



**FROM THE  
PRESIDENT**



*Brenton J. Lush  
President*

It is always pleasant to be able to write a report and look at the positive news and stories about the place. With widespread rains across the eastern states, some places have green grass and are looking for follow up rains. Rams sales have generally been very good, with increased enquiry across several regions, especially Tasmania. There is always something going on, so hopefully this newsletter will keep you informed.

***Australian Wool Innovation***

Much of my time in recent months has been occupied with corresponding with AWI. At our Federal Council meeting in July, we invited the CEO of AWI, Brenda McGahan to address Corriedale breeders on the role AWI is playing in marketing Corriedale wool. While she focussed mainly on the new structure of AWI, general manager of AWI, Stuart McCullough, spoke about options for increasing demand for broader micron wools.

Since then, the ACA has been communicating with AWI and other breeds about marketing options for broader wools. This resulted in an invitation to join other wool growers at an AWI Grower Forum in Sydney in December. I joined about 50 other growers from across the country in discussions that focussed mainly on the on-farm priorities for R & D, but took the opportunity to raise the issue of marketing for broader micron wools.

The result of all this is that AWI will publish articles in breed newsletters such as this, to better communicate what is happening with our wools, especially in the interior textile market.

There is a lot of science supporting wool in the home, so we hope that the market will eventually wake up to the science.

There is more to be done in our relationship with AWI, but a start has been made and they are more than happy to communicate. We have just sent them a selection of photos to use in their next promotional campaign. If anyone wishes to receive the AWI magazine 'Beyond the Bale', contact Communications manager, Marius Cuming at [marius.cuming@wool.com](mailto:marius.cuming@wool.com)

***Prince Charles promotes Wool***

Some of you may have heard that Prince Charles has launched a campaign in Britain to promote wool. If you want to see what it is about, look at this on the internet

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n1Nfa4I-DMs>

***CD – The next stage***

It is now official, Corriedale wool can be branded 'CD'. To promote this, a letter has been sent to about 50 brokers, buyers and exporters across the country.

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This will be followed in a month or two by another letter, further promoting the benefits of Corriedale wool and putting Corriedale as the wool of preference in the 25 to 30 micron sector of the industry.

### ***Interest from Brokers***

We now have three brokers who are working with their Corriedale breeder clients to better market their wool. As can be read in this newsletter, Australian Wool Network is working with clients in Tasmania and Elders are coordinating the Corriedale Feature sales. Landmark are also working to better identify our wool as Corriedale wool in the existing auction system.

Keep communicating with your broker as to how to better identify your wool in the market as Corriedale wool.

### ***Dispersals***

We need to note the contribution of two studs which are dispersing. The 'Beulah' stud of Alex and Jo Carroll, was established 70 years ago, and has been a significant player in the history of the breed. Also the 'Inlet Views' Stud of Denmark Agricultural College, is dispersing after playing a short but positive role in the Corriedale breed in WA. They have, especially under the guidance of Tom Bradshaw, given Corriedales a good display in Perth and Wagin. We greatly appreciate the contribution

both these studs have made to the breed.

### ***World Conference??***

For those of you wanting to go to South America for the next Corriedale World Conference, you may have to wait a bit longer. Originally, it should be happening about now, but the global financial crisis has bitten hard in South America and Nick Cole has been trying to contact a variety of people, but has been unable to get a response.

### ***Corriedales at war – conclusion***

For those of you that didn't hear the end of the story, the reason a German military museum required a Corriedale sheep for its 'Animals at War' display, came from the 1982 conflict in the Falkland Islands. The Argentinian forces lay landmines that the British were not able to find with their detectors, so they gathered large flocks of the local sheep population (Corriedales), to assist in the clearing of the mines. Not pretty.

### ***Still Much to be Done***

As the national sheep flock rebuilds, there is still a lot to be done to ensure that Corriedales are a part of that growth. That is the challenge ahead of us, together with producing better sheep and improving our marketing options. This is something we need to all work together on, and I look forward to hearing your thoughts.

All the best for the year ahead.

*Regards*

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***HOW TO USE 'CD'  
IN THE  
SHEARING SHED***

Having successfully negotiated the inclusion of Corriedale wool (CD) into the latest AWEX Code of Practice, it would be good if we can use this tool to its best advantage. A few people have suggested that a clear explanation of how it works in practice may be useful, so I'll try and do that by way of example.

'Weston Flats' is a high rainfall property that runs several hundred Corriedale ewes, together with replacement lambs and hoggets. Traditionally, they have run their sheep in two mobs, so at shearing time they have had two main lines of wool, as well as taking out a fine line and a stronger line. With a line each of hoggets and lambs wool, this would give them six lines of fleece wool.

In the past, they branded the two main lines AAAFX, the finer line AAACBK and the stronger line AAAMX, while the hoggets were also AAAFX and the lambs AAAXLMS.

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The oddments lines were branded AAAFXPCS, AAAFXLKS, STNFXPCS etc.

With the new breed code of CD, the bales will read a bit differently. Assuming they follow the same classing strategy, 'Weston Flats' will now have two main lines branded AAACD, a fine line branded AAACD, a strong line of AAACD, as well as a hogget line of, you guessed it, AAACD. The lamb's wool will be AAACDLMS, and the oddments will have CD instead of FX. But they will have five lines of wool branded AAACD, and are wondering how to tell them apart.

There are two ways. Firstly, the woolclasser should keep track of which bale is which through the wool books and identify each line separately in the classer's specification.

Secondly, each line can be given a bin code. As another change to its' Code of Practice, AWEX has introduced bin codes to help keep track of different lines of wool with the same description.

These bin codes are numbers that are allocated to each line of wool, so for 'Weston Flats', their two main lines would have bin codes 1 & 2, the fine line bin code 3, the strong line 4 and the hoggets, 5. The lamb's wool and oddment wouldn't need a bin code as they don't share the same brand with another line.

New wool packs will have a zone for writing the bin code numbers on them.

Hopefully this helps, but if not, contact me or even better, call AWEX.

Happy branding.

***EDUCATION KEY TO  
PUT WOOL BACK  
IN THE HOME SAY  
MANUFACTURERS***

Working alongside bedding and carpet manufacturing partners, Woolmark is marketing the merits of wool as part of a healthy home.

At Heimtextil, the world's largest home textile trade fair in Germany, Australian Wool Innovation (AWI) created a "wool arena" under the Woolmark banner, where eight Woolmark licensees exhibited their products and the natural benefits of sleeping, walking and sitting on wool. Additionally, the products of 13 other licensees from Asia and Europe were exhibited by AWI at the Woolmark Stand as part of selling the benefits of broader wool in the interiors sector.

The latest in wool blankets, underlays, doonas as well as new felted products such as cushions and bags were exposed to over 70,000 retail buyers and wholesalers from all over the world. The ability to machine-wash many of these products is a major point of interest to a

significant number of European retail buyers.

Exhibiting at Heimtextil, Australian bedding manufacturer Jaspa Herington's managing director Barry Young said educating retailers and wholesalers about wool's naturally superior temperature and moisture control, anti-allergenic and anti-bacterial properties was very worthwhile.

'Europe and the United States bedding markets are like the Australian market some 20 years ago, when wool had very little market share, but I now see that changing with education. Once retailers see and feel the benefits of wool they don't look back. Wool now makes up about 50 per cent of the bedding market here in Australia because people know it outlasts and outperforms the competition.'

Belgian bedding wool specialist DBCwool's director Dominique Blandiaux agreed.

'Wool was in the air at Heimtextil. We were pleased to work with Woolmark and have received an increased level of enquiry from quilt producers wanting to know more about wool as a result.'

Increased interest in wool was also a theme from the Domotex floor covering expo, also held in Germany. Here Woolmark met with over 20 licensees from the

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Indian subcontinent, Belgium and the Netherlands to discuss further marketing and education opportunities.

‘Broader micron wool still has a strong market presence in the Interior Textiles sector but ongoing retail and consumer education is required to continue to regain lost market share. We need to keep selling the messages about wool home textile products being naturally more durable, safer and more fire retardant, how wool is anti-static and naturally resists dirt and stains,’ AWI product service manager Mahua Das added.

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## **9<sup>TH</sup> WORLD SHEEP AND WOOL CONGRESS**

The 9th World Sheep and Wool Congress will be held in Sydney from the 6-9 April this year.

The Congress is an important event for the Australian wool industry and will provide meat and wool producers with an opportunity to hear about the latest developments in the industry from experts in the sheep and wool and will include a trade

exhibition showcasing innovative products and the latest developments in the wool, sheep meat and fashion industries.

The social activities, including a Welcome and International Reception, Cocktail Reception, The Australian Wool Fashion Awards and a Dinner Harbor Cruise on picturesque Sydney Harbor, provide a unique opportunity for delegates to network with other producers, processors, researchers and leaders in the industry.

*To view the program go to the congress website at [www.worldsheepandwoolcongress.com](http://www.worldsheepandwoolcongress.com)*

Online registration for the event is available at the congress website. You can now secure your spot at the congress by [registering online](#).

The congress will feature a range of new technologies, farmer case studies and discussions direct with retailer organisations including Erik Autor from the National Retail Federation, USA.

This is an important industry event for all producers, agents, researchers and supply chain operators. If you are serious about the future of the sheepmeat and wool industry in Australia, you can now secure your spot at the congress by [Register Now](#).

*If you would like to discuss the Congress please call*

**Quadrant Australia -  
Congress Secretariat –  
on (02) 6772 9066.**

## **TRANS – TASMAN PROJECT**

A TRANS-TASMAN Corriedale project is already showing benefits for Australian sheep breeders. Three years ago a group of six Australian Corriedale breeders and 17 New Zealand flocks initiated cross-Tasman analysis of their sheep and sires through Lambplan to give breeders consistent information for selection decisions.

Coora Corriedale breeder Jim Gough said early analysis of trans-Tasman data had highlighted the superior fertility of some Australian Corriedales. Some New Zealand sheep had been shown to be better genetically for maternal weaning weight and growth rate.

“There are several Australian Corriedale breeders marking over 130 per cent by using high fertility sires.

“If a high fertility Corriedale ram is put over coarse wool maternal composites then the marking percentage can be around the 140 per cent mark,” Mr Gough said. He said there were opportunities for the Corriedale breed to market high fertility finer-fleeced rams to self-replacing flock

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# BEULAH CORRIEDALE DISPERSAL

**Alex and Jo Carroll, Beulah, Trangie, NSW, (Flock No. 777)  
are dispersing their Corriedale stud**

***Stage 1* - will be held via Auctions Plus on  
Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010  
with**

- \*134 Corriedale stud ewes of varying ages**
- \*200 Corriedale commercial ewes**

***Stage 2* will be held in July/August 2010 and will comprise ewe lambs  
and ram lambs 2009 – drop**

***For further information or inspection please contact Alex Carroll –  
Phone (02) 6888 7447 or mobile 0417 492 172***

## Complete Stud Dispersal "Inlet Views"



***Champion Rams and Ewes for 3 years running at the Perth Royal  
Show and Wagin Woolorama.***

Expressions of interest sought for purchase of approximately 100  
breeding ewes mated to Perth Royal 2008/9 Champion Ram, 3  
rams, 10 ram hoggets and 8 ewe hoggets.

Contact Ellie Quinn, Sheep Officer, WA College of Agriculture,  
Denmark WA on (08) 98480200

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owners, especially Coopworth and maternal composite breeders wanting to maintain fertility and lower their fleece diameter.

Lambplan project officer Hamish Chandler said the trans-Tasman analysis would benefit Australian breeders by giving them a better profile on how overseas Corriedale sires would perform.

He said the Corriedale association was the first to conduct the trans-Tasman analysis within Lambplan but other sheep breeds were looking to follow the Corriedale breeders' lead. "It allows breeders to select from a much bigger gene pool so hopefully it would reduce in-breeding and give faster genetic progress."

Participating Australian Corriedale studs in the trans-Tasman analysis included South Australia's Nayook South and Wye studs at Mount Gambier; the Roseville stud at Kingsvale in New South Wales, the Coora stud at Branhholme in Victoria; and two Tasmanian studs, Blackwood at Longford and Quamby Plains at Hagley.

Mr Gough said if more Australian flocks joined the trans-Tasman analysis more top sheep could be identified. The expansion of the across-border analysis had also been suggested to South American breeders.

"The opportunity is there, but whether it goes ahead or not

is up to the South Americans," Mr Gough said. The six Australian Corriedale breeders in the trans-Tasman analysis have also formed a Performance Sire Program to improve the links between the flocks, thus making their Australian Sheep Breeding Values more accurate and spreading the top genes identified in the trans-Tasman analysis.

"This has proved effective with one stud's ranking moving up due to better linkage and progeny of the initial round sires performing well with their ASBVs and winning the Sheepvention Maternal Lambplan class for the first time ahead of the Border Leicesters.

"Progeny of these link sires were champions at Campbell Town sheep show in Tasmania and Mt Gambier Show in SA for the Blackwood and Wye studs respectively," Mr Gough said.

The Performance Sire Program is run on a similar format to that used to the produce SuperBorder\$ within the Border Leicester breed. SuperBorder\$ are Border Leicesters ranked by Lambplan to have superior genes for lamb production traits such as growth rate, fertility, improve carcass fat muscling and controlled fat.

*(from Terry Sim, Stock and Land)*

## **ELDERS MAY WOOL SALE**

*The next Elders Corriedale Feature Sale (M47) will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at the National Wool Centre, Frederick Street, Brooklyn (Melbourne) Vic.*

*Specialty Corriedale wool feature sales*

- Corriedale wool is promoted in its own specialty feature sale catalogue and displayed on a designated show-floor.
- Corriedale wool will be promoted to buyers and processors around the world as quality Corriedale wool.
- Buyers and Processors have the ability to purchase commercial quantities of quality Corriedale wool.
- Processor feedback and clip analysis will be provided.
- Corriedale feature sales offer growers the opportunity to build relationships with other participants in the global wool supply chain.
- Normal Elders Premier wool store cut off dates apply.

*For more information please contact your local Elders District Wool Manager.*

## **TASMANIAN CORRIEDALE PARTNERSHIP**

Tasmanian Corriedale producers have formed a partnership with AWN, The Schneider group and Japanese fibre company Motohiro.

This partnership grew out of a need for both the Tasmanian Corriedale breeders and Motohiro to gain an improved recognition for the product the producers grow and a product that is sold to the Japanese consumer.

The Tasmanian Corriedale Association, along with commercial producers, has believed that Corriedale wool was marketed as “just a crossbred type” and there are important differences between the two.

At the retail end, the rise in the popularity of hand knitting in Japan saw Motohiro seek an improved product for their production of knitting yarns.

The above gave AWN and the Schneider Group an opportunity to act as broker and exporter for both parties to increased financial returns and feedback in the way of the finished top and yarn being inspected by the producers.

An initial trial shipment commenced last June. This trial was scoured in Australia, shipped to Malaysia for processing and then sent on to Motohiro Japan.

The trial convinced Motohiro that the Tasmanian Corriedale wool along with the Tasmanian Corriedale brand had an intrinsic advantage over their normal production of crossbred wool.

The final shipment of 9,500 clean kg was completed in late September.

The four partners are now working toward the future and how best to supply the required greasy product within the time frames that fit with Motohiro's production.



*Pictured above – Tasmanian Corriedale Wool*



*Pictured above – Wool bales branded with the Tasman Corriedale brand*

## **ASBA SHOW BENDIGO 2009**

Judges at the 2009 Australian Sheep and Wool Show Bendigo, Vic., were:

***Rams and National Pairs;***  
*Robin Wilson, “Wilfield”,  
Christchurch, New Zealand.*

***Ewes:*** Jeff Prell.

***Shorn Classes:*** Ian Gilmore.

***Schools competition:***  
Milton Savage

In the Corriedale section, ***the grand champion ram and the Wettenhall Trophy for supreme champion exhibit*** was won by Stanbury WCH Camperdown, Vic.

***In the interbreed competition, the supreme longwool exhibit and the supreme longwool group*** were both won by the Liberton stud of J.G. Venters & Co., Stonehaven, Vic.

***The Jill Savage Memorial Trophy for grand champion ewe*** went to the Liberton stud of J.G. Venters & Co., Stonehaven, Vic.

***The Roy Baker Trophy for champion shorn sheep*** was won by A.R. & J.L. Hunt, Bimbadeen, Mt. Gambier, SA.

*Other major awards were:*

***Senior champion ram –***  
Stanbury WCH

***Reserve champion ram***  
Quamby Plains

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**Junior champion ram and  
Hope Glen stud Trophy**  
Sweetfield

**Reserve junior champion  
ram**  
Liberton

**Senior champion ewe**  
Liberton

**Reserve senior champion  
ewe**  
Gambier View

**Junior champion ewe and  
Wahroonga Park Trophy**  
Liberton

**Reserve junior champion  
ewe**  
A.R. & J.L. Hunt

**The J.F. Guthrie Perpetual  
Cup for most successful  
exhibitor in the Open  
Corriedale classes**  
Liberton

**Coxhill Perpetual Trophy  
for most successful exhibitor  
in the Corriedale shorn  
classes**  
A.R. & J.L. Hunt

**ASBA SHOW  
BENDIGO  
JUNIOR  
JUDGING 2009**

Corriedale junior judging  
competition results from the  
2009 Australian Sheep and  
Wool Show Bendigo, Vic.,  
were:

**16 years and over**  
Matt Duff – 1<sup>st</sup>  
Renee Tompson – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Grace Caider – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Catharine Rushton – 4<sup>th</sup>

Christopher Lockhart – 5<sup>th</sup>

**14 and 15 years**  
Hannah Campbell – 1<sup>st</sup>  
Rebecca Harris – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Fiona Pearson – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Ashleigh Edmund – 4<sup>th</sup>  
Kim Adair – 5<sup>th</sup>  
Sarah Armour – 6<sup>th</sup>

**13 years and under**  
Christopher Cox – 1<sup>st</sup>  
Lauren McKean – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Tanner Thomson – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Ashlin Bailey – 4<sup>th</sup>  
Sharynne O'Brine – 5<sup>th</sup>

**HAMILTON  
SHEEPVENTION  
2009**

**Ram Judge:** Brenton Lush  
**Ewe Judge:** Peter Dufty

**Interbreed ewe champion**  
Liberton

**Reserve interbreed ram  
champion**  
Liberton

**Supreme Corriedale ram**  
Liberton

**Supreme Corriedale ewe**  
Liberton

**Senior champion ram**  
Gambier View

**Reserve senior champion  
ram**  
Stanbury WCH

**Junior champion ram**  
Liberton

**Reserve junior champion  
ram**  
Haven Park

**Champion March shorn  
ram**  
Gambier View

**Reserve champion March  
shorn ram**  
Wye

**Senior champion ewe**  
Liberton

**Reserve senior champion  
ewe**  
Gambier View

**Junior champion ewe**  
Liberton

**Reserve champion ewe**  
Sweetfield

**Champion March shorn  
ram**  
Wye

**Reserve champion March  
shorn ram**  
Ballarat Grammar

**Champion shorn ram**  
Liberton

**Reserve champion shorn  
ram**  
Croydon

**Champion shorn ewe**  
Liberton

**Reserve champion shorn  
ewe**  
Wye

**Champion unhoused ram**  
Haven Park

**Reserve champion unhoused  
ram**  
Haven Park

**Champion unhoused ewe**  
Wye

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Left to right: Grace Calder holds the supreme champion Corriedale ewe and interbreed champion ewe; Brenda Venters holds the senior champion Corriedale ewe and Jim Venters holds the supreme champion Corriedale ram and reserve interbreed champion ram at the 2009 Hamilton Sheepvention.  
(Photo – Wayne Jenkins)

## ROYAL GEELONG SHOW 2009

**Judge:** David Jackson

**Champion interbreed lamb**  
Liberton

**Champion ram**  
Croydon

**Reserve champion ram**  
Liberton

**Champion ewe**  
Liberton

**Reserve champion ewe**  
Liberton

**Champion lamb**  
Liberton

**Reserve champion lamb**  
Sweetfield

**Reserve champion unhoused ewe**  
Sweetfield

**Most successful exhibitor**  
Liberton

**Most successful exhibitor in stud sheep**  
Liberton

**Best Corriedale ram fleece - Guy Wettenhall Perpetual Trophy**  
Nick Cole, West Cloven Hills

**Most attractive fleece other than Merino - F.O. Whitcroft Memorial Trophy**  
Jim Venters, Liberton

**Best Corriedale ewe or wether fleece - 'Stanbury' Perpetual Memorial Trophy**  
Jim Venters, Liberton

**Best spinning fleece over all fleece sections - Donated by Geelong Handweavers & Spinners Guild**  
Jim Venters, Liberton

## ROYAL ADELAIDE SHOW 2009

The Wye stud of A.R. & J.L. Hunt, Mt. Gambier, SA, swept all before them at the 2009 Royal Adelaide Show in September.

Wye exhibited all champions and reserve champions and was most successful exhibitor.

The Corriedale Hills stud of A.H. & M.J. & B.J. Lush, Inman Valley, SA, won the machine shorn class under 1 ½ years and three other placings.

## BALLARAT SHOW 2009

**Judge:** Peter Baker

**Champion Corriedale ram:**  
Gambier View

**Reserve champion Corriedale ram:**  
Liberton

**Champion Corriedale ewe:**  
Liberton

**Champion interbreed ewe:**  
Liberton

**Reserve champion Corriedale ewe:**  
Liberton

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**Aggregate Winner -  
Corriedale trophy donated  
by "Ballark"**

Liberton - Jim Venters, 1;  
Gambier View - MJ & T L  
Savage, 2;

**Lal Lal Trophy**

Liberton - Jim Venters, 1.



*Left to right: Brenda and Jim Venters  
hold their champion interbreed  
longwool ewe and champion  
Corriedale ewe at the 2009 Ballarat  
Show.*

**LONGFORD  
SHOW 2009**

A good representation of  
Corriedale rams were  
exhibited by Blackwood and  
Streanshalh studs and judged  
by Ian MacKinnon.

A Streanshalh hogget,  
described by the judge as  
very well grown with great  
sire potential won the  
championship.

Reserve champion was a  
Blackwood hogget (also  
reserve at Campbell Town)  
well presented and carrying a  
very even fleece.

The winning Corriedale  
fleece, from Quamby Plains  
first prize ram over 2 ½ years  
at Campbell Town, attracted  
great attention and  
admiration.

**MULTI – VENDOR  
SALE 2009  
VICTORIA**

A standout line-up of sires  
was presented to buyers at  
the Corriedale multi-vendor  
sale held at West Cloven  
Hills, Camperdown, Vic., on  
27<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

The 34 rams sold reached a  
top of \$2550 and averaged  
\$665.

The Gambier View stud of  
M.J. Savage, Bradvale, Vic.,  
sold 20 rams to a top price of  
\$2550 paid by Boosey Creek  
Partnership, Nagambie, Vic.

Gambier View averaged  
\$690.50 while the Compton  
House sister stud of M.J. &  
T.L. Savage sold seven sires  
to \$1000 and an average of  
\$800.

Buyer of the top Compton  
House ram was the  
Alexander family,  
Mannibadar.

The Corriedale Hills stud of  
A.H. & M.J. & B.J. Lush,  
Inman Valley, SA, sold two  
at \$500 each to Southkolor  
Partnership, Minhamite, Vic.

P.M. & E.M. Baker, Loddon  
Park, Baringhup, Vic., sold  
two rams averaging \$475 to  
A.J. Dyke and J.E. Fallon,  
Paschendale.

Stanbury at West Cloven  
Hills sold two rams to a top  
of \$450 and Sweetfield sold  
one to a top of \$400.

*(From Stock & Land)*

**TASMANIAN  
CORRIEDALE  
RAM SALES 2009**

The Tasmanian Corriedale  
Ram Sales on 23<sup>rd</sup> November  
saw good clearance at  
satisfactory prices from  
Streanshalh, Fairfield and  
Quamby Plains studs, 49  
rams selling at three auctions  
for an average of \$654.

\*Streanshalh sold 14 rams  
averaging \$570 to a top of  
\$950, to Rob and Di Dennis,  
Wambool.

\*Fairfield sold 8 rams  
averaging \$480, top price  
\$850 to Philip Burbury,  
Kuranda.

\*Quamby Plains sold 27  
rams, averaging \$750, top  
price \$1200 to Kuranda.

Philip Burbury, Kuranda,  
gave great support,  
purchasing 15 rams from all  
three studs.

Progeny of New Zealand ram  
Mairangi 147/04 attracted  
keen competition at Quamby  
Plains, 7 rams averaging  
\$833 including the top priced  
ram at \$1200 and rams at  
\$850 to Blackwood and  
Streanshalh studs.

## ***CORRIEDALE FEATURE WOOL RESULT***

Elders Limited conducted the 1<sup>st</sup> Corriedale feature sale on November 12, for the 09/10 season with 220 bales of wool offered to the wool trade and processors.  
**98% of the catalogue was sold.**

The wool market was a trying one with most wool's retracing some of the gains of the previous three weeks.

The Australian \$ did not do the market any favours rising 2.8 cents for the week to finish over 93 US cents.

**24 micron 766 -12**

**26 micron 580 -18**

**28 micron 437 -21**

**30 micron 372 -11**

There was good competition from all sectors of the trade with most wool's achieving above the AWEX clean price indicators. There were seven different processors purchasing from the sale.

The major buyers from the Corriedale sale have said that the finer end of the Corriedale wools are to be processed in Turkey and would then go to China to be woven into uniforms for the Chinese public sector.

The broader edge - 28 to 31 micron of the Corriedale wools are going to Thailand and China for knitwear. Some of the 30 micron plus wools will be used for fine wool furnishings.

The lambs wool will be processed in China to be blended with 22.5 to 25 micron wool to be hand knitted for retail.

**The Corriedale Clip of the sale** was awarded to DG & MJ GORDON –(Graham & Maureen Gordon) from Mt Gambier, South Australia who had a very successful sale.

Volume is certainly the key if we are to put together commercial parcels of wool for the processors to be able to give feedback.

The sale was a success and we look forward to the support from Corriedale woolgrowers and the Corriedale Association.

Thanking all who participated in the 1st feature wool sale for the 09/10 season.

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## ***BEULAH STUD***

The forthcoming dispersal of Alex and Jo Carroll's Beulah stud marks the conclusion of an important chapter in the story of Australian Corriedales. Beulah was established in 1940 when the original Redbank stud was divided between three brothers – A.B. (Alf) Redbank, W.C. (Charles) Beulah and R.B. (Ray) Old Redbank. Among the ewes transferred to Charles was a considerable number bred by Thomas Bond of Yarran.

Ideally suited to the country, they played a significant part in establishing the highly successful Beulah type of big, open faced sheep with particularly long stapled soft fleeces and excellent maternal qualities. These attributes have been carefully maintained to the present day by Charles and, more recently, by his son Alex.

Beulah sheep have been exhibited at major New South Wales shows such as Sydney and Albury with considerable success. In recent years Alex has confined his showground activities to judging where he is characteristically thoughtful and consistent. A delightful feature of shows was the picnic lunches provided for exhibitors and spectators alike by Charles' wife Edna.

Even more important than their excellent show record is the manner in which Beulah sheep have bred on for other breeders over a wide area. I have been impressed by their progeny at recent shows such as Dubbo and from my own experience have found them very beneficial in Tasmania.

In conclusion I would like to thank Alex for his contribution to our breed and to extend best wishes for a successful sale.

***From  
Andrew Nicolson  
February 2010***

## ***CORRIEDALE CALENDAR OF EVENTS***

### ***MARCH 2010***

***Friday, 5<sup>th</sup>***  
***Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup>***

Judging day – Wagin Woolorama, WA.  
Beulah dispersal, A. & J. Carroll, Trangie, NSW, via Auctions Plus.

### ***APRIL 2010***

***Tuesday – Friday,***  
***6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>***

***Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup>***  
***Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup>***

World Sheep and Wool Congress, Rosehill Gardens Events Centre, Sydney, NSW.

Judging Day – Sydney Royal Easter Show, NSW.

Supreme awards, objective measurement and schools classes - Sydney Royal Easter Show, NSW.

### ***MAY 2010***

***7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>***  
***Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup>***

***Friday, 28<sup>th</sup>***  
***Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup>***

Judging days - Dubbo Sheep Show, NSW.

Elders Corriedale Wool Sale (M47), National Wool Centre, Frederick St., Brooklyn (Melbourne), Vic.

Judging day - Campbell Town Sheep Show, Tas.

Interbreed judging – Campbell Town Sheep Show, Tas.

### ***JULY 2010***

***Friday, 16<sup>th</sup>***  
***Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup>***

Annual General Meeting and Federal Council Meeting .

Main judging day - Australian Sheep and Wool Show, Bendigo, Vic.

### ***AUGUST 2010***

***Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup>***

Judging day - Hamilton Sheepvention, Vic.

### ***SEPTEMBER 2010***

***Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup>***  
***18<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>***  
***Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup>***

Judging day - Adelaide Royal Show.

Royal Melbourne Show.

Judging day – Perth Royal Show

### ***OCTOBER 2010***

***7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>***  
***Friday, 15<sup>th</sup>***  
***20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>***  
***22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>***

Launceston Show, Tas.

Judging day – Royal Geelong Show, Vic.

Hobart Royal Show, Tas.

Mt. Gambier Show, SA.

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