



Australian Corriedale

Summer Edition

Welcome

Hi all,

We are well into 2018, summer is well and truly upon us, and most people are hand-feeding stock. It won't be long before many will be looking for season opening rains.

Just a few words to update you on the planning for the World Congress. Do you realise that it is less than six months away. It is important that you register your interest for the tour and/or congress as plans have been made, accommodation organised and numbers need to be confirmed. It gives us an opportunity to show our overseas visitors that the Australian Corriedale Association is strong and well.

You will see the itinerary for the tour on the website and that it has been shortened to start in Adelaide on July 12th.

The programme for the congress will be online shortly, and I think you will find the day very interesting with the speakers that the committee have gathered together.

Also online you will see that the Corriedale Association has organised extra classes for schools and extra sponsorship in the fleece competition this year. I encourage you to support the Corriedale Wool Feature, it is another way to showcase the quality of Australian Corriedales to our overseas visitors. Entry details will be sent out to past exhibitors but if you are interested in exhibiting contact the show society.

Looking forward to catching up with you all at Bendigo,

Graham Jenke
President ACA Inc



World Corriedale Congress 2018

World Corriedale Congress 2018
Wednesday July 18th
at the Quality Resort All Seasons,
171-183 McIvor Road, Bendigo, Victoria.

Register Now

Registration for Congress Pre-Tour closes
Sunday 8th April 2018

The World Corriedale Congress is getting closer, the website is able to register interested breeders and guests for the Congress. All merchandise is available to purchase as well. The organizing committee is encouraging everyone who wants to come to register for the congress pre-tour and or the world congress to do it soon as possible to allow them to finalize numbers for the event organizers.
www.conferences.com.au/corriedalecongress

For your World Congress Registration and all Merchandise go to
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**Schools and Novice Classes
Corriedale Pairs and Weaner Classes**
Friday 20th July

Main Corriedale Judging
Saturday 21st July

*“Welcome to
all Corriedale
members and
friends”.*

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From Don R. Walker

Welcome to Fellow Corriedale Breeders and Supporters.

It is now 28 years since the last World Corriedale Conference was held in Australia and during that period many changes have occurred. The digital age has developed and with it developments in communications and the availability of data. This collection of data that has come to our sheep breeding is sometimes overwhelming. However their outcomes are only achieved by the skills of our breeders to interpret them and apply them by our Stud Masters to improve the base stock of our great sheep industry. Many changes have eventuated over the years since I first started in the sheep industry in the late 1940's. We have seen the introduction of new breeds and composites, some being very successful while others including some of the old breeds have faded away. The Corriedale of course dates back to the late 1800's and was a composite breed that evolved into a

recognised breed. The wool industry now recognises it as a wool type as distinct from a cross-bred type. This evolution has been achieved by the skills of the Stud Masters of the past by their ability to improve the quality of our breed without the data that is available today.

We now have several studs that have exceeded 100 years of breeding Corriedales. Although our numbers of studs have declined over the years it is pleasing to see many studs being developed within schools which will lead onto the skills of the next generation of Master Stud Breeders.

May I wish the delegates to this Conference a successful experience and provide the motivation to keep breeding our dual purpose breed "The Corriedale"

Don R. Walker

Australian President,
1990 World Conference

A Stud Man Retires

On the 22nd January Robert Latimer delivered his last load of Jesmond Corriedales Flock 2420. A few weeks ago, he rang a fellow stud breeder to see if he knew if anyone looking for sheep.

His agent had said to put them through the fat market. Luckily Robert knew they were better than that.

Having been born in South Australia then having spent a lifetime west of the Darling running merinos and shearing up to 1000 bales of wool, he had become a very knowledgeable sheepman.

Circumstances and age contributed to his decision to retire to Dubbo 8 to 10 years ago and buy a smaller place. Robert purchased Corriedale stud sheep from Yullundry Stud at Cumnock.

He later added Redbank and Billigaboo rams and showed sheep at Dubbo. These stud sheep bred rams for use on the farm and were put over Cross-bred ewes.

It took just twenty-four hours for the breeder to find a fellow stud breeder who wanted the offer on the sheep. Why wouldn't you? 120 Stud ewes with 170 lambs at foot. This is a new generation breeder, educated in a Corriedale stud school who likes commercial efficient sheep.

So, our branch and indeed the whole society wishes Robert all the very best (rumour has it he may return to South Australia). The Jesmond sheep are safely at their new home where they have good feed and an exciting future, there's no such thing as an ending, only a new beginning!

Corriedale Young Ambassador Trip New Zealand 2017



Emily Attard - 2017 Corriedale Youth Ambassador

I have loved representing the Australian Corriedale Association and I'd like to thank the Australian and New Zealand Corriedale Association very much for the opportunity. During my time in New Zealand I attended the Canterbury A&P show at which I placed 3rd in the New Zealand Meat and Wool Sheep Young Judges Competition. I learnt a great deal about the history of the

Corriedale breed while staying at Glenovis with Doc Sidey. At Glenafric I helped the Hoban's with weaning, drenching and crutching and also assisted with vaccinating and tagging the cattle. I climbed the steep slopes of the trial sites at impressive dryland beef, sheep and deer farm; Koromiko. Here James Hoban and I learnt how their sub clover trials have improved soil, pasture and animal production.

I attended the Courtenay Show to see the Burrows take out Champion Shetland. I helped wean Shropshires and was spoilt for my 20th birthday at Eudunda. I visited Castel Hill and hiked up to a waterfall at Arthurs Pass with past NZ Corriedale Ambassador; Lucy Burrows. I saw the hard work and time the Wilsons have applied over many years in performance recording and genetic selecting the best sheep at Wilfied. Here they eliminate inefficient animals and obtain a premium price for rams with foot rot resistance.

The Young Ambassador Program is an invaluable program initiated by the

World Congress Merchandise

With the conference getting ever closer, I wanted to touch base with you all and make sure everyone has the opportunity to purchase merchandise for this very special event. I have emailed all the merchandise orders I had (from the Bendigo Show and also the Hamilton Show) together with an invoice.

Thank you to those who have already paid for their merchandise. For those who have not received an email from me, please let me know either via email (baleahy@gmail.com) or mobile phone (0432 409 214). Payment of these orders is due by 9th May 2018. If anyone has any questions regarding the merchandise, please contact myself and I will make sure I reply to your communication.



Gents Rugby Top

Ladies Rugby Top



Wool beanie

Unisex Vest

Corriedale society, and is something we should be very proud of. It's one of a kind, and is a huge encouragement and inspiration for young people getting started in the industry and promotes just how profitable Corriedales can be.

I have only briefly summarized above some of the things I experienced. I have come away with a wealth of knowledge and a long list of contacts. This trip has helped path my future involvement in the Corriedale breed.

Emily Attard



Around the show ring

Royal Canberra Show

The Royal Canberra Show Canberra is the first NSW show for the year and handlers were made to work a little harder than normal, with 5 studs and 50 Corriedales on display. Competition was very strong in the lamb classes; The Woolley ram lamb class was won by Badgally Corriedales with a well-presented ram. The Woolley ewe class was won by Glen Esk, this Ewe lamb went on to win champion ewe and supreme Corriedale exhibit and second in the interbreed Longwool ewe. Roseville won the reserve champion Ram. In the older classes Glen Esk won the ram 1-2 years old, this ram went on to win champion ram and second in the interbreed Longwool ram. Glen Esk also won the ram over 2 years. Badgally ewes won the ewe 1-2 years old and ewe over 2 years. Badgally won reserve champion ewe.

The group class 1 Ram and 2 Ewes was very hotly contested, with Roseville being judged as champion group.

On the last day of the show Canberra had 50mm of rain in about 3 hours, so all the

exhibitors had to team up when the shed started to flood, as per normal the Corriedale guys led the way and the issue was resolved special thanks to Ed, Rick and Mick from St Greg's for leading the charge. I would like to thank Jarrod Alcorn for stepping in at the last moment and Judging and backbencher Richard Carter for being associate judge.

Champion Ewe: Glen Esk
Reserve Champion Ewe: Badgally
Champion Ram: Glen Esk
Reserve Champion Ram: Roseville
Supreme Corriedale: Glen Esk
Champion Group of 3: Roseville



Glen Esk's Champion Corriedale ram, Champion Corriedale Ewe, and Supreme Corriedale.

Korumburra & Berwick

The first two shows for 2018 in Victoria are over for another year and were very well supported by the Corriedale community.

We had Korumburra Show on the 10th of February, where 6 studs were present, with approximately 30 Corriedales. It was a hot and humid day and our judge, David Lowey, did a great job in the heat. He was very enthusiastic with the 2 schools and young adults present and was very encouraging.

Champion Ewe: Woodleigh school (under 2 years)
Reserve Champion Ewe: Montone Corriedales (under 2 years)
Champion Ram: Harleydale Stud (over 2 years)
Reserve Champion Ram: Montone Corriedales (ram lamb)
Champion Corriedale Lamb: Montone Corriedales (ram lamb)
Interbreed Lamb of the Show: Montone Corriedales (ram lamb)

The Berwick show held on the 23rd, 24th & 25th of February. Bridget & Kane of Montone Corriedales ran an event on the Friday afternoon with approximately 80 students from 5 schools, where they listened to 3 workshops on meat sheep judging, wool sheep judging and fleece judging, before participating in a junior judging round robin.

The next day was when the actual showing began. There were huge numbers present with 11 breeds represented at the show, and Corriedales were made up of more than 60 entries between 10 studs, with three ewe sections exceeding 15 entries.



Montone's Corriedale Ewe 'Jessie' winning Champion Corriedale Ewe, Champion Longwool Ewe, Champion Longwool Exhibit & Reserve Supreme Stud Sheep Exhibit.

Champion Ewe: Montone Corriedales (under 2 years)
Reserve Champion Ewe: Moralla Corriedales (over 2 years)
Champion Ram: Star Cross (under 2 years)
Reserve Champion Ram: Harleydale Stud (over 2 years)
Longwool Lamb: Moralla Corriedales
Longwool Ewe: Montone Corriedales
Longwool Pair of Ewes: Moralla Corriedales
Longwool Exhibit: Montone Corriedales
Reserve Supreme Stud Sheep Exhibit: Montone Corriedales



Montone's Reserve Champion Corriedale Ram, Champion Corriedale Lamb, and Interbreed Lamb of the show with 'Loki'

A closer look at history

World Congress 1990



ASBA Melbourne Sheep Show 1990-Class 164 (Production Class) Corriedale World Conference

Class 164 (Production Class) was implemented specifically for the 1990 World Conference. It was 50 years since the Venters Family had entered their Corriedale Sheep in any sheep shows. A team was prepared after an absence of over fifty years, the last show team would have been exhibited during the 1930's by Jim's Grandfather W.R. Venters & Sons. The star attraction was a medium built well woolled two year old ram prepared with the assistance of a very good friend Stuart Drinnan, 'Jethro' as the ram was called, was entered for this inaugural event. The Judge was Mr Neville Manglesdorf. It was a very large class of rams, sixteen altogether and the Judging in the wool took nearly three hours to complete. Arthur and Walter Pederick from Western Australia were sitting beside Brenda as the Judging took place. Finally, Jethro was moved into first place and their comments were 'you've won this' but then a ram belonging to Jeff Prell was moved up and the two frontrunners had to walk. Jethro finally free, took off with head in the air and so victory was his! It was a very exciting finish for us. The ride home in the

noisy truck didn't take the smile from our faces. It was a great feeling. Next day was the shearing class and Jethro was judged as a shorn sheep and finally the fleece judged under commercial conditions. 'Liberton' won the 'Judy Hill' trophy donated by Eric Causer for being first in the wool, the 'Coora Trophy' for the shorn section and scored fourth in the 'Koonongal' trophy thus winning the 'Valbazen' and the 'Tool Centre' aggregate trophies.

The Production class was of particular interest to the commercial producer, as the judge has the added assistance of a number of objective measurements including micron, yield, fibre distribution, AWC wool type, body length, body depth, fat depth etc These measurements were recorded for exhibitors and onlookers to see while the judging was in progress.

It was a wonderful experience to meet with Corriedale Breeder's from New Zealand, Argentina, Paraguay, Chile, U.S.A. Brazil, Uruguay, Sth Africa and we believe there were a few Russians who at that time were interested in the Australian Corriedale.

Jim & Brenda Venters

From the Editor

Dear Stud & Commercial Breeders,

We are fast approaching the World Congress and I would like to put a few articles regarding previous Australian World Congresses in the newsletter. We will again be asking studs to send a picture from their farm and the winner will be on the front page of the newsletter.

Any other interesting articles will be considered as well.

Could you email me at

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Ewes for Sale

Reports of Corriedale ewe demand is high. All ewes that have been advertised have been sold. Croydon sold ewes to a top of \$191 at Hamilton sale yards, Glen Esk sold CFA ewes for \$151 at SELX Yass NSW.

Don't forget if you have ewes for sale send your information to corriedalensw@gmail.com and I will add them to the database.

Ram Sale Report

2017 has seen a good year for Corriedale Ram Sales all over Australia. Clearances overall sales was good with the Top Price of \$6500 at Hamilton Sheepvention going to Blackwood Corriedales. Blackwood Corriedales 8th on property sale reached a top \$1600 4 times with an average of \$1335. Quamby Plains Top Price ram was \$3600 with an average of \$1732 for their on-property sale. Roseville Corriedales sold at a top of \$2000 with an average of \$1050. Croydon Corriedales reached a top of \$1900 with an average of \$892. Mooralea Corriedales sold rams to \$1450 with an average of \$796.

On the 2nd of November 2017, the Annual Corriedale Blue Ribbon Multi-Vendor Ram Sale was held at the Ballarat Showgrounds. The day was composed of a pre-view of all the rams on offer from 10am till the start of the sale which commenced at 12pm, and once the sale concluded there was a BBQ lunch for everyone. It was overall a very productive day. There was a total of 7 Corriedale studs with a total of 50 quality rams for sale which included; Gambier View, Ballarat Grammar, Loddon Park, Sweetfield, Fairburn, Wattle Glen and Salesian. Rams sold to a top price of \$2000 going to Sweetfield and an average sale price of \$918.00.

Rams that are being objectively recorded on Lambplan, SIL or Stockscan have had some excellent results in the sale ring, the work from these breeders is paying dividends as commercial breeders are looking for different traits to improve their breeding program.

Anyone who is still looking for rams go to www.corriedale.org.au to find your local breeder.