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National Angora & Mohair Fleece Young Judges Competition - Royal Adelaide Show

Judge Andrew Gossip with Maddison Hamilton, Vic, winner Cassidy Neville-Pope, from Eudunda, and Eleanor Santolin, NSW.

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Editor’s Desk:

Requests for articles to be placed in the Mohair News are to be forwarded to email mohair@mohair.org.au

We look forward to receiving information about events etc. in your Region or Division.

Bill Smith
Editor “Mohair News”

**Membership fees for 2018
Due 31st January ---**

Please note that all fees, including membership, remain the same as 2017

Membership/Renewal forms available on the website under “forms”

Breeder	\$125	Education	\$50
Commercial	\$75	Ordinary	\$20
Trader	\$125	Junior	\$10

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President’s Message:

Dear Members,

Annual General Meeting. The notice for the 2018 AGM is within this issue of the Mohair News.

The RSVP form is on the reverse of the cover sheet, if you require accommodation for the Friday/Saturday nights, please organize your own booking.

Due to the length of time required to edit material for the new website, at this stage we are unable to give a completion date.

The Board is still waiting on some Divisions to forward their past minutes to the office, this request was sent to all Divisions on 3rd September 2018.

Steve Roots
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AGENDA

Friday 23rd November 2018

- From 9:30am Inspect AMMO Auction Offering at River St Narrandera
- 12 Noon Light Lunch - Sponsored by AMMO at Narrandera Ex-Services Club, Driscoll Room, 39-41 Bolton St Narrandera NSW 2700
- 1:30pm Mohair Auction to be held at club

Saturday 24th November 2018

All activities will be at the Narrandera Ex-Services club,
Driscoll Room, 39-41 Bolton St Narrandera NSW 2700

- 11:00am AMMO AGM
- 12 Noon Light Lunch - Sponsored by MAL
- 1:30pm MAL AGM
- 6:30pm for 7:00pm Dinner (\$30.00 per head to be paid at the Dinner)

Two books now on discs in PDF format \$15 each including postage.

Mohair: Farming the Diamond Fibre (D L Stapleton 2017)
250 pages in colour (hard copy \$120 including postage) and
Australian Handbook of Angora Goats and Mohair Production
(D L Stapleton & D G Cunningham 2007)
180 pages in colour (hard copy \$60 including postage)

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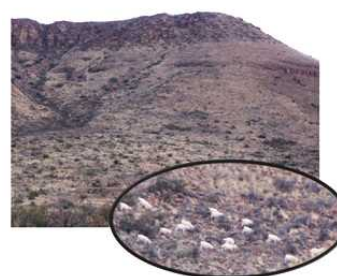
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NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is given of the Annual General Meeting of Mohair Australia Limited to be held at 1:30 pm on Saturday 24th November 2018, at the Narrandera Ex Servicemen's Club, Driscoll Room, 39-41 Bolton St Narrandera NSW 2700

AGENDA

- Registration of Attendees
- Apologies
- Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous AGM held on 25th November 2017
- Mohair Australia Ltd Report – Presidents Report
- Acceptance of the Financial Report-
 - **Motion 1** “That the financial report be accepted”
 - (Requires a simple majority)
- Any other business at the discretion of the chairperson
- Meeting closes

Steve Roots
President

Susan Jordan
Company Secretary

WOMEN & LEADERSHIP AUSTRALIA SCHOLARSHIPS

End of year funding grants are currently available to women who work in the agriculture sector to support their participation in a professional development program.

Up to \$7,000 scholarships available

The fee support opportunity provides a scholarship of up to \$7,000 for women to take part in one of three leadership courses.

The grants have been provisioned for use by women who are working in male-dominated industries, with a specific focus on the agriculture industry.

How to register

At this stage, Expressions of Interest are being sourced until 7th December via this link: www.wla.edu.au/farmingagriculture The programs are suitable for junior managers right through to executive level women.

We encourage Mohair Australia members and contacts of the opportunity to register, and below is some wording that is appropriate in support of the venture.

The initiative

This initiative follows on from the success of WLA's #100daysforchange campaign, in which more than 200 organisations and individuals pledged a change to increase gender equity in their workplace.

As a result, many women are being provided with opportunities for progression and empowerment. The funding has been specifically allocated on the back of the project's success, but must be apportioned by the end of 2018.

Do let me know if you have any questions, and thanks to Mohair Australia in advance for your support.

Kind regards,

Alistair Young

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Suggested message to your members/staff/contacts:

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIPS NOW AVAILABLE: WOMEN IN FARMING & AGRICULTURE

Building on the significant developmental momentum achieved during #100daysforchange, Women & Leadership Australia is administering a national initiative to support the development of female leaders across Australia's agriculture sector.

The initiative is providing women with grants of between \$3,000 and \$7,000 to enable participation in a range of leadership development programs.

The scholarship funding is provided with the specific intent of providing powerful and effective development opportunities for women in the industry; however the funding is strictly limited and has to be allocated prior to the end of 2018. **Expressions of**

Interest

Find out more and register your interest by completing the Expression of Interest form here prior to December 7, 2018:

www.wla.edu.au/farmingagriculture

The Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Saleyards and Depots have been finalised (Feb 2018) by the Agriculture Ministers (AGMIN).

They apply to the main commercial livestock species: cattle, goats, horses, pigs and sheep that are handled through Australian saleyards and depots.

The standards and guidelines reflect the commitment of jurisdictions to a nationally consistent approach to animal welfare. They promote humane and considerate treatment of livestock handled through Australian saleyards and depots; inform all people responsible for the care and management of livestock about their responsibilities; and set a minimum industry standard by defining acceptable livestock management practices. Development of the standards and guidelines considered current scientific knowledge, recommended industry practice and community expectations. The standards provide a basis for developing and implementing consistent legislation and enforcement across Australia, while the guidelines are a useful reference for industry, providing recommended practices to achieve desirable livestock welfare outcomes.

The Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Saleyards and Depots replace the Model Code of Practice for the Welfare of Animals: Animals at Saleyards, SCARM report 31, CSIRO publishing, 1992.

<http://www.animalwelfarestandards.net.au/livestock-at-saleyards-and-depots/>

For specific information and timelines for implementation within each jurisdiction please contact your relevant State or Territory Government agency.

Regards

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Welcome Oliver James Ross
Congratulations to Rowan and Lisa

on their new arrival born 31st August, 2018

Mum and baby are doing well!

Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines Implementation Timeframe & Updates

For your information; Implementation progress reports for the below Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines have been updated and available on the Animal Welfare Standards website.

Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines Land Transport for Livestock <http://www.animalwelfarestandards.net.au/land-transport/>

The ACT have now implemented the **Land Transport** standards and guidelines.

Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Saleyards and Depots <http://www.animalwelfarestandards.net.au/saleyards-and-depots/>

New Progress report now available.

Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Cattle <http://www.animalwelfarestandards.net.au/cattle/>

Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Sheep <http://www.animalwelfarestandards.net.au/sheep/>

Australian industry voluntary standards and guidelines for **Goats** <http://www.animalwelfarestandards.net.au/goat/>

Does your organisation mention/promote the animal welfare standards on their website?

Given the work in achieving the development of the standards and guidelines and the recent Livestock Production Assurance requirement, Animal Health Australia wants to make it easy for everyone to be able to download a copy of their relevant standards and guidelines. Please contact me if you would like help ensuring your website mentions the animal welfare standards.

Kind Regards,

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A new version of the LPA NVD for goats is available both electronically and in printed booklets, and better reflects practices in the goat meat industry. It allows for harvested rangeland goats to be moved without a tag from the property on which they were caught to an abattoir or registered goat depot.

LPA NVD (Goats) booklets can be ordered through the [LPA Service Centre](#). The previous NVD (GO413) continues to be accepted. This version will be phased out and from 1 March 2019, only the new version (GO517) will be valid from that date onwards.

If you have any questions regarding the new goat NVD please call the helpdesk on 1800 683 111

Mohair Australia Limited Promotional Grant

A grant of \$100.00 can be applied for by Regions & Divisions, to assist with the cost of promotional events such as Field Days etc. This event should be promoting Mohair Australia Ltd, and Angora Goats and Mohair within Australia.

To qualify for the grant the event must be pre-advertised in the Mohair News, and a report with a photo must be submitted to the Mohair News editor.

The application form will be on the web site under the “forms” section.

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This form can be downloaded from the Mohair Australia website under “forms”

This is a NSW Division project

NSW EASTERN REGION – ANGORA OF THE YEAR

Reg Scott, Region President, presenting Steve Smith with the Angora of the Year trophy at Berry Small Farms Event in September.

Won by Steve Smith’s yearling buck Mundroola Galvaneo who gained most points from Albion Park, Berry, Goulburn and Camden Shows.



4 October 2018

BERRY SMALL FARM EVENT
FRIDAY/SATURDAY 7 -8 SEPTEMBER 2018

Mohair Australia was again invited by the organisers, Berry Rotary Club, to exhibit free of charge in the Livestock Marquee which is sponsored by Millpaca Alpacas. Pens, tables, chairs and display boards are set up on Thursday evening ready for an early start on Friday when the animals, fleeces and information are added. This year Steve Smith brought in a doe in fleece with a week old kid which proved to be a major attraction.

Our exhibit shared the marquee with Lowline cattle, Southern Cross cattle, Belted Galloways, Donkeys, Ponies, Chickens, Miniature Goats, Llamas and of course Alpacas which allows farms with small acreage to look at potential animals to utilise their grassland.

Friday tends to be committed farmers whether starting up or looking for new enterprises who are quite well informed and know what they want to ask about. Throughout the morning we were kept busy with enquiries about the goats and mohair including aspects of quality and markets. Unfortunately, after lunch a thunderstorm loomed and whilst we only caught the edge of it many visitors departed and the afternoon was quiet.

Saturday is more of a family day and luckily the early morning clouds disappeared and we were busy throughout whilst no one declared an intention to buy Angoras we had many interested visitors who took away advice and information and may conclude Angora goats are a good option for them.

Over the two days we did sell some mohair rugs, scarves and socks as well as one or two fleeces to spinners (or just admirers of mohair)

There were more trade stands than previous years and we believe more visitors to the Event which continues to be a success.

Reg Scott



Cassidy steps up in national competition

[Bryan Littlely@bryan.littlely](mailto:Bryan.Littlely@bryan.littlely)

6 Sep 2018, 11:26 a.m.

[Royal Adelaide Show News](#)

Last year’s state Angora young judges competition winner outscored the strongest field in the decade-long history of the national Angora and mohair fleece young judges competition for a satisfying win.

(Our Front Cover) YOUNG GUNS: National Angora and mohair fleece young judges competition judge Andrew Gossip with Maddison Hamilton, Vic, winner Cassidy Neville-Pope, from Eudunda, and Eleanor Santolin, NSW.

Eudunda-based South Australian, 17-year-old Cassidy Neville-Pope scored the close win with 222 points over NSW competitor Eleanor Santolin, 202 points, and Melbourne-based Maddison Hamilton on 185.5 points.

But over judge Andrew Gossip had great praise for the field of six competitors and claimed it was the highest quality he had seen and it was pleasing to see the competition continue to build in strength.

He added that he would have no issues with any one of the six competitors, who came from three states, judging in a show alongside him.

“We started this national championship 10 years ago and this was easily the best level of competition I have seen,” Mr Gossip said.

“They all were superb and there was very little separating them. I wouldn’t have a problem with any of these young judges judging in a show.

“They are doing everything right as judges and I am very impressed by their level of knowledge and definitely by the way they present and spoke as judges.”

Cassidy was winner of last year’s state Angora and mohair fleece young judges competition in her first outing, having watched classmates compete in 2016.

“Last year was the first year I had done it and it has made me just so interested in it,” Cassidy said.

“I wanted to see where I could go from there. I wanted to see how the mohair and Angora industry worked and what opportunities there are in it.

“I have been really inspired to get into it and this year I gave it a red hot go.”

An emotional Cassidy paid tribute to school teachers Ann Rowett, now on maternity leave, and her cousin and teacher Max Neville who she said had given her great support.

Also Lynndon Grove’s Lynn Carter was praised for her help in running workshops to help students build their knowledge.

And Last year’s National Angora and mohair fleece young judges competition, Stefan Anesbury, also played a role in Cassidy’s win, she said.

“They really pushed me in such a supportive way and it has all worked out pretty well for me,” Cassidy said.

Mr Anesbury, who started his own stud, Anesbury Hill after competing in this type of competition and school program and competed in the stud competition for the first time this year, presented Cassidy with the perpetual trophy and addressed the competitors.

He spoke about his success in the Rural Ambassadors program which took him to the UK, as last year’s runner-up, where he took a look at the Angora and mohair industry there.

“It was quite an experience and very education,” Mr Anesbury said.

“I would encourage anyone of you students who want to get involved to contact your rural show on how to do that.”

Other competition judges included South Australians, from Hahndorf, Greg Peterson and Jude Eustice, .

Mandy Statham, NSW, who was stud competition judge for Angora goats, was also a judge in the national junior judges competition.

(Downloaded from the Royal Adelaide Show News on the internet, as a report had not been received by the Editors).

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	Event	Location	Contact	Phone
October	13/14 Picton Show (fleeces only)	Picton NSW	Reg Scott	02 4657 2293
November	Dandenong Show	Dandenong Vic		
	16 NSW Division Meeting	Goulburn NSW	Nick Gorrie	0409 129 123
	17 Hunter Region Christmas Party	Singleton NSW	Sandie Smith	02 4938 7536
	23 AMMO MOHAIR SALE	Narrandera		
	24 MOHAIR AUSTRALIA LTD - Annual General Meeting		Steve Roots	02 6366 9444
	AMMO	Annual General Meeting		
December	2 Central Western Committee	Molong NSW	Steve Roots	02 6366 9444
	9 Eastern Region Committee	Mittagong	Phillip Oliver	02 9648 1983
2019				
January	19 Albion Park Show	Albion Park NSW	Reg Scott	02 4657 2293
	27 Diamond Fibre Show	Bathurst NSW	Craig Richards	02 6366 3654
February	2 Berry Show	Berry NSW	Reg Scott	02 4657 2293
March	8-10 NATS SHOW & SALE	Goulburn	Nick Gorrie	0409 129 123

PLEASE SEND YOUR ACTIVITY DATES TO THE EDITOR FOR INCLUSION IN THIS CALENDAR.

Useful sources of information:-

Animal Health Australia

www.animalhealthaustralia.com.au

contains information about National livestock diseases and animal health issues.

Australian Government

Department of Agriculture,

www.agriculture.gov.au

Contains on product integrity, animal and plant health, rural policy and innovation, food and agri-business, and **Biosecurity**

Cape Mohair and Wool South Africa

www.cmw.co.za

Meat and Livestock Australia

www.mla.com.au

Contains information relative to livestock marketing and research

AgriFutures Australia (formerly RIRDC)

www.agrifutures.com.au

Contains reports on research projects relative to our industry

Shearers:-

The following people have indicated their willingness to shear angora goats.

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Bert Adams – Holbrook NSW – 02 6020 5268

Michael Brigg – Condamine QLD – 07 4627 7274

Susan Gunter - Tasmania

Mobile: 0429 705 146

Danny Horton —Leongatha VIC—

03 5668 6308

Trevor King – Omeo Vic (will travel) 03 5159 1415

David Lillis —

Southern Tablelands NSW

Mobile: 0413 426 290

Phil Priest — Griffith NSW

02 6964 4379 (local area only)

Andrew Parkes “Backyard Shearing”

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If you have only a small number of animals to shear, coordinating shearing time with other local mohair producers will help to make it worthwhile for the shearer to travel to your area.