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## From the President

It appears that the time goes quicker the older you get. Looking back, it is many months since we last had a newsletter, which some will say is too long and something to remedy in the future.



**Graham Jenke, President.**

continue to be impressive, which should put the dual purpose self-replacing Corriedale at the forefront of the sheep industry.

I must commend the Corriedale Youth for their newsletters and dedication to the Corriedale breed. This is also shown by the younger generation exhibiting their sheep at many of the major and also their local shows. The New South Wales State Committee also published a newsletter and continues to run Corriedale promotional days, and promote Corriedales at field days, as does the Victorian State Committee.

The Corriedale breed is also promoted well on the Facebook page and this is where I find a lot of my

information on what other Corriedale breeders are doing. I regularly get show results from South America and recently America as well.

The Corriedale Eating Quality Genomics Trial is under way and a report in this newsletter gives more details.

This year is Australia's turn to select a Young Corriedale Ambassador to send to New Zealand. Judging for this will be held at Royal Adelaide Show from 1-3 September. Each state can select up to two contestants to represent them at the judging at Adelaide. Nominees for the Young Ambassador Programme need to be 19-25 years of age at Bendigo ASBA in July 2017. More information and application forms will be available from state committees shortly.

The committee organising the 16th World Corriedale Congress has had many phone calls and met together at Bron Ellis's home to discuss the tour, sponsors, promotion, etc. Congress Designs will oversee the congress. A logo designed by Gavin Leahy and a slogan to complement it were agreed upon. We have also selected promotional clothing for the congress in 2018. Samples of rugby tops, vests and caps, all navy blue, will be available at Bendigo ASBA this year for sizing and ordering prior to the congress in 2018. Thanks to Gavin and Sonia Leahy for their assistance with this. It would be good to see as many as possible wearing this promotional clothing during the Congress and show in 2018. More details of the Congress and tour will be available at the AGM in July 2017. Discussion is also underway for a journal to be collated and printed prior to the Congress.

In recent days, Peter Weston has tendered his resignation as the Corriedale Association Secretary

after nearly 24 years in this position. Peter and his wife will be moving as Karen has accepted employment interstate in Adelaide, SA. We wish Peter and Karen all the best in this undertaking, and thank him for his continued service over such a long time. I am sure it will not be the last we will hear of Peter. Federal Council will look at appointing a new Secretary and have several recommended people in mind, however, if there is anyone out there who would like to apply for this position feel free to contact me – a job specification will be available shortly.

Thanks everybody for your support and help.

*Graham G Jenke*  
**President**

## Corriedale Youth

Corriedale Youth began in March of 2016 and is an initiative to engage young people who show Corriedales in the breed association and also the sheep industry. Corriedale Youth has provided students with an email newsletter that will contain class, junior judging and handling results, information from other major shows around the country and reports from members who have attended sheep events and also informing them of opportunities for them such as the South Australian Sheep Expo, and Wool judging at the Australian Sheep and Wool Show, Bendigo.

In 2016 at the Sheep Show in Bendigo the new Showmanship Award was launched, having been designed to complement the Corriedale Youth Ambassador Award. It gives the younger students who are not eligible for the Ambassador Award the opportunity to be recognised for the work they put into their sheep. The award assesses their enthusiasm and willingness to learn and involve themselves in all aspects of the show as well as evaluate the quality of their handling skills.

I have had a fair bit of interest in Corriedale Youth from the schools, with questions about what I will be sending out to the young people in the email newsletter and what benefits Corriedale Youth will have for them. Currently there are approximately 35 people involved and that will hopefully increase over the time at the show. I would like to also get

more young people involved who may have family studs or their own stud not affiliated with a school.

Moving on from Bendigo, I hope to continue to provide the students with results and Corriedale news and ensure the young people who are involved in Corriedales receive the correct information about the breed and the sheep industry so I would like to get some breeders involved in the association. In 2017 I would like to be able to run a field day doing workshops for young people. Through this newsletter and other activities of Corriedale Youth, I want to make the students aware that agriculture is a career path and a possibility for them to pursue. However, my focus is going to be on the Corriedale breed going forward and connecting the young people of the breed who are all very passionate about their sheep.

It has been with a lot of help and encouragement from many people that this Corriedale Youth has been able to begin and develop. Thank you to Grace Calder for your continued advice and support throughout the whole process– you have been a wonderful support from the very beginning – to Bron Ellis and Peter Baker who have been a great support to Corriedale Youth and the young people of the breed; to the Australian Corriedale Association for providing funding to the Showmanship award; and finally, I need to thank my two judges for the showmanship award in 2016, Brenda Venters and Di Jenke.

*From Kate Methven*

## Corries Have Big Influence at SA Sheep Expo

There was a certain sense of déjà vu at the 2017 SA Sheep Expo. Just as in last year's event, there was a lot of last minute shuffling to the programme, some challenges getting warm showers sorted and some great food. But amongst many similarities with the 2016 event, this year the winner was, once again, an 18 year old Victorian girl with her own Corriedale stud. Tess Runting, Moralla Corriedales, was the overall winner of the senior section, scoring a trip to New Zealand as her major prize. To get to the top, Tess had to negotiate a marketing assignment, various



**Tess Runting, winner of the senior section at the 2017 SA Sheep Expo. (Courtesy – The Stock Journal.)**

assessments and quizzes, a handling competition and an interview. So now she gets to work out what she would like to see about the sheep industry in NZ.

The Corriedale influence continued through the results. Royce Pitchford, Lushford, came third in the senior section and his cousin Claire came second in the intermediates. In the juniors, Erin Douglas of Ovella Park was the overall winner and Nathan Lush, Ynot, came fourth.

In the Handlers competition, Tess again came out on top, with Kate Methven scoring a second, and Erin and Nathan getting first and second respectively in the juniors.

One of the new prizes for this year was the Lawral Park work experience placement, where

participants submitted an application to travel to Eyre Peninsula for two weeks and work with the Lawrie family's Prime Samm stud and sheep and cropping enterprises. The inaugural winner of this was another Victorian Corriedale breeder, Kate Methven, who might as well move to SA to save coming back all the time.

On another Corriedale note, in the Junior Handlers Competition, three of the four lads who were assigned Corries as their sheep won places, and Corries also had a breed display, manned by Graham and Di Jenke.

Last year, of course, Emily Attard of Tuerong Valley was our winner. Although she wasn't competing, Emily came along and helped out. She also had to present a report on her New Zealand trip at the official Expo dinner, and everyone was very impressed with our inaugural winner. We are sure Tess is going to have a great time, too.

Starting in 2016, the SA Sheep Expo brings together 12 to 23 year olds who have an interest in the sheep industry. At the Expo, participants learn about wool, nutrition, marketing and all aspects of the industry, and it also provides an opportunity for them to develop

networks, not only with their peers but with people already involved in the industry. For further information, keep an eye on the website, [www.sasheepexpo.com.au](http://www.sasheepexpo.com.au).

*From Brenton Lush*

## **The Late Ian MacKinnon**

*5 June 1949 – 11 March 2016*

Ian McLean MacKinnon (AM) died on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2016 as the result of a farm accident. He was 66. Ian was President of the Australian Corriedale Association from 2013 until his death. He had been involved with Corriedale sheep all his life and with his family had always shown sheep at Campbell Town. Ian judged sheep nationally and attended the

Corriedale World Conference in Brazil in 2012 and Argentina in 2014 with his wife Di.

Ian could be described as loyal, true, forthright and a man of action. A true gentleman who was not afraid of hard work but also not afraid to call a spade a spade.

For the past four decades he ran his property in the Northern Midlands with his wife and his three daughters before they left home. He was a family man with a great love for his hearth and home.

Ian was a very proud 'non-academic' who was praised for his common sense and

practicality. He was a member of the Grains Research and Development Corporation's (GRDC) Southern Panel for over 15 years and was chairman of the panel for seven of those. He mentioned how great the camaraderie was between the panel members, and was very proud to have been asked to join.

Ian was chairman of the Extensive Agriculture Research Advisory Committee for five years, and was the co-founder of the Tasmanian Agricultural Producers. He made significant contributions to the Barley Development Council and was on the Board of Directors of Single Vision Grains Australia. Ian was also the chair of The Crawford Fund's Tasmania Committee and a member of its Board of Directors. "What we try to do is invest in educating people overseas in developing nations," he said. "We educate those people on a short time basis so they can improve the agricultural output of their countries."

After he retired from the GRDC Panel in 2006, Ian turned his focus onto extending the family business from 2857 hectares to 8571 hectares. It was during this time that he developed a centre-pivot irrigation system comprising 690 hectares of irrigation that was extended annually.

*(From Di MacKinnon)*



**The late Ian MacKinnon (AM), President of the Australian Corriedale Association 2013-2016. (Courtesy – Phillip Briggs, *The Examiner*.)**

Ian received an Order of Australia medal in 2016 for significant service to primary industry, particularly to crop research and policy development, and to agricultural advisory committees.

Ian was a key person in the formation of farming systems groups across the southern part of Australia. He helped to develop a program of work that is now one of the major extension channels for farmers across the grains belt. He played a national role in driving the direction of agricultural research into the future and worked with researchers across many national universities.

Ian was a private person. A quiet achiever who worked tirelessly at his passion: agricultural research. He was instrumental in paving the way forward for agricultural research in Australia and across the world.

He described himself simply as a farmer with an abiding passion for the benefits that agricultural research can bring to rural development. He said that the highlight of his career was the people he had met.

Ian is survived by his wife Di, their children Georgie, Anna and Caroline, and nine grandchildren.

## New Generation

A push to target secondary school agricultural courses has paid dividends for Victoria's Corriedale breeders.

The Corriedale was the feature breed at the 2016 Bendigo Australian Sheep & Wool Show (ASWS).

And Sweetfield, Mount Moriac, stud co-principal Bron Ellis said the breed's future was bright, after Victoria's Corriedale breeders encouraged secondary schools to include the sheep in their agricultural courses.

Ms Ellis said the decision had been instrumental in encouraging the growth of interest in the breed.

"It was trying to get the kids, more or less, to learn about agriculture – to give them an insight into the industry; we used the Corries and they have taken it from there," Ms Ellis said.

"We were getting to a stage where there were no more kids coming on and no more new studs starting."

She said about 20 studs exhibited at the 2016 ASWS, including schools and former students, who had set up their own operations.

The introduction of Corriedales in schools had also encouraged students to look at all agricultural studies, including agronomy.

"A lot of us have donated sheep; they start off small, but they are interested and keen on keeping it going."

Ms Ellis said the Corriedale was holding its own, with the dual-purpose breed still popular for its attributes.

"There's been no big rush back to the Corriedales, as people still have Merinos," she said. "Wool is doing extremely well for the micron we are

selling, 28 micron is better than it ever has been and you're getting good money for your lambs.

"I've had this breed since I was a kid, it's their nature, and that's what the schools like. A Corrie has a good nature, it's not scatty, like a White Suffolk. They are good mothers, easy to handle and they produce well."

Sweetfield was running 100 ewes but had experienced significant success in the show ring, crowned most successful exhibitor at the 2015 Royal Geelong Show thanks mostly to the stud's 148kg, 15-month-old exhibit, Mack (champion ram, supreme Corriedale exhibit and champion long wool sheep in the interbreed).

*Andrew Miller, Stock & Land*



**Bron Ellis, Sweetfield, with a young lamb. (Courtesy – Stock & Land)**

## The Late Lester James

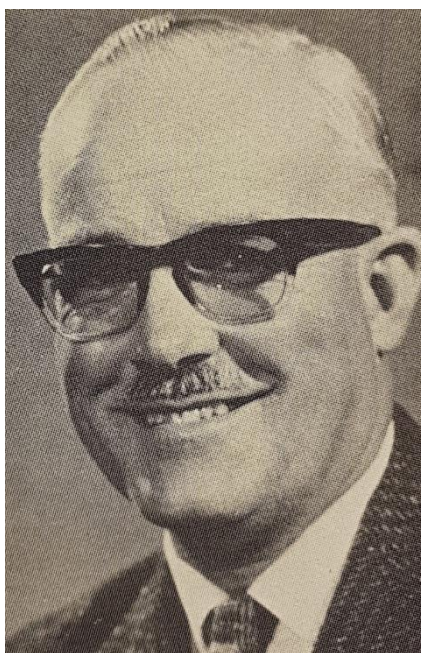
Mr Lester James, formerly of the Trevarno Corriedale stud at Parawa, SA, passed away late last year in December.

Lester James was born in 1922 in Berri, on the River Murray. His father had a fruit block and developed a dried fruit business. This developed into a cannery business in Adelaide, and after attending school there, Lester began work in the family business. At 15 he was made a sales rep for the company, covering half of Adelaide, and was put on the board of the company. While doing this, he also attended business school at night. When the family business was sold, Lester did a 2-year course at Roseworthy Agricultural College, graduating in 1941. Graduation day was brought forward so that the graduates could enlist in the armed forces, which they all did.

He trained as an electrical mechanic and as an unarmed combat instructor, and was stationed in various locations around Australia. But he didn't leave the country and didn't get to face the enemy.

By this time, his father had bought a 4000 acre scrub block at Parawa, south of Adelaide. While developing the farm, Lester married Concie and had two children, eventually buying his own property down the road. The family were amongst the pioneers of the Parawa area, being involved in all aspects of the community life.

Lester founded the 'Trevarno' Corriedale stud in 1961 when his son, Rodney, came home from school. The stud was based on 'Stanbury' sheep from R.E. Wettenhall, and most subsequent additions were from the same stud. In fact, son Rodney spent a year as a jackaroo at the Stanbury stud when he was 18. Later, some New Zealand rams were introduced, including Clifton Hills. The stud grew to about 350 ewes.



**The late Lester James,  
1922-2016.**

In the early 1970s, Rodney left the farm to work in Christian ministry, and in 1981 the 'Trevarno' stud was dispersed. Sheep were sold throughout SA and into Victoria and NSW, and several studs began with purchases of Trevarno ewes, including Compton House. Rams were sold to studs such as Rich Avon, Fairburn, Gambier View and Noorla. Lester took sheep to shows around SA and over to Perth, and judged in shows locally and interstate. After selling the farm, he continued to serve on the SA Branch

committee for a number of years, and acted as inspector for the Adelaide show for a long time. He was made an Honorary Life Member of the SA Branch for his long standing contribution.

*From Brenton Lush*

## Corriedale Eating Quality Genomics

*From Professor Wayne Pitchford  
The University of Adelaide,  
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Corriedale breeders are generally quick to espouse the superior eating quality of Corriedale relative to lamb from other breeds. Eating quality is a function of tenderness, juiciness and flavour. The two laboratory measures that explain the majority of variation in eating quality are the force required to sever muscle fibres (shear force) and the proportion of intramuscular fat (IMF%). Given animals must be killed to have these measures taken; the only way to evaluate the genetic merit of sires has been to test their progeny for such traits. Genomics is evaluating the genetic merit of animals based on the forms of genes (DNA) they have inherited from their parents. Sheep have about 30,000 genes and the DNA is tested at thousands of locations to be confident of characterising the forms of the genes. If animals have had relatives tested for performance in traits and their DNA characterised, then their genetic merit can be estimated with a DNA test. Thus, genomics offers the opportunity

to estimate breeding values for eating quality on live sheep.

The Performance Corriedale Group has initiated a project to test rams and develop genomic tests for eating quality of Corriedale lamb. The trial is being run at the Tasmanian Government's Cressy Research Station and managed by Peter and Claire Blackwood.

The outcomes of the project are:

1. Corriedale rams characterised for production and eating quality traits
2. Genomic tests developed for Corriedale and available for all breeders
3. Corriedale lamb benchmarked with other breeds through Sheep CRC and MLA trials
4. Many other lamb production traits including conformation and wool are also recorded

Corriedale breeders have a unique opportunity to be involved in a world leading trial for minimal cost. Breeders supply 20 doses of semen for a ram as well as contributing \$1,000 for the trial. Every dollar contributed by the breeder is matched 2:1 by a generous contribution from the Davies Research Centre at The University of Adelaide. This money is then matched 2:1 again through Meat and Livestock Australia's Donor Company. Thus, for every \$1 put in by Corriedale breeders an additional \$5 is matched.

While the project has been initiated by the Performance Corriedale Group, it is open to

all breeders and so represents an opportunity to invest in a legacy for long-term genetic improvement. For breeders to get value from genomic testing their sheep must be related to those in the population tested. Thus, it is important for as many breeders as possible to submit rams to achieve a broad representation of the Corriedale breed. As an additional benefit, many other breeds that have been similarly evaluated have been crossed to Merino ewes. However, by this trial using Corriedale ewes from both Blackwood and Quamby Plains studs, extra Corriedale genetic variation can be evaluated with Corriedale genes inherited from both rams and ewes.

On 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017, 300 ewes were inseminated with semen from the first 15 rams to be tested. Now is the time to plan to submit rams for the 2018 and 2019 programs. This is a rare opportunity to be part of a project with such appealing 5:1 leverage of funds for the Corriedale breed. Allocation of the 15 places will be on a first-in first-served basis while considering sampling genetic diversity.

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## The Late Graham Turnbull

Colin Graham Turnbull, Woodhall, Wedderburn, Vic passed away on July 12, 2016 after a long battle with cancer. Woodhall was one of the oldest Corriedale studs, founded in 1915 and numbered Flock 46. The Turnbull family celebrated 100 years of their stud in 2015.



**The late Graham Turnbull (left) with Jim Venters in 2015.**

Graham always enjoyed a chat, and was a courteous and diligent member of the Association, acting as a judge on numerous occasions and awarded a life membership by the Victorian State Committee for his contribution.

Graham was the announcer at the ASBA Show for many years. He judged at the 1995 ASBA Show in Melbourne when there was a very large number of entries in the ram classes.

He is survived by his wife Maureen, and will be missed.

*(From Shirley Foster)*



# Corriedale Social Media

As at 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017 the Australian Corriedale Association Facebook page has 984 page 'likes'.

## What does this mean?

When someone 'likes' a page, the page's posts, photos and links will appear in their 'News Feed' – the Facebook homepage that features everything they're interested in. People who have liked our page can interact with us by 'reacting' (e.g. liking the post) or commenting on it. People can also 'write on our wall', which means posting a comment, image or link that everyone who visits the page can see. They can also privately message us through the page, which we have had a couple of people do to enquire as to where they can buy sheep.

## How can you help?

Currently, the page is managed by Grace Calder (Kinatura, VIC) and Rick Hoolihan (Rose-Lea, NSW). While we do our best to make as many posts as possible, we need content to post about from other states to make sure that the Facebook page is an accurate representation of what's happening within the Corriedale breed across Australia. This is where you come in!

You can help by:

1. Sending us photos, information or website links that you would like shared on the ACA Facebook page. Examples include:
  - Advertisements of ram/ewe sales
  - Show results
  - Photos from competitions at shows (pictures of champions are great!)
  - Media coverage (links to online articles are best, but good quality photos are welcome too)
  - Photos of what's going on at your farm with your Corriedales

**You don't have to be on Facebook to get involved.** You can email anything to [kinatura@live.com.au](mailto:kinatura@live.com.au) and I will put it on the Facebook page as soon as possible. Please note, however, that we do reserve the right not to publish things if we feel they aren't in the best interests of the page, but this hasn't happened yet!

2. If you're on Facebook, please like our page! You can access it at [www.facebook.com/AustralianCorriedaleAssociation/](http://www.facebook.com/AustralianCorriedaleAssociation/) Tell your families to like it too! The more likes we have on the page and on our posts, the better coverage we get on Facebook, as Facebook's clever algorithms rank content and show off what's most popular.

## Could this or should this replace other types of advertising for the Corriedale association?

No! The Facebook page won't replace the other types of advertising that we do, like the official website, newsletter or newspaper articles, but it's a good way to increase our audience for Corriedale-related information. People who read the newspaper articles might not be on Facebook, and vice versa. We can use Facebook to get in touch with people we aren't reaching already.

## Got a question?

Ask Grace or Rick and we'll do our best to help out!

*From Grace Calder*

## From the Secretary's Desk

### Annual flock returns

We will be going to press with the 2017 ACA Flock Register on July 21 so if you would like your stud to be included, please make sure to get your flock return in by the July 19 at the absolute latest.

### Exhibitors at the ASBA Bendigo

Regulation 1 for Corriedale entries at the ASBA Show states: "Only sheep from a fully paid up flock registered with the Australian Corriedale Association Inc. or approved overseas Corriedale associations will be accepted for entry".

This regulation will be enforced this year so exhibitors please lodge your flock returns before ASBA entries close.

### Farewell

This is the final newsletter produced by our company of PG & KJ Weston Pty Ltd and with daughter Kate currently the editor.

My wife Karen has accepted a senior role as one of the executive directors in the SA Department for Education and Child Development. Hence this means that we will relocate to Adelaide with Karen starting on June 8 while I will join her in mid-August.

I joined the ACA as secretary on 1<sup>st</sup> August 1993 and it was with sadness that I officially resigned on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017 and also as the Victorian State Committee secretary.

However I will be around for some months to finalise the AGM and Council agendas and minutes, as well as production of the 2017 flock register and of course attending the Australian Sheep & Wool Show in Bendigo.

Council will formally appoint a new secretary and hopefully this will produce another long and fruitful partnership.

I have made many friends in the Corriedales over nearly 24 years and in more recent years enjoyed the interaction with all the enthusiastic junior members. I wish the Association all the best in the future.

Peter Weston  
Secretary

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## World Corriedale Congress 2018

The Australian Corriedale Association (ACA) is busy planning the next World Corriedale Congress to be held in Australia on Wednesday July 18<sup>th</sup> 2018, at the Quality Resort All Seasons, 171-183 McIvor Road, Bendigo, Victoria.

Accommodation is available from 17<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> July. A welcoming cocktail party will be held on Tuesday evening, 17<sup>th</sup> July, pre Congress.

The Congress has been planned to coincide with the Australian Sheep Breeders Association (ASBA) sheep and wool show, held annually at the Bendigo showgrounds, from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July to Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2018, with a Merino ram sale on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>. Judging of Corriedales is on Friday afternoon and Saturday, with Junior Judging and Interbreed classes on Sunday.

The Congress committee comprising Nick Cole, Di MacKinnon, Bron Ellis, Rick Hoolihan and President Graham Jenke have planned a pre Congress tour. Participants will need to arrive in Sydney by Tuesday evening July 10<sup>th</sup>. Points of interest will be visited in New South Wales, before flying to Adelaide on Thursday July 12<sup>th</sup>, then travelling through South Australia to Victoria via Mt Gambier, Hamilton and then on to Bendigo, arriving on Tuesday July 17<sup>th</sup>.

Details can be found on the ACA website [www.corriedale.org.au](http://www.corriedale.org.au). More information will be available on the website as planning continues.



**Australian Corriedales –  
Your Passport to the World**

We encourage you to put these dates in your diary, and look forward to meeting you in Australia for the 2018 World Corriedale Congress.

**Graham G Jenke**  
**ACA Federal President**

### Corriedale World Congress Tour - July 2018

<b>Monday, 9th</b>	Delegates arrive in Sydney, New South Wales
<b>Tuesday, 10th</b>	Organised tours around Sydney.
<b>Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup></b>	View Corriedale Studs at St Gregory's College, visit other agricultural points of interest.
<b>Thursday, 12th</b>	Fly at midday approx. from Sydney to Adelaide, South Australia.
<b>Friday, 13th</b>	Bus tour to whisky distillery, Corriedale Stud visit for lunch, view Thomas Foods Feedlot and a company presentation at Tailem Bend, SA
<b>Saturday, 14th</b>	Visit lucerne seed industry, AI Centre, Coonawarra wine region, Mt Gambier, SA.
<b>Sunday, 15th</b>	Visit rotary dairy, Corriedale Studs, Angus Stud, and to Camperdown, Victoria.
<b>Monday, 16th</b>	Visit to two Corriedale Studs, Geelong Wool Museum, and to Ballarat, VIC.
<b>Tuesday, 17th</b>	Ballarat Wildlife Park and to Bendigo, VIC by 3pm for accommodation at the Quality Resort All Seasons.
<b>Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup></b>	16th Corriedale World Congress and Dinner, Bendigo, at the Quality Resort All Seasons.
<b>Thursday, 19th</b>	Free day in Bendigo, day tours to be arranged.
<b>Friday, 20th</b>	Australian Sheep & Wool Show Bendigo Showground. Some Corriedale judging in the afternoon.
<b>Saturday, 21st</b>	Australian Sheep & Wool Show Bendigo Showground. Main judging day for all breeds.
<b>Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Australian Sheep & Wool Show Bendigo Showground. Interbreed judging and junior judging. Bus to Melbourne later in the day for accommodation.

## Shows

### Dubbo Show 2017

This year Dubbo Show was judged by federal president Graham Jenke.

Billigaboo and Badgally studs were the big winners on the day with Billigaboo exhibiting the supreme Corriedale for the sixth year in a row as well as champion woolly ram.

Badgally stud won supreme ewe as well as champion and reserve champion woolly ewes. Roseville showed the champion shorn ewe and Eskbank the champion shorn ram.

Our NSW state dinner was held at the Dubbo Sporties with Graham and Di Jenke, and Alex and Jo Carroll, our special guests. Graham spoke about the forthcoming young ambassador competition at the 2017 Royal Adelaide Show and the 2018 World Corriedale Congress in Bendigo.

There were the other usual speeches and the night was enjoyed by all guests. The NSW state committee AGM was held on the Sunday with much discussion of promotional topics.

#### **Supreme Corriedale**

Billigaboo

#### **Supreme ram**

Billigaboo

#### **Champions woolly ram**

Billigaboo

#### **Reserve champion woolly ram**

Roseville

#### **Champion shorn ram**

Eskbank

#### **Reserve champion shorn ram**

Rose-Lea

#### **Supreme ewe**

Badgally

#### **Champion woolly ewe**

Badgally

#### **Reserve champion woolly ewe**

Badgally

#### **Champion shorn ewe**

Roseville

#### **Reserve champion shorn ewe**

Badgally

#### **Group 1 ram & 2 ewes**

Badgally

#### **Most successful exhibitor**

Badgally

### Royal Bathurst Show 2017

Forty Corriedales were exhibited at Bathurst this year and the Merino judge, Tony Inder, from Wellington, had the challenge of selecting the winners.

Prizes were fairly even with Glen Esk, Rydal, winning the supreme with the over 2-year-old ram which Tony liked for his scale and wool.

Eskbank won the champion ewe with the over 2-year-old ewe which Tony said he liked for her productive outlook and style of wool, and she was a good example of a true dual purpose sheep.

Overall Bathurst was a success once again with a lot of interest in Corriedales.

Next year is the 150<sup>th</sup> Royal Bathurst Show and we anticipate 70 Corriedales on show. We hope to see you all there for what will be a great exhibition.

#### **Champion ram**

Glen Esk

#### **Reserve champion ewe**

Glen Esk

#### **Reserve champion ram**

Roseville

#### **Supreme exhibit**

Glen Esk

#### **Champion ewe**

Eskbank

## Shows

### Royal Canberra Show 2017

Ed Thomas from Cooma judged the Corriedales at the Royal Canberra Show.

There was a really strong line-up of sheep to be judged, while the woolly ewe and ram lamb classes were the biggest and probably the hardest to place as all the ewes were of good quality.

Roseville was the big winner on the day with champion ram and supreme longwool exhibit, with Rose-Lea winning champion ewe and supreme longwool ewe. Both sheep had a great coverage of wool and plenty of carcase.

The reserve ram went to Badgally and the reserve ewe Tymec. The champion shorn sheep went to Trinity which was a great effort at their first show.

The group of three Corriedales Ed gave to a group of woolly

lambs from Badgally. They were not the biggest group in the line-up but they were the most even.

Canberra is a good start to the show season for exhibitors to see how their sheep compete. This year for the Corriedales was an amazing show, beating both Border Leicesters for supreme longwool exhibit, which is a first at Canberra Show.

*From Rick Hoolihan*

**Champion ram**  
Roseville

**Reserve champion**  
Badgally

**Champion ewe**  
Rose-Lea

**Reserve champion ewe**  
Tymec

**Champion shorn Corriedale**  
Trinity

**Supreme Corriedale**  
Roseville

**Group of 1 ram and 2 ewes**  
Badgally

**Supreme longwool ewe**  
Rose-Lea

**Supreme longwool ram**  
Roseville

**Supreme longwool exhibit**  
Roseville

### Campbell Town Show 2017

**Supreme champion Corriedale**  
Blackwood

**Champion ram**  
Blackwood

**Reserve champion ram**  
Quamby Plains

**Junior champion ram**  
Quamby Plains

**Champion ewe**  
Blackwood

### Sydney Royal Easter Show 2017

74 Corriedales were featured at this year's Sydney Royal Easter Show and Charlie Prell had the task of judging them. There was no easing Charlie into the day as there was a big line-up of woolly rams under 12 months old in the first class. The big prize of the day, the Peter Taylor memorial group, went to Tymec from Laggan.

On day 2 it was time to judge the older sheep, with a Glen Esk ram from the over 2 years class winning grand champion ram, and Billigaboo taking out reserve champion ram. In the ewe classes Badgally won both grand champion and reserve champion ewe. Eskbank won the best sire's fleece of the show. Charlie commented on how the quality of sheep across the board has improved since he last judged at Sydney.

## Shows

Overall Sydney Royal was a success for Corriedales and all breeders agreed that it is worth a trip. There was also an auction for the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW (RAS), where a blanket made from Corriedale wool spun by the Hand Weavers and Spinners Guild of NSW at last year's show sold for \$1050. This was a great result for the RAS foundation as they do some excellent work.

*From Rick Hoolihan*

**Grand champion ram**  
Glen Esk

**Reserve grand champion ram**  
Billigaboo

**Objective measurement class**  
Badgally

**Best head**  
Billigaboo

**Best sire's fleece**  
Eskbank

**Grand champion ewe**  
Badgally

**Reserve grand champion ewe**  
Badgally

**Peter Taylor Group**  
Tymec

**Most successful exhibitor**  
Rose-Lea

**Royal Canberra  
Show 2016**

I had the privilege to be asked to judge the Corriedales at the



**Rick Hoolihan, Glen Esk, and Greg Andrews, Chairman of the Sydney Easter Show Sheep & Wool Committee, with the grand champion Corriedale ram.**

Royal Canberra Show. There was a really strong line-up of sheep to be judged, the woolly ewe lamb class was the biggest and probably the hardest to place as all the ewes were of good quality. Roseville was the big winner on the day with champion ewe and ram, both sheep had a great coverage of wool and plenty of carcase. The reserve ram went to Tymec and the reserve ewe Badgally.

The ram was unlucky not to win the interbreed longwool as there was a tie with the Border Leicester. The group of three Corriedales I gave to a group of woolly lambs from Badgally. They were not the biggest group in the line-up but they were the most even.

Canberra has been a great start to the show season as we head

to the Sydney Royal Easter Show as feature breed. Thank for the opportunity to judge at Canberra and I look forward to the opportunity in the future.

*From Rick Hoolihan*

**Champion ram**  
Roseville

**Reserve champion ram**  
Tymec

**Champion ewe**  
Roseville

**Reserve champion ewe**  
Badgally

**Champion shorn Corriedale**  
Roseville

**Supreme Corriedale**  
Roseville

## Shows

### Dubbo Show 2016

Last year the NSW Dubbo Sheep Show was the biggest showing of Corriedales ever at Dubbo with over 90 entries. Our judge was Darryl MacDonald from Fairburn, Porcupine Ridge Victoria. Darryl was very impressed with the overall quality of the sheep. Ed Thomas from Cooma was asked to be associate judge.

The judging started at 8:30am on the Friday morning with the ram classes. Billigaboo was to come out on top with a 1 - 2-year-old woolly ram, which also went on to win supreme Corriedale. The reserve champion woolly ram went to Badgally. The champion shorn ram and reserve champion shorn ram also went to Billigaboo. In the ewe class, Rose-Lea won the champion shorn ewe with an under 12 month lamb and Badgally won the reserve. Badgally won both the champion and reserve champion woolly ewe and grand champion Corriedale ewe. The group of 3 Corriedales went to Badgally as well as the best exhibitor. Judging finished about 1:00pm thanks to the efficient work of both the table and head stewards.

Darryl was also a guest at our annual dinner which was organised by Henry Thompson. It was a full house with all studs being

represented. Darryl was asked to describe his time at Dubbo Show which went over well with crowd. Trophies were handed out and Tony Manchester had a few words about the day and Darryl for judging and the sponsors for their support. The evening finished a little later, with a few drinks and stories.

Dubbo is getting bigger each year and more new studs are getting involved. It will not be long till we could see 200 Corriedales at Dubbo. Hope to see a few more visitors next year from interstate as you will all be very surprised with Dubbo Show.

*(From Rick Hoolihan)*

**Champion shorn ram**  
Billigaboo

**Reserve champion shorn ram**  
Billigaboo

**Champion woolly ram**  
Billigaboo

**Reserve champion woolly ram**  
Badgally

**Grand champion ram**  
Billigaboo

**Champion shorn ewe**  
Rose-Lea

**Reserve champion shorn ewe**  
Badgally

**Champion woolly ewe**  
Badgally

**Reserve champion woolly ewe**  
Badgally

**Grand champion ewe**  
Badgally

**Supreme Corriedale exhibit**  
Billigaboo (ram)

**Group of 1 ram and 2 ewes**  
Badgally

**Best Corriedale head**  
Badgally

**Most successful exhibitor**  
Badgally

### Campbell Town Show 2016

**Supreme champion Corriedale**  
Glen Esk

**Champion ram**  
Glen Esk

**Reserve champion ram**  
Quamby Plains

**Junior champion ram**  
Glen Esk

**Champion ewe**  
Glen Esk

**Junior champion ewe**  
Glen Esk

**Most successful Corriedale exhibitor**  
Glen Esk

The junior champion ram went on to be the junior champion wool breed ram.

## Shows

### Royal Melbourne Show 2016

Judge: Darryl MacDonald, Vic.

**Champion ram**  
Sweetfield

**Reserve champion ram**  
Sweetfield

**Champion ewe**  
Sweetfield

**Reserve champion ewe**  
Sweetfield

**Supreme champion Corriedale exhibit**  
Sweetfield

**Most successful exhibitor**  
Sweetfield

### Ballarat Sheep Show 2016

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2016  
Judge: Robert Grieves, Victoria

**Champion ram**  
Ballarat Grammar

**Reserve champion ram**  
Ballarat Grammar

**Champion ewe**  
Ballarat Grammar

**Reserve champion ewe**  
Ballarat Grammar

**Corriedale sires fleece**  
Ballarat Grammar

**Corriedale aggregate**  
Ballarat Grammar

**Corriedale group of four**  
Ballarat Grammar

**Group of three**  
1<sup>st</sup> Ballarat Grammar

### Royal Bathurst Show 2016

**Champion ewe**  
Rose-Lea

**Reserve champion ewe**  
Rose-Lea



**Champion ram**  
All Saints College

**Reserve champion ram**  
Rose-Lea

**Supreme champion Corriedale exhibit**  
Rose-Lea

**Grand champion interbreed ewe**  
Rose-Lea

**Group of 1 ram and 2 ewes**  
Rose-Lea

Leigh Ellis (left), judge Darryl MacDonald, and Bron Ellis with the supreme Corriedale exhibit at the 2016 Royal Melbourne Show. Mr MacDonald said she was a good barrelled ewe, with good points, and was just a beautiful sheep all round. (Courtesy – Stock & Land)



## Shows

### Royal Geelong Show 2016

Judge: Graham Sidey, New Zealand.

**Champion lamb**

Sweetfield

**Reserve champion lamb**

Sweetfield

**Champion ram**

Croydon

**Reserve champion ram**

Sweetfield

**Champion ewe**

Sweetfield

**Reserve champion ewe**

Sweetfield

**Supreme champion**

Croydon



[Photo right] Michael Deppeler, Croydon, holding the supreme champion at the Royal Geelong Show 2016. (Courtesy – Tess Runting.)



[Photo left] Michael Deppeler, Croydon, Condah, Vic holds his champion ram at the Royal Geelong Show 2016 while Bron Ellis, Sweetfield, Mt Moriac, Vic holds her reserve champion ram. (Courtesy – Tess Runting.)

## Shows

### Royal Geelong Junior Judging 2016

On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October students assembled for the beginning of the Junior Judging competition. Thank you to Geoff Oliver 'Englewood Park' for his sponsorship of this event.

Daniel Mosele and Charlie Clark are to be congratulated for using multimedia (iPads and Wi-Fi) for collating scores as the students were judging the sheep. They were successful and the time spent collating final results was shortened considerably.

The Feature Breed in the Sheep Pavilion at 2016's Royal Geelong Show was the Southdowns and in the Senior section the students judged both Corriedales and Southdowns. Thank you to the Dehnerts and the Irelands for the loan of their Southdowns for the Judging. Thank you to our wonderful judges with their years of sheep experience who willing give up their time to encourage the students. Judges for the Seniors were Christina Jardon and Graham Sidey from New Zealand; Heather Stoney and Andrew Wilkins for the Intermediate and Bridget Leahy and Helen Raven for the Juniors.

Thank you to Bron Ellis, Brenda Venters and Andrew Crosby for coordinating and Jim Venters on microphone. Thank you to all teachers who assist with this class. It was a great morning.

#### **Seniors (under 25 years):**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ash Purcell (Moralla)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tess Runting (Moralla)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Maya Watt (Tintern)

#### **Intermediate (14-15 years):**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Bree Barker (Elizabeth Murdoch College)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ella Watt (Tintern)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Olivia Cross (Tintern)

#### **Junior (13 years and under):**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Natalie Owen (Tintern)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Erin Douglas-O'Loughlin (Moralla)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Audrey Middleton (Tintern)



**Participants at the Royal Geelong Junior Judging 2016. Top row from left: Bree Barker (EMC), Ella Watt (Tintern), Olivia Cross (Tintern), Ash Purcell (Moralla), Tess Runting (Moralla) and Maya Watt (Tintern). Bottom row: Natalie Owen (Tintern), Erin Douglas-O'Loughlin (Moralla) and Audrey Middleton (Tintern).**

### Royal Adelaide Show 2016

#### **Champion ram**

Wattle Glen

#### **Reserve champion ram**

Wattle Glen

#### **Champion ewe**

Wattle Glen

#### **Reserve champion ewe**

Corriedale Hills

#### **Most successful exhibitor**

Wattle Glen

### Sydney Royal Easter Show 2016

In 2016 the RAS designated Corriedales as the Feature Breed in the sheep section to celebrate 100 years of formal showing.

The RAS also offered two sites, one for marketing the breed and another to hold the cocktail party to celebrate the occasion. The executive called on all stud breeders to be part of the two-week event with the aim of getting 100 entries. That was achieved which was the highest number for over fifty years. Peter Blackwood from Tasmania was invited to judge the event and both he and his wife Claire became very much part of the celebration.

Competition was fierce and of a high standard. The champion ram was drawn from the 1½ - 2-year-old class and was exhibited by the Manchester family of the Roseville stud. It was very fitting that the NSW President, Tony Manchester, won this centenary event. The reserve champion ram came from Tymec, who had entered the largest team, to help reach our 100 entries.

In the ewe section, Badgally gained grand champion ewe, again drawn from the 1½ - 2-year-old class. This was also very fitting as Badgally has shown consistently every year for the last twenty-five years. The reserve champion went to Roseville. The most successful exhibitor was won by Badgally.

On the night of judging, a special cocktail party was held, sponsored by the AWI, who have given amazing support to our breed with spectacular results in the price of our wools. Over eighty guests came and a book that the executive had commissioned Richard Carter to write was presented to official guests from the RAS, the AWI and some of our life members – and of course the judge. The book had been financed by the fourteen studs who paid to advertise and put their story in it. On the cover was a painting by Margaret Shepherd painted specially for the occasion. The painting was successfully auctioned on the night and purchased by Craig Turner (a former Federal President) after a particularly spirited auction run by our state Secretary, Rick

Hoolihan. The whole cocktail party had been organised by Henry Thompson, the branch Social Director – brilliantly, as usual.

Meanwhile the stand, which was the best site in the shed, had to be put together the day before judging. The Eskbank stud (Lithgow High) prepared a map of the world showing where Corriedales had spread and Badgally (St Gregory's) had prepared a history of their stud in pictures, which was used as backdrop. The AWI supplied models along with the Spinners and Weavers Guild and both supplied beautiful garments all made from Corriedale wool. As an example of Corriedale fleece wool, the champion Corriedale fleece, exhibited by Rose-Lea stood in front of the stand.

On a bed, Velieris supplied a Corriedale wool doona and ETC supplied a 75-year-old Corriedale wool blanket and their Corriedale throws. Roseville had scarves and spun wool on show and the Billigaboo ram "Frisco" stood ready for the next two-week program.

The site had been arranged by the state President, the Carters, and Sophie Ellis from ETC. By the next day, judging day, a new generation suggested some changes (Zack, Badgally, and Josh, Eskbank,) which we all gratefully accepted.

The task of manning the site for two full weeks was always going to be enormous. Luckily Royce Pitchford, from South Australia, recipient of an AWI award, and fellow Corriedale breeder, worked for six days, non-stop. Our branch can't thank him enough. Everyone else pulled together and made it all happen. We got state-wide TV coverage, an interview on ABC Country Hour, some three or four other radio interviews, a long visit from a famous movie star and her family and probably 250,000 people.

Tens of thousands of pictures were taken of "Frisco" which will have gone all over the world. The enthusiasm from everyone made the whole show a wonderful success and we cannot thank the RAS and the AWI enough. We look forward to the next century.

*(From Rick Hoolihan)*

## Shows

**Grand champion ram**  
Roseville

**Reserve grand champion ram**  
Tymec

**Grand champion ewe**  
Badgally

**Reserve grand champion ewe**  
Roseville

**Most successful exhibitor**  
Roseville

**Peter Taylor Group**  
Badgally

**Objective measurement class**  
Rose-Lea

**Best headed ram**  
Badgally

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

### Bendigo ASBA 2016

July 14<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup>  
Corriedales Feature Breed

Ram judge: Geoff Risbey,  
Victoria

Ewe judge: Trevor James,  
South Australia

Shorn judge: Georgina  
Pengilley, Tasmania

Schools judge: James  
Venters, Victoria

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

**Senior champion ram**  
Blackwood

**Reserve senior champion  
ram**  
Blackwood

**Junior champion ram (RE  
Wettenhall Trophy)**  
Loddon Park

**Reserve junior champion  
ram**  
Sweetfield

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

**Senior champion ewe**  
Loddon Park

**Reserve senior champion  
ewe**  
Loddon Park

**Junior champion ewe  
(Wahroonga Trophy)**  
Loddon Park

**Reserve junior champion  
ewe**  
Sweetfield

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

**Reserve champion shorn  
sheep**  
Loddon Park

**Supreme Champion  
Corriedale (Wettenhall  
Perpetual Trophy)**  
Loddon Park

**Most successful exhibitor  
(J.F. Guthrie Perpetual  
Cup)**  
Loddon Park

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

**Group 1 Ram & 2 ewes  
(Loddon Park Trophy)**  
Sweetfield

**Best head (Ian MacKinnon  
Memorial Trophy)**  
St Gregory's College

**Best sire's fleece**  
Wooloonoon

**Ken Smith Memorial  
Trophy for sire's progeny**  
Sweetfield

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

**Best Corriedale exhibited by  
a school (Liberton Trophy)**  
Elisabeth Murdoch College

**School Group 1 ram & 2  
ewes (B. Hamlin Trophy):**  
Elisabeth Murdoch College

**Supreme interbreed  
longwool exhibit**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Loddon Park

**Supreme interbreed  
longwool group**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sweetfield

## Shows

### Bendigo ASBA Junior Judging 2016

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2016

A warm welcome was given to the visiting Student Ambassador Lucy Burrows from New Zealand. In the ten days that Lucy was in Australia she visited several Corriedale studs and was eager to assist in farm activities and interact with families. It was a delight to be in her company. Congratulations to teachers and students from all participating schools for their support with entries previous to Sunday's Junior Judging competition. A big

thank-you must go to Bruce Hamblin for his constant support, direction and encouragement in all areas of this competition and throughout the show. Many thanks to Jim Venters for the excellent manner in which he uses the microphone to keep the judging competition running to time; to our dedicated recording team – Charlie Clark (Vic), Jo Lush (SA) and Di Jenke (SA); to our Over-Judges Graham Jenke (SA), Rick Hoolihan (NSW), Georgina Pengilly (Tas); to Handling Judges Jim Samma Argentina, Daniel Mosele, and Ronelle Welton; to Di MacKinnon for listening to the finalists as they reaffirmed their reasons for placing their sheep and to every student who participated in the Bendigo 2016 Junior Judging.

The results are as follows:

#### **16 years and over**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lachlan Watkin, St Gregory's College
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kate Methuen, Melbourne University
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jacqui Parker, Elisabeth Murdoch College
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sidney Thomas, Ballarat Grammar
- 5<sup>th</sup> Eliose Van Moorsel, Elisabeth Murdoch College
- 6<sup>th</sup> Clara Davidson, Ballarat Grammar

#### **14 years to 15 years**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kasey Shields, Flinders Christian College
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Bree Barker, Elisabeth Murdoch College
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Caley Hood
- 4<sup>th</sup> Billy Rowe, Chairo Christian College



**Junior judging at the 2016 ASBA Show.**



**Junior judging at the 2016 ASBA Show.**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Jaymee Hawker, Elisabeth Murdoch College
- 6<sup>th</sup> Teagan Skinner, Elisabeth Murdoch College

## Shows

### 13 years and under

1<sup>st</sup> Erin Douglas-O'Loughlin, Woodleigh School  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Isla Shepherd, Flinders Christian College  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Alannah Thresher, Flinders Christian College  
 4<sup>th</sup> Kaitlyn Berry, Elisabeth Murdoch College  
 5<sup>th</sup> Gemma Bond, Woodleigh School

6<sup>th</sup> Isaac Lush, Investigator College  
 7<sup>th</sup> Zoe Lush, Investigator College  
 8<sup>th</sup> Lily Nott, Elisabeth Murdoch College  
 8<sup>th</sup> Lil Ockwell, Woodleigh School  
 8<sup>th</sup> Ted Shields, Flinders Christian College

### Hamilton Sheepvention 2016

Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd  
 August, 2016  
 Corriedale Feature Breed  
 Judge: Jan Hunt, SA

**Supreme champion ram**  
 Sweetfield

**Senior champion ram**  
 Croydon

**Reserve champion ram**  
 Croydon

**Junior champion ram**  
 Sweetfield

**Reserve junior champion ram**  
 Loddon Park

**Champion March shorn ram**  
 Sweetfield

**Champion shorn ram**  
 Harleydale

**Champion unhoused ram**  
 Wattle Glen

**Supreme champion ewe**  
 Loddon Park

**Senior champion ewe**  
 Croydon

**Reserve senior champion ewe**  
 Elisabeth Murdoch College

**Junior champion ewe**  
 Loddon Park

**Reserve junior champion ewe**  
 Sweetfield

**Champion March shorn ewe**  
 London Park



**Bron Ellis, Sweetfield, with the supreme champion ram at Hamilton Sheepvention 2016. (Courtesy – Stock & Land)**

**Champion shorn ewe**  
 Sweetfield

**Champion unhoused ewe**  
 Wattle Glen

**Best group**  
 Sweetfield

**Most successful exhibitor unhoused**  
 Wattle Glen

**Most successful exhibitor**  
 Sweetfield

**Interbreed supreme longwool ram**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Sweetfield



**Bron Ellis, Sweetfield, with the supreme long wool ram at Hamilton Sheepvention 2016.**

**Interbreed supreme longwool ewe**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Loddon Park

**Interbreed supreme longwool group**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Sweetfield

## Footrot Vaccine Available

After years of research and development by the University of Sydney School of Veterinary Science, a serogroup specific footrot vaccine is now being manufactured by Treidlia Biovet Pty Ltd and is now available to Australian sheep producers.

“The vaccine can only be used after testing has been conducted to determine which virulent serogroups of footrot are present in the flock,” said Professor Richard Whittington from the University of Sydney School of Veterinary Science.

“This involves taking swabs from feet with footrot and culturing them in the laboratory and then applying tests to determine which of the 10 (A to I or M) serogroups are present, and how virulent that isolate is. The correct serogroups can then be incorporated into the vaccine.”

Senior Research Fellow Om Dhungyel, who conducted most of the field research, emphasised that only one or two serogroups could be incorporated into the vaccine at a time.

“Very good cure rates and at least six months’ protection result if no more than two serogroups are injected at one time,” Om said. “Additional ‘rounds’ (a priming and booster shot four weeks apart) of vaccination can be commenced 3 months after starting the first round if more than two serogroups are present in the flock. It is still crucial to follow up vaccination with several rounds of

thorough foot inspection and culling of any remaining infected sheep.”

Mark White, Director of Treidlia Biovet Pty Ltd, said that vaccine was available now for all but the rare M serogroup. A couple of weeks’ notice between ordering and supply is required to do the final customisation for each farm. “Your veterinary practitioner must authorise the supply of the vaccine as well, so it is best to involve your vet right from the start at the sampling stage. Approval of the Chief Veterinary Officer is also required in WA, SA and NSW where virulent footrot is a notifiable disease, so discuss this option with your Departmental Veterinary Officer if you are in one of these three states and would like to use vaccine”.

Sheep Veterinary Consultant Dr Paul Nilon from Nilon Farm Health said, “we have used the serogroup specific vaccines on a number of flocks in Tasmania now, and usually achieve a good result if we have identified all the virulent serogroups present and the flock manager is meticulous with the post vaccination inspections.”

The University of Sydney and Australian Wool Innovation funded evaluation of specific footrot vaccine on 12 farms and the University of Sydney and Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment Tasmania supported on-going studies leading to commercialisation of the vaccine.

More information of the use of serogroup specific vaccines is available at [wool.com/footrot](http://wool.com/footrot). Vaccine can be ordered by contacting Treidlia Biovet Pty Ltd on 02 9674 1488.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 2017	
<b>Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup></b>	ACA annual general meeting at 4pm, followed by the Federal Council meeting, Regional Exhibition Centre, Bendigo Showgrounds, Vic.
<b>Friday, 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Judging of Novice & Schools Competition classes, Australian Sheep & Wool Show Bendigo, Vic. at 1pm or earlier, followed by the judging of the Corriedale Weaner Class & National Weaner Competition.
<b>Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Main Corriedale judging day at 8.30am, Australian Sheep & Wool Show, Bendigo, Vic.
<b>Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Junior Judging Competition at 9am, Australian Sheep & Wool Show, Bendigo, Vic.
AUGUST 2017	
<b>Monday, 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Main Corriedale judging day, Hamilton Sheepvention, Vic.
SEPTEMBER 2017	
<b>Friday, 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Corriedale judging day, Royal Adelaide Show. The Corriedale Young Ambassador Award will be conducted during the Royal Adelaide Show from September 1-3.
<b>Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Sheep interbreed judging, Royal Adelaide Show.
<b>Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Corriedale judging day, Royal Melbourne Show, Vic.
OCTOBER 2017	
<b>Friday, 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Corriedale judging day, Royal Geelong Show.



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**[Left] Front cover: Shane Bake, Loddon Park, with the champion ram at the 2016 ASBA Show.**

### NEWSLETTER CONTENT NEEDED

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