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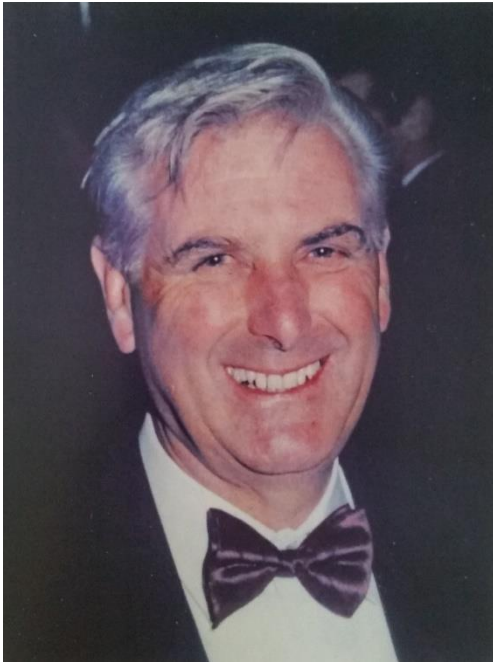
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**The late Neil Tresidder.**

## Neil Tresidder

20<sup>th</sup> June 1939 – 16<sup>th</sup> July 2015

Neil Lindsay Tresidder passed away suddenly on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

He was very well-known to stud sheep and cattle breeders in Victoria, Tasmania and the southeast of South Australia as WFI business services manager – southern operations.

I knew Neil for 25 years and we would catch up when the WFI commission cheques were personally dropped off at Head Office.

Neil retired from WFI in November 2012 however still

appeared quite often at major shows and field days to help out.

He was a true gentleman and widely respected by clients and friends as evidenced by the packed church at his funeral in Toorak, Melbourne. Deepest sympathy to his wife Wanda and family.

*From the Secretary*

## Inlet Views News

The College flock of Inlet Views is progressing well and achieving both success at shows and in advertising the many benefits of the breed to the greater sheep community.

The College has formed an alliance with Moree Corriedales

of Tambellup and for the past two years Moree has prepared and shown sheep alongside Inlet Views at all the major shows in Western Australia. Each flock has a variety of animals with differing wool traits and conformation and this keeps the judges on their toes. The additional animals have enabled us to have more students involved with the showing and preparation of sheep.

Students are actively involved with all aspects of the day to day management of both the stud animals and commercial sheep enterprises at the College, under the watchful eye of Mrs Leanne Grant-Williams, sheep enterprise manager. The Corriedales have proven to be a very suitable breed for students



**Inlet views stud ewes wearing neck chains for identification at lambing.**

with no sheep experience to handle due to their quiet nature and calm disposition. Animals are taught to lead and parade in the months in the lead-up to the show season and this is always popular with the students. Our sheep are always well-behaved in the showring and this also sends a positive message about the temperament of the breed.

In February 2015 we completed an artificial insemination program with students helping in all aspects of the program. They were keen to see through the laparoscope and look at semen motility down the microscope. Corralyn partnership generously donated semen for College use and two rams were used in last year's program. The stud is seeking to improve conformation and wool type with the introduction of genetics from Quamby Plains through our AI program in 2014. Lambs from this drop were shown at the Perth Royal Show last year and thus far they are really standing out as the type and direction we are aiming to achieve.

The stud ewes all have neck chains with large numbers for ease of identification at lambing. Students will tag and weigh lambs at birth and this makes ewe identification easy. This saves wool down grading from spray marking.

*(Courtesy – Leanne Grant-Williams)*

## Mac Schulz

10<sup>th</sup> November 1919 –  
27<sup>th</sup> April 2015

Macgregor “Mac” Schulz passed away in April last year at 95 years of age, just 12 months

after his wife Helen. Mac was a life member of the Association, and ACA President from 1973-1975.

Mac judged sheep nationally and internationally, and with Helen attended Corriedale World Conferences in Uruguay, New Zealand, Brazil, Chile, Argentina and Melbourne. He was proud of the fact that for all the conferences and judging duties he never claimed one cent of compensation for his travel or accommodation expenses.

Mac was a founding member of the Albury Sheep Show and served terms as its president and vice-president. The show was always a very busy time of year for the Schulz family, and with so much to do they moved into the New Albury Hotel for the week, despite living only 14 miles out of Albury. They would attend the cocktail party, Corriedale dinner, the sheep show ball and various other social events, and Helen had a different outfit for each one. Mac's major memories included the visit of the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, and the 1970 Albury Show being opened by the Governor-General Sir Paul Hasluck.

He also explored his interest in agricultural politics as a member of the Graziers Association and the United Farmers and Woolgrowers Association. During this period Mac was elected inaugural chairman of the NSW Oats Marketing Board and then director of the Farmers & Graziers Co-operative Company. All this involved many trips to Sydney. Mac estimated that he must have made around 400 return flights



Macgregor “Mac” Schulz.

from Albury to Sydney over the years.

His other achievements include being honoured with an OAM (Officer of the Order of Australia) in 1981 for his contribution to the agricultural industry and being named NSW Farmer of the Year in 1966.

“He was one of those special people who quietly achieved without public fanfare,” said Richard Carter.

The following is an edited excerpt from his memoirs:

“Another one of my great loves was the Australian Corriedale Association. After being a registered breeder in the name of W.C. Schulz & Son (I was the Son at 14), the stud later changed – in name only – to Willurah Pastoral Co. Pty. Ltd until it was dispersed in 1982. I was actively involved in Federal Council and administration affairs from a breeder's point of view. After starting as a young bloke, I went through the channels as State Member, State Committee

Member, State Chairman, Federal Council Member, Federal Council President and Honorary Life Member.”

Mac described farming as his “lifelong ambition and pleasurable work mixed with success and many mistakes”. He was survived by his children Anne and Judith, four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

*(With thanks to Anne Knox, Richard Carter, Jeff Prell and the memoirs of Mac himself)*

## 2015 Young Ambassador Programme (YAP)

Three outstanding candidates contested the Corriedale YAP Award for 2015, held at the 2015 Australian Sheep & Wool Show Bendigo in July.

Winner was Grace Calder, 22 years from Kinatura, Hastings, Vic., a graduate lamb industry



**Grace Calder, winner of the 2015 Young Ambassador Award, shaking hands with ACA President Ian MacKinnon.**



**John Manchester (left) and buyer with the top priced Roseville ram. (Courtesy - The Land Newspaper)**

development officer with the Victorian Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources.

The other participants were: Edward Thomas, Cooma, NSW, 19 years and currently with Jemalong Wool as a Technical Services Trainee; Daniel Mosele, 20 years, of Wooloonoon, Mt Eliza, Vic. who is offering tutoring in English, Mathematics, VCE Biology and Chemistry, piano and music theory.

Prize for Grace Calder was a return flight to New Zealand, concluding with the Christchurch Show last November and hosting from NZ Corriedale breeders.

The three candidates briefly addressed Federal Council after the AGM. Other components of the YAP comprised resume, interview and sheep judging.

The quality of all candidates was excellent.

## First Corriedale Ram Sale at Roseville

Roseville Corriedales had their first on property ram sale last October, with a quite pleasing result.

The Manchester family have had the most interest they have ever had into Corriedales, as people are looking again at a dual purpose sheep. The Corriedale is the true dual purpose sheep. We have been working hard on improving carcass qualities as well as improving wool cut and yield.

As a dual purpose sheep it works well for us, with great fertility scanning 170%, cutting 6.5 – 7kg 25 micron wool, and we are now turning lambs off their mothers at 4-5 months of age. I think this is why people are looking at Corriedales – they are a very versatile sheep with great qualities.

All our Corriedales are performance recorded whether it is wool or meat, and show great raw data or ASBVs.

At our Roseville sale we averaged \$990 for our rams, which we were very happy with considering it was the first auction Corriedale sale in NSW.

With the markets at record highs I don't think there is a better time to get into Corriedales to improve productivity on farms.

Your fellow breeder,  
*Tony Manchester, Roseville*

## Australia Day Honour to Ian MacKinnon

Corriedale Federal President, Ian McLean MacKinnon, was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) on Australia Day, January 26.

Ian received the honour for significant service to primary industry, particularly to crop research and policy development, and to agricultural advisory committees.

## Sad News

**Ford Guthrie**, 17 years, son of Tom and Sarah and grandson of Oliver, died late January 26 in a tragic car accident on the road that runs through their property.

His sister Pollyanna, 19 years, survived the accident and is now home recovering.

**Ed Baker**, Loddon Park, Baringhup, Vic passed away on January 27, 2016.

Ed was an honorary life member of the Association and also a state life member.

Deepest sympathy to both the Baker family and the Guthrie family.



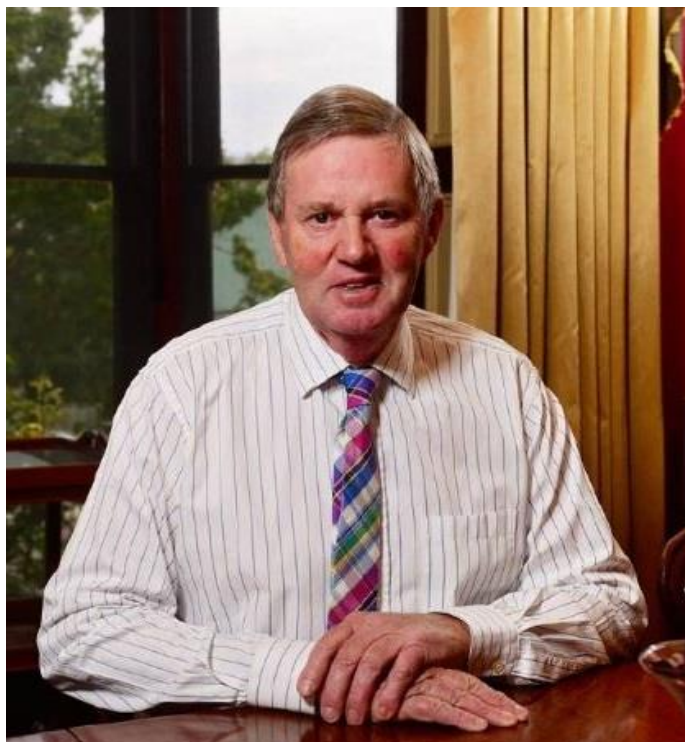
**Ed Baker**

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**ACA President Ian MacKinnon, (AM).**  
*Photo – Phillip Briggs, The Examiner.*

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## Shows

### Hamilton Sheepvention 2015

3-4 August, 2015

Judge, woolly: Claire  
Blackwood

Judge, shorn: Peter Blackwood

**Interbreed supreme  
longwool ram**  
Liberton

**Interbreed supreme  
longwool ewe**  
Woodleigh School

**Interbreed supreme  
longwool group**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Liberton

**Supreme champion ram**  
Liberton

**Senior champion ram**  
Liberton

**Reserve champion ram**  
Liberton

**Junior champion ram**  
Liberton

**Reserve junior champion ram**  
Liberton

**Champion March shorn ram**  
Liberton

**Champion shorn ram**  
Croydon

**Champion unhoused ram**  
Haven Park

**Supreme champion ewe**  
Woodleigh School

**Senior champion ewe**  
Woodleigh School

**Reserve senior champion ewe**  
Ballarat Grammar

**Junior champion ewe**  
Liberton



**Woodleigh School students with the supreme interbreed longwool ewe at Hamilton Sheepvention, 2015.**

**Reserve junior champion ewe**  
Liberton

**Champion March shorn ewe**  
Woodleigh School

**Champion shorn ewe**  
Liberton

**Champion unhoused ewe**  
Woodleigh School

**Best group**  
Liberton

**Most successful exhibitor  
unhoused**  
Woodleigh School

**Most successful exhibitor**  
Liberton



**(Left to right) Caley Hood holding "Franny", Charlotte McCarthy holding "Thorn" and Tess Runting holding "Lily" at the 2015 Hamilton Sheepvention.**

**Bendigo ASBA 2015**

17-19 July

Ram judge: Ian MacKinnon, Tasmania

Ewe judge: Robert Love, Victoria

Shorn judge: Doug Deppeler, Victoria

**Supreme interbreed longwool exhibit**

3<sup>rd</sup> Quamby Plains

**Supreme interbreed longwool group**

3<sup>rd</sup> Loddon Park

**Supreme champion Corriedale (Wettenhall Perpetual Trophy)**

Quamby Plains

**National pairs (Arcadian Wool Brokers Trophy)**

Liberton

**Most successful exhibitor (The Late J.F. Guthrie Perpetual Cup)**

Liberton

**Most successful in shorn classes (Goxhill Perpetual Trophy)**

Liberton

**Grand champion ram (John Savage Memorial Trophy)**

Quamby Plains

**Senior champion ram**

Quamby Plains

**Reserve senior champion ram**

Quamby Plains

**Junior champion ram under 1 ½ years (RE Wettenhall Trophy)**

Liberton

**Reserve champion ram under 1 ½ years**

Blackwood

**Grand champion ewe (Jill Savage Memorial Trophy)**

Loddon Park

**Senior champion ewe over 1 ½ years**

Loddon Park

**Reserve champion ewe over 1 ½ years**

Sweetfield



**Brenda Venters and Donna Abbruzzese (USA) with junior champion ewe and reserve junior champion ewe, 2015 ASBA Show Bendigo. (Photo – Wayne Jenkins)**



**Graham Turnbull (left), Woodhall, Wedderburn, Vic congratulates Jim Venters, who holds the junior champion ram, 2015 ASBA Show Bendigo. The Turnbull family founded their Woodhall stud in 1915.**



**Best sires fleece**  
Wooloonoon

**Corriedale group of four sheep**

1<sup>st</sup> Liberton  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ballarat Grammar

**C.B.T. Gates Memorial Perpetual Trophy for first year exhibitor**  
Moralla

**School group 1 ram and 2 ewes (B. Hamblin Trophy)**  
1<sup>st</sup> Flinders Christian College  
2<sup>nd</sup> Chairo Christian College  
3<sup>rd</sup> Woodleigh

**Best Corriedale exhibited by a school (Liberton Trophy)**  
Flinders Christian College

**Tess Runting, Moralla, winner of the CBT Gates Memorial Perpetual Trophy for first year exhibitor, with her friend Natalie Joseph (left).**

**Junior champion ewe under 1 ½ years (Wahroonga Park Trophy)**  
Liberton

**Reserve junior champion ewe**  
Liberton

**Champion shorn sheep (The Roy Baker Trophy)**  
Sweetfield

**Reserve champion shorn sheep**  
Chairo Christian College

**Group 1 ram and 2 ewes under 1 ½ years (Loddon Park Trophy)**  
Loddon Park

**Best head (R.E. Wettenhall Trophy)**  
Sweetfield

**Best March shorn ram**  
Sweetfield

**Best March shorn ewe**  
Loddon Park

**Ken Smith Memorial Trophy – Sires Progeny Trophy**  
Sweetfield

**National pairs**  
Liberton

**National Weaner Competition – Sponsor Bruce Hamblin, Toolleen Stud**  
Corriedale Hills (SA), Roselea (NSW), Blackwood (Tas), Loddon Park (Vic)

Overall winner – Loddon Park

**Geoff Shannon Memorial Objective Measurement (Coora Trophy)**  
Blackwood

## Junior Judging Bendigo ASBA

Sunday July 19, 2015

The Corriedale junior judging began soon after the Young Ambassador Award presentation to Grace Calder, who went on to represent the Australian Corriedale Association (ACA) at the Christchurch Show, New Zealand, in November. Congratulations to Grace.

Jade, representing our sponsor The University of New England (UNE) for the ACA junior judging, welcomed the students as they came to register with Jo Lush, Di Jenke and Charlie Clark ready to record





**School judging at the 2015 ASBA Show.**

on computers. UNE presented each student with a pen complete with a USB drive concealed on the end. As you can imagine they were a treasured possession!

The ACA would like to thank Jade and the University of New England for their continued interest and support, Bruce Hamblin for his organisational skills prior to judging day, Jim Venters for manning the microphone, the judges Graham Jenke, Bron Ellis and Claire Blackwood, the handling judges Judith Nicolson, Rick Hoolihan and Milton Savage, and Andrew Cosby for collecting papers. A great team of wonderful supporters.

The results are as follows:

### 16 years and over:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Emily Attard, Flinders Christian College
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Angus Smyth, Yanco Agricultural High School
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bridget Leahy, La Trobe
- 4<sup>th</sup> India Dunscombe, Elisabeth Murdoch College
- 5<sup>th</sup> Stephanie McDonald, Tintern Schools
- 6<sup>th</sup> Shanae Hall, Elisabeth Murdoch College
- 7<sup>th</sup> Hannah Dave, Flinders Christian College

### Intermediate 14-15 years

- 1<sup>st</sup> Zac Liley, Yanco Agricultural High School
- Equal 2<sup>nd</sup> Charles Hogan, Yanco Agricultural High School
- Equal 2<sup>nd</sup> Jock Hogan, Yanco Agricultural High School
- 4<sup>th</sup> Amy Frith, Flinders Christian College
- Equal 5<sup>th</sup> Bella Hawkins, Flinders Christian College
- Equal 5<sup>th</sup> Cassie Goding, Flinders Christian College
- Equal 5<sup>th</sup> Amber Bevan, Yanco Agricultural High School

### Junior 13 years old and under

- 1<sup>st</sup> Olivia Atkins, Tintern Schools
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Isaac Lush, Investigator College
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bree Barker, Elisabeth Murdoch College
- Equal 4<sup>th</sup> Georgia Herde, Elisabeth Murdoch College
- Equal 4<sup>th</sup> James Barton, Flinders Christian College
- 6<sup>th</sup> Freya Dawe, Flinders Christian College



**School judging at the 2015 ASBA Show.**

## Dubbo Show 2015

The show was very well supported by the NSW breeders with nine studs exhibiting 74 sheep. The studs included Roseville, Roselea, Badgally, Tymec, Billigaboo, Eskbank and Merrigal, with two new exhibitors, Yullundry and Jesmond.

## Shows

The sheep were judged by Mr Wally Jenkin, Nayook South, South Australia. He was accompanied by long time advisor Veronica, who judged the overall performance of the students from Badgally, Eskbank and Trinity on judging day. An interesting twist took place when our State President Tony Manchester invited our two judges to morning tea and supplied a police escort from the ring (perhaps it was by chance but it impressed our visitors). But there can be no doubt that the contest was very close and the competition very keen with the students holding all the sheep. For the second time this year a judge has remarked on how impressed he was with the schools' contribution.

As the results show, the success was widely spread this year. In the woolly classes the Billigaboo ram became grand champion and went on to be the supreme Corriedale, while Roseville had the shorn champion ram and the reserve champion woolly. In the ewe section, Badgally took out champion woolly ewe and Roseville the reserve champion woolly ewe. Yullundry won the champion shorn ewe from Rose-Lea, whose ewe got reserve. The grand champion ewe went to Badgally.

In the specials, a group of three, Tymec; a group of two ewes, Badgally; and best head Tymec.

The overall most successful exhibitor was Tymec. A quick look through the results shows all the studs had successes in the various classes.

In the evening the Branch Social Director, Henry Thompson, had organised a fine venue for our annual dinner and presentation night. Our three trophy donors, John Armstrong, Alex and Jo Carroll and Bill Carroll were at the dinner to present them. The dinner was a huge success.

The following day the Tymec team of milk tooth ram and two milk tooth ewes went into the interbreed competition along with the Badgally ewe



**John Settree, Landmark NSW Stud Stock officer, Wally Jenkin, and Tony Manchester, NSW President, with two students from Trinity College, Goulburn – one of whom is holding the champion shorn Corriedale ram, Roseville 13/205 – at the 2015 Dubbo Show.**

and the Billigaboo ram. They all presented well. On Saturday the annual state meeting took place with the same executive being re-elected and being congratulated for all the work they have done this year. Plans were discussed for the celebration of 100 years of Corriedales being exhibited under the RAS banner and a review of our 100 years of Wool and War that took place this year which had such wonderful support from the AWI and the RAS.

*Courtesy – Rick Hoolihan*

**Champion shorn ram**  
Roseville

**Reserve champion shorn ram**  
Tymec

**Champion woolly ram**  
Billigaboo

**Reserve champion woolly ram**  
Roseville

**Grand champion ram**  
Billigaboo

## Shows

### **Champion shorn ewe**

Yullundry

### **Reserve champion shorn ewe**

Roselea

### **Champion woolly ewe**

Badgally

### **Reserve champion woolly ewe**

Roseville

### **Grand champion ewe**

Badgally

### **Supreme Corriedale Exhibit**

Billigaboo (ram)

### **Best Corriedale head**

1<sup>st</sup> Tymec

### **Most successful exhibitor**

Tymec

## Sydney Royal Easter Show 2015

The theme for Sydney last year was Wool and War and remembering our connection with New Zealand in the First World War. The AWI sponsored a banner for the NSW Corriedale Association with the words 'Lest We Forget' and our Federal Body decided to print the story in a brochure.

The State President Tony Manchester led a delegation to meet with the RAS Sheep and Wool Committee. We put forward our proposal to provide a stand in the sheep pavilion, highlighting the connection of Wool and War. It featured two overcoats from the Second World War, a hatstand with a couple of slouch hats and knitted wool scarves, a portrait of William Prell, who died at Ypres in 1916, with brochures and simple headings on cards to catch attention – and our banner overlooking it all.

The AWI heavily sponsored the cocktail party and the scene was

set. Breeders supported the show wonderfully well with Badgally, Billigaboo, Eskbank, Merrigal, Roselea, Roseville, and Tymec exhibiting – an amazing 45% of registered studs in NSW were represented in the showing.

RAS had 83 entries in the Corriedale Section and they had brought Tom Burrows from New Zealand to judge the sheep and add weight to our Anzac connections. The classes were hotly contested, with Tymec winning both woolly lamb classes and Roselea dominating the shorn classes, which went on to win the Peter Taylor class and proved to be a popular choice in the interbreeds. In the aged classes, Badgally proved to be very strong and won both the champion and reserve champion ewes and also took most successful exhibitor. Billigaboo took out the champion ram and the reserve champion ram, and went on to win the special ribbon presented by our New Zealand judge. Billigaboo also picked up the best head and the prize for the best sire's fleece. In a very interesting new class introduced by Tom Burrows, each stud was asked to nominate their best sheep before judging commenced. In the class, the stewards ensured the line-up consisted of those sheep. Tom politely judged the sheep and then presented everyone with a pennant at the cocktail party.



**NSW President Tony Manchester, Roseville, with a student from St. Gregory's holding Billigaboo's supreme Corriedale ram, and Cheryl Fletcher, President of the Hand Weavers and Spinners Guild of NSW, at the 2015 Sydney Royal Easter Show. In the background is the display celebrating 100 years of ANZACs.**



**Edward Stefanski, Lachlan Stefanski and Michael Watkin hold Badgally's champion and reserve champion ewes at the Sydney Royal Easter Show 2015.**

A special thank-you must go to the executive for the stand's success and also the very successful cocktail party once again organised by the Social Director, Henry Thompson. The display was coordinated with the wonderful help of the Spinners and Weavers who gave us space to put it all together – all the while busily spinning Corriedale wool. Everything was overlooked by the beautiful banner produced by Tony Manchester and the AWI. This allowed us to make the point that the Corriedale was the face of XB wool 100 years ago.

After the merinos and dual purpose meat breeds had gone home, Tymec brought back two sheep to represent Corriedales for a few days and then Billigaboo replaced them with the champion and reserve champion rams for the remaining days of the show. We appreciated the wonderful help from the RAS, the Spinners and Weavers and the AWI. Over 800,000 people attended the show. A huge percentage walked through the sheep pavilion and over 500 brochures were handed out. As a result, a Tymec sheep became the Facebook sheep of the show – with the most hits – and Billigaboo's "Frisco" claimed to be the most photographed sheep.

The RAS have made us the feature breed this year, as 2016 is 100 years since Corriedales were first shown in Sydney under the RAS banner. It will be an exciting year, largely thanks to the ongoing efforts of our executive – especially our President Tony Manchester.

*Courtesy – Rick Hoolihan*

**Objective Measurement Class**  
Badgally

**Grand champion ram**  
Billigaboo

**Reserve grand champion ram**  
Billigaboo

**Best headed Corriedale ram**  
Billigaboo

**Ram with best sire's fleece**  
Billigaboo

**Grand champion ewe**  
Badgally

**Reserve grand champion ewe**  
Badgally

**Peter Taylor group**  
Roselea

**Most successful exhibitor**  
Badgally

### Campbell Town Show 2015

**Grand champion Corriedale**  
Quamby Plains

**Champion ram**  
Quamby Plains

**Reserve champion ram**  
Glen Esk

**Champion ewe**  
Blackwood

## Shows

**Reserve champion ewe**  
Glen Esk

**Junior champion ram**  
Glen Esk

**Junior champion ewe**  
Glen Esk

**Most successful exhibitor**  
Glen Esk

Glen Esk's junior champion ram also went on to win the supreme junior champion wool breed ram (judged between Merino, Corriedale and Polwarth).



**Bron and Leigh Ellis, Sweetfield, with "Mack" at the 2015 Royal Geelong Show. (Courtesy – Annabelle Beale, Stock & Land)**

### Royal Geelong Show 2015

Judge: Peter Baker,  
Loddon Park, Baringhup  
Vic

**Champion ram**  
Sweetfield

**Reserve champion ram**  
Sweetfield

**Champion ewe**  
Woodleigh School

**Reserve champion ewe**  
Flinders Christian  
College

**Champion lamb**  
Sweetfield

**Reserve champion  
lamb**  
Sweetfield

**Supreme Corriedale exhibit**  
Sweetfield

**Most successful Corriedale  
exhibitor**  
Sweetfield



**Sweetfield's "Mack", the 2015 Royal Geelong Show champion ram, supreme champion Corriedale, interbreed champion longwool and winner of the Alan and Yvonne Deppeler Memorial Trophy. (Courtesy – Annabelle Beale, Stock & Land)**

**Interbreed longwool champion  
ram**  
Sweetfield

**Yvonne & Alan Deppeler  
Memorial Trophy**  
Sweetfield

**Most attractive fleece other  
than Merino - F.O. Whitcroft  
Memorial Trophy**  
Sweetfield

**Most successful exhibitor of the  
show**  
Sweetfield

**Best Corriedale  
ram fleece – Guy  
Wettenhall  
Perpetual  
Trophy**  
Sweetfield

**Best Corriedale  
ewe or wether  
fleece -  
'Stanbury'  
Corriedale  
Perpetual  
Memorial  
Trophy**  
Woodleigh School

**Interbreed  
champion lamb**  
Sweetfield

### Royal Geelong Show Junior Judging 2015

Junior judging at the Royal Geelong Show on Saturday 17 October began with an early 8:30 am start for both judges and competitors. Students surged from the sheep pens expectantly and the spectators shared their enthusiasm as they were called to judge the Corriedales and the Texels. Our sincere thanks go to Ian Gilmore, Chris Badcock, Andrew Wilkins and Helen



**Competitors in the junior judging at the Royal Geelong Show, 2015.**

Raven for their excellent rapport and attention to detail while interacting with the students. Thank you to Jim Venters as timekeeper for keeping everyone moving to their various tasks. A special thank you also to Charlie Clark, who gives tremendous support to this event and does an amazing job recording on the laptop. We sincerely hope he returns next year to be part of the team at Geelong. Thank you to Bron Ellis for her thorough preparation in the sheep pavilion. Thanks to the Corrie Breeders for the Corriedales and to Liz and Peter Russell and Basil Jorgensen for loaning their Texels to give the students a greater depth in the handling and judging of sheep. The teachers do a fantastic job, always ready to assist and encourage students.

And a final thank you to Geoff Oliver, Englewood Park, for his sponsorship in this event.

There were two classes this year and the main placings as follows:

#### Seniors – 14 years and over

- 1<sup>st</sup> Maya Watt, Tintern Grammar
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Louise Lane, Flinders Christian College
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tegan Ward, Chairo Christian School

#### Juniors – 13 years and under

- 1<sup>st</sup> Freya Dawe, Flinders Christian College
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Charlotte McCarthy, Woodleigh School
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Kasey Shields, Flinders Christian College

*(Courtesy – Jim & Brenda Venters)*

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We rely on our readers to send in the show results, articles and particularly photos that make up this newsletter.

If you have something you think should be included in our next issue, please email it through to [secretary@corriedale.org.au](mailto:secretary@corriedale.org.au).

## **Performance Corriedale Group Chairman's Report 2014/15**

The year of 2014/15 has gone quickly as they all seem to at the moment. Low rainfall throughout our region was experienced, but stock prices stayed buoyant with store wether lambs and trade/export lambs still having demand internationally and locally. The brightest commodity was wool – mid micron wools were selling in the 100th percentile for most of the year.

Where does this place the Performance Corriedale group? It should be our most productive time, as the Performance Corriedale has most of the characteristics that are required by the commercial breeder at this time. Performance Corriedales can put lambs on the ground (improved lambing percentages), quicker growing, and earlier maturing and with unprecedented demand for mid micron wools.

Most of our breeders are having increased enquiries for our product, mostly from outside the Corriedale breed, which places us in a very good position in increasing ram sales moving forward. I see the Performance group placing rams into the Merino sheep flock both to increase lambing percentages and maintain wool cuts while increasing micron slightly say to 22/23 micron. This becomes on today's terms a very viable sheep unit, particularly for the composite/maternal flocks that are looking to fine up their wool clip while not losing lamb percentages greatly. Using a purebred Performance Corriedale ram in their flocks, they will have the added benefit in skin pricing and breeding a more uniform type of ewe and lamb.

There are a few thanks, firstly Jim and Midge for answering my calls and being there for any questions I have, Wayne for continuing the pressure we need as a group to improve and move forward, and also the team at Sheep Genetics that are also always there and pushing for continued improvement as a group.

We now have some idea as breeders of our objectives and where we are going, so we need to put more of these ideas and measurements into practice.

Looking forward to our next year and the new lamb drop to see the increased DP\$ again for 2015/16.

**Peter Blackwood**  
**Chairman, Performance Corriedales Australia**

## Corriedale 16<sup>th</sup> World Conference 2018

The Federal Council sub-committee of Ian MacKinnon, Nick Cole, Bronwyn Ellis and Graham Jenke met by telephone link-up on February 8 to discuss a broad range of items for the World Conference in Australia in 2018.

Further details will appear in subsequent newsletters and on the Corriedale website.

The proposed timetable has a pre-conference tour with overseas delegates arriving in Adelaide, South Australia, on Thursday, July 12, 2018.

Following visits to Corriedale studs and other tourist attractions, the pre-tour visitors will arrive in Melbourne, Victoria, on Sunday, July 15 and then to Bendigo, Victoria, on Tuesday, July 17.

The Conference and dinner will be held at the All Seasons Hotel, Bendigo, on Wednesday, July 18.

There is judging of the National Pairs at the Australian Sheep and Wool Show, Bendigo Showgrounds, on Friday afternoon, July 20, with the main judging on Saturday, July 21 and other minor judging on the Sunday morning.

Depending on interest there may be post-Conference tours organised.

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Corriedale at the  
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