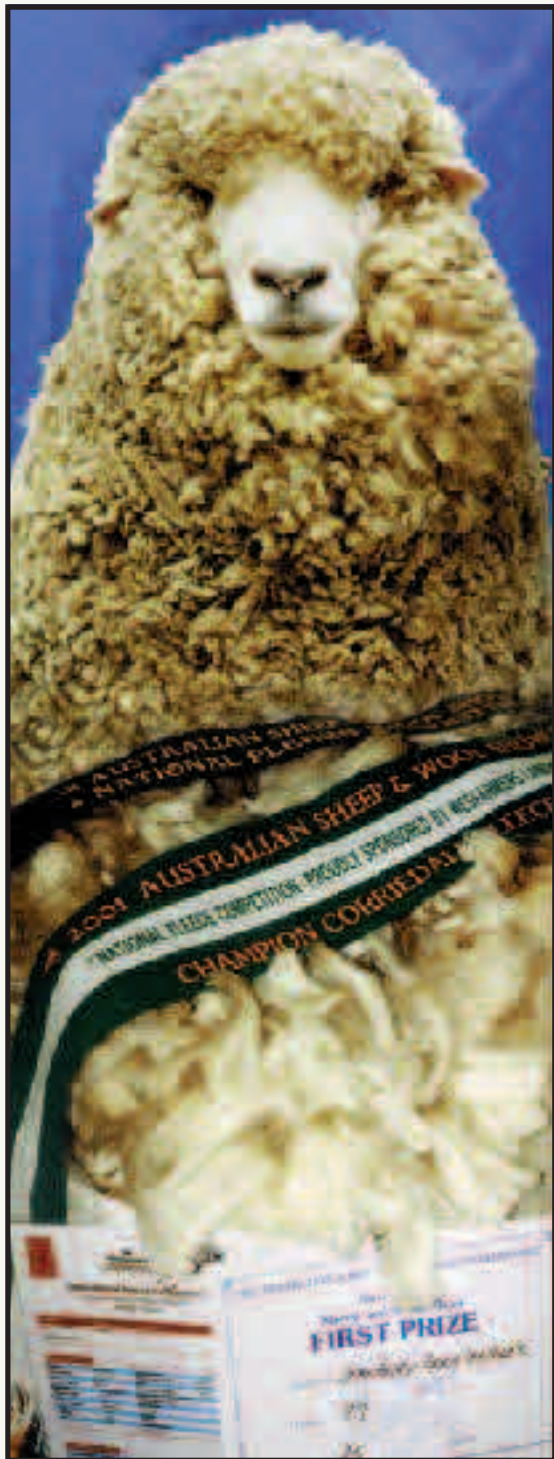

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Federal President's Report

By Andrew Nicolson

During the past year, I have travelled over a good cross-section of pastoral Australia with the objective of meeting as many Corriedale breeders as possible and gaining a firsthand impression of the type and quality of sheep they are breeding. The regions I have visited, from Wagin in Western Australia and the Tasmanian Midlands to Dubbo in New South Wales, are all alike suffering from severe drought conditions, compounded by a non-existent Spring. However, the ability and enthusiasm of our breeders has ensured that breeding stock in all areas has come into 2007 in good condition.

I have been enormously impressed both by the enthusiasm being shown by our younger breeders and also by the number of newer members who are showing dedication which indicates they are going to be Corriedale supporters for many years to come.

My lasting impression of show teams presented at Wagin, Dubbo, Campbell Town, Bendigo and Perth is the splendid quality of the exhibits under one and a half years old, particularly the rams. This is a reason for considerable optimism for our future and also a tribute to the high standard of husbandry of our breeders.



J Andrew Nicolson

The World Congress agenda contains a number of items which are designed to have a positive and lasting impact on the future of our breed. The visit to the South Island of New Zealand promises to be of absorbing interest.

On behalf of all Australian Corriedale breeders, I wish the Congress every success and look forward to welcoming overseas visitors to our pre and post Congress tours.



Above: Jim Gough (left), Coora stud pictured here with the late Graham Shepherd, Noorla stud, at the Stanbury WCH Field Day in 2006.



Right: From left, Sue Cole, Margaret and Geoff Risbey, help with the barbecue at Stanbury WCH.





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New South Wales Wales Chairman's Report

By Tony Manchester

As I write this report we are still in the grips of the worst drought in history, particularly in this area. At our property in Kingsvale in the South West Slopes of NSW, we have only received 206 mls of rain for the last 12 months with our average for previous years being 650 mls.

On a lighter note, 2006 was a very successful year in the showring for New South Wales Corriedale producers. Dubbo show was a marvellous stage as Corriedales were the feature breed and we were able to show 65 Corriedales, with great results.

It was wonderful to see Jeff and Jess Prell and their daughter Sandy in the showring again, winning champion ram and supreme exhibit.

I thought their sheep were outstanding, a result of years of good breeding and good management.

It was also great to see the Kemps at Dubbo, who showed with success and Rick Hoolihan also exhibited with success. Alex and Jo Carroll supported the competitors by coming along and sharing their presence.

David Baker and his boys from St Gregory's College, who are great stalwarts of the Dubbo Show, again were competitive and had very well presented sheep. Lithgow High School have now begun to show their newly acquired Corriedales, with promise of another school in the future. I was again pleased with my family's results gaining most successful exhibitor.

I thank and encourage the continued support shown by studs in their participation at varied events. I understand the financial stress we all face as a result of many unforgiving years on the land.

I believe the youth hold the key to the future in all challenges and endeavours, particularly with the rural sector. Our research, hard work and persistence to breed true Corriedale specimens is useless unless we gain the support of our youth. The possibilities with the next generation are endless. I know that there are many young adults that are interested in our great breed, and even judging and identifying outstanding animals to enhance the Corriedale breed for the future.

As there are always new breeds being introduced it is now that we need to pool our thoughts and resources



Tony Manchester

together to showcase what I believe to be the very best dual purpose breed for worldwide conditions. It has, and is always becoming more apparent to me the excellent qualities of our breed in both meat and wool. Of course the exceptional temperaments of the Corriedale, and more specifically the Corriedale mother, are very well known. This, together with their higher yielding meat, superior taste and flavour, user-friendly spinning qualities, makes the Corriedale stand out from our competition.

A little story to share: my daughter purchased a small hobby farm and much to her 'townie' partner's disgust HAD to have sheep. Of course there was no decision making required on which breed... she had to have pure Corrie ewes. So I delivered to her 27 hand picked (a little old) ewes and as the drought worsened we suggested that she hand feed them. So after two feeding sessions (of three buckets each session) she returned home from doing her grocery shopping, opened the door so she could make the 2-3 trips from the car, only to find that when she left the kitchen that the leader of her flock (aka Kathleen) had helped herself to inside.

Leigh was astounded that when she enquired "what are you doing in here?", Kathleen simply stamped her foot in disapproval. They are now best of friends and I am continually surprised at the attributes Corriedales show!

New South Wales Corriedale breeders also showed at the Sydney Royal, Canberra Royal, Bendigo, and Bathurst.

I end this report wishing all breeders the best for a great year and hope to catch up with everyone throughout the year, hopefully with all to report of vast rainfall.



Victorian Chairman's Report

By Nick Cole

Hello Corriedale breeders from around the world.

The main farming news in Australia is the drought. This gives us many character building moments as Victoria is suffering from huge bush fires and a lack of rain, with city folk finally realising that what happens

out in the country affects them as well, with the cities dams at record low levels and water restrictions putting them on the same footing as their country cousins, well at least they think they are doing it hard.

On the Corriedale front, it has been a productive couple of years since the last Corriedale world conference in Uruguay. Breeders in Victoria are trying many different ideas, from marketing to feeding regimes and recording. From these projects comes knowledge and hopefully improvement, and advancement.

On the show front, the main show, the Australian Sheep and Wool Show, in Bendigo, continues to be a big success with Corriedales being amongst the biggest breeds exhibiting and presenting good challenges for our



Nick Cole

judges, both local and from overseas.

One of the noticed points coming from the shows is the way the Corriedale has become a more uniform breed over recent years with long deep bodies, open faced sheep, while retaining a good quality heavy cutting fleece for which Corriedales are renowned. We have new studs exhibiting for the first time at the shows with some schools getting involved, presenting us with some challenges on classes and keeping the competition interesting and educational for the schools as well as for the "old hands". We hope from these schools might come our future breeders and flock masters.

I was this year lucky enough to be able to travel to South America, travelling through Uruguay, Argentina and Chile and staying on some wonderful Corriedale properties. I witnessed Corriedales in the semi tropical Uruguay with heavy rainfall and lush pastures to ewes lambing in 15 to 20 cms of snow and freezing conditions in Tierra del Fuego, and then back home to dust and dry dams and old dry grass with very little nutritional value.

To see the range of conditions the Corriedale is run under and the different pressures and extremes the Corriedale can thrive under, it truly is a wonderful animal.

Left: Judge Jim Sama, Andrew Nicolson, Tracey and baby Charlie and husband Milton Savage who is holding the Gambier View junior champion ram and supreme Corriedale, 2006 ASBA Show Bendigo.



Tasmanian Chairman's Report

By Richard Higgins

Since becoming Chairman of the Tasmanian Branch on the 2nd of August 2006, our State like the mainland, has been in the grip of a devastating drought. However, despite this we held a successful ram sale in November with rams presented by Don Dennis of Fairfield, Richard Archer of Quamby Plains and Andrew Nicolson of Streanshalh with the top priced ram bringing \$650. The drought conditions notwithstanding, the presentation of rams was a credit to their stud breeders.

In the Midlands, Corriedale ewes sold readily at the annual Tunbridge Sheep Sale on the 11th January 2007 despite the drought and a quote from the Tasmanian Country newspaper of the 19th January sums it up.

"People come here to buy breeding sheep," said Philip Burbury from Kuranda, Woodbury, who was selling commercial Corriedale and Corriedale crosses as prime lamb mothers. Although the price was down from previous years, this year's young ewe prices were fetching between \$80 and \$100. Mr Burbury said it was a good result nonetheless as everyone is doing it tough."

In March we are looking forward to entertaining visitors from South



Richard Higgins with Tiny

America who will be participating in a pre-congress stopover before heading to the 13th World Corriedale Congress in Christchurch, New Zealand on the 22nd.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome new stud breeders Claire and Peter Blackwood of Cressy. Claire is the daughter of Don and Telfer Dennis of Fairfield and I wish them all the best. I would like to thank two outstanding supporters of the breed, Suzanne Archer and Georgina Pengilley for their continued allegiance to Corriedales.

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South Australian Chairman's Report

By Neil M. Willsmore

Once again Australia's unpredictable weather is challenging producers in South Australia, even the usually high rainfall areas of the State being affected.

The dual purpose nature of the Corriedale and its adaptability to do well in the variety of conditions thrown at it has again proved the worth of this breed.

The heavy weight of wool cut from Corriedales and excellent staple length and fibre strength, has helped compensate for the lower price per kilogram this past season.

Demand for commercial ewes has continued to be strong but unfortunately due to seasonal conditions and lower commodity prices, ram sales have been slow.

It has been pleasing to have two new Corriedale studs registered in the state in recent times with Maurice Bennett and family from Warooka on Yorke Peninsula founding their stud on stock purchased from the Lush families, Corriedale Hills and Corriedale Hills West studs.

The other new stud has been formed by long time steward for the Corriedale section at the Royal Adelaide Show,



Neil M. Willsmore

Terry Secker and his family from Wanilla on the Eyre Peninsula. Foundation ewes for this stud have come from Terry's younger brother Patrick, Maluka stud and rams from the Loddon Park stud of Peter Baker.

The two major shows in S.A., Adelaide and Mount Gambier have been supported by both S.A. and Victorian exhibitors. Thank you to those exhibitors for coming to these shows and congratulations to them on the excellent quality of their stock. The judges in 2006 were Michael Deppeler in Adelaide and Jim Gough in Mount Gambier. Thank you to both judges for jobs well done.

It was good to have several other interstate Corriedale breeders watching the judging and joining us at our annual dinner in Adelaide.

The S.A. Corriedale Committee under the guidance of our promotions officer, Brenton Lush, continues to look at new promotional ideas.

One of these is to target regional newspapers with our promotion and the possibilities of the compilation of production figures to support this venture.

I send all Corriedale Breeders best wishes for the coming year.

Left: A line-up of Corriedales at the Adelaide Royal Show.





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Western Australian Chairman's Report

By Arthur Pederick

2006 is a year most farmers in Western Australia would rather didn't happen. Grain yields of between one third and one half usual levels and rainfall about half average has meant drastic reductions in flocks of all breeds. Corriedales have performed very well in the adverse conditions and two new studs have been registered.

The challenge thrown out by low wool prices and relatively high meat prices has encouraged Corriedale breeders to focus on producing top quality in both facets of our breed.

Using objective measurement to aid selection of breeding sheep has highlighted how well WA Corriedales measure up in both wool and meat production. Our Corriedales are very commercially viable and this is being recognised by disillusioned wool producers who want a self replacing flock, and by 'meat only' focused farmers who are recognising the superior maternal qualities offered by Corriedales.

At the 2006 Perth Royal Show all but one of the lamb carcass competition winners came out of a Corriedale ewe. If more lamb carcass competitions published the dam and sire breed involved in producing the top entries, Corriedales would receive the recognition they deserve.

At the 2006 Perth Royal Show, the Maluka Trophy which was first offered for competition in 1978 for



Arthur Pederick

five Corriedale sheep – 3 rams and 2 ewes – to be judged with due regard to type and uniformity, and to move from State to State until it was won five times by the same breeder, was won by Corralyn, as witnessed by Federal Councillors who met in Perth.

Corriedales have stood the test of time, being first introduced in WA in 1913. In this time of change and challenge in sheep flocks in WA, we need to promote the Corriedale attributes which result in more nett dollars per hectare being produced.

Western Australian Corriedale breeders wish all attending the World Corriedale Conference in New Zealand every success and friendship.

You are all welcome in Western Australia.



Above: Mostly junior contestants, waiting for the junior judging competition to commence, 2006 ASBA Show Bendigo.

Left: Judge, Jim Sama, at the 2006 ASBA Show Bendigo with Grace Calder, Woodleigh School, Baxter, Vic. Grace won the junior judging competition (15-18 years).



Junior Judging in Australia

By Peter Baker

The junior judging competition began in 1998 at a Corriedale meeting where the future of the junior judging was discussed and only by a narrow majority did it take place and with only one participant!

This was at the Australian Sheep and Wool Show (ASBA) Melbourne. The next year there were three participants but other students were hearing about this judging competition and so in 2000 when the ASBA moved to Bendigo, Victorian Agricultural Societies Association Inc. (VASA) was asked to become involved and Julie and Bruce Hamblin offered to organize this competition.

Julie and Bruce were keenly interested in young people and were very willing to give encouragement in all facets. The result was that 25 participants took part. Since then it has grown to over 100 participants and naturally the Corriedale breeders assist Julie and Bruce if required so that the competition runs smoothly.

There are trophies donated by Loddon Park for the finalists of each group. It's always a delight each year at Bendigo ASBA to see students excitedly gather in the Corriedale pavilion to await the junior judging competition.



The three junior finalists at the 2006 Royal Geelong Show, were from left: Steph Bechaz 2nd (Elisabeth Murdoch College); Katy Lisowyk 1st (Elisabeth Murdoch College); Olivia Campbell 3rd (Woodleigh School).

The exhibitors select four sheep, even in conformation and age, and these are lined up ready for the students to take turns to prove their sheep knowledge skills as a judge of a good Corriedale sheep. The numbers are increasing each year and so popular has this competition become that there are now three sections, namely 13 and under, 18 and under and 25 and under.

An overall judge firstly explains to the group of students what to look for as regards conformation, wool and how to proceed as some students will be entering this competition for the first time. Once the students have judged the sheep in their groups they go to the overall judge and give their reasons as to why they placed the sheep as they did.

Once the competition is over, the overall judge then explains why the sheep were selected in the order he/she has placed them.

In 2004 junior judging took place at the Royal Geelong Show in a similar format and that is very popular with the young people.

It is a great way to introduce the young people to the Corriedale breed and the students enter from five states, namely South Australia, Western Australia, New South Wales, Tasmania and Victoria. The Corriedale web page www.corriedale.org.au has a section on how to judge a corriedale and points of interest relating to the Corriedale. This gives the student an opportunity to put the theory into practice. Many of our judges today have come through the ranks of junior judging that has given them a practical experience in an open forum.

Schools have now embraced the concept of owning their own studs and showing sheep so that the students studying agriculture become involved in stud management. Peter Baker from Loddon Park stud has supported this concept with much enthusiasm and encouraged other breeders to do likewise. So in 1999, St Gregorys College from New South Wales were given three ewes from Loddon Park and semen from Coora. In 2005 two students from St Gregorys were successful winners in the Youth Achiever Award and were given two ewes each from Coora as their prize. In 2006, St Gregorys purchased a ram from Loddon Park and were donated two more ewes.

Elisabeth Murdoch College, Victoria, has been supported by ewes donated by Gambier View, Compton House, Loddon Park and Stanbury WCH. Semen has been donated by Quamby Plains and Loddon Park.

Woodleigh School, Victoria, has been given ewes by Loddon Park and Liberton with semen from Loddon Park and services from a Liberton sire.

Denmark Agricultural College, Western Australia, is based upon Corralyn bloodlines with semen donated by Loddon Park.

A new Christian College from Drouin has just been given ewes from Wahroonga Park and Stanbury to begin their stud so we look forward to meeting them at their first show.

The Schools show and care for their sheep and enter at shows around Australia in a friendly competitive atmosphere.

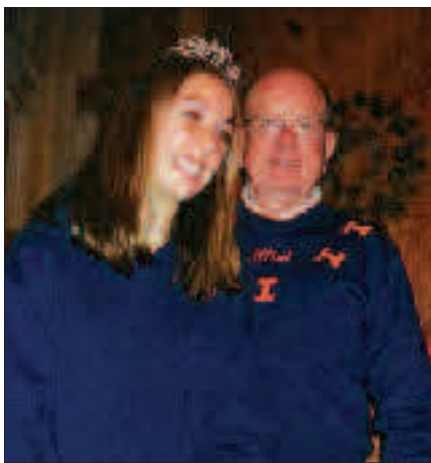


Left: Contestants in the junior judging, 2006 ASBA Show Bendigo, parading their sheep.



Illinois Queen Meets Australian Youth Ambassador 2005

By Brenda Venters



Laura Rosenbohm from Illinois, U.S.A. visited Australia as an agricultural exchange student with 4-H Exchange program during June/July 2006. She is 20 years old and a sophomore in college, studying agriculture communications with an emphasis on photojournalism. Laura's interest in the sheep industry began about eight years ago when she bought her first show lamb. She now has a flock of 18 registered Corriedale ewes. We met Laura at an Illinois Corriedale Social Day when she became the Illinois Corriedale Queen.

While in Australia Laura spent four weeks visiting Liberton, Bimbadeen, Haven Park, Coora and Stanbury Corriedale studs. These visits gave her an insight into the management of Corriedales under different and varied climatic conditions in Australia and furthered her horizons into marketing of lamb and the softness of our beautiful crimped wool. She also enjoyed the countryside she travelled through and the tourist sights such as the Twelve Apostles and Cowes Penguin Parade.

Laura is grateful to everyone whom she met during her stay. As Laura says, 'I experienced and learned more about the Australian culture and sheep industry than I thought I would'. The following is an extract that she wrote from her impressions of her trip.

In the summer of my 19th year, I found myself leaving my family to travel halfway around the world for a month long stay in Australia. My plan was to work firsthand as a U.S. exchange student on a well respected Corriedale stud, and hopefully learn how to change my flock of eighteen sheep into a prosperous business. My destination was 'Liberton Corriedales' with Jim and Brenda Venters. I had met the Venters the previous year at the Illinois state Corriedale meeting, and had been captivated by their Aussie accents and the fact that they owned 500 sheep and were still considered retired. Here I was in Australia, not because of my fascination of the wild and untamed country, but because I wanted to learn how to have a successful sheep farm.

My first day on a true Aussie sheep farm began with a delicious cup of hot chocolate to wash down my vegemite on toast. The rest of the morning is a very vivid memory. As we went out into the cool morning air, we were met by a chorus of warbling magpies and a lamb yard full of authentic Australian lambs. When I first saw the ewes and their lambs I was very surprised at their size and stature. While I was used to tall long legged Corriedales, these were smaller and more stout. My second surprise came at sunrise when the whole countryside seemed to open up and I saw the beautiful rolling hills and the famous gum trees dotting the land. This was the first time I had ever seen a winter where there were still leaves on the trees and the grass was green.

Throughout the rest of my home stay I enjoyed many more beautiful mornings on other Corriedale studs around the country and enjoyed many evenings around the fireplace visiting with the hard working sheep farmers. I saw firsthand how every farmer takes a different approach to maintain their operation. Even more I saw how very different the sheep industry is compared to the U.S., not only in the market but also geographically.

My last night on the true Aussie sheep farm came to an end as I packed away a jar of delicious vegemite and drifted off to sleep. I dreaded waking up in the morning and leaving the strong people and rugged country of Australia, yet at the same time I looked forward to coming home to improve my own flock of sheep. What had I learned? Farmers and their goals are the same worldwide, their stories are all the same, however, the paths they take to achieve those goals are literally a world apart.

Lisa Virgona from Gheringhap, Australia is a highly motivated and dedicated young person with a passion for rural life. For several years Lisa has shown stud sheep at the Corriedale sheep shows for our 'Liberton' Corriedale stud. Lisa won the Australian Corriedale Association 'Young Achiever & Ambassador of the Year' 2005 and in the following year





Above: Laura (Left), Lisa (right), with Senior Champion Corriedale Ram ASBA 2006

Lisa was honored to be invited to be the Under Judge of the Corriedale rams alongside an International Judge Mr. Jim Sama from Argentina at the Australian Sheep and Wool Show, Bendigo 2006, in Victoria.

Currently she is studying agriculture at University and not only seeks to gain more knowledge and improve her own skills within this area, but is also very committed to assisting and helping others to follow their interests in agriculture and promote the agricultural industry. Lisa is considered by many to be a role model and has been requested many times by several training institutions to speak of her experiences and achievements to younger students and performs this task with great enthusiasm.

Lisa has attended over several years' The Weekly Times Cattle Handler's Camp conducted by Stud Beef, Vic. Inc. This allowed her to interact with stud breeders and successfully show their cattle. She was nominated for

the role of promotions officer as a team member of the Committee of 'Young Beef Victoria' helping to raise money towards scholarships to help young people commence their career/interests in agriculture.

In 2004 Lisa was the successful Trainee of the Year (Geelong Region) nominated by G Force Recruitment. Nominated by the Gordon Institute of Tafe for the Victorian Training Wards-Outstanding student of the Year (Trainee). Only four students are nominated from this institution for these awards each year. Lisa made it to the second round interviews.

Lisa deferred from her university studies to gain practical experience at Banongil Pastoral Company and worked on this large rural enterprise as a jillaroo for six months completing many and varied tasks and learning how life really is within the rural industry. She acquired a pup 'Clay' and while working daily with sheep trained it.

The knowledge she gleaned while working at Banongil gave her the foresight to form her own company called Farm Assist. The following eight months Lisa was self employed stock handling for local farmers with the assistance of Clay.

Through her Farm Assist Company, Lisa was able to offer work experience to several students. She also assisted a muesling contractor and through this avenue Lisa has been accredited in this field being one of five girls in Australia.

Lisa has recently been requested to be a role model and enthusiastically accepted the task to give talks and encouragement to young students, supported by Golden Plains Shire, with G Force Recruitment, Western Heights Secondary College and the Department of Primary Industry with the Jobs 4Kids (School Based Apprenticeships in Agriculture).

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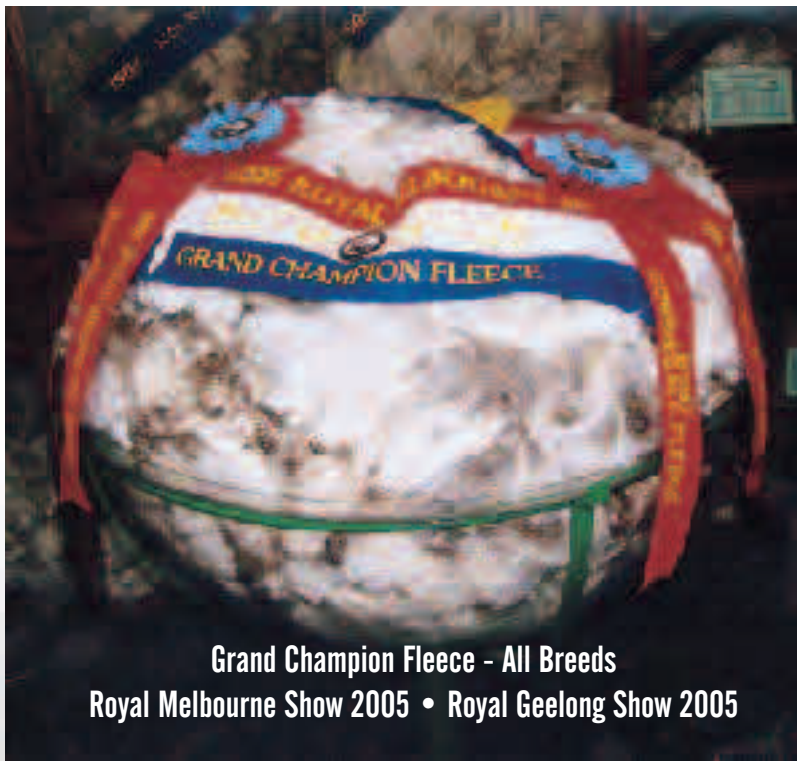
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Easy Care Corriedales Impress Australian Producers

By Brenton Lush

The ability of Corriedales to look after themselves was their greatest attribute, according to Australia's Corriedale producers.

Corriedale breeders and their clients were surveyed by the Australian Corriedale Association to get a commercially based picture of how the breed was performing in the Australian environment. The results showed that Corriedales were able to produce a variety of products in a range of conditions right across the country.

Australia is a big and diverse country, and that was reflected in the survey responses. Corriedales were grown in areas ranging from 420mm (17 inch) rainfall per year in Western Australia's grain belt to 900mm (36 inch) on King Island in Bass Strait, with lambs being dropped from April through to September.

One of the first findings of the survey was the effect of lambing month on lambing percentage. Reflecting generally accepted knowledge, lambing percentages increased from autumn lambing towards Spring. (May - 92%, June - 102%, July - 103%, August - 119%). One Autumn drop producer bucked the trend with 115% lambing, while the highest for pure Corriedale ewes was 150%. Most producers lambing from June to September expected to have 100% of lambs marked, with minimal losses from marking to weaning.

The versatility of the Corriedale was emphasised by the destination of these lambs. Some lambs were sold as store lambs, to go onto stubbles or irrigation or into feedlots for finishing, while most were retained by their breeders to go direct to the domestic trade (butchers and supermarkets) as 18 to 22kg carcass weight lamb or to the Australian Lamb export markets. In Australia, a lamb carcass generally needs to be greater than 22kg to enter the export market, and the ability of the Corriedale lamb to reach these weights without laying down excess fat was applauded by several respondents to the survey.

Some producers also mated a portion of their Corriedale ewe flock to terminal sires, and the ability of the Corriedale dam to produce crossbred lambs of high growth and excellent quality was recognised and appreciated.

The dual purpose nature of the Corriedale showed results in the survey's response to wool production. On average, respondents expected their Corriedale ewe flock to cut 5.3kg/head of 27 micron wool annually which would yield around 72%. To give an idea of potential wool production, the top weight of wool expected was 7kg/head and the fibre diameter ranged from 24 to 30 micron in the adult ewe flock.

The survey also asked producers if they were using Corriedales as part of a cross breeding programme, apart from putting terminal sires over Corriedale ewes. While not enough responses came back to be statistically useful, the results that did come in indicated that Corriedale rams may have potential to fill roles in the Australian sheep industry as either a first cross sire over Merino ewes or as part of a self-replacing composite sheep breed system.



Brenton Lush (left)

The survey also asked producers what they liked about Corriedales as well as what improvements they would like to see in the breed. Easy care, good doing sheep was the main characteristic that Corriedale producers appreciated about the breed; sheep with good temperament, no lambing problems and few fly troubles that were able to handle a range of conditions and high stocking rates. Producers also mentioned the mothering ability of the Corriedale dam, and again highlighted the desirability of having a self replacing, dual purpose sheep.

And respondents also gave indications of what they wanted from Corriedales. Improve fertility (especially in young ewes), improve growth and improve muscling were the main messages that stud breeders can take from the survey, with other calls coming to improve wool weight and quality and develop parasite resistance. The ACA can also take note of the call from some of its producers to improve the marketing of Corriedales and their quality products.

It could be said that this survey of Corriedale producers confirmed what we already knew about the breed and its capabilities. It is this confirmation and results such as these that will allow the Corriedale breed to promote itself to the Australian sheep industry, and it is feedback such as this that will allow breeders to hold on to their positive attributes while breeding the sheep our future clients will need.



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Corriedale ewes mean sire choices can be easily adapted to suit market demand. Currently Corriedale ewes joined to either White Suffolk or Poll Dorset sires are producing excellent results, but these are not the only sires that offer such potential, the possibilities are vast. Ewes can also be joined to either Coopworth and Romney sires to meet relevant market needs. Such flexibility rewards Corriedale breeders.

On the maternal side, East Friesian and Border Leicester terminal sires over Corriedale ewes produce quality

prime lamb mothers and retain classic Corriedale features in offspring.

Corriedale deliver better value than the traditional first cross ewes, primarily from their heavier cutting and quality wool clip. Such flocks commonly return 150 per cent at lambing, boosted and ensured by the ewe's ability to nourish lambs so they grow to export quality.

The skins from such lambs are also highly sought after by abattoirs. Demand shows that abattoirs do not want the rough, coarse wool skins of other breeds, rather they prefer in the 24-28 micron range – exactly what Corriedale ewes will deliver.

There is also the option of retaining the ewe portion for second generation prime lamb production, or you can profit from the high returns on investment from young ewe sales.

While pure Corriedale or crossbred ewes continue to return in the wool market, by joining ewes with pure Corriedale sires the wool clip can be further enhanced, boosting income.

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A Year with the Woodleigh Corriedale Sheep Showing Team

By Jo Hellard

In 2006 the Woodleigh Sheep Showing Team had so many learning opportunities with their Corriedale stud. There were highs and lows and plenty of hands-on experience.

The team grew from 3 to 8 students, with Victoria Smith, Olivia Campbell, Grace Calder, Grace Boxshall, Phoebe Owens, Thea Bleazby, Emily Brambook and Zoe Chenier-Hinde. We started with two ewes provided by Peter and Maree Baker from Loddon Park stud and had another two donated (already joined) by Jim and Brenda Venters of Liberton stud.

At the beginning of the year we attended the local shows: Berwick Show, Red Hill Show, and Bunyip Show and were very successful. We then artificially inseminated

the other two ewes and waited in anticipation for the new arrivals to join us. Macpherson was our first born, followed by Onyx and Wunder Baa. Unfortunately this time of new life was overshadowed with a couple of sad events. Elle, Macpherson's dam passed away one month after he was born, suffering a high fever that would not come down. And Aries mis-mothered her ram lamb after birth.

At this time we were going to the Australian Sheep and Wool Show in Bendigo. The students agreed that it was too risky taking the sheep with us, but still had a great time completing all the activities provided. Jim and Brenda Venters took our students under their wing and got them to help show their sheep. Also there was a schools education day, and Junior



Judging. Grace Calder came 1st in her age group (out of 17) and delivered a fair summary of why she had placed her sheep the way she did.


Our next show was in Geelong, and competition was tough as we were up against the Venters and Ellis's. We did extremely well in the Schools Competition, however, and Olivia Campell came 3rd in the Junior Judging. All students listened carefully to explanation of what makes a good Corriedale. Lastly was the Whittlesea Show where once again Aries came away supreme champion ewe of the Show. A very exciting time for the team and a great way to end a year of hard work and dedication.

We look forward to expanding our stud and team this year.

This page and opposite: Students from Woodleigh School, Baxter, Vic. The photograph on the right also features Jim and Brenda Venters from the Liberton stud.



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	Maternal Weaning Wt	No. of Lambs Weaned	Post Weaning Scrotal Circ	Yearling Scrotal Circ	Birth Wt	Weaning Wt	Post Weaning Wt	Yearling Wt	Adult Wt	Post Weaning Fat Depth	Post Weaning Eye Muscle Depth	Yearling Fat Depth	Yearling Eye Muscle Depth	Yearling Fibre Diameter	Yearling Fibre Diameter CV	Yearling Greasy Fleece Wt	Yearling Clean Fleece Wt	Post Weaning FEC	Yearling FEC	Hogget FEC
EBV	+0.6	+8	+1.9	+2.3	+0.4	+4.5	+5.2	+6.4	+10.3	-0.7	+0.8	-0.2	+1.1	-2.0	-0.2	-2	-10	+13	-11	-8
Acc	58%	46%	66%	73%	80%	88%	77%	80%	71%	64%	60%	76%	70%	76%	74%	80%	77%	55%	62%	56%

CORRIEDALE AVG. ASBVS FOR 2005 BORN LAMBS

EBV	0.1	1	0.2	0.2	0.1	1.5	1.7	2.0	2.5	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	-0.3	-0.3	3	0	2	-2	-7
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SELECTION INDEX VALUES

Market Target	Index Value		Breed Average
Corriedale \$Index	+119	AR	+104
SAMM \$Index	+134	AR	+108

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Lot Feeding Lambs in Australia

By Rick Foster

Lot feeding lambs has become a large enterprise in Australia. Corriedale and Corriedale cross lambs are well suited to a feed lot situation. Pure Corriedale lambs are good as they do not become over-fat and receive penalties at the abattoirs. The skin value is also more than other coarse skins on cross-bred lambs.

There are many Australian farmers now specialising in lot feeding. Some producers put their own lambs in

feedlots, but many others buy the lambs specially to lot feed.

The ideal lamb to start in a feedlot is 40 kg, fat score 2 and shorn.

At Haven Park Corriedales, Corriedale wether lambs are born June – July and shorn in October. Then, depending on the season, they are put into a feedlot situation December – January when the lambs are fed grain based pellets as well as straw.

They each eat approximately 1 kg of pellets daily. Depending on the price of the pellets it costs about \$25-\$30 per head to feed them for 40 days.

Last year Haven Park sold lot fed lambs at 27.9kg carcass weight for \$3.40 (AUD) per kg with their skins making \$14.

Corriedale cross lambs are also ideal for lot feeding which shows the versatility of the Corriedale breed to maximise your profit.

Left: Lot feeding lambs at Haven Park



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Show Results 2006

Heytesbury Show

- Most successful exhibitor
- Champion Ram
- Champion Ewe
- All Breeds Champion
(4th successive year)

Campbell Town (Tas)

- 6 sheep entered, all won their class
- Senior & Junior Champion Ram
- Senior Champion Ewe
- Junior Champion Ewe
- Junior Champion Wool Breed

Stawell State Sheep Show

- Champion Ram
- Champion Ewe
- Champion Sheep of the Show

Bendigo (A.S.B.A.) Show

- Most successful exhibitor
- Supreme Champion Corriedale
- Grand Champion Ram
- Junior Champion Ram
- Grand Champion Ewe
- Champion Corriedale Fleece
- Supreme Australian Long Wool
Group

Ballarat Sheep Show

- Most successful exhibitor
- Champion Ram
- Champion Ewe

Hamilton Sheepvention

- Most successful exhibitor
- Supreme Champion Ewe
- Senior & Junior Champion Ewe
- Reserve Champion Ewe

Adelaide Royal Show

- Most successful exhibitor
- Champion Ram
- Champion Ewe
- Reserve Champion Long Wool
(All Breeds) Ram & Ewe

Genetic Evaluation Crosses the Tasman

By Richard Apps

Australian and New Zealand Corriedale breeders are leading the development of across country genetic evaluation for the sheep industry.

The goal of developing the capacity for trans-Tasman genetic evaluation is to enhance current genetic information in both countries to provide ram breeders with greater opportunities for genetic improvement.

Following a meeting of breed and technical representatives, the Sheep Improvement Limited (SIL) and Sheep Genetics Australia (SGA) technical teams have undertaken a R&D project investigating the feasibility of combining data sets for analysis.

The pedigree and performance datasets managed by SGA and SIL have been exchanged and converted into formats applicable to their respective genetic evaluation engines.

The combined dataset represents some 189,000 Corriedales with a range of maternal, growth, carcase, fleece and worm resistance records.

Trait	Count
Total animals	188,689
Animals with body weight	103,292
Animals with fleece weight	50,745
Animals with carcase measurements	19,753
Animals with scrotal circumference	6,156
Animals with worm egg count	825

Table 1. Trans-Tasman Corriedale dataset summary

Following conversion, a series of analyses have been conducted to determine the technical feasibility of a combined analysis.

This has involved a review of sire ID's to ensure consistency, a vital component in establishing genetic linkage between the data sets. Pleasingly, almost all flocks from have met linkage requirements for the traits they are recording.

The individual and combined datasets have been run independently and as a combined data set through both the SGA and SIL evaluation methods.

The pleasing technical outcome is that under both SIL and SGA analyses the combined datasets can be run successfully.

SGA and SIL look forward to working with the Australian and New Zealand Corriedale breeders to assist deliberations on how they may wish to progress their project following the technical review.

Left to right: Richard Apps, Richard Walkelin, Alex Ball, Mark Young and Sheryl-Anne Newman met in Christchurch to discuss the technical review.





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	3.7	4.3	-0.6	6.6	5.4	111.0



QP 69-05 Sire Quamby Plains 0173-01

Lambplan	WWT	PWWT	PEMD	YWT	Y6FW	Corriedale \$1 Index
	0.8	1.5	.3	3.3	15.1	105.8



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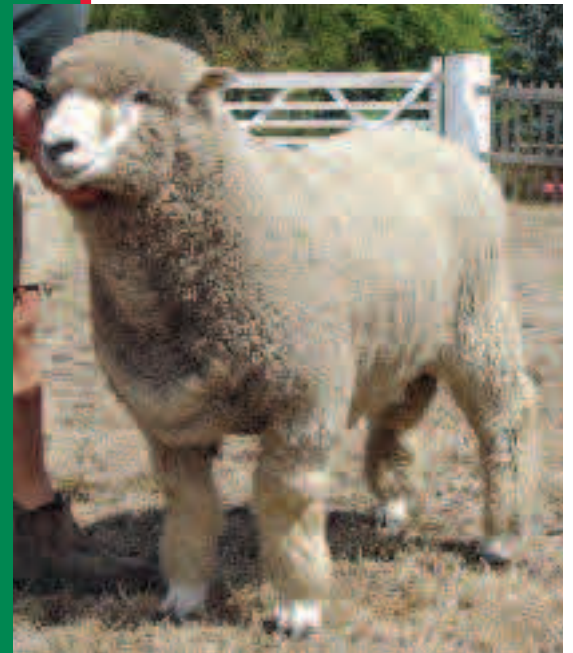
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QP 134-05 Sire Strathblane NZ 0908-02

Lambplan	WWT	PWWT	PEMD	YWT	Y6FW
	3.1	3.0	1	5.2	19.3
Corriedale \$1 Index					
109.8					

