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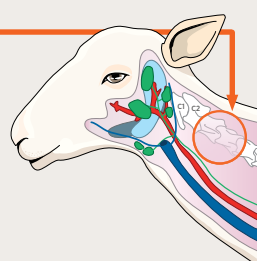
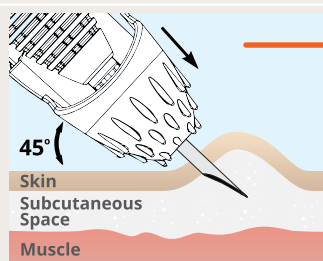
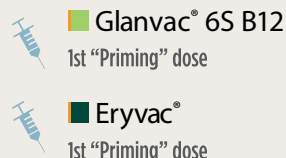
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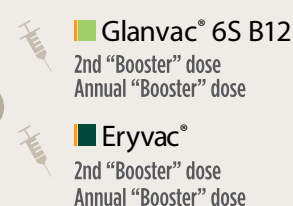


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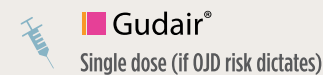
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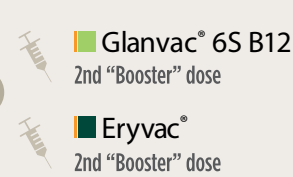
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



In an unexpected turn of events, I find myself back in this chair. It was with shock and great sadness that we received and accepted Geoff Davey's resignation from the role of President and APDA board member. Geoff has been a voice of experience and is always full of passion for the betterment of the Poll Dorset breed. We shall miss his straightforward nature, and his obvious compassion and concern for the members of the APDA.

The APDA board makeup has had a significant change since the AGM in September. Sascha Squiers (Dongadilling and Shirlee Downs, WA), a long serving board member and treasurer, has stepped down. Sascha's commitment to the role has been pivotal to the successful running of the association and we thank him for his contributions. Two APDA members have nominated for the vacant NSW seats (as per Rule 10. Casual Vacancy). We welcome Andrew Gillett (Wunnamurra, NSW), and George Carter (Linton, NSW) to the board and look forward to having them as a valuable member of the board.

It's been a few months of upheaval from lots of angles. The weather is very out of the ordinary, with floods and storms and snow and what seems like everything except a normal sort of springtime weather pattern. Our hearts go out to the flood affected communities of the Central West of NSW, particularly the townships of Eugowra and Forbes where homes and businesses have been inundated.

These communities are surrounded by lamb and grain production, and the flood water has destroyed thousands of acres of pasture, crops, fencing, roadways, and water and irrigation infrastructure. Our APDA members in the area have been moderately affected, but thankfully all are safe, and all livestock are accounted for.

The lamb industry continues to adjust to the external pressures that the agricultural industry is feeling. Labour shortages, increasing cost of production, consumer expectations are just some of the factors that we can't control. Some lamb producers have looked to control these variables through their choice of ewe base. It has been interesting to see the rebuild of the sheep flock after the drought, particularly in relation to the breed makeup of the prime lamb production ewe flock. There has been a definite turn towards shedding breeds, with lamb producers choosing to target a meat only production outcome. Where the Poll Dorset breed fits into this system is an important point to ponder. As a terminal sire in this system, we can have a massive influence on the lamb output, and if lambs are sold as suckers, still avoid shearing or wool management issues. The Poll Dorset's capacity to maximise growth rates with a high quality consistent carcase, can only enhance these terminal programs.

It is so important for our breed to constantly look to the future and consider our position within that landscape. A strong strategic outlook for our breed development, will ensure we remain highly relevant to the needs of the lamb producer.

A big congratulations to you all on a very successful ram sale season. Many on-property sales have broken their previous top price and average records, it is a real credit to the quality of stock on offer. It's great to see the confidence from prime lamb producers, choosing to use Poll Dorset genetics for their lamb production systems!

Isabele Roberts

PRESIDENT



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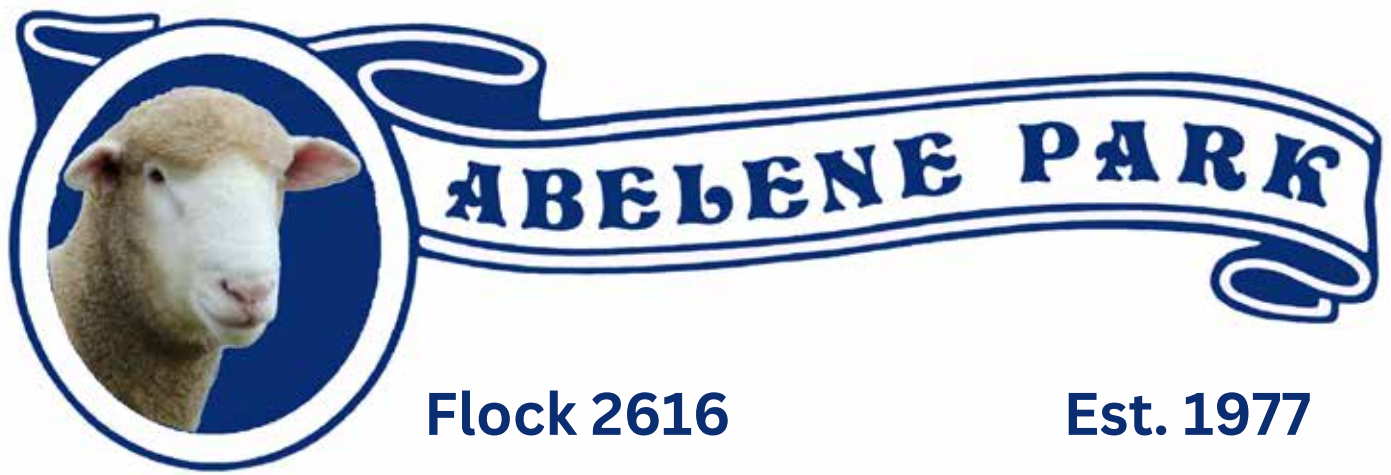
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On the front:

Champion of Champions ram Valley Vista 155-21 with judges Chris Marr, Geoff Davey, Sascha Squiers, WFI sponsor John Trainor, and Valley Vista's Joe and Andrew Scott.



Flock 2616

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AP164-21. Sire: AP185-18
Junior Champion Ram Bendigo Aust. and sold for equal top price of \$14,000 to the Glenore & Sunnybanks Studs.



AP36-21. Sire: 'Silk' AP228-19
Intermediate Champion Ram Bendigo Aust. & Cowra. Sold to the Englewood Park Stud for \$11,000



AP54-21. Sire: 'Silk' AP228-19
Reserve Intermediate Champion Ram Bendigo Aust. and sold to the Jenstan Stud for \$15,000.



AP2-21. Sire: 'Aldi' AP228-18
3rd Performance Class and sold to the Yentrac Stud for \$12,000.

Summer Ram and Ewe Sale



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Nundle Rd, Piallamore via
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Thursday, Feb 2 - 1.30PM

50 Poll Dorset Stud & Flock Rams

15 Poll Dorset Stud Ewes, Unjoined

interfaced with A+

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ACROSS THE PENS

At the August board meeting it was decided to offer members the opportunity to purchase pens with their stud name and/or website or contact information, the APDA would cover the set up costs with members only paying purchase price of the pens which is \$4.00 each. Minimum order per breeder is 50.



Board changes

Andrew Gillett and George Carter have both been appointed to the vacant NSW seats. Following the resignation of Sascha Squiers, George Carter has been appointed as Treasurer and more recently with the resignation of Geoff Davey, Isabele Roberts has been appointed President (Interim).

The board wish both Geoff and Sascha and their families all the very best for the future and thank them both for their contribution and dedication to the APDA.

Christmas and New Year

Many of you have experienced great hardship with the recent weather disasters that have occurred across the country – we wish you and your family all the very best and hope that the festive season is a good one for you all. While the physical office will be closed from December 26 to January 3, all staff will be monitoring emails during this time.



Marocara Poll Dorset suckers took out champion pen of lambs at the Narromine Show.



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We at Glenore would like to thank all our clients for their support throughout 2022 and wish you the best of luck for the season ahead. We hope you have a safe and joyful Christmas and New Year!

The Cain Family

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10 Stud rams sold to
\$4200 to average \$3040,
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to an average of \$1641

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AUGUST BOARD MINUTES

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Prince of Wales Showgrounds at the Australasian Championships and the August Board meeting was held at Sheep House, both on Sunday August 28th 2022.

Election of Office Bearers 2022/23

President – Geoff Davey

Vice President – Rod Davies

Finance-Treasurer – Sascha Squiers, Geoff Davey, Rod Davies, Tania King, Isabele Roberts

Administration and Planning – Chair Rod Davies, Laurie Fairclough, Tania King, James Frost

Promotions – Chair Isabele Roberts, Andrew Scott, Geoff Davey, Sascha Squiers, Andrew Gillett, Damon Coats

Flock Registration Committee – Chair Tania King, James Frost, Damon Coats

Research & Development – Chair Andrew Scott, Andrew Gillett, Sascha Squiers, Damon Coats, Isabele Roberts

Further changes have occurred since this meeting and they are detailed in Across the Pens.

Finance Report

The APDA has created a new subcommittee to work on our shares with Geoff Davey as Chair, Sascha Squiers and George Carter co-opted from the membership to trade shares on our behalf. Membership is up for the year and investments have also performed well compared to bank interest.

The following motion was carried –

“That George Carter trade shares on our behalf with Bell Direct”

“That dividends income from shares may be reinvested in shares or made available for general use in the association”

“That the share sub committee is authorised to invest up to \$5000 per annum.”

“That the Finance report be accepted”

Promotions Report

Alistair Sutherland provided his final report as Chair of Promotions and thanked all members of the office for their support to him during his tenure.

Meeting discussed that some regions have not spent their promotional funds and that Jamie Lee Oldfield may be able to assist the regions in using their promotional funds.

Meeting also discussed providing TSU guns to the regions for use amongst members.

Meeting also discussed the provision of pens for promotional purposes, information will be available in Across the Pens.

Flock Registration Report

The following motions were passed –

“That the database is upgraded to reflect that all rams in the four generation pedigree registered must contain an APDA registration number.”

The following applications and prefix changes were approved –

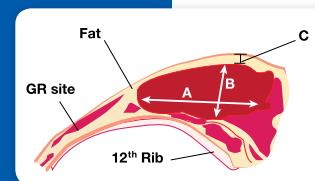
St Matthews School, Kevin Spencer (Leneva), Shannon and Lachlan Boyd (Canimbla), Haycock Family (Pinevilla) The Kings School, Harris Family. Peter and Sue Samwell (Ironstone Ridge) following an inspection and change of prefix from Whetona Park to Pineleigh.

General Business

It was moved that Andrew Gillett be offered a casual vacancy on the board.

Deregistered flocks

The meeting noted that there were 10 deregistered flocks at the time of publication of the 2022 Flock Book



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VICTORIAN LIFE MEMBERS



Wallace Binnie President of the Victorian State Committee presented Geoff Davey and Robert Grieve with life memberships to the Victorian State Committee at the Australasian Dorset Championships. Both Poll Dorset members have contributed to the Poll Dorsets breed over many years, and continue to do so, with Geoff a past Federal APDA president and Robert the current president of the Australasian Dorset Championships committee.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2022

FEB 24-26	Royal Canberra Show
MAR 10-11	Wagga Woolorama
APR 6-17	Sydney Royal Show
JUNE	NSW Dorset Championships - Cowra
JULY 14-16	Australian Sheep & Wool Show - Bendigo
AUG 6-7	Hamilton Sheepvention
AUG 12-20	Ekka Royal Queensland Show
AUG	Australasian Dorset Championships
SEP 2-10	Royal Adelaide Show
SEP 21-OCT 1	Royal Melbourne Show
SEP	Royal Perth Show
OCT 12	Royal Launceston Show
OCT 26	Royal Hobart Show



2023 SPRING RAM SALE

Wednesday 4th October

➤ The 2023 Spring Sale will feature a range of sires including first progeny of Warburn 59, Rangeview 007 & Mallee Park 36 sons.

Thankyou to all those who contributed to the success of our recent sale!

➤ 16 Selected rams sold to a top price top price of \$7,000 & averaged \$3281. 133 commercial rams averaged \$1977.

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Sheep Producers Australia welcomes Federal Budget Announcement

Sheep Producers Australia welcomes the announcement that the Australian Government is investing \$134.1 million into our biosecurity system to strengthen, protect and grow the agriculture sector.

Of that \$46 million will go to support national traceability reform, with \$20.1 million being allocated to support industry on-farm and off-farm traceability improvements, including the transition to a nationally harmonised individual electronic identification (eID) system for sheep and goats.

\$26.6 million has been allocated to support upgrades to the database systems and associated activities to ensure Australia's industry-led national livestock traceability systems remain fit for purpose into the future.

"National traceability reform will ensure that livestock traceability can evolve and meet future biosecurity and market access requirements as well as unlock productivity gains throughout the supply chain, securing a strong future for sheep producers both domestically and within our global markets," said Bonnie Skinner CEO SPA.

The \$12.3 million commitment to support our regional agricultural trade events promote the agricultural sectors and offers the sheep industry the opportunity to demonstrate and showcase the latest research, technology, and innovations both domestically and internationally.

"As the representative body for the sheep industry working to promote the interests and opportunities for sheep producers, SPA looks forward to collaborating with government and all relevant stakeholders to reinstate LambEx as the flagship biennial event for the sheep industry."

Global Methane Pledge

The red meat and livestock sector is proactively addressing emissions and is well advanced in achieving its target of being carbon neutral 2030

The Federal Government has confirmed that Australia's red meat and livestock industry will not be negatively impacted by its decision to sign Australia up to the Global Methane Pledge.

As part of this promise the government has ruled out introducing a methane tax or any other punitive measures or regulation that could harm the red meat industry or lead to a reduction in livestock numbers.

The government has also confirmed it will be a non-binding target that will complement and support industry's existing plans to be carbon neutral by 2030 (CN30).

"Over recent weeks the red meat and livestock industry has sought urgent assurances from the Federal Government that our sector would not be unfairly impacted by the global methane pledge," John McKillop, the Independent Chair of the Red Meat Advisory Council said.

Australian red meat and livestock industry is proactively addressing emissions and is well advanced in achieving its CN30 target. Industry's net emissions have reduced by almost 60% since 2005, representing by far the greatest reduction by any sector of Australia's economy."

"Most of the red meat industry's reductions to date have been via carbon storage in vegetation and increased efficiency. It is expected that much of the remaining net emissions reductions will be reductions in methane, which requires ongoing investment in research, development and adoption."

"The government can continue to help the red meat industry reduce methane emissions by funding activities aimed at fast-tracking commercialisation of methane reducing feed additives, helping producers commence emissions accounting for their farm businesses and development of emissions reduction fund methodologies and other incentives for adoption of novel feed additives, and future innovations."

Long-range forecast overview

December to February rainfall is likely (greater than 60% chance) to be above median for large parts of Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, and eastern Tasmania. Northern Queensland has at least twice the average chance of unusually high rainfall. Below median rainfall is likely for large parts of Western Australia and the western Top End.

December to February maximum temperatures are likely (greater than 60% chance) to be warmer than median for Tasmania, and most of western and central Australia. Below median temperatures are likely (greater than 60% chance) for south-eastern parts of Queensland, central and eastern New South Wales, and parts of Victoria.

December to February minimum temperatures are likely to very likely (60% to greater than 80% chance) to be warmer than median for much of Australia, except for the north-west coast and Southern Interior of Western Australia, and the Northern Tablelands of New South Wales extending into southern parts of Queensland.

Ramming Home a Record Run for Sheep Stud Sales

With another busy stud season well underway, the confidence and strength of the sheep and lamb industry has once again been highlighted, with the August and September period seeing 21,216 rams offered across 268 sales on AuctionsPlus.

The 2022 spring selling season has so far showcased the continued optimism in the industry with seven out of nine breeds averaging higher on last year, topped off by record prices and 22% of sales achieving averages higher on last year.

Bearing in mind that over half of booked in ram sales were still to come, AuctionsPlus has investigated sale results to provide a three-quarter state-of-play for the season, which has highlighted the continued confidence in the sheep industry, off the back of favourable seasonal conditions and increased demand for lamb, setting the stage for persistent high prices.

Breaking down spring sales by breed over the August to September period, the standout breed has been Poll Dorset, with average ram prices increasing 77% from the same period last year at \$3,930/head. Another breed highlight has been Border Leicester, up 19% on last year to sit at \$3,973/head.

The consistent performers, Merino and Poll Merino have topped last year's strong results, with offerings dominating this year's spring sales. Poll Merino rams have comprised 34% of the offering to-date, with 7,183 head, while 3,854 Merino rams have been offered, contributing 18% of all rams. The solid Merino and Poll Merino offering has been reflected in prices, with Merinos averaging \$3,372/head – up \$169, while Poll Merino's are currently averaging \$2,960/head – increasing \$123 year-on-year.

The Australian White breed continues to top the record books with Tattykeels 9th Annual sale breaking their record set from last year for a meat breed ram at \$240,000. The records haven't stopped at Australian Whites, with Kerin Poll's annual sale breaking the record sale gross for the Merino industry with 519 lots grossing 2.137 million.

SALE & RESULTS

Australian Dorset Championships sale:

Sold Valley Vista 79-21 for equal top of \$14,000 purchased by Alan Ireland, Bygo stud, Tullibigeal. Averaged \$9333 for 3 rams offered and sold.

19th on-property sale:

Topped at \$10,000, averaged \$2175 for 111 rams.

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- Supreme Exhibit
NSW Dorset Championships
- Supreme Exhibit Australasian
Dorset Championships

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CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS EWE



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- Grand Champion Ewe NSW
Dorset Championships
- Supreme Exhibit Australian
Sheep & Wool Show

It's been a great year across the show and sale front at Valley Vista. We would like to take the time to thank our clients for their continued support throughout the year and wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.



New season lamb supply lags behind 2021 as prices hold firm

Courtesy of Ripley Atkinson, MLA

New season lamb prices are operating 19% (or \$29/head) higher than the five-year average.

Most states are experiencing mixed demand, with wet weather hampering ability of stock to be sent to market.

A rollover of new season lambs into 2023 is looking increasingly likely as lambs are held back from sale.

From August to the end of October, national supply of new season lambs operated 42 per cent (or 433,000 head) lower than the same timeframe in 2021.

Average prices at a national level are also back by \$30/head or 14% compared to August–November 2021.

Although prices have softened, processor buyers continue to prioritise and demand heavy, well-finished lambs. Competition for these articles has continued to remain intense, supporting strong heavy lamb prices across most markets.

Compared to the longer term, five-year average price of \$163, first week of November prices in NSW were 17% or \$28/head higher.

The corresponding weekly price in Victoria was operating 23% or \$34/head higher than the five-year average.

Compared to the five-year average of \$139, the lamb price in SA was higher by \$30 or \$42/head, while WA bucked the trend of lower prices recorded across most other states – with its average price improving 15% or \$13 to reach \$97/head.

New season lamb prices in the west were operating 12% or \$13 softer compared to the long-term average of \$110/head, as processors continue to struggle with workforce and labour challenges to process large volumes of new season lambs, reducing demand at the saleyards.

The theme of quality finish and weight are the major determining factors of price performance for the new season lambs.

While supply compared to 12 months ago is significantly lower, the expectation for the 2022 cohort of lambs to be held back from sale and offered to market in the first half of 2023 continues to look more and more likely.

These will be important considerations for producers when choosing to market lambs and the lambs capacity to add weight and finish in the face of wet conditions impacting their performance.

The week commencing November 7 overall sheep yardings increased 60% week-on-week with lamb yardings improving 50%.

The young lamb offerings moving through the saleyards increased 93% week-on-week after particularly low yardings from previous week's wet conditions.

Wagga Wagga had record yardings that week at 80,650 head, nearly double the yardings from the previous week.

Wetter conditions from the previous few weeks created a back log of stock that were finished and ready for sale.

With more wet weather forecast, getting stock to sale was more pressing.

Holy Sheep! Largest Commercial Sheep and Lamb Listing for 2022

Courtesy of Emma Fessey, AuctionsPlus

A 74% rise in AuctionsPlus sheep and lamb listings on the week commencing 14 November delivered the largest commercial offering so far in 2022, with a total of 147,304 head catalogued across Tuesday sales.

Held across four sales, the offering, which was the largest since the 21st December 2021, saw the large increase in numbers driven by new season lambs in Victoria and SA.

Top listing regions include Southwestern Victoria (21,682 head), followed by Central Western NSW (14,960 head) and Lower Southeast SA (14,143 head).

The National Lamb Sales offered just shy of six figures, with a total of 94,474 head across 272 lots, broken across two separate sales.

Mixed sex lambs accounted for most of the lamb offering, with 47,307 head, while ewe and wether lambs account for 16% (14,827 head) and 34% (32,340 head), respectively.

The National Sheep Sales offered a total of 52,830 head across 304 lots.

Unjoined ewes and hoggets accounted for 67% of the sheep offering, while station mated stock accounted for 18% across the National Sheep Sales.



Tamworth Spring Lamb Show and Sale where Emily and Murray Stirling, Wheatacres Partnership won the Jason Goodwin memorial trophy for the Grand Champion pen with some Abelene Park sired Poll Dorsets.



**TOP PRICE - \$17,000 - LOT 2
GILMOUR STATION POLL DORSET**



**\$12,000 - LOT 5
GOWAN BRAE**



**\$10,000 - LOT 1
MARYVALE PASTORAL**



**\$10,000 - LOT 3
AVONDALE POLL DORSETS**



**\$9,000 - LOT 9
KIRRAWEEENA GLENHOLME**

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**2022 Ram Sale Results:
218/218 Rams sold to \$17,000 and avg. \$3,587**



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YOUTH YARNS - ON THE SHOW FLOOR



Erica Hammond, Finley High School, with the champion interbreed ram from the Royal Melbourne Show



Stella, Danika, Jorja & Zarah Squiers of Shirlee Downs stud with the champion ewe at the Perth Royal. Pictured with judge Gordon Close.



Alice (right) and Harry Frost, Hillden stud, Bannister, were first and second in the under 13 junior judging at the Australian Dorset Championships.



A pair of rams at the Perth Royal held by Travis Sutherland and Koltyn Tholstrup of WA College of Agriculture - Cunderdin



Champion Ram Lamb at the Australian Dorset Championships exhibited by Harry Frost, Hillden Poll Dorsets, and pictured with associate judge Sam Williams and judge Chris Marr.



The 13-18 year old junior handling class at the Australian Dorset Championships, won by Jacey Ferguson. Second was Zac Scott, third Sam Williams, and fourth Chelsea Wilkinson.

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Ulandi Park 547-21

SOLD \$23,500 to Kreeside Stud, Mt Torrens SA

2022 Ulandi Park On Property Sale Summary
29 Feature Rams- Top \$23,500 - Average \$4796
116 Flock Rams - Top \$3400 - Average \$1676

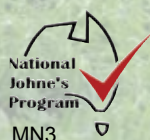
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EIDs for sheep and goats set to be mandatory nationwide by 2025

Courtesy of Kristen Frost, Australian Community Media

Government and industry have set a tight timeframe, with January 1, 2025 the proposed implementation date.

Currently, sheep and goats are only identified visually by a mob based system except for Victoria who introduced electronic tagging in 2016.

The rush for electronic tags for sheep and goats came after the increased threat of FMD and lumpy skin disease entering the country when they were identified in Indonesia in May.

In July the NSW government threw its support behind the urgent development of eIDs for sheep and goats while other state agricultural ministers agreed "in principle" to work on a national approach to adopting an electronic livestock tracing scheme.

At a follow-up meeting in September, despite some previous push-back from wary state governments, a major traceability reform led by the Albanese government was agreed to with the 2025 target.

The agreement specifically highlights sheep and goats and said any scheme needs to be "practical to implement, industry-led and cost-efficient".

The compulsory tags are intended to assist the traceability of all susceptible livestock in the event of a local disease outbreak, and swiftly.

EIDs allow scanners to record an animal's presence at certain locations and identify other livestock with which it came into contact, speeding up the time it takes authorities to track those infected with a disease.

Studies have estimated more than \$50 million in economic losses over a 10-year period if a medium to large scale FMD outbreak were to occur in Australia.

However, criticism and backlash is anticipated from industry concerning the implementation of any compulsory sheep eIDs.

One hurdle will be the cost and challenge of fixing electronic ear tags to the nation's 68 million-strong and growing sheep flock.

Livestock SA moves to next stage in consultation

Courtesy of Sheep Central

Livestock SA said its whole-of-industry Sheep and Goat Traceability Steering Committee has moved into its next phase as industry consultation on the mandatory implementation of national individual identification for sheep and goats gets underway.

Livestock SA president Joe Keynes said the steering committee had completed two scoping meetings and has met with the consultant appointed to undertake the business case, ACIL Allen, to ensure the industry consultation process gathers the right information.

"ACIL Allen will engage with sheep and goat producers, agents, accumulators, feedlots, processors, and saleyards to ensure the issues that will be encountered by different groups are identified, considered and factored into any changes to current sheep and goat traceability processes.

"For some in the supply chain it will be a relatively simple change in tag type or scanning process, while for others such as saleyards we expect there to be more substantial infrastructure costs incurred," he said.

"The steering committee and Livestock SA have heard producers' concerns regarding exemptions for lambs that are vendor bred direct to slaughter, and rangelands goats and we are working through each of these scenarios for our state.

"We have also heard there will be additional costs through the supply chain, so we need to look for the best way to deal with these costs because ultimately the cost of not meeting national traceability standards is a greater risk to the future profitability, market access and emergency animal preparedness for our industry," Mr Keynes said.

"While this work needs to fit into a nationally harmonised system, we are focused on making sure any overarching national traceability recommendations suit our state's supply chain.

"We need as many people as possible from the supply chain that will be impacted to complete this survey."

NSW eID Sheep and Goat Reference Group

The NSW eID Sheep and Goat Reference Group comprising key industry representatives has been formed to ensure stakeholders have a say in the development of an eID system for sheep and goats.

The group includes producers, business operators and peak industry and government bodies from across Australia.

At their meeting on 14 November 2022, the Reference Group were in Victoria on the study tour of sectors where a mandatory sheep and goat eID system is already in place.

As well as receiving their regular update on progress at a national level to transition to mandatory eIDs for sheep and goats, they received a presentation from NSW DPI on the webinar series that ran in November and feedback received from attendees.

They also received a presentation from Integrity Systems regarding the National Livestock Systems, eNVD and Livestock Production Assurance.

They have now agreed on the draft implementation plan timeline.

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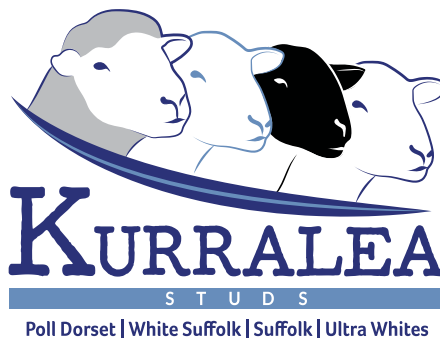


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Floods impact producers across the east

Continued rainfall and extreme weather has resulted in flooding and waterlogged farms across the east coast.

A survey of the state's flood-affected farmers in NSW has found significant losses across many regions, leading to massive costs as most of the damage is uninsurable.

More than two-thirds of respondents to the NSW Farmers Flood Impacts survey were experiencing flooding for their second year in a row.

NSW Farmers President Xavier Martin said the financial impact was set to be enormous, with harvesting efforts delayed by several weeks as floodwater continued to wreak havoc on roads and paddocks.

"We know these farms are homes, not just workplaces, and having to deal with the uncertainty, stress and anxiety of living through this ongoing cycle of natural disasters is challenging.

"When you consider farming has been a pretty expensive operation over the past year, and now so much of the food and fibre we have grown has been destroyed or damaged, it's really tough from both a personal and a business standpoint."

More than half of the state's local government areas were subject to natural disaster declarations after intense rain and flooding, and most roads were either heavily potholed or closed in parts.

This was having a major impact not only on the movement of trucks and machinery, but also people trying to get about their communities.

Mr Martin said many respondents reported on-farm roads, fences, bridges and culverts would also need to be replaced, with many estimating initial repair bills upwards of \$100,000.

"Unfortunately this disaster is not over yet, but we know this year will go down in history not just as one of the worst widespread flooding events we've seen," Mr Martin said.

"A lot of this flood damage cannot be insured against, and we'll be feeling the impact well into next year in terms of missing the summer sowing window because the ground is still so wet.

"With so many people reporting increased stress and mental health impacts, I'd urge everyone to keep in touch with neighbours. Wellbeing and health support is available, so don't struggle through this on your own."

The Victorian state government estimates about 12,000 farming properties have been affected and that 5,000 kilometres of fencing has been damaged and 50,000 tonnes of hay or silage destroyed.

National Farmers Federation president Fiona Simson said the impact would be felt by many.

"These losses are significant and much of the damage isn't covered by insurance. We are now also facing serious supply chain issues that will further exacerbate the pain our sector is feeling."

- Recovery grants in NSW are available up to \$75,000 for primary producers.
- Victoria's Primary Producer Flood Relief Program has a one-off \$10,000 payment and Primary Producer Recovery Grants grants of up to \$75,000
- Australian Government National Emergency Management Agency host an interactive map on disaster-affected Local Government Areas, including relief and recovery support here: <https://nema.gov.au/data>.

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Sheep meat: September quarter 2022

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- Sheep saleyard prices forecast to fall but remain historically high.
- Saleyard demand from processors to remain strong but farm purchases of restocking animals to fall.
- Favourable seasonal conditions continuing to support producers' intentions for finishing lambs quickly.

In 2022–23, the value of Australian sheep meat production is forecast to fall by 7% to \$4.4 billion due to falling saleyard prices. Strong international demand for Australian sheep meat is expected to sustain high saleyard demand for finished animals, but demand from graziers for restocking animals is expected to fall. The supply of sheep and finished lambs in saleyards is expected to further increase, supported by higher numbers of ewes mated in the first half of 2022 and continuing favourable growing conditions over spring, as forecast by the Bureau of Meteorology.

The value of Australian sheep meat exports in 2022–23 is forecast to fall by 3% to \$4.4 billion, due to falling lamb and mutton prices offsetting an overall increase in export volumes. Export prices are expected to fall from record levels reached in 2021–22 although remain high, supported by continuing strong demand from the United States and China. Constrained supply of sheep meat from New Zealand due to unfavourable spring and summer conditions is also expected to support Australian exports.

In the United States, retail prices of meat are expected to remain elevated due to the high input costs confronting US meat supply chains, including the costs of feed grains, energy, and labour. This will continue to support the price competitiveness of imported meat products in the United States and flow through to benefit Australian exporters.

In China, demand for imported sheep meat is expected to fall. Slowing economic growth is expected to drag on household spending and cause consumers to be more price conscious on expensive purchases such as sheep meat. Dry conditions in China's northwest provinces are also likely to result in destocking of sheep that result in a short-term increase in China's domestic sheep meat production. The share of imported meat in overall consumption is also expected to fall due to the greater availability and cheaper prices of pork in China. This comes as the Chinese pig industry continues to improve on containing outbreaks of African Swine Fever. Domestic consolidations and vertical integrations are providing further productivity benefits along Chinese pork value chains. The expected increase in Chinese pork production will be limited by the high cost of feed grains in the short term. However, the Chinese Government is diversifying its import sources with the aim of lowering the cost for their domestic industries over the longer term, including taking steps to review protocols for importing corn from Brazil.

The saleyard price of sheep in 2022–23 is forecast to decrease by 17% to 503c/kg largely due to a fall in restocking demand. This comes as two consecutive years of flock rebuilding in the eastern states have contributed to a higher population of ewes on farms and reduced the need for most producers to purchase from saleyards. Demand for finished sheep from processors is expected to remain consistent due to strong export returns,

but overall slaughter will likely be capped by constrained labour availability and high energy-related processing costs confronting abattoirs. There will also likely be limits to sheep turnoff on farms as producers continue to rebuild their core flock and place priority on finishing lambs quickly.

The saleyard price of lamb is forecast to fall by 16% in 2022–23 to average 700c/kg because more finished lambs are expected to be sold. Ample availability of pastures during autumn of 2022 has maintained high joining rates based off a higher population of ewes rebuilt over the last two years. In addition, favourable seasonal conditions expected over spring will further sustain high pasture growth in grazing regions. These factors are contributing to forecasts of high lambing rates and marking rates which will boost the lamb crop this season. The low costs of finishing a lamb and further strong demand from processors are expected to see an increasing supply of trade lambs in saleyards.

High inflation in the United States and slowing economic growth in China cast greater uncertainty over international demand for Australian sheep meat exports in the short term. These downside risks could quickly translate to reduced saleyard demand for finished animals, placing further downward pressures on sheep and lamb prices.

On the other hand, an easing of lockdowns in China could provide some temporary increases in international demand as restaurants re-open and eating out increases in the country. The confidence of Chinese consumers affected by the containment of COVID-19 and unfolding economic prospects will be important for determining their spending decisions.

National trade lamb and mutton prices, 2012–13 to 2022–23



Prime Lamb Competition at Young Show, where Grand Champion Pen was taken out by Matt Reid from Rowallan Poll Dorsets, Bendick Murrell, NSW

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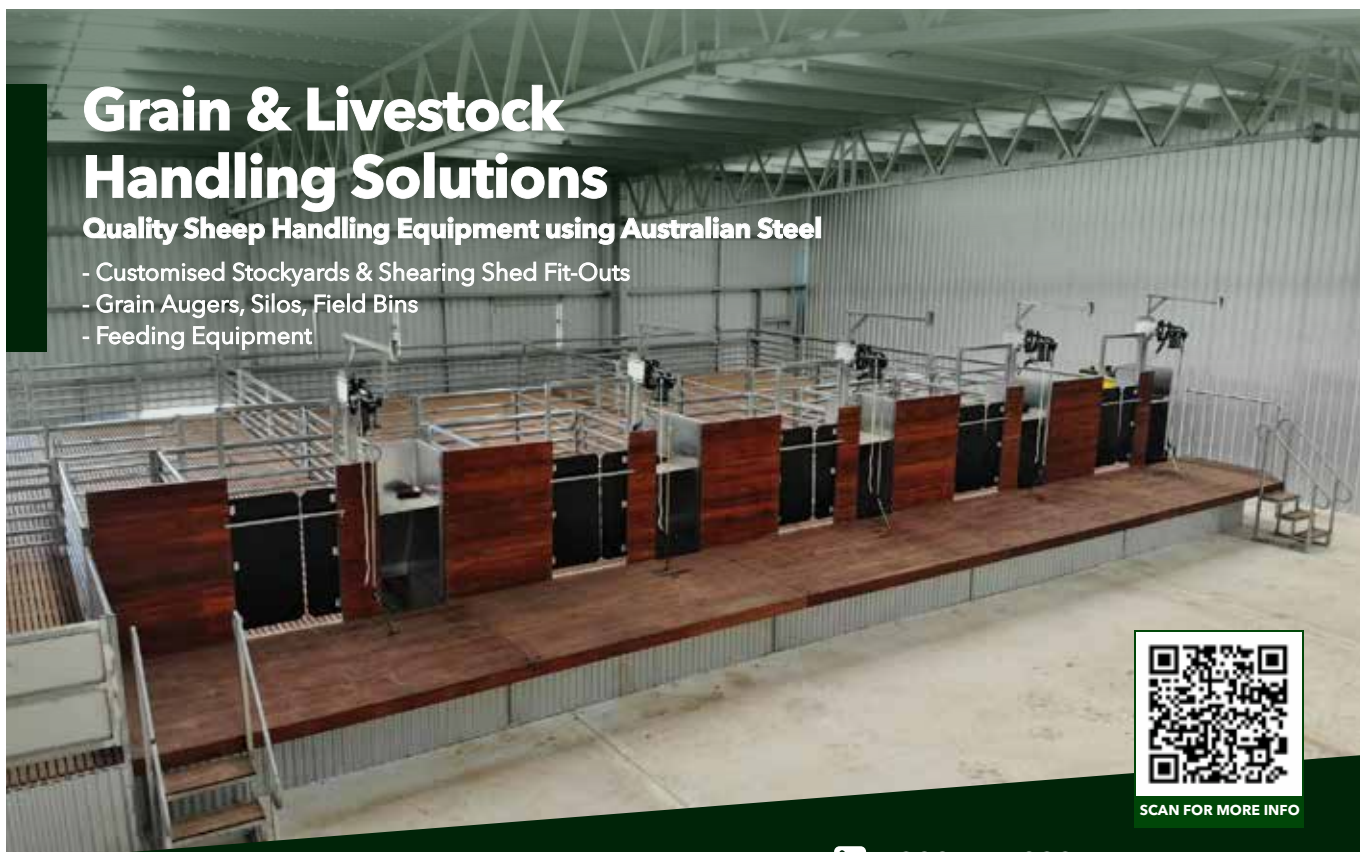
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Hugh Thackeray said rapid growth and finishing ability was the main focus for their lamb enterprise, which runs alongside a self-replacing Merino flock and a cropping operation.

"You get as many as you possibly can on the ground and get them off as quick as possible," he said.

Hugh farms with wife Carmen and his parents Richard and Jenny, joining 2000 first-cross ewes to Poll Dorset rams on their home property, and for the first time this season 1200 Merino ewes to Poll Dorsets on an adjoining lease block.

They generally sell between 80 and 90 per cent of their second-cross lambs straight off mum direct to processors, with the handful left over sold as store lambs, also without weaning or shearing.

"We turn everything off by summer so we are only holding breeding ewes over, and we try to sell everything, regardless of age or quality, direct, and if it can't go direct it goes on AuctionsPlus," Hugh said.

"With the new Merino-Poll Dorset enterprise we will get a portion to killable weight and the remainder sold to a restocker type job.

"It's important to know your cost of production, know where

you are achieving a certain profit margin, and also not trying to do everything."

By this Hugh is referring to the fact their operation won't feed or grow out lambs to heavy domestic or export weights once they are weaned while there are others out there specifically set up to do just that.

"We've also got 1500ha of cropping so if you spend too much time on one enterprise you miss out on the other one."

The family has a long standing relationship with Poll Dorsets, Hugh said, having used them as their terminal sires for two generations, sourcing them from the same local stud the entire time.

Rams are selected on muscle, fat and early growth, with recent purchases for the Merino flock also taking birth weight into account.

Hugh said they were getting the flow on effects of the investment being put into the breeding of the Poll Dorset rams they purchase.

"About five to six years ago I changed from buying average priced rams at the sale to buying in the top 10 per cent and paying above the average, and it has paid dividends in turning suckers off much quicker than we were before," Hugh said.

"Everything has got to be sustainable, it is not just about getting the highest prices, we want to get high numbers off and look after the place to do it again next year."

Why else do they stick to Poll Dorset sires for the best prime lambs?

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Valley Vista tops Australasian Dorset Championships

The Australasian Dorset Championships returned to Bendigo, Victoria, for the first time in three years, drawing exhibitors from four states.

But it was a stud from NSW who took out the show's top gong, and went on to take a clean sweep of the Champion of Champions competition.

A ram from Valley Vista Poll Dorsets, Coolac, was sashed supreme exhibit of the show after being selected as senior and then grand champion ram by judge Chris Marr, Geredan stud, Gooloogong, NSW.

Valley Vista 155-21 was an April 2021-drop ram by Hilden 110-19 and had previously won supreme exhibit at the NSW Dorset Championships.

It weighed in at 151kg with a muscle depth of 60mm, muscle width of 114 and 13mm of fat.

The ram beat out its stablemate in Valley Vista 210003 for the senior ram championships, before beating out the intermediate and junior champion rams - both from Abelene Park stud, Woolmin - for the grand.

"He's a lovely smooth ram with a beautiful carcase that parades very well," Mr Marr said.

The ram then went up against the grand champion ewe - also from Valley Vista - as well as the champion lamb and grand champion Dorset Horn for supreme.

Valley Vista's grand champion ewe, 151-21, was also by AI sire Hilden 110-19, and the judge said it showed "sheer dominance".

"The muscling ability, the bone, the outlook...I think she has a huge future in front of her breeding wise," Mr Marr said.

Reserve champion ewe went to Faraday Park, Penguin, Tas, and was described by the judge as being "lovely and feminine, smooth through that front end, and has a lovely outlook on her".

The ewe had previously been champion ewe at Campbelltown Show and went on to compete in the Champion of Champions.

Abelene Park were awarded the intermediate champion and reserve intermediate champion ram ribbons, as well as the junior champion and reserve junior champion ram accolades.

Their junior champion ram was AP 164-21, which went on to sell for a sale topping \$14,000 the following day, and intermediate champion was AP 36-21, which sold for \$11,000.

Reserve junior champion AP 169-21 will be sold at the stud's on-property sale.

What stood out to Abelene Park principal Marshall Douglas was that "of our four broadribbon rams they were by three different sires, but they were all still showing that Abelene Park type - smooth shouldered, long bodied, well muscled rams.

Blauvelt stud, Coimadai, had plenty of success in the lamb classes, including grand champion lamb with their champion ewe lamb Blauvelt 22-01, and reserve champion ewe lamb, Blauvelt 22-10.

Champion ram lamb was from Hilden stud, Bannister, NSW,

Champion of Champions

After being held for the first time in 2019, the WFI Champion of Champions Ram competition also returned to Bendigo this year.

And it was expanded to include the Champion of Champions Ewe competition, sponsored by D&M McKinnon.

Having won supreme exhibit of the Australasian Dorset Championships, Valley Vista Poll Dorsets, Coolac, went on to make it a clean sweep by winning the Champion of Champions ram and Champion of Champions ewe competitions.

The Champion of Champions competition was created to bring the best of the Poll Dorset breed from across the country together on one show floor, with rams and ewes which had won grand champion accolades at major shows during the previous 12 months eligible to compete.

It was Valley Vista's supreme exhibit from the weekend's show - Valley Vista 155-21 - which topped the ram section.

The ram had also been awarded supreme exhibit at the NSW Dorset Championships in June, making it twice eligible to compete.

Also competing for the ram sash was Killara stud, Sorrell, Tasmania; Springwaters, Boorowa, NSW; Rangeview, Pipers Creek, Tas; Konongwootong, Konongwootong, Vic; and Bright Side, Purnim, Vic.

And while Valley Vista's grand champion ewe from the Australasian Dorset Championships did compete in the Champion of Champions ewe competition, it was their supreme exhibit from the Australian Sheep and Wool Show - Valley Vista 10-21 - which was sashed the winner.

Also in the ewe class was the supreme exhibit from Sheepvention exhibited by Derby Downs, Marong, and the grand champion ewes from the Campbelltown Show (Faraday Park, Penguin, Tas) and Victorian Sheep Show (Glenore, Carisbrook).

The competition was judged by Chris Marr, Geredan stud, Gooloogong, Sascha Squires, Shirlee Downs stud, Quairading, WA, and Geoff Davey, Geejay stud, Kerang, Vic.

ADC Stud Ram Sale

Stud buyers were selective, but weren't afraid to pay for the rams they were chasing at the Australasian Dorset Championships sale held at Bendigo, Victoria, on Sunday. Of the 47 lots offered, 33 sold to a top price of \$14,000 twice, and an average of \$6393. Reaching the sale high first was Abelene Park 164-21, offered by the Douglas family, Woolomin. The ram was awarded the junior champion ram at the previous day's show, and was entered as a wildcard in the auction. It was purchased by Glenore stud, Carisbrook, in conjunction with Sunnybanks, Penguin, Tas. Sunnybanks principal Paul Day said they selected the ram for "his length and structural correctness". Abelene Park also offered their intermediate champion ram AP 36-21, which sold for \$11,000 to Englewood Park, Inverleigh, Vic, and a third ram AP 2-21 to Yentrac, Burrumbeet, Vic, at \$12,000. They sold all four rams offered for an average of \$10,750. Also selling for the equal sale top of \$14,000 was Valley Vista 79-21, purchased by Alan Ireland, Bygo stud, Tullibigeal. Valley Vista sold a second ram, VV79-21, at \$10,000 and a third for \$4000, averaging \$9333 for their three. Rene stud, Culcairn, sold Rene 898-21 for \$11,000 to Morton Poll Dorsets, Lucindale, SA, and Rene 642-21 for \$10,000, also headed to SA, purchased by Gowan Brae Poll Dorsets, Millicent. Rangeview Park, Pipers River, Tas, also sold a ram for \$11,000.

AROUND THE SHOWS



Australasian Dorset Championships supreme exhibit Valley Vista 155-21 with principal Andrew Scott, sponsor Struan Pearce, studstocksales.com, and Joe Scott.



Valley Vista's \$14,000 ram with principal Andrew Scott, Coolac, buyer Alan Ireland, Bygo stud, Tullibigeal, and Sally Scott.



Patrick Flanagan, Blauvelt Poll Dorsets, Coimadai, with the champion ewe lamb.



Abelene Park sold their junior champion ram for a sale equal-top price of \$14,000 to Glenore and Sunnybanks stud. Pictured is Peter and Charlotte Cain, Glenore, Carisbrook, Vic, and Paul Day, Sunnybanks, Penguin, Tas.



Champion of Champions ewe Valley Vista 10-21 with sponsor Don McKinnon and principal Andrew Scott



Reserve champion ewe from Faraday Park, Penguin, Tas, held by Connor Day, judges Chris Marr and Sam Williams, and champion ewe from Valley Vista, Coolac, held by Joe Scott.

Squiers family win reserve ram and ewe in Perth interbreed

Courtesy of Jodie Rintoul, Farm Weekly

With 470 sheep in the shed from 36 studs, representing 14 breeds, it wasn't going to be an easy task for the judges to settle on their interbreed supreme meat breeds champion exhibit at the Perth Royal.

Standing in reserve in the ram and ewe interbreed classes were Poll Dorsets from the Squiers family's Shirlee Downs and Dongadilling studs, Quairading.

The interbreed reserve grand champion meat breeds ram ribbon went to a sire from the family's Dongadilling stud, which finished on 14 points.

Judge Gordon Close, Closeup studs, Finley, NSW, who had judged earlier in the Poll Dorset judging ring, said it was an upstanding, structurally sound, with a great carcase ram.

"His meat quality is unbelievable, his muscle expression down his back leg really stood out," Mr Close said.

"He also has great neck extension, a good Poll Dorset head and is up on his feet".

The ram was in the interbreed competition after first winning its class for ram under 1.5 years born after April 1, 2021, ahead of five other rams and then being sashed the champion Poll Dorset ram.

The 133kg ram is by Ivadene 170139 and out of Dongadilling 170381 and when scanned two weeks ago it had scans of 48mm EMD and 7.1mm fat.

When it came to the interbreed reserve grand champion meat breeds ewe ribbon, it was a ewe from the Squiers family's Shirlee Downs stud that took it home after finishing on 12 points.

Judge Rivers Hyde, Kohat stud, Ongerup, WA, said the Shirlee Downs ewe was correct and a good Poll Dorset type.

"She is a good carcase ewe with a good length of body," Mr Hyde said.

Prior to standing in the interbreed judging the Shirlee Downs ewe won grand champion Poll Dorset and champion Poll Dorset ewe.

At this point Mr Close said the ewe had beautiful neck extension, perfect shoulders and beautiful meat down the rump.

"She is certainly ready to go out in the paddock and do her job," he said.

The April 2021-drop ewe is by Ivadene 170139 and out of Shirlee Downs 170152.

After missing out on top spot in the single interbreed classes the Squiers family went one better in the prestigious interbreed group class for three rams under 1.5 years when a team of Poll Dorsets from their Shirlee Downs stud shone through to take top honours after finishing on nine points.

Judge Adrian Veitch, Kaya Dorper and White Dorper studs, Narrogin, WA, said the Shirlee Downs Poll Dorset team was very even.

"They are three structurally correct rams, with good muscling and stretch," Mr Veitch said.

"They are like peas in a pod and a very good representation of the Poll Dorset breed."

Two of the rams in the team were by Ivadene 170139 and one was by Shirlee Downs 190135, which is a son of Ivadene 170139.

At the show's All Breeds Ram and Ewe Sale four Poll Dorset studs offered 16 rams and sold 12 at an average of \$4667 and to a top of \$7000.

Leading the way in the run and selling the \$7000 top-priced sire was the Levett family's Tipperary stud, Walkaway.

The thick, well-muscled ram was purchased by Rob Frohling, Aberdeen stud, Burrumbuttock, NSW, who operated on AuctionsPlus.

"He has both good eye appeal and a good set of figures," Mr Frohling said.

"He has good size and scale but still has a very good carcase and meat where it is needed

The ram is a son of Bundara Downs 170180.

All up the three Tipperary rams offered and sold averaged \$5733.

The Squiers family's Shirlee Downs stud offered eight rams and sold six at an average of \$4633.

They claimed the second top price in the run when they sold an Ivadene 170139 son, which was of their winning interbreed group of three rams, for \$6600.

The upstanding, well-muscled sire was purchased by the Pearce family, Orrvale stud, Kojonup, WA, with the assistance of Nutrien Livestock, Kojonup agent Troy Hornby.

When it came to the Squiers family's Dongadilling stud, they offered four rams from this stable and sold two under the hammer to a top of \$6000 and an average of \$4500.

Achieving the stud's \$6000 top price was its interbreed reserve grand champion meat breeds ram when it sold to the Lawrence family, Canternatting stud, Southern Brook, WA.



The Squiers family's Shirlee Downs Poll Dorset stud, Quairading, was the winner of the interbreed group class for three rams under 1.5 years.

Shirlee Downs claim Governor's Cup

Courtesy of Wendy Gould, Farm Weekly

The Squiers family, Shirlee Downs stud, Quairading, claimed its 10th Governor's Cup award at this year's Perth Royal Show, with eight of those in succession.

The Governor's Cup is awarded to the exhibitor with the most points in livestock exhibits including sheep, cattle, horses, goats and alpacas and rewards both excellence and consistency, while also promoting the quest for higher standards.

The Squiers' area of excellence is in sheep breeding and this year's win puts them one off the record of 11 wins held by AW Padbury.

Stud co-principal Chris Squiers said it had been a real team effort in getting their 64 head of sheep, including 25 lambs, into the show ring at the 2022 Perth Royal Show.

This included his wife Fay, sons Adrian and Sascha, their wives Kylie and Kelsie, five grandchildren and help from their workmen.



Dongadilling co-principal Chris Squiers, Quairading, holds the champion Poll Dorset ram exhibited by the Squiers family's Dongadilling stud. With him is judge Gordon Close (left), Finley, NSW and Dongadilling co-principal Sascha Squiers.



With the grand champion Poll Dorset ewe exhibited by the Shirlee Downs stud, Quairading were judge Gordon Close (left), Finley, NSW and his son Tom alongside Shirlee Downs co-principal Chris and Sascha Squiers.

Launceston Show

Judge: Tim Jorgensen, Mertex stud, Antwerp, Vic.

Three Poll Dorset entries were presented, a ram from Fairbank, Hagley, and two ewes from Capelands, Table Cape, which were all awarded their respective Championships.

A ewe from Capelands was awarded the R.A. Hughes Supreme Exhibit.

Hobart Show

(Held at the CampbellTown Showgrounds)

Judge: Owen Badcock, Hagley, Tas.

Ram under 1.5 years: 1. Killara, Penna

Ram Shorn under 1.5 years: 1&2. Fairbank, Hagley. 3. Maccelslie Park, Penna

Rams Shorn Pen of 2 under 1.5 years: 1. Killara

Ram under 1.5 years machine shorn within 28 days: 1. Maccelslie Park. 2. Lyndowns, Sorell

Ram Lamb: 1&2. Killara

Champion Ram; R.A. Hughes Supreme Poll Dorset; Supreme Champion Ram of Show & Supreme Exhibit of Show: Maccelslie Park.

Reserve Champion Ram: Fairbank.

Mervyn Weston Trophy: Killara.



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Powerful Mullinger Park ram jags Poll Dorset supreme

Courtesy of Catherine Miller, Stock Journal

It has taken nearly 20 years of showing at the Royal Adelaide Show but Brett and Amanda Shepherd, Mullinger Park stud, Kybybolite, not only claimed their first tri coloured broad ribbon but went all the way to supreme exhibit in the Poll Dorset judging.

Judge Damon Coats, Ilfracombe stud, Donald, Vic, said the senior and grand champion ram impressed with its size, scale and muscle content.

It also had the structural soundness that he was looking for all day.

"I found it quite difficult to fault him and he took my eye when he first came out and continued to every time he was out here there (in the ring)," he said.

The May 2021 drop weighed 142 kilograms with a 54mm eye muscle depth and was sired by a home bred Mullinger Park ram.

Mr Coats said it was a tough task to decide between the ram and the champion ewe- a 13 month old exhibited by the Davidson family, Morton stud, Lucindale.

"I wouldn't mind seeing them in a pen together out the back for a little while and seeing what we can come up with," he said.

"They are extremely good examples of the Poll Dorset breed.

"I would be happy to take them home if their owners will give them to me."

Mr Shepherd said he was elated to be pulled forward for supreme having only had a few reserve champions in past years.

"We haven't shown for three years- obviously two with COVID and one when the great Leigh Allan (their former stud advisor) died we had a year off," he said.

"I think about him every time we come to a show, he would be so chuffed.

"We mainly come to compare our sheep to others."

Due to strong interest Mullinger Park offered their supreme exhibit as a wild card entry in the Elite Stud Sheep sale the following day with the ram selling for \$10,000.

The ram claimed the grand championship from the junior champion ram from the Allendale stud, Bordertown, due to its "extra length of loin".

The Allendale ram which was described by Mr Coats as "everything you need in a Poll Dorset ram" was offered at the stud's annual on-property sale in October.

The July 2021 drop had plenty of performance weighing 133.5kg with a 49mm EMD and 9mm fat.

Lachie and Sophie Kelly, LSK studs, Hexham, Vic, made an outstanding showing debut with the ram which stood second to Allendale's junior champion in the ram under 1.5 year old class born after July 1 claiming the reserve junior sash.

Reserve senior champion ram was exhibited by Rod, Gayle, Brad and Alana Davies, Wrattenbullie stud, Naracoorte. The ram caught Mr Coats' eye when it was half of Wrattenbullie's winning pair.

"He is neat, compact with muscle, stands well with good head," he said.

Morton's champion ewe was sired by Mullinger Park 190528.

"She is a good sized, sound ewe with plenty of fleshing and plenty of meat with clean face and clean legs- that is what we want," Morton stud's Scott Davidson said.

Allendale won both the breeders group and then the sire's progeny class with three rams by AI sire Melton Vale 152.

After a strong showing with their team of 17 head, which also included reserve champion ewe, they were easily the most successful exhibitor- maintaining the mantle they have held for the past few years.



Poll Dorset judge Damon Coats sashes the supreme Poll Dorset exhibit with Milly and Brett Shepherd, Mullinger Park stud, Kybybolite.



Emily Davidson, Morton stud, Lucindale, with her champion ewe.



Reserve champion Poll Dorset ewe held by Angus Day, Allendale stud, Bordertown.

Finley High School wins supreme at Melbourne Royal

Courtesy of Bryce Eishold, and Joely Mitchell, Stock and Land

Winning supreme Poll Dorset the day before interbreed was a "dream come true" for Finley High School, so to win interbreed ram of the show was "beyond our wildest dreams".

Those were the words of Finley High School's very proud agriculture teacher Gary Webb, who said it was a surreal experience to be awarded best of the best at such a significant event.

"Schools aren't supposed to win awards like this," he said.

"It's just hard to put into words how exciting this is - it's something we've dreamed about.

"It's rewarding to see so many years of hard work validated like this."

He said the ram was a stand out for them and one they expected might do well in the judging - just not this well.

"He's a great barreled sheep with heaps of strength through the loin," he said.

"He's wide in the hindquarters and just a very correct ram."

He was sired by Hillden 499-15, from Hillden Poll Dorset stud, Bannister, NSW, whose genetics were used predominantly in the stud.

They planned to sell the ram in the near future.

Interbreed judge Scott Mitchell, Rene Poll Dorset, White Suffolk and Charollais stud, Culcairn, NSW, said each breed had a stand-out sheep.

"Having looked over 15 different breeds, it was a very tough task for us as judges to pick out the winning stock because there was such good representation," he said.

Finley High School won the supreme Poll Dorset against the champion ewe of the breed by Derby Downs Poll Dorset stud, Marong.

The school's agriculture teacher Gary Webb said it was a "huge honour" to take out the prestigious title, given they are only a small stud.

"We only join 20-25 ewes a year, so we only produce about the same amount of lambs," he said.

"Because of that we only use the best genetics available."

He said this year marked 10 years using Hillden Poll Dorset stud, Bannister, NSW, genetics.

"For me, this proves if you use the right genetics and feed them right, you can be competitive in the show ring," he said.

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He was sired by Hillden 499-15, a ram that had done particularly well for the school.

"That ram has bred exceptionally well for us, nearly all of our top sheep are by him," he said.

He said they were planning on selling the ram in the near future.

"We don't have a lot of land, so we can't keep a lot of sheep," he said.

Mr Webb said it was amazing to see the excitement and smiles on the kids' faces when they won the award.

Derby Downs stud principal Paul Brown said it was rewarding to take home the champion ewe ribbon.

"She's a lovely, correct ewe, who's good on her feet and has a good carcase on her," Mr Brown said.

"She's got that good Downs-type wool."

He planned to retain her in the flock and would join her in November or December - but he hadn't decided to what ram yet.

Mr Brown said it was great to be back at the Melbourne Royal Show after the last two years were cancelled because of COVID.

The stud brought 13 sheep to the show and was also awarded most successful exhibitor of the breed.

Poll Dorset judge Scott Mitchell, Rene Poll Dorset, White Suffolk and Charollais stud, Culcairn, NSW, said the line up of Poll Dorsets was impressive.

"I thought for the limited numbers of stock here, the Poll Dorsets were exceptional," he said.

"I found it quite easy to pick out some good sheep, including the supreme exhibit which showed plenty of muscle, thickness through the barrel and good bone.

"The champion ewe had a lot of femininity about her, she was square, structurally sound, had heaps of meat through the twist and muscle through the loin."



Finley High School students including agriculture teacher Gary Webb (third from right) and Poll Dorset judge Scott Mitchell, Rene Poll Dorsets, Culcairn, NSW, with the supreme champion Poll Dorset ram.

Sovereign's first crack at the Brisbane EKKA

Chris and Meryl Rubie from Sovereign Poll Dorsets, Warwick exhibited sheep at the Brisbane EKKA for the first time, encouraged to do so by the Queensland Champion of Champions competition sponsored by Dixon Ag.

Only two sheep were taken for the open classes competition along with three others already eligible for the Champions competition.

In the open judging Sovereign won the all-breeds champion ewe with a young ewe 84/21 sired by Valley Vista 173/16 however it was 78/21 also sired by Valley Vista 173/16 that won the Queensland Champion of Champions all breeds ewe competition.

The Queensland Champion of Champions all breeds ram was won by Sovereign 44/21 sired by Sovereign 40/17

Judge Mr. Peter Hood from Plainview Texel stud, Pittsworth Qld said he was looking for maximum carcase value along with structural correctness, sheep that can play a role in improving returns for the prime lamb industry.



Champion of Champions ram Sovereign 44/21 held by Emma Haupt of Calvary Christian College, with Chris Rubie. Sovereign Poll Dorsets.

2022 Annual Sale results . .

- Offered 118 Rams
- 114 sold
- Average price \$1995

Top price ram C322/21
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Dorset Stud, Avenel

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Is there a saving in drenching tech?

Courtesy of Angus Brown, Mecardo

New technologies allow for automatic precise dosing of sheep using scales and a drench gun.

Savings of drench are significant if the mob has a wide weight range.

If using expensive drench, automatic drench guns make some sense.

With the livestock game turning some strong profits in the last few years, there has been a proliferation of new sheep handlers and scales. Some of the new gear comes with potential cost saving devices, here we take a look at the economics of automatic drench guns

Automatic drench guns have been around for a while, and the theory is pretty simple. As sheep are being weighed through a handler or a crate, the indicator tells the electronic gun how much drench to give the animal, based on the animals liveweight.

Traditionally drench doses have been based on the heaviest animal, and this is often a guess. This results in light animals receiving much more than required, and the heaviest animals, in some cases, being underdosed.

The price of everything is going up, and drench is one of them, so it is worth taking a look at what saving might be available.

Figure 1 shows a histogram of weights of 317 crossbred ewes. It's a nice statistical bell curve, with most sheep weighing between 54 and 84 kilograms. The heaviest ewe is 104 kilograms, so traditionally all would be drenched to this weight.

For this example we'll use a dose rate of 1ml for every 10 kilograms liveweight, which would mean a dose of 21ml. The total drench used would be 3.29 litres. A 'cheap' levamisole or dual drench will cost \$20/litre, so the total cost for the mob is \$66, or an average of 21¢/head.

If the mob is drench as per individual weights, the total drench used is 2.22 litres, for a cost of \$44 for the mob, or 14¢/head.

It might be in using break drenches where the real benefit of the weighing technologies come in. Zolvix costs around \$210 per litre, and Startect \$110 per litre, but is used at double the dose.

If we run the same analysis, the cost of drenching the 317 head mob comes in at around \$660, or \$2.08 per head drenching for the top weight. If dosing for actual weights the cost is \$444 or \$1.4 per head.

A Tepari 'Revolution Dosing Gun' starts at \$1,500. If you've already got the handling setup and using expensive drench, and drenching sheep with a large weight variation, payback on the gun would be on 2200 sheep.

If you have to buy a handler to go with the gun, at \$20,000 plus, it's obviously going to take a lot more sheep to get a return, if you don't include all the other benefits of the handler.



Rangeview-158/21

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Poll Dorset stalwart Graham Day reflects on breed's progression

Courtesy of Catherine Miller, Stock Journal

Poll Dorset stalwart Graham Day has seen many changes in his eight decades in the sheep industry but he never doubted the breed's ability to become and remain one of the nation's dominant prime lamb sires.

The Day family started breeding Poll Dorsets in 1956 and their Allendale stud at Bordertown remains one of the nation's most successful seedstock businesses.

Graham's father, the late Allen E Day, first registered a Dorset Horn stud in 1938 when the stud was based at Alma in the Lower North.

Nearly two decades later, to introduce polled genetics, the Days leased a ram for a season from Lyell Stuart, Valma stud, Whitemore, Tas.

Graham remembers the ram was used over about 50 specially selected Dorset Horn ewes at Allendale with the progeny the nucleus of their new Poll Dorset flock.

"They were a lot easier care. The Dorset Horns would get caught in fences and get on their backs and not be able to get up," he said.

"There was also the danger of handling ewes which also had horns that stuck out.

"There was also the interesting point of horns in the show ring - if the horns were not well-set or too close to the head that was it, you were out."

Graham says the breed's earliest adopters Lyell Stuart, WJ Dawkins, Jack Redden and Rex Wilson - all experienced breeders - really put the breed on the "right path", crossing Dorset Horns with Ryelands and Corriedales to breed the horns off while maintaining the Dorset type.

"The enthusiasm was fantastic among the early breeders, they could see the future the breed could have," he said.

"It gained momentum quickly, which was different to Merinos or Herefords which took a lot longer to move to polls (animals)."

By the 1970s, Graham remembers huge showings of Poll Dorsets at the Melbourne Royal Show, with up 350-400 sheep exhibited by studs from four states.

"One year in the ram under 1.5-year-old class there were 80 entries," he said.

Allendale stud rose to the top of many of these big classes, including winning grand champion ram at Melbourne in 1970 and 1972.

The big Melbourne showings continued in the 1980s.

In 1983 an Allendale ram, Aristocrat, sold for a breed world record of \$27,500 at the Melbourne Show's sale - a record that held for many years.

Graham - who is an honorary life member of the Australian Poll Dorset Association - says competition from other breeds such as Texels and the introduction of White Suffolks made Poll Dorset breeders work harder to lift their quality and maintain their market share.

"For many years there were only a couple of choices and if you didn't want black points (from a Suffolk) you went with a Poll Dorset but then Texels were being imported for their yield and the White Suffolks came in," he said.

The use of New Zealand Poll Dorset genetics in AI programs in the 1980s helped clean up the points of Poll Dorsets (remove the wool from the legs) and also added length of body.

Allendale in particular used a son of a NZ bred ram, Terringle Goliath, which had a significant impact on their flock.

The next big change was the commencement of LAMBPLAN recording, which he says has becoming an important tool for all sheep breeds.

"It has helped sheep breeders breed sheep but you can't just look at the figures, you still need to look at the sheep," he said.

This year is a milestone one for Allendale with its 50th annual on-property ram sale coming up next month, October 7.

Alastair and Jayne Day, who are running the stud with some assistance from Graham, will offer 16 Poll Dorset stud rams and 114 flock rams in the auction, held in conjunction with Lachy and Lou Day, Days Whiteface studs.

Graham - who was recently honoured with an Order of Australia Medal for his services to livestock breeding - believes the Poll Dorset breed is in a strong position with those producers using Poll Dorset sires able to get plenty of weight in their lambs at a young age.

"Poll Dorset breeders have done a wonderful job producing a good meaty carcase, refined them up through the front end for lambing ease and retained that early maturity that has always been there," he said.



Graham Day

SALE RESULTS

STUD	STUD RAMS Sold	STUD RAMS Top	STUD RAMS Average	FLOCK RAMS Sold	FLOCK RAMS Top	FLOCK RAMS Average
Abelene Park	4/4	\$5,000	\$5,000	39/43	\$3,000	\$1,923
Aberdeen & Hovell	16/16		\$3,406	254/254		\$1,835
Allendale	15/15	\$12,000	\$5,867	111/111		\$1,867
Armdale				103/113	\$4,000	\$1,947
Armdale Park	16/16	\$29,000	\$8,937	156/172	\$5,000	\$3,514
Ashbank		\$10,000		96/122		\$2,328
Athlone				188/226	\$3,900	\$1,678
Australasian Dorset Championships	33/47	\$14,000	\$6,393			
Bo-Bar				94/99	\$3,750	\$2,066
Chrome (Icon)				72/92	\$1,800	\$1,074
Coledale				111/129	\$5,000	\$1,830
Derrynock	20	\$10,500	\$5,800	108/110		\$2,300
Englewood Park				99/99	\$2,700	\$1,564
Estjam				54/58	\$5,750	\$1,644
Felix		\$25,400		149/149		\$3,458
Gillmore				122	\$3,400	\$1,866
Glen Devon	10			84/107	\$5,000	\$1,408
Glenore	1/9	\$4,200	\$3,040	84/90		\$1,641
Gooramma		\$18,000		144		\$3,887
Hillden				148/150	\$4,000	\$2,394
Ivadene				99/100	\$3,200	\$2,301
Janmac	16/16	\$7,000	\$3,281	133/133	\$3,000	\$1,977
Jews Harp				120/120	\$2,800	\$2,866
Konongwootong				166/200	\$3,600	\$986
Kurralea	15/15	\$10,600	\$3,850	162/162	\$3,200	\$2,030
Loughrea	30/30	\$3250	\$2116			
LSK				84/86	\$4,200	\$1,728
Majella				104/104	\$3,400	\$2,289
Moora Hills				74/75	\$2,600	\$1,483
Mt Bathurst				63/78	\$2,750	\$1,687
Mulgundawa				91/142	\$5,800	\$1,548
Mullinger Park				174/184	\$3,000	\$1,636
Narranmore				88/116	\$3,800	\$2,436
Newbold	11	\$10,000	\$3,370	60	\$2,600	\$1,290
Paxton				91/95	\$2,600	\$1,737
Pinewalla				118/120	\$4,250	\$2,610
Pinora				71/71	\$3,000	\$2,340
Ridgehaven				147/147		
Rowallan				160/160	\$4,400	\$2,520
Shellal				96	\$4,500	\$1,775
Springwaters	16/16	\$17,00	\$7,563	199/201	\$5,000	\$3,279
Tattykeel	18/21	\$36,000	\$12,643	91/97	\$5,600	\$2,460
Ulandi Park		\$23,500	\$7,023		\$6,500	
Valley Vista	20/20	\$10,000	\$3,972	91/132	\$3,000	\$1,780
Valma (online)	18/18	\$27,000	\$6,255	37		\$2,083
Valma (on-property)				144/148	\$3,000	\$1,654
Windy Hill				52/61	\$2,600	\$1,582
Wrattenbullie				127/127	\$9,500	\$2,065
Woolumbool				85/96	\$2,400	\$1,435
Yentrac				26/32	\$2,000	\$1,263
Zacman				52/58	\$2,800	\$1,689

SALE RESULTS



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Stud Rams Sold: 4/4

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Average: \$1923
Rams Sold: 39/43

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Average - \$1,290

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Average: \$3972

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Flock rams sold: 91
Average: \$1780

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Average: \$5800
Stud Rams Sold: 20

Flock Rams Sold: 108/110
Average: \$2300
Ewes: 40/40 average \$985

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Peter Day, Faraday Park

Peter David Day was born in Adelaide on 31st May 1948, the eldest son of the late Peter & Valma Day, and brother to Bruce & Judy.

Peter's family relocated to Hobart when he was around 3 years old, before moving to Gawler to run their dairy farm, where his interest in farming began. Peter attended school in Ulverstone and continued to work on the farm when he left high school.

At the age of 17, Peter was in his vehicle in the Main Street of Ulverstone, no doubt checking out the local talent, where his eyes fell upon a beautiful young lady, Rosemary Loone, who was to become the love of his life.

Peter & Rosemary married in Launceston on 25th May 1968 and took up residence in Ulverstone.

Eighteen months later, they up and moved to Finley, NSW where Peter & his brother worked on the family farm tending to stud sheep and cropping.

In July 1971 Peter & Rosemary welcomed their first son, Paul. The family remained in Finley for the next few years before relocating to Calder, outside of Wynyard, where they purchased their own dairy farm. Then in 1974 they welcomed their second son, Bradley.

The dairy farm was eventually sold and the family relocated to the farm they purchased at Deviation Road, Penguin.

A change of career was in store for Peter and he commenced working with VJ Woodhouse & Son Real Estate before moving onto Roberts Real Estate. Peter was a successful Agricultural Real Estate Agent achieving many awards in his time.

Eventually Peter left the real estate business to follow his true passion of becoming a full-time farmer.

Growing produce and concentrating on his sheep stud breeding program, Faraday Park was very successful and won many awards and ribbons in competitions including the Perth Royal Show, Melbourne Royal Show and the Hobart Show.

Flock 320 Faraday Park celebrated 60 years of operation in 2020

Peter was humble about his reign running the stud, and prefers to talk about the success his son Paul has had since he took over.

He did however set the foundations for that success, starting the stud's annual on-property sale and developing the type of sheep Faraday Park is now known for.

Peter described the Poll Dorset as an "excellent breed, great meat producer - I just love them".

"The Poll Dorset is totally different from the beginning, they used to be a little low short nuggety lamb, now they are bigger, taller, longer, heavier - they've gone from strength to strength," he said.

"They've got muscle, big hindquarters, ease of lambing - years ago there used to be a lot of trouble with lambing as they were heavy in the shoulders, but that has all changed - now one of their key traits is ease of lambing.

"They were always a popular breed, but prime lambs themselves have increased in popularity."

The returns in the sheep game are one of the biggest changes during his tenure at Faraday Park, according to Peter.

"Starting out we got up to \$1000 each (for rams), not getting up to \$10-12,000," he said.

"The price of lambs in general too, the lamb and sheep market is really really good - back in our day you were getting \$20 a lamb, now it's \$200."

Peter's time in the show ring was a highlight for him, including his first Hobart Royal Show champion ram and ewe, and first prize at the Perth Royal Show.

"(My highlights) were catching up with people at shows and winning a ribbon or two, and of course getting some sales."

Faraday Park Stud was something Peter was extremely proud of, and he was so pleased when Paul continued to carry on the Faraday Park name and traditions. Peter continued to enjoy being alongside Paul watching the Stud grow and continue to be successful.

Peter was also an active member of the Tasmanian Poll Dorset Association for many years.

Peter has always had a great interest in the sheep stud that Paul was running, and even when he became unwell, he still managed to push through and go to the shows to watch the success of Faraday Park and Sunnybanks studs, and to catch up with old friends from the show days.

Peter was always so proud of his son's and their achievements, and when grandchildren came along, was a doting and loving Pa to his three grandsons, Connor, Ryan & Logan, and his only granddaughter, Hayley.

All of his grandchildren grew up spending & enjoying time with Pa, memories they will always have of riding on the front of the 4-wheeler, and bottle feeding the baby lambs.



Peter Day with son Paul Day at a recent show.

Zoetis donates \$100,000 to Beyond Blue

Zoetis has reached its goal of raising \$100,000 for the Beyond Blue Support Service in an effort to support good mental health and reduce suicide rates across rural Australia.

Every year since 2016, Zoetis has partnered with Beyond Blue by donating \$5 from each sale of livestock, pig and poultry vaccines and drenches up to \$100,000 for the Beyond Blue Support Service. 2022 sees Zoetis once again reach its yearly goal of raising \$100,000, bringing the total donated to the support service to \$700,000.

"People living in rural areas face a number of challenges which can take a toll on their wellbeing, including disasters, economic change, isolation, limited access to services and most recently the pandemic," said Zoetis senior vice president Lance Williams.

Remoteness is a major risk factor contributing to suicide and the likelihood that someone will die by suicide appears to increase the further away from a city they live. Considering the vastness of Australia and the number of people who live in regional and rural areas, it's a concerning fact that remoteness is a major risk factor contributing to mental health issues and suicide, with the suicide rates being 60% higher than rates in major cities. In addition, people in outer regional, remote or very remote areas of Australia face more barriers to accessing health care than people living in major cities, making it harder for them to maintain good mental health.

Beyond Blue Chief Community Officer Patrice O'Brien says demand for Beyond Blue's support services increased 20 per cent during the pandemic and remains higher than pre-pandemic times.

"We know that people are doing it tough right now and ongoing impacts of the pandemic, cost of living pressure and extreme weather events will continue to affect people's mental health," she said.

Derek Schoen, Beyond Blue Board Director and beef, grain and hay producer in Corowa, New South Wales, said farmers have to wear many hats as part of their role.

"Modern farmers have to juggle multiple roles such as, production and HR management, you have to be a tech expert, and need to understand international markets, while also running the business. Adding to this is the additional stress of fire, drought, flooding and COVID-19 related issues," he said.

"People in rural Australia are known for their resilience in times of crisis, but even the most resilient among us need extra support at times. We want everyone to know that support is available and encourage people to seek advice. Asking for support is a sign of strength – not weakness.

"If you think someone needs your help, you don't need to be a psychologist to ask someone how things are going and listen to their concerns. Your conversation can take place while you are doing something together, like driving or fixing something.

"Be prepared for the person to say they don't wish to have a discussion, as many people in rural areas are self-reliant. However, if they do want to talk, you don't have to be a psychologist; you don't need to respond, just sit and listen and ask how you can help them".

For more information about depression and anxiety, visit www.beyondblue.org.au. To talk to a mental health professional for free, contact the 24/7 Beyond Blue Support Service on 1300 22 46 36. Free web chat is also available 24/7 at beyondblue.org.au/getsupport and you can join the forums for free and download the BeyondNow app from the website.

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FMD vaccines: what you want to know

Vaccination is one of the methods being used to control the current outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) in the Indonesian archipelago.

Australia is currently free of FMD and we do not vaccinate for FMD in Australia. However, it's helpful for our industry to know the facts about vaccination and what progress has been made to vaccinate livestock against FMD in Indonesia.

Here, MLA's Program Manager for Animal Wellbeing, Michael Laurence, shares his insights on FMD vaccines and the FMD vaccination program MLA is assisting with in Indonesia alongside the Australian and Indonesian Governments.

Is there a vaccine for FMD?

Several vaccines are available to protect animals against FMD. The vaccines protect animals from clinical illness, reduces viral shed and slows the spread of the disease.

Can we vaccinate our livestock against FMD?

Currently Australia is recognised as 'free from FMD, without vaccination'. This means we do not have FMD in Australia and we do not vaccinate for FMD in Australia. This status allows Australia's international trade to continue. If our herds are vaccinated, Australia would lose this status, which would affect trade. Other countries like Australia where the disease is not endemic also do not vaccinate for FMD preemptively.

What would make us consider vaccinating?

The decision of whether to vaccinate and how to apply vaccination in Australia is complex and will depend on many factors including:

- the nature of the outbreak
- epidemiological considerations
- logistical and resourcing issues
- animal welfare considerations
- industry and public attitudes

- socio-economic considerations
- trade implications
- international standards
- international experiences with the use of vaccination in previously free countries.

The Consultative Committee on Emergency Animal Diseases (CCEAD) will consider the use of vaccination from day one of an FMD response, as one of the potential strategies for disease control.

Do we have access to vaccines if we need them?

Australia has an overseas FMD vaccine bank and vaccine will be available for use if there is an incursion in Australia.

What's the vaccine useful for?

Vaccination may be useful for a range of purposes during FMD outbreaks, including (but not limited to):

- protecting groups of animals from infection
- suppressing the spread of FMD within and out of an infected area by vaccinating selected groups of animals
- mass vaccination to protect large numbers of animals over a wide area from infection and clinical signs of disease.

Are they vaccinating in Indonesia?

So far, more than two million head of cattle have been vaccinated against FMD in Indonesia. MLA and the Australian Government are providing support to deliver and administer more vaccines.

Is MLA helping with the vaccination effort?

MLA is providing \$1.3 million in funding to an Indonesian FMD vaccine support project enabling importers to purchase up to 600,000 vaccine doses for Australian cattle entering Indonesian feedlots. The vaccines will be administered by importers and funding provided on a cost recovery basis by MLA. Read more about this project here.

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