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Welcome from our President

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Australian Corriedale Association Message from the President – April 2020

I hope that you and your families are all keeping safe and well during these uncertain times. When I wrote my message for the September newsletter, I never imagined 2020 would start the way it has. Our country has been ravaged by fire, flood and now pandemic. Now, more than ever, people are realising the important contribution that farmers make to the community. How fortunate we are to live in a country where food is plentiful, because we grow it!

The events of the last four months, in particular the outbreak of Coronavirus, have impacted on many of the Corriedale events planned for the year. Unfortunately, the majority of 2020 sheep shows have been cancelled and clouds of doubt hang over the remaining few. Our social gatherings and Corriedale Youth activities will not be going ahead and we are holding meetings via teleconference until further notice.

In many ways, we are fortunate that (for the most part) it's business as usual for the farming community. Livestock still need to be cared for and crops to be sown. As we look for the silver lining in these times, early rains in some areas have fuelled demand for our product, with ewe and lamb sales delivering record prices. Here in Victoria, we had an abundance of feed in many areas by late February, which is a rare sight indeed. We hope that autumn rains will continue and reach areas where drought persists.

The severe economic impacts of Coronavirus will impact on our export markets into the future, and the full extent is not yet known. One thing is clear though – it's the right time to be breeding dual purpose sheep. A sheep that gives farmers access to all markets and allows them to ride out the storm. Demand for Corriedale ewes continues and we must keep promoting the maternal, dual purpose features of our breed.

Through regular teleconferences, Federal Council is considering how the Corriedale will move forward in the next decade. We welcome input from all our members on this topic. If anyone has any suggestions regarding the next decade in our breed, please don't hesitate to phone or email myself, or your state's Chairperson.

Wishing you all good health – we've got a great breed, in a great country, and we will get through these challenging times.

Bron Ellis
ACA Federal President

Flock Returns



For those that have done returns already you seem to have it mastered, well done.

Some handy hints to assist you with your Annual flock return due on ***the 31st May 2020.***

- **NEW RAM** When adding a new ram that you have used in your last joining. Make sure your RAM is registered and the \$11:00 plus gst is paid so he appears on your list to select.
- **TRANSFER RAM** This also applies to any ram that is sold he requires to be registered before he can be transferred. A transfer fee of \$11.00 Inc GST is payable.
- This needs to be completed and paid for before you do your Flock Return and the new owners of their ram can do their Flock Return.
- To check your rams pedigree on your online list under ram registrations

You can click on the tick on the left hand side and this will open up the pedigree. If this is incorrect your secretary can amend.

- **UPDATE YOUR DETAILS** When you log in
- **ADVERTISING** There is a section on your page for you to advertise your latest stud sale date and brochure.

If you have already listed a sale date and brochure, your flock return will add an advertising fee of \$22 Inc GST. If you wish not to continue to advertise there is a Red X to discontinue as the website is seen by many it is an effective way to promote your stud. Remember you are limited to space.

BRUCellosis CERTIFICATES These can also be uploaded in update your details section.

- If members wish not to have their location available on the web site find a member. Access can be denied, contact your secretary.
- **RETURNS** are due by 31st May as penalties apply after this date.
- **ASSISTANCE** Should you require assistance with your return I am *generally* available Monday to Friday 8.30 – 5.00 on 0400 543480. However if I am out doing farm work and do not answer your call leave a message and I will return your call when I am free, or Rick Hoolilhan is also available to assist on 0428 733528

Elizabeth Russell
Secretary ACA Inc.

2019 Ram Sale Report

Blue Ribbon Multi-Vendor Ram Sale Ballarat



Ballarat Grammar, Fairburn, Sweetfield, Montone, Wattle Glen, Kinatura, Loddon Park and Gambier View where all vendors at the Sale. Gambier View topped the market with a ram sell for \$3500, Loddon Park rams sold to \$1800, Sweetfield rams sold to \$1500 and Wattle Glen Rams to \$1400. A total Of 24 rams where sold for an average of \$1275.

Blackwood Corriedales



Top priced Blackwood ram at November on Property Sale Ram Sale

Blackwood Corriedales offered 10 Corriedale Rams at the Sheepvention Ram Sale, with 8 of the 10 rams Gold Performance Rams on MWP+ index, these rams sold extremely well with 9 rams selling to \$3,250 and averaging \$2,475 per head, all rams were sold to commercial flocks, with a high emphasis on the data (Lambplan) available on the rams, with Gold Performance rams selling for a higher average, Thank you for all successful Bidders and Under Bidders.

The November on Property Sale was conducted by Nutrien Livestock Tasmania at Harland Rise, Evandale Tasmania. Top price \$4,200 Av \$1,222 Sold 39 1 1/2 yr old rams. Rams sold to 4 states, South Australia, New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania. Competition was solid on high performance rams with good Maternal Wool Index figures especially High number of lambs weaned, good growth and positive fat.

Peter Blackwood

Gambier View



Gambier View Sold 34 Rams to \$2000 for an average of \$1084 at their on property sale and at the Blue Ribbon Multi Vendor Sale they sold 5 rams to \$3500 for an average of \$2220.

Quamby Plains



The Quamby Plains team were very pleased with their annual ram sale in November 2019. There was a good spread of new and existing clients, along with a good number of interested people attending. 53 out of 60 rams sold to an average of \$1656. The top priced ram was \$5400. The rams that were highly sought after were rams with high LambPlan figures. These rams had good growth rates, positive fat, high EMA and high fertility. Wool style, colour and micron were still important to the buyers.

100 Years for Redbank



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

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

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

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

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



From the Editor

Who would have thought we would have been in this predicament this time last year, and with that this newsletter has been the toughest to put together since I started compiling them. The search for stories was very difficult with all Summer-Spring shows cancelled. Thankfully with the assistance of a few people we have been able to put this newsletter together. If you have any stories that could be published, eg Corriedale sales (Rams, Ewes, Lambs, Wool), School Stories or some history, send it in. Help us make the next newsletter with an article. If there is anything you would like to see let me know. The better the content the better the newsletter will be a promotional tool.

Sale Calendar 2020

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

Corriedale Hills

October
Inman Valley SA

Mooralea private sales

Inspections October
Macarthur VIC

Glen Esk

Inspections October
Rydal NSW

Roseville Ram Sale

October
Kingsvale NSW

Blue Ribbon Multi-Vendor Sale

October
Ballarat Showgrounds
Ballarat VIC

Gambier View

November
Derrinallum VIC

Croydon

November
Condah VIC

Blackwood

November
Evansdale TAS

Quamby Plains

November
Hagley TAS

Blue Ribbon Ewe Sale

January 2020
TAS

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