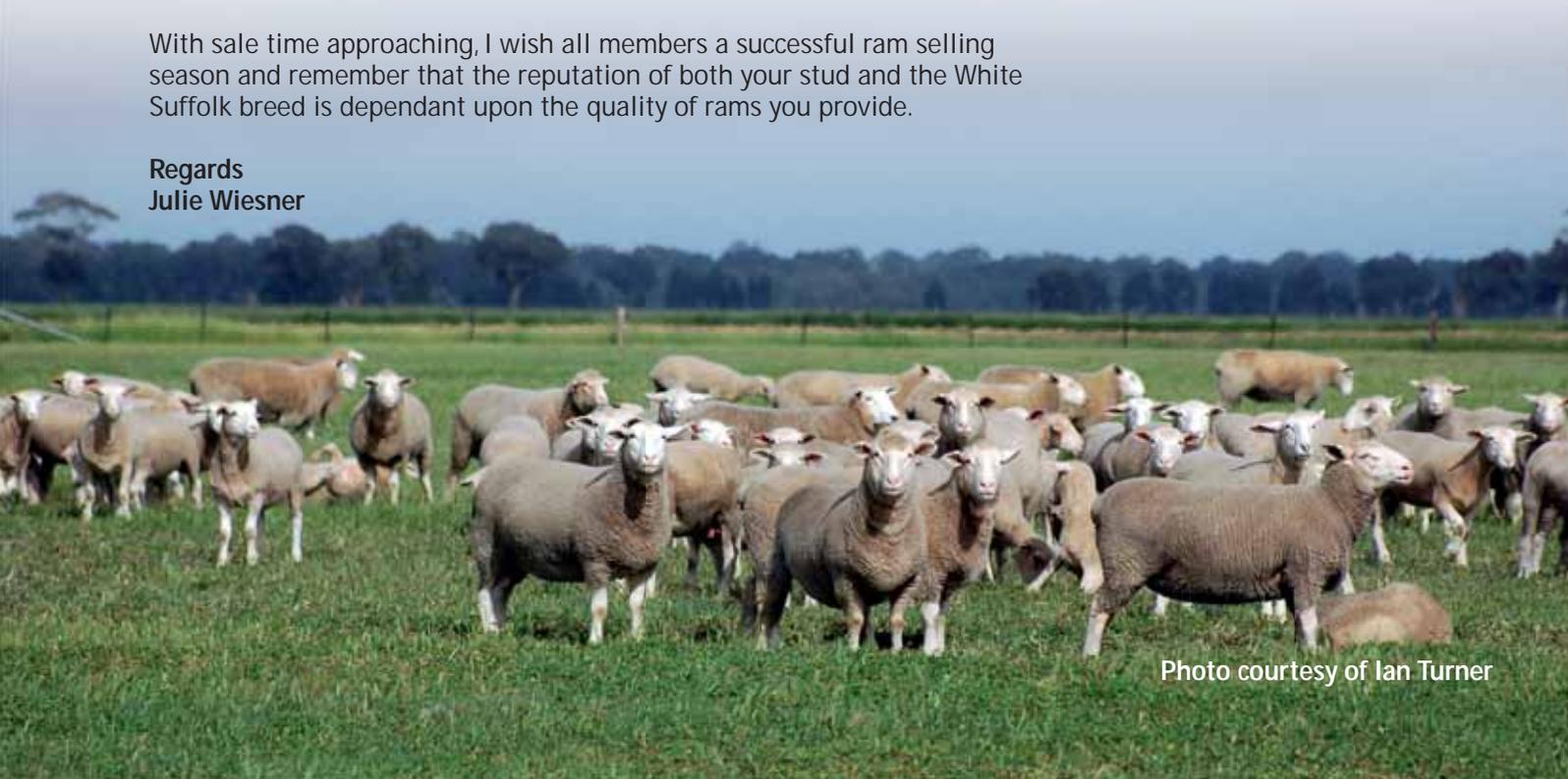


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# SECRETARY'S REPORT

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## Council Movements

Craig Mitchell has regrettably resigned from the AWSA Federal Council due to personal commitments. Craig has served as Vice President of the Association for the past six months and has particularly contributed to the promotions & marketing and Hypotrichosis sub-committees. We sincerely thank Craig for his time and commitment to Federal Council over the past three years.

At the time of writing this the Vice President position remains vacant and will be discussed at the mid-year Federal Council meeting. Members will be advised once the position has been appointed.

## Annual Returns & Flock Book Compilation

The Annual Return process is now complete, many thanks to those who efficiently completed their return online or forwarded their paperwork and payment to the office.

Compilation of the 2012 Flock Register is on schedule and has now begun. It is anticipated the register will be distributed to all members in August.

## Upcoming Shows & Events

Date	Show
6 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> August	Hamilton Sheepvention
7 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Royal Adelaide Show</b>
	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> White Suffolk judging (commences 9:00am) Ram judge – Craig Mitchell, Ewe judge – Andrew Donnan
	Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> Elite Stud Sheep Sale (commences 2:00pm)
15 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Bendigo Elite White Suffolk Show &amp; Sale</b>
	Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> White Suffolk judging (commences 8:30am) Judge – David Pipkorn
	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> Elite Sale (commences 11:00am)
22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Royal Melbourne Show
29 <sup>th</sup> Sept – 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Royal Perth Show
13 <sup>th</sup> October	Wangaratta Show – White Suffolk feature breed
18 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Royal Geelong Show
24 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Royal Hobart Show

## November Newsletter deadline

A reminder that the deadline for the November newsletter is 5:00pm, 30th September. Please forward all advertisements and material to BizBoost by this time.

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## WANTED!

The AWSA is in urgent need of White Suffolk breed photos:

- Group of rams
- Group of ewes
- Group of ewes with lambs at foot

Preferably taken in the paddock, not yards.

Images need to be high quality and display White Suffolk breed type.

If you are able to assist, please email the Secretary:

[info@whitesuffolk.com](mailto:info@whitesuffolk.com)

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## NEW MEMBERS – SINCE APRIL 2012

Welcome to the following new members of the AWSA:

Flock #	Prefix	Name	Location
799	MERTEX	T & B Jorgensen	Antwerp, VIC
800	SPRING CREEK	R Bailey & R McKinnon	Marong, VIC
801	MACEDON PARK	B Prangovski	Brookfield, VIC
802	EDMONDS	RJ & NJ Edmonds	Murrurundi, NSW
803	LODDON PARK	R & R Baker	Baringhup, VIC
804	JACARANDA	D & K Oke	Dubbo, NSW
805	CARTAMULLIGAN	T Watson & C Lawrence	Northam, WA
806	CLOVER VALLEY	B & N Medlyn	Stuart Mill, VIC
807	ROKSLEE DOWNS	S & B Roks	Diamond Creek, VIC

## White Suffolk Conference 2013

Date: Sunday 10th - Tuesday 12th  
February 2013

Location: Cowra NSW

Mark it in your diary now!



## FREE WORKSHOPS FOR RAM CLIENTS



**T**he Cooperative Research Centre for Sheep Industry Innovation (Sheep CRC) has developed a new series of workshops that have been structured to provide producers with information to enable more confidence in finding the right ram for their wool, meat and dual-purpose flocks.

Commercial sheep breeders are able to attend free hands-on RamSelect workshops to refine their ram selection skills and ensure they are getting value from sires they purchase.

NSW DPI sheep breeding specialist, Allan Casey, said the choice of ram impacts on flock performance for many years.

"Producers need to get it right and be confident in their purchases - ram buyers have a very challenging job as their decisions influence the genetic gain and profitability of the flock," Mr Casey said.

"The one-day RamSelect workshop aims to make those decisions a lot easier and help ensure producers are selecting the best rams for their flock breeding objectives.

### **bredwell fedwell**

Bred well fed well workshops are free, one-day workshops supported by Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA), Australian Wool Innovation (AWI) and the Sheep Cooperative Research Centre (Sheep CRC) as a part of a national program to increase sheep industry productivity.

The Bred Well Fed Well workshop will provide practical training on how to use superior genetics and achieve improved reproductive performance from better feed management.

The workshop focuses on the following:

- improved understanding on how to use ASBVs to improve enterprise profitability;
- how to develop a breeding objective for your sheep enterprise;

"It gives producers the know-how to set a price for the standard of ram they want at a sale.

"We are not suggesting producers select a particular type of ram - an important part of the workshop helps producers define their flock objective and provides the skills they need to select rams which meet that objective."

Mr Casey said breeders needed to be confident in using the measured performance information and combine that with their visual assessment of the rams.

"New formats for performance information, Australian Sheep Breeding Values (ASBVs) which capture the best estimate of how a ram's progeny will perform for a particular trait and updated indexes are being made available by ram breeders," he said.

"RamSelect gives producers the opportunity to gain a better understanding of how to use performance indexes in their selection process."

If you are interested in running one of these workshops for your clients, contact Lu Hogan 0427 687432 or email [luhogan@optusnet.com.au](mailto:luhogan@optusnet.com.au)

For more information go to the following web page <http://www.sheepcrc.org.au/education/producer-training/ramselect-workshops.php>

- better management of ewe nutrition for reproductive performance and flock profitability; &
- skills in developing simple energy budgets for the ewe flock.

Practical sessions include condition scoring, feed budgeting, ram rankings and ram selection. Follow-up courses in these areas will be offered for those wishing to further develop skills in breeding and nutritional management.

If you would like to host one of these workshops for clients contact Sheep CRC or go to the website to find the location of upcoming workshops <http://www.sheepcrc.org.au/education/producer-training/bred-well-fed-well-workshop.php>

# CARCASE TRAITS NOT AFFECTED BY MODERATE WORM BURDEN AT HIGH GROWTH RATES

INFORMATION FROM "CARCASS TRAITS NOT AFFECTED BY MODERATE WORM BURDEN AT HIGH GROWTH RATES" G REFSHAUGE ET AL.

WORK PARTIALLY FUNDED BY SHEEP CRC.

**T**his data was collected over 2 years comparing liveweight, pre slaughter growth rate and carcass characteristics of lambs with moderate levels of worm burden. The lambs were bred as part of the Information Nucleus Flock (INF) across 8 sites with progeny evaluated for a range of meat production and consumer relevant traits. It was thought that increasing WEC pre slaughter would be associated with increased muscle pH, decreased carcass fat and colour characteristics based on limited previous research.

The lambs from the INF included a range of Merino wether, maternal sire first cross wethers, mixed sex terminal sire first cross and second cross lambs and were evaluated across 2 years; 2010/2011.

Liveweights were recorded 1 month prior to and within 7 days of slaughter and pre slaughter growth rates calculated. All lambs were individually faecal sampled within 7 days of slaughter. Worm egg counts ranged from 40-2600 epg for *Strongyle spp.*, 0-320 for *Nematodirus spp.* Larval cultures indicated this burden to be predominately *Trichostrongylus spp.* Growth rate of lambs pre slaughter across both years was  $196 \pm 8$  g/day. After slaughter, measurements on loin pH, eye muscle dimensions and fat depth were conducted and subsequent measurements on fresh meat and chilled (5days) colour carried out.

Lambs that were heavier pre slaughter had higher WEC levels with no significant relationship between WEC and weight 7 days pre slaughter or growth rate. Carcass pH was not significantly affected by WEC nor was fat depth or eye muscle depth after correction for weight.

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This research showed that lambs achieving good mean growth rates to slaughter exhibited no variation of growth rate across the range of WEC observed but they do not imply that the growth rates would have been the same at lower levels of WEC.

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Other trial work on Dorper lambs has reported similar levels of worm burden causing no significant relationship between WEC and eye muscle depth but did show a reduction in body condition score. This study also showed heavier lambs to have higher WEC than lighter lambs at the same age.

Despite WECS (*strongyl spp.*) ranging from very low to very high, no effects were observed on other carcass traits. After allowing for variation in hot carcass weight, fresh colour and eye muscle width increased as WECS increased. This implies that the level of burden was insufficient to adversely affect meat quality characteristics above the benefits for carcass traits achieved by attaining higher growth rates and heavier carcass weights.



# LAMB VIGOUR AT TAGGING NOT CORRELATED TO DIFFICULT BIRTHS

INFORMATION FROM "LAMB VIGOUR AT TAGGING DID NOT CORRELATE WITH CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM LESION SCORES" D J TUCKWELL, G REFSHAUGE ET AL.  
WORK PARTIALLY FUNDED BY SHEEP CRC.

**L**ambs that have a difficult time at birth or longer births are generally considered to be less vigorous and consequently have a higher mortality rate. Difficult births that result in central nervous system injuries are thought to impact on the lambs' ability to bond with the ewe and reduced motility.

Lambs from the Cowra Agricultural Research & Advisory Station and Trangie Agricultural Research Centre were assessed within 18 hrs of birth for vigour and estimated time since birth (less than 4 hrs or greater than 4 hrs). This analysis was conducted on sheep from the INF flocks and included mixed breed lambs from Merino, Maternal sire first cross and terminal sire first and second cross. Lambs tagged immediately after birth were excluded from the analysis. If any of these lambs died within 5 days from birth, an autopsy was carried out with central nervous lesions scored. Only dead lambs with full records in relation to birth type etc were included in the analysis.

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The analysis found no correlations significant between lamb vigour and Cranial or Central Nervous System (CNS) lesions.  
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Lambs with severe lesions were not able to be identified from normal lambs at tagging. However dead lambs from multiple birth litters tended to have a positive correlation with both cranial and CNS lesions when assessed with 1-4 hours from birth.

Strategies aimed at increasing lamb vigour at birth should be employed to minimise lamb mortality and generally lamb behaviour at tagging was a better explanation of the variation in lamb survival than maternal behaviour.

Further analysis of information from the complete INF flock will add to this work.



# Williams Gateway Expo 2012

## WHITE SUFFOLKS

Taking out the interbreed champion ram and group of two rams and two ewes made the White Suffolk the stand out breed at this year's Expo.

A total of 50 sheep from five studs presented an impressive high quality line-up of sheep according to judge, Roy Addis, Landmark stud stock.

Mr Addis said not only was the overall quality excellent, but the difference in ages among the group classes displayed a good variation in maturity.

Brimfield White Suffolk stud, Kendenup, took home all the major honours including grand champion White Suffolk, which was also the champion ewe, as well as champion ram and won the group of two rams and two ewes.

The Brimfield stud's grand champion and champion ewe and the champion ram were both sired by Waratah 79/07.

Mr Addis said the ram had a huge amount of length which carried through its carcass. "He had a good loin and hindquarter," Mr Addis said. "He is not only a good stud sire but also fantastic for commercial use."

Not to be forgotten was the reserve champion ram exhibited by Iveston stud, Williams. Mr Addis said the ram was powerful and full of meat.

The grand champion and champion Brimfield ewe came from the younger class and Mr Addis said it was a very roomy ewe for its age. "She is definitely a standout in her class," Mr Addis said. "She was a tremendous animal with outstanding meat qualities evident throughout the carcass and will be an excellent breeder in the future."

In the group class of two rams and two ewes, Brimfield was again the winner with what the judge described as a very even line-up



This White Suffolk ewe from the Brimfield stud, Kendenup, was sashed the reserve champion interbreed ewe. With the ewe, which was also sashed the champion White Suffolk ewe of the show, were judges Glenn Cole (left), Sasimwa White Suffolk and Suffolk stud, York, Landmark meat breeds specialist Roy Addis, Brenton Fairclough, Stockdale Poll Dorset and White Suffolk stud, York and Brimfield stud principal Max Whyte.



The Brimfield White Suffolk stud, Kendenup, exhibited the winning breeders group of two rams and two ewes in the British and Australasian breeds section and as a result won a two-wheel Honda agricultural motorbike from event sponsor Farm Weekly.

Courtesy of:

# 28 HOUR LAMB SHOULDER WITH CUMIN, HONEY & BABY CARROTS

**SERVES 6**

**COOKING TIME: 28 + 1 HOUR**

**(MUST ALLOW 3 HOURS RESTING AND 24 HOURS TO COOK)**

**1.5kg** boneless lamb shoulder

**1 tbsp** cumin seeds

**1 tbsp** ground cumin

**200g** coarse rock salt

**4 cloves** garlic

**4** bay leaves

**4** sprigs thyme

**3 cloves** garlic, peeled

**½ onion**, peeled and finely diced

**3** carrots, peeled and diced

**1 tsp** cumin powder

**50ml** cream

**24** baby carrots, washed

**1 tbsp** cumin seeds

**50g** honey

**50g** butter

Salt and pepper

**2 tbsp** pine nuts, toasted

## **METHOD FOR PREPARING LAMB - BEGIN THE DAY BEFORE**

Wash the lamb shoulder, pat dry and place to one side. Place the cumin seeds, ground cumin, rock salt, garlic, bay leaves and thyme in the blender, or mortar and pestle, and mix together until evenly combined. Rub the mixture over the lamb and leave for three hours. Wash off all the excess rub and pat dry. Place the lamb shoulder into a sous vide bag, seal and cook at 63°C for 24 hours.

## **METHOD - ON THE DAY**

To make the carrot puree, sweat off the onion and garlic with a pinch of salt in a pot until they begin to soften. Add the chopped carrots and cumin powder and continue to sweat for a further two minutes. Fill the pot with water halfway up the carrots and put the lid on. Leave to cook through for a few more minutes. Add the cream, season well and place in a blender and process until smooth. To cook the baby carrots, sauté in a pan until nice and golden. Add cumin seeds, honey and butter and continue cooking until the butter browns. Take the pan off the heat and leave the carrots in the pan for a further few minutes to cook through. Season and serve.

## **TO SERVE**

Remove the lamb from the bag (keep the juices if you would like to make a gravy, however the lamb will be very tender and the carrot puree balances it perfectly). Slice the lamb to your desired portion size. Spoon the warm carrot puree onto your serving dish, place the lamb on top and finish with the baby carrots, a drizzle of burnt butter and sprinkle of toasted pine nuts.

# SYDNEY SHOW RESULTS

5-18TH APRIL 2012, SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW



## CHAMPION WHITE SUFFOLK RAM

**CLASS: 731 Ram, under 1 year of age showing milk teeth only, shorn, born between 1 April - 30 June 2011.**

1. 570 KINELLAR GOOLOOGONG NSW 2805
2. 569 TATTYKEEL WHITE SUFFOLK OBERON NSW 2787
3. 568 TATTYKEEL WHITE SUFFOLK OBERON NSW 2787

**CLASS: 732 Ram, under 1 year of age showing milk teeth only, shorn, born on or after 1 July 2011.**

1. 574 TATTYKEEL WHITE SUFFOLK OBERON NSW 2787
2. 576 KINELLAR GOOLOOGONG NSW 2805
3. 577 TIMOR PARKES NSW 2870

**CLASS: 734 Pen of two rams, under 1 year of age showing milk teeth only, shorn.**

1. 578 TATTYKEEL WHITE SUFFOLK OBERON NSW 2787

**CLASS: 735 Ram, displaying 2 teeth and over, shorn.**

1. 579 TATTYKEEL WHITE SUFFOLK OBERON NSW 2787
2. 575 KINELLAR GOOLOOGONG NSW 2805

**CLASS: S737 GRAND CHAMPION RAM.**

Winner 574 TATTYKEEL WHITE SUFFOLK OBERON NSW 2787

**CLASS: S738 RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION RAM.**

Winner 579 TATTYKEEL WHITE SUFFOLK OBERON NSW 2787

**CLASS: 739 Ewe, under 1 year of age showing milk teeth only, shorn, born between 1 April-30 June 2011.**

1. 582 KINELLAR GOOLOOGONG NSW 2805
2. 580 TATTYKEEL WHITE SUFFOLK OBERON NSW 2787
3. 583 MERTON MUDGEE NSW 2850

**CLASS: 740 Ewe, under 1 year of age showing milk teeth only, shorn, born on or after 1 July 2011.**

1. 586 KINELLAR GOOLOOGONG NSW 2805
2. 587 KINELLAR GOOLOOGONG NSW 2805
3. 584 TATTYKEEL WHITE SUFFOLK OBERON NSW 2787

**CLASS: 741 Ewe, under 1 year of age showing milk teeth only, in wool.**

1. 589 MERTON MUDGEE NSW 2850

**CLASS: 742 Pen of two ewes under 1 year of age showing milk teeth only, shorn.**

1. 590 PREMIER OBERON NSW 2787

**CLASS: 743 Ewe, displaying 2 teeth and over, shorn.**

1. 591 PREMIER OBERON NSW 2787

**CLASS: S745 GRAND CHAMPION WHITE SUFFOLK EWE.**

Winner 589 MERTON MUDGEE NSW 2850

**CLASS: S746 RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION WHITE SUFFOLK EWE.**

Winner 590 PREMIER OBERON NSW 2787

**CLASS: 747 Peter Taylor Group. Consisting of one ram and two ewes, showing milk teeth only, to be bred by the Exhibitor.**

- 592 TATTYKEEL WHITE SUFFOLK OBERON NSW 2787
2. 593 KINELLAR GOOLOOGONG NSW 2805
3. 594 MERTON MUDGEE NSW 2850

**CLASS: 748 SIRES PROGENY GROUP**

1. 595 TATTYKEEL WHITE SUFFOLK OBERON NSW 2787
2. 596 KINELLAR GOOLOOGONG NSW 2805
3. 597 MERTON MUDGEE NSW 2850

**CLASS: 749 Objective Measurement Class for White Suffolk Sheep.**

1. 599 TATTYKEEL WHITE SUFFOLK OBERON NSW 2787
2. 600 KINELLAR GOOLOOGONG NSW 2805
3. 598 TATTYKEEL WHITE SUFFOLK OBERON NSW 2787

**CLASS: S750 MOST SUCCESSFUL WHITE SUFFOLK EXHIBITOR (excluding Class 749).**

Winner TATTYKEEL WHITE SUFFOLK OBERON NSW 2787

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## YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS A SEEDSTOCK PRODUCER

**T**he one obligation that separates a commercial sheep breeder from a stud breeder is the expectation that accurate pedigrees are recorded on all sheep.

Recently, several cases have come to the attention of the committee where members of the AWSA have been reported not attempting to keep pedigrees on animals they intend to sell as stud genetics. The general assumption from within the sheep industry is that stud breeders, where possible, record and retain pedigrees on stud animals for several reasons. Issues such as performance recording and the history and tracking of animal traits and genes, both good and bad, rely on accurate pedigree records. The recent situation with regard to Hypotrichosis was easily rectified in studs that had accurate pedigrees, and situations such as this will inevitably happen again. Had we not had these records we and all other breed societies would still be none the wiser in finding the source of many gene mutations that occur infrequently.

While it is not mandatory for stud breeders to generate pedigree information on all animals, the rules of the AWSA do not allow registration of either rams or ewes without a full verified pedigree. One of the Objects of the Association are "The investigation of the histories, pedigrees and purity of type of sheep

registered or entered for registration." Rule 1(3). It is important that we continually reinforce values such as this; they are fundamental in making us the successful and unique breed society we are today.

A situation has recently been brought to notice where a keen new stud breeder purchased genetics from a registered stud, which were subsequently transferred to his stud only to find no pedigree information on any of the animals. This results in a situation that is not only unfortunate for the new member but also unsatisfactory from the point of view of the Association. The registration of all animals within AWSA requires full pedigree and the federal council will be enforcing this regulation.

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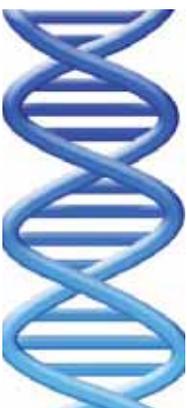
**We urge all members to maintain good pedigree records on their stud animals.**

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We also suggest members check that accurate pedigree details are available when they purchase genetics and check that the stud has a good history of maintaining accurate pedigree records. There are numerous computer programs available that enable easy entry of sire and dam identification, much easier than the old written entry, and with DNA testing for parentage about to become more affordable, there is no excuse.

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## PILOT PROGRAM SHEEP CRC



**T**he Sheep CRC is launching a new Pilot Parentage program in which they will be asking for expressions of interest to undertake 100 DNA parentage tests per stud @ \$16 per test. The pilot program will also investigate the demand, by way of a questionnaire, regarding projected usage of such a test given a range of cost structures.

This program will be followed by another ram Pilot program later in the year where young sires can be evaluated using the 50k chip for a range of traits.

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For further information go to the Sheep CRC website - [www.sheepcrc.org.au](http://www.sheepcrc.org.au)

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## DUBBO SHOW RESULTS

18TH - 20TH MAY 2012  
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**CHAMPION RAM AND SUPREME EXHIBIT -  
 WARBURN WHITE SUFFOLK STUD**



**CHAMPION EWE - WARBURN  
 RESERVE CHAMPION EWE - MERTON**

**Exhibitors include:**

W & L Fyfe "CARINGA" Lake Cargelligo,  
 Guy Treweek "INDURO" Wakool,  
 Scott Cameron "SUPREME" Wellington,  
 Bruce Stanford "MERTON" Mudgee,  
 Noel, Heidi & Val Mawbey "CORBIE" Dubbo,  
 Daryl & Eric Dixson "ASHBANK" Dubbo,  
 Victoria Patterson "KINELLAR" Gooloogong,  
 John Jamieson "WATTLE PARK" Finley,  
 Dugald McIndoe "SMITHSTON" Glencoe,  
 Julie & John Wiesner "GLENGARRY" Walla Walla,  
 Amando & Mark Dissegna "WARBURN" Griffith,  
 Neil Williams "ASHBURNIA" Orange,  
 Ian Gilmore "TATTYKEEL" Oberon,  
 Brayden & Lachlan Gilmore "PREMIER" Oberon,  
 Scott & Elaine Woodley "KURRAVIEW" Wongarbron,  
 St Paul's College "ST PAUL'S" Walla Walla,  
 Farrer Ag. High School "FARRER" Tamworth.



**NOVICE RAM under 14months, no more than 2 teeth  
 shorn.**

1. CARINGA

**OPEN RAM under 14months, no more than 2 teeth  
 shorn. 11 entries**

1. WARBURN
2. TATTYKEEL
3. WARBURN
4. KINELLAR
5. ASHBANK

**NOVICE RAM showing milk teeth only, shorn- born  
 between 1st June and 31st July 2011. 8 entries**

1. FARRER
2. FARRER
3. SUPREME

**OPEN RAM showing milk teeth only, shorn- born  
 between 1st June and 31st July 2011. 16 entries**

1. TATTYKEEL
2. GLENGARRY
3. WARBURN
4. ASHBANK
5. SMITHSTON
6. TATTYKEEL
7. GLENGARRY

**LEFT: RESERVE CHAMPION RAM: TATTYKEEL**

**NOVICE RAM showing milk teeth only, shorn- born after 1st August 2011. 5 entries**

1. FARRER
2. FARRER
3. SUPREME

**OPEN RAM showing milk teeth only, shorn- born after 1st August 2011. 14 entries**

1. SMITHSTON
2. SMITHSTON
3. PREMIER
4. KINELLAR
5. TATTYKEEL

**NOVICE RAM, born after 1st April, woolly.**

1. SUPREME

**OPEN RAM, born after 1st April, woolly. 6 entries**

1. ASHBANK
2. ASHBURNIA
3. WARBURN

**PAIR OF 2 RAMS, shorn, born after 1st April 11 entries**

1. WARBURN
2. SMITHSTON
3. TATTYKEEL,
4. ASHBANK
5. KINELLAR

**RAM over 1½ yrs woolly or shorn. 3 entries**

1. TATTYKEEL

**RAM OBJECTIVE MEASUREMENT CLASS to be drawn from shorn ram lamb classes. 17 entries**

1. SMITHSTON
2. SUPREME
3. WARBURN
4. MERTON
5. FARRER
6. KINELLAR
7. GLENGARRY

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CHAMPION RAM - WARBURN  
RESERVE CHAMPION RAM - TATTYKEEL

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**NOVICE EWE under 14months, no more than 2 teeth shorn.**

1. SUPREME
2. SUPREME
3. CARINGA

**OPEN EWE under 14months, no more than 2 teeth shorn. 11 entries**

1. ASHBANK
2. WARBURN
3. KURRAVIEW
4. SUPREME
5. KINELLAR
6. MERTON

**NOVICE EWE showing milk teeth only, shorn- born between 1st June and 31st July 2011. 8 entries**

1. ST PAUL'S
2. FARRER
3. ST PAUL'S

**OPEN EWE showing milk teeth only, shorn- born between 1st June and 31st July 2011. 15 entries**

1. WARBURN
2. ASHBANK
3. SMITHSTON
4. GLENGARRY
5. WATTLE PARK
6. ASHBURNIA
7. KURRAVIEW

**NOVICE EWE showing milk teeth only, shorn- born after 1st August 2011. 4 entries**

1. SUPREME
2. FARRER
3. FARRER

**OPEN EWE showing milk teeth only, shorn- born after 1st August 2011. 9 entries**

1. SMITHSTON
2. SMITHSTON
3. SUPREME,
4. GLENGARRY
5. WATTLE PARK

# DUBBO SHOW RESULTS CONTINUED

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**GROUP OF ONE RAM AND TWO EWES - FIRST SMITHSTON WHITE SUFFOLKS**

**NOVICE EWE** born after 1st April no more than 2 teeth, woolly.

1. FARRER

**OPEN EWE**, born after 1st April no more than 2 teeth, woolly. 6 entries

1. MERTON,
2. FARRER,
3. KINELLAR
4. SMITHSTON

**PAIR OF 2 EWES**, shorn, born after 1st April no more than 2 teeth. 11 entries

1. WARBURN
2. ASHBANK,
3. PREMIER
4. WATTLE PARK
5. SMITHSTON

**EWE over 1½ yrs** woolly or shorn. 5 entries

1. WARBURN
2. FARRER
3. SMITHSTON

**EWE OBJECTIVE MEASUREMENT, CLASS** to be drawn from shorn ewe lamb classes. 16 entries

1. WARBURN
2. KINELLAR



**CHAMPION RAM, CHAMPION EWE AND MOST SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITOR - WARBURN**

3. KINELLAR,
4. SMITHSTON
5. FARRER
6. MERTON
7. GLENGARRY

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 CHAMPION EWE - WARBURN  
 RESERVE CHAMPION EWE - MERTON  
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**KEITH McINTOSH MEMORIAL AWARD – Sires Progeny Group, Sired by a single ram.** 12 entries

1. ASHBANK
2. FARRER
3. WARBURN

**GROUP 1 RAM and 2 EWES**, milk tooth only. Prize donated by Kurraview White Suffolk Stud. 13 entries

1. SMITHSTON
2. ASHBANK
3. WARBURN

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 BEST WHITE SUFFOLK HEAD, - SMITHSTON  
 SUPREME CHAMPION EXHIBIT - WARBURN RAM  
 MOST SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITOR - WARBURN  
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# WAGIN WOOLARAMA SHOW RESULTS

9TH-10TH MARCH 2012

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**CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION RAMS**



**CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION EWES**

CHAMPION RAM - BRIMFIELD  
RESERVE CHAMPION - BRIMFIELD  
CHAMPION EWE - BRIMFIELD  
RESERVE CHAMPION - BRIMFIELD  
SUPREME CHAMPION - BRIMFIELD  
BRIMFIELD ALSO WON INTERBREED  
CHAMPION GROUP, RAM & PAIR OF EWES

## RAM OVER 1 YEAR

1. IDA VALE

## RAM UNDER 1 YEAR AUTUMN BORN

1. BRIMFIELD
2. BRIMFIELD
3. BRIMFIELD

## RAM UNDER 1 YEAR WINTER BORN

1. BRIMFIELD
2. BLACKBUTT
3. VALENCIA DOWNS

## PAIR OF RAMS

1. BRIMFIELD
2. YANDA
3. IDA VALE

## SCAN CLASS

1. SASIMWA
2. BRIMFIELD
3. YANDA

## ewe OVER 1 YEAR

1. BRIMFIELD
2. RIDGETOP
3. HEDINGHAM

## ewe UNDER 1 YEAR AUTUMN BORN

1. BRIMFIELD
2. BRIMFIELD
3. JOCKLOR

## ewe UNDER 1 YEAR WINTER BORN

1. BRIMFIELD
2. VALENCIA DOWNS
3. ROCKDALE

## PAIR OF EWES

1. SASIMWA
2. BRIMFIELD
3. HEDINGHAM

## RAM & PAIR OF EWES

1. BRIMFIELD
2. YANDA
3. SASIMWA

## PROGENY GROUP

1. BRIMFIELD
2. JOCKLOR
3. YANDA

# LAMBEX 2012

ALLAN PIGGOTT

**E**arly Wed 27th July, a bus left Roseworthy bound for the 2012 Lambex in Bendigo with a load of Mid North Young Guns. These enthusiastic young farmers were joined by a number of not so young White Suffolk Breeders and commercial producers.

The bus trip proved to be both informative and entertaining with Bruce Hancock and Nette Fischer organising a number of workshops and guest speakers on the bus, along with property visits and sheep inspections along the way.

The first morning of the conference commenced at 6.45 am with a Genomics breakfast workshop. Speakers were James Rowe, Rob Banks, Ben Hayes and Andrew Michael who spoke on recent genomic developments and the utilisation of this technology on the farm.

Over the 2 days, 600 delegates from across Australia heard numerous speakers on a range of topics, including what Australian and overseas supermarkets are saying about Australian lamb, the importance of feedback and holding the processor accountable, genetic fat and requirements for different classes of livestock, the latest eating quality science, the cost of curfewing lambs, along with posters from science graduates and farmer case studies.



The Friday morning session was particularly challenging with speakers discussing the constant scrutiny from animal welfare groups and the perceptions of the average urban dweller. Three speakers (including 2 from the US) referred to this as the achilles heel of sheep production.

Travellers along country roads have the ability to take photos and video with their phones and have it posted on the internet immediately. The sheep industry needs to develop strategies to grow a foundation of trusting consumers amidst the challenge of doubling food production.

Dr Rosie King (the renown sex therapist) concluded the program with an entertaining session titled "the secret to greater reproduction in the lamb industry".

To download the conference proceedings, go to [www.lambex.com.au](http://www.lambex.com.au)

Below: South Australians "On the Road to Lambex "



Below: Troy & Nette Fischer with Jason Trompf



**BUNDARA DOWNS**  
WHITE SUFFOLKS & POLL DORSETS



## WHITE SUFFOLK EWES SELL TO \$1000

**Mated White Suffolk stud ewes sold to \$1000 and 86 averaged \$528 at the Bundara Downs inaugural stud ewe sale at Western Flat, SA, on March 23.**

The Funke family's 19 year old White Suffolk stud conducts an annual spring ram sale and this was the first time they had offered stud ewes.

In addition to pedigree information, the comprehensive catalogue contained performance data on the sale sheep, the joining sires, and predicted EBVs on the lambs in utero as well as the number of lambs each ewe was carrying.

A sale highlight was the outstanding run of 2011 drop ewes that drew strong competition with 14 selling to a top of \$1000 and averaging \$636. This top price was paid by Lachie and Kylie McCrae, Somerset stud, Hamilton, Vic.

Buyers came from the Eyre Peninsula through to western Victoria with three volume buyers accounting for more than half the sales.

Ian and Sarah James, Iona stud, Henty, Vic, a regular buyer of Bundara Downs rams, paid an average \$500 for 16 ewes.

New stud breeder Rohan Hull, Streaky Bay, SA, who bought the Kattata Well stud 12 months ago, expanded his breeding flock with 15 ewes at an average \$510.

The other volume buyer was T Jorgensen from Nhill, Vic, who took home 14 ewes to a \$750 high.

Bundara Downs co-principal Steve Funke said he was delighted high profile studs were operating and it was a great opportunity to get Bundara Downs genetics out into the industry and the ewe sale could become a biennial event.

Agent was Elders with Laryn Gogel the auctioneer.



**Above:** Rohan Hull from Streaky Bay was the sale's volume buyer selecting 15 ewes for a \$510 average for his Kattata Well stud. He is pictured with Elders Tintinara territory sales manager David Whittenbury.

**Left:** Lachie McCrae, Somerset White Suffolk stud, Hamilton, Victoria, paid the \$1000 top price at Bundara Downs' inaugural White Suffolk mated stud ewe sale at Western Flat, SA. Pictured holding the 2011 drop ewe is stud principal Steve Funke.

## OJD MANAGEMENT CHANGES COMING

**A**ustralia's Ovine Johne's Disease (OJD) Management Plan finishes at the end of this year. An extensive review of the plan has been undertaken which identified improvements to assist producers to control and prevent OJD. The revised arrangements give sheep producers greater flexibility to manage their OJD risk. Producers will now gain credit for what they are actively doing to control and prevent the disease.

Ovine Johne's disease is a silent but costly disease. Sheep may look healthy but shed high numbers of bacteria and spread the infection before the disease becomes apparent. In infected flocks, OJD has a serious welfare and financial impact as it affects growth and production. Infected sheep can waste away and die.

### Program changes

From 1 January 2013 the national program will no longer use the existing High, Medium and Low Prevalence Areas.

Initially, all areas will default to Control Areas. Some regions will be able to become a Protected Area by demonstrating that their OJD prevalence is low, and that action is being taken to effectively control the disease and prevent it from entering their region.

The new arrangements will build on and recognise the achievements of areas that have successfully controlled the disease. Producers currently in a Low prevalence area who manage their OJD risk are well placed to attain protected status under the revised arrangements. Those in SheepMAP will not be affected.

Producers in Medium and High prevalence areas will be required to actively manage their disease risk to benefit from the new program. A revision of the Sheep Health Statement and ABC Scheme is being undertaken and any changes will be incorporated into the revised plan.

### About Control Areas

A Control Area is one where the disease is well established or where there is no regional approach

to preventing OJD. Initially, all regions will be Control Areas. Some regions will be able to gain Protected Area status by demonstrating that their OJD prevalence is low, and that action is being taken to effectively control the disease and prevent it from entering their area.

Sheep producers in Control Areas will need to manage their own risk, and there are a number of tools available to help. These include vaccination, flock testing, SheepMAP, grazing management and biosecurity measures such as using Sheep Health Statements when trading.

### About Protected Areas

A Protected Area is an area where the disease is not known to occur or is rare, and a regional biosecurity plan is in place to prevent, detect and control the disease. A region will need to be able to demonstrate that it has a low level of OJD and have a regional or group biosecurity plan in place that outlines the actions necessary to maintain that.

A regional/group biosecurity plan documents the agreed actions by farmers in a region to get and maintain protected status and maximise their commercial advantage. It will outline measures like conditions on sheep movements into the area, vaccination policy and response to disease detection. Guidelines for developing and submitting a plan will be available shortly.

Trading or moving sheep always carries an OJD risk and therefore you should always use a Sheep Health Statement to obtain the best information available. The risk of disease spread is greater when moving animals from a Control Area to a Protected Area so there will be minimum entry requirements set.

Producers should also be aware that sheep being sourced from regions where the disease is actively spreading can have a greater chance of carrying the disease than their ABC score indicates.

See [www.ojd.com.au](http://www.ojd.com.au) for further program details as they become available.

## HANDY HINTS:

All producers should:

- purchase sheep with a Sheep Health Statement identifying them as high assurance (low risk)
- maintain good on-farm biosecurity practices (see [www.farmbiosecurity.com.au](http://www.farmbiosecurity.com.au) for biosecurity tips)
- provide a Sheep Health Statement when selling sheep not for slaughter
- consider the benefits of vaccination
- start liaising with fellow producers, consultants, vets, and the state departments on preparing a Regional/Group Biosecurity Plan
- visit [www.ojd.com.au](http://www.ojd.com.au) for further information as it becomes available.

