



# Australian Corriedale Newsletter

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## Welcome from our President

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### **Australian Corriedale Association Message from the President – May 2021**

The National sheep industry is in an interesting position, for the first time a rebuild is happening of a 100-year low base 67.3 million Feb 2021. This will create opportunity for ram sellers as it is surveyed over 70% farmers will be building numbers by retaining older ewes and mating ewe lambs not by buying in replacement ewes.

The Corriedale breed needs to enhance the position it can place itself by being an option in this flock rebuild by meeting the requirements of the modern sheep industry, the true dual-purpose animal, producing mid-micron wool, a higher lambing percentage and produce an animal that can meet carcass specifications. As Corriedale breeders we need to be working to the strengths of our breed and work together to change public perception, that it hasn't kept up on the requirements of today's farmers. As the modern Corriedale is a relevant animal for today's sheep industry.

Corriedale breeders have had successful ram sales in the 2020/21 year with overall averages and clearance rates up, this shows the interest is starting, lamb prices have remained high with predictions this will be maintained for the next couple of months leading into the spring of 2021, mutton prices are at record levels supply cannot meet demand with our global markets, the downfall for the commodities we produce is the wool component, its low but not in the doldrums of the crossbred market over 30 micron.

So, in summary great time to be in sheep, opportunities for Corriedales, but challenges as always to be looking forward, reacting to markets as change happens.

Thank you, Liz, Bron and Nick for the support during the past year. The input from all Federal Councillor's during the difficulties of the past year has been appreciated.

Peter Blackwood  
ACA Federal President

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## New Corriedale Breeders Learning the Trade



Grace Calder and David Swain have extended their "Kinatura" Corriedale stud in recent years. They have purchased 200 acres at Creswick North and have set about increasing their Corriedale stud.

Grace, who was for years the face of Woodleigh School stud and show team under the guidance of Charlie Clarke, is now employed by Agriculture, Victoria in Ballarat and David is the Agri-Business Relationship Manager at Rural Bank's Ballarat branch.

"Kinatura" stud was founded by Grace while she was still a student at Woodleigh and with David's help is now lambing down 200 odd ewes. Over the last three years they have purchased a total of 270 older "Fairburn" ewes from Darryl, Janet and Finlay MacDonald, keeping most of them for only one lambing and retaining the best ewe lambs.

To further advance their stud, Grace and David purchased the top priced ram at "Blackwood" (Tasmania) spring sale in 2020. As part of their operation, David decided he should be able to do all the tasks required to maintain their sheep, so he took part in a shearing school in November, 2019. In an effort to gain more experience, he spent three days shearing at "Fairburn" in the first week of December, 2020. Since Christmas, David has shorn his male lambs (all in one day) and later shorn all the adult ewes.

Darryl & Jan MacDonald.

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## 2020 Ram Sale Report

### Croydon Corriedales



*(Picture Courtesy Stock & Land)*

Corriedale rams sold to \$2400 at the annual Croydon on-property sale at Condah in south-west Victoria recently. Agents Elders sold 32 August/September 2019 drop rams offered for an average of \$1200 for stud owners Mike Deppeler and Judith Houghton, with five rams making \$2000 or more.

## Blue Ribbon Multi-Vendor Ram Sale Ballarat



Sweetfield, Montone, Kinatura, Loddon Park, Mooralea, Lord Clyde, Tuerong Valley and Gambier View where all vendors at the Sale. Gambier View topped the market with a ram sell for \$3200, Loddon Park rams sold to \$2700, Sweetfield rams sold to \$2200. 19 rams sold for an average of \$1500.

## Blackwood Corriedales



*Top priced Blackwood ram at November on Property Sale Ram Sale  
(Picture Courtesy Stock & Land)*

A ram lamb already used in the stud topped Tasmania's Blackwood Corriedale 2020 ram sale at \$5400 as the sale cleared 93 per cent of rams offered, with a sale average of \$1668.

## Gambier View

Gambier View. Sold 29 rams which averaged \$980 at their On-Property Sale. 5 rams sold pre-sale for \$1750 each.

## Quamby Plains



*(Picture Courtesy Stock & Land)*

Quamby Plains Corriedale ram sale saw prices top at \$3400 and 46 rams sold average \$1671

# Redbank Corriedales Stud

## Centenary + 1



In January 1920 at the age of 21, Alf Carroll set up **Redbank Corriedale stud at Molong** in central western NSW. Trading under M Carroll and Sons - Alf, his father Michael, and brothers Charles and Ray also ran Corriedales at Beulah stud, Trangie and Old Redbank, Molong.

Alf wrote in his marvelous memoirs, **Gullible's Travels** – 'The first sheep from the Stud were shown at Sydney Sheep Show in 1923. In 1924, we won the Ram Championship at Sydney Sheep Show.' He commented that this success was a highlight that set the ball rolling with many championships and prizes, although he never set great store by that.

Recognized as a great sheep judge, he gained more satisfaction from consistently high sales of Redbank rams, including in 1959 the Australian record for a Corriedale ram, sold to a Uruguayan buyer, at 1,600 guineas. Clients across Australia, and from every country breeding Corriedales, including North America and many South American nations, India, China, Romania, South Africa and Japan ensured the spread of Redbank blood.

Only six outside rams have been introduced in that century of breeding.

Bill Carroll took over from his father in 1970 in the tradition of breeding top dual-purpose sheep, but focused on commercial production. He and wife Marg are proud of their quality stud and flock rams, good-milking ewes and large lean lambs, which have kept 'the wolf from the door' for a further 50 years. **Redbank Corriedales** are recognized for lustrous, 25-27 micron wool that has fetched good returns for 100 years.

There will be Rams and Ewes on display with some for sale on the day.

The Redbank Centenary will be held on the 23rd October 2021 at "Redbank" 401 Gara Rd Molong NSW 2866. Please contact Bill or Marg Carroll 02 63668580 or 0421665201 and email [maggibillcarroll8@gmail.com](mailto:maggibillcarroll8@gmail.com) for more information.



Mr Alf Carroll with the Champion Redbank Ram, Albury and Sydney Sheep Shows, 1959, sold for Australian record price of 1600 guineas to Uruguay

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## Vale Margaret Baulch & Ron Vinnicombe

In recent times two former identities of the Corriedale breed have died.

Margaret Baulch of "Koonongal" stud at Hawkesdale was one of these. She ran the stud with her late husband Russell and late son Daniel, from 1956 to 2006, when the sheep were sold.

Ron Vinncombe also passed away recently. In 1988, Ron and his wife Marree, established their "Rochford Park" stud at Mitiamo, with the purchase of a ram and 35 ewes from Ed Baker's "Loddon Park" stud. In 1989 they purchased a ram from T.R. Munro's "Nulkwyne" stud, and a ram and 165 ewes from J.S. & A.B. Walters "Koolah" stud. Over the years they used rams from "Golden Grove", "Nayook South" and "Gambier View". After the introduction of rams from these studs, they went back to mainly purchasing rams from "Loddon Park". Ron preferred the more robust traditional Corriedale, while Marree looked for a Corriedale with a finer fleece. When Ron and Maree went to "Loddon Park" to purchase rams, Ed and Peter stood back in bemusement to see who won the battle on the day, as to the type of ram that was purchased! Their last purchase of a Corriedale ram was from Bridget Leahy and Kane Hildred's "Montone" stud at the Blue Ribbon sale in Ballarat in 2019. Ron and Marree were exporting their Corriedale wool directly overseas. They did not continue their stud registration from 2000, but continued to run Corriedales with passion, until Ron's passing. Ron and Marree are very appreciative of the time they enjoyed with the Corriedale breed and breeders and made a lot of similar minded friends. They were very active members including the 1990 World Conference.

Sympathy from the Corriedale breed goes to both the Baulch and Vinnicombe families.

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## First Annual Rydal Sheep Show



students and breeders attended. School from Bathurst, Lithgow and Campbelltown attended with their sheep. Judging the sheep was Brooke Baker from Camden and Kate Williamson from Blayney was associate judge. The idea of this show is to give young up and coming judges a chance to judge sheep before they go onto bigger shows.

Prizes were evenly spread between the schools with St Gregory's College Campbelltown winning Supreme Exhibit with their Champion Ewe. New comers Kelso High School won Champion Ram and also Champion Group of 3 sheep.

There were so many generous sponsors, Aussie Rural Fencing, Glen Esk Corriedales, Silmac Bathurst, Schute Bell Badgery Lumby Sydney, Rydal Show Society, Hampton War Memorial Trust, NSW Corriedale Association and Rydal Showground Trust for letting us use the ground.



# Upcoming Shows

Campbell Town Show 28th-29th May

Ballarat Sheep Show 20th June **Corriedale Feature Breed**

Australian Sheep & Wool Show Bendigo 16th-18th July

Royal Adelaide Show 4th-12th Sept

Royal Melbourne Show 23rd Sept-3rd Oct

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## Victorian Sheep Shows



Autumn shows were back this year in the south-east of Victoria with great success despite some changes. This year the shows were restricted to having exhibitors only with no public viewing allowed. Despite this, Lang Lang Show, Berwick Show and Bunyip Show were all very successful and all ran by young people involved in the Corriedale breed. These shows are run by young people in the industry who are dedicated to the success of the show with the majority of the exhibitors being young people with studs and schools.

It is great to see such a great show of commitment to the breed and the showing community with some travelling a great distance to exhibit. Congratulations to all involved and we all look forward to these shows continuing for years to come.

### **Lang Lang Show**

Champion Ewe: Montone Corriedale Stud

Champion Ram: Flinders Christian Community College

Champion Lamb: Montone Corriedale Stud

### **Berwick Show**

Champion Ewe: Flinders Christian Community College

Champion Ram: Flinders Christian Community College

### **Bunyip Show**

Champion Ewe: Tegrohn Corriedale Stud

Champion Ram: Mayfield Corriedale Stud

Champion Lamb: Montone Corriedale Stud (Interbreed ewe lamb & reserve sheep of show)



# NSW Sheep Shows

## Sydney Royal Easter Show



After a year off Sydney Royal was on once again. 6 studs and 35 sheep were on display. Bron Ellis was the judge this year.

Champion Ram Montone  
Reserve Champion Glen Esk

Champion Ewe Montone  
Reserve Champion Ewe Montone

Best Sires Fleece Glen Esk  
Pete Taylor Group of 3 Glen Esk  
Best Headed Corriedale Glen Esk



## Sydney Royal Easter Show Schools Competition & Junior Handlers



Congratulations to Trinity College Goulburn on winning Supreme School Exhibit at the Sydney Royal Schools Competition, also Dylan Grant from Lithgow High School for winning the 10-14 year Junior Handler Class. Thomas Andersen from St Gregory's College for coming second in the 15-20 Junior Handler. Alex Gorey from St Gregory's College 3rd in 10-14 years Junior Handler.



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## Royal Bathurst Show



This year Corriedale was feature breed at the Royal Bathurst Show. 45 Corriedales where on display. Judging the Corriedale section was David Baker and associate judge was Brooke Baker. Boolina won the Supreme Exhibit with the Champion Ewe, Glen Esk won Champion Ram, Best Sires Fleece and also was awarded Reserve Interbreed Ram. Reserve Ram and Ewe and Group of 3 went to Boolina.

# NSW Sheep Show Dubbo



50 Corriedales were on display in Dubbo this year. Judging the section was Jack Finch and his Associate Judge was Brooke Baker.

Supreme Corriedale Exhibit Glen Esk

Grand Champion Ram Glen Esk

Champion Woolly Ram Glen Esk

Reserve Champion Woolly Ram Roseville

Champion Shorn Ram Glen Esk

Reserve Champion Shorn Ram Roseville

Grand Champion Ewe Boolina

Champion Woolly Ewe Boolina

Reserve Champion Woolly Ewe Roseville

Champion Shorn Ewe Badgally

Reserve Champion Shorn Ewe Roseville

Group 1 ram & 2 ewes Glen Esk

Best Headed Corriedale Glen Esk

The Nicholson Trophy Roseville

# From the Editor

Here we are in 2021 and a few things have changed from last year. There have been a few shows in NSW and Victoria. Thank You to the people who have sent in articles and picture for this newsletter. Lets hope this year will be a lot less dramatic than last year.

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## Reminder to all Corriedale Breeders

**Flock Returns are due 31st May.**

An additional fee will be charged for late returns

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## Sale Calendar 2021

The Ram Sale season is about to start in October. Flyers and Catalogues will be sent out in September.

### **Corriedale Hills**

October  
Inman Valley SA

### **Gambier View**

November  
Derrinallum VIC

### **Mooralea private sales**

Inspections October  
Macarthur VIC

### **Croydon**

November  
Condah VIC

### **Glen Esk**

Inspections October  
Rydal NSW

### **Blackwood**

November  
Evansdale TAS

### **Roseville Ram Sale**

October  
Kingsvale NSW

### **Quamby Plains**

November  
Hagley TAS

### **Blue Ribbon Multi-Vendor Sale**

October  
Ballarat Showgrounds  
Ballarat VIC

### **Blue Ribbon Ewe Sale**

January 2020  
TAS

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