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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 2019

Due 31st January ---

Please note that all fees include a copy of this bi-monthly “Mohair News”

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

Breeder	\$130	Education	\$55
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REPRINTS of articles from “Mohair News” are welcome, provided the Editor receives courtesy communication and the “Mohair News” is acknowledged.

From the Board:

Dear Members,

Following on the AGM and a subsequent Board Meeting the following announcements are being brought to your attention.

The “Goat Fibre Sustainable Production Guidelines and Manual” is a project being funded from the levy funded Goat Fibre program. The Goat Fibre program request for quote (RFQ) is in the final stages of completion, once complete the RFQ will be sent out to relevant people for their submission. This Goat Fibre RFQ closes 5 pm Tuesday 29, January 2019.

This manual will be set out in such a manner that producers may be audited against the various components in the future, such systems as this and others will allow for our fibre to be sold. The lack of Goat Fibre Sustainable Production Guidelines accreditation systems within our industry has already had an impact on the sale of fibre in Australia. New England Wool pulled out of the last auction in Narrandera on 23rd November 2018 as a buyer.

Improved access to AgVet Chemicals initiative program is designed to assist “minor industries” access Agvet chemicals, where there may have been limited commercial incentive for the Agvet manufacturer to pursue alone. A submission by the consultant will be put to Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR) for a grant to generate the necessary data for the registration of their use in collaboration with the Agvet chemical manufacturer.

The requested information was submitted to the consultant, Peter Dal Santo two weeks before the deadline date of 28th November 2018 by Mohair Australia Ltd.

Updates on the progress of both projects will be published when they come to hand.

There is a serious need for these two projects mentioned above, in particular the “Goat Fibre Sustainable Production Guidelines and Manual”.

Two other projects are currently being carried out by AgriFutures Australia for the goat industry – one on CAE and the other on Q Fever. We will notify producers when these projects have been completed.

Your board is currently drawing up a Social Media Policy, once this policy is completed it will be formed into a By-Law. A Face Book account will be initiated once the By-Law is active.

Mohair Australia has put a request for membership to Goat Industry Council of Australia (GICA). No response has been received as yet.

As stated at the 2018 Mohair Australia AGM your board will move forward in a positive manner so Mohair Australia Limited can carry out its duties as the Peak Industry body for the Australian Mohair industry.

Memberships are due on the 31st December 2018 for the forthcoming year and should be paid by the 31st January 2019. Membership fees have been increased to -

- Breeder and Trader Member to \$130.00
- Commercial \$80.00
- Educational \$55.00
- Ordinary \$30.

Junior and Herd Book fees will remain the same as last year.

So, all members are covered by Mohair Australia Limited Insurance, members must return a completed (please note any updates to your details) and signed 2019 membership form to the Mohair Australia Limited office.

I take this opportunity to wish all members and their families the very best for Christmas and a Prosperous and Happy New Year.

Steve Roots
On behalf of the Board.

MOHAIR NEWS SURVEY

The “Mohair News” should be sent to members via

ELECTRONIC / HARD COPY (Circle your choice)

CLOSING DATE

15th January, 2019

Return survey to inwood-s@bigpond.net.au or post to
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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.

NVD GO413 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

Q FEVER

Q fever is one of the most prevalent diseases spread from animals to people in Australia with around 500 human cases per year, caused by the bacterium *Coxiella burnetii*.

District Vet Kylie Greentree is concerned livestock producers and their families might not be aware of the risks caused by this illness.

“Some people show no symptoms but others with Q-fever may develop flu like symptoms, headaches, muscle aches, fever, sweating, endocarditis,” said Dr Greentree.

“Up to 15-20% of sufferers’ progress to a chronic illness with chronic fatigue that can be debilitating for years, muscle pain, depression, hepatitis, pneumonia and heart failure which can be fatal.”

Q Fever can spread from any animal including cattle, sheep, goats, wildlife and even dogs and cats.

The bacteria can survive in the environment for years and with current dusty drought conditions the organism could be stirred up and spread kilometres in the wind.

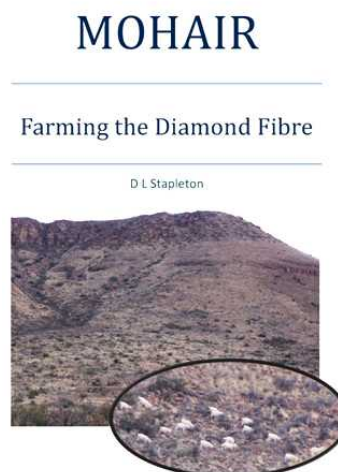
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Australian Handbook of Angora Goats and Mohair Production
(D L Stapleton & D G Cunningham 2007)
180 pages in colour (hard copy \$60 including postage)

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Australian Genetics Have Great Success at Major U.K. Show

In the northern hemisphere summer, I had the pleasure of spending 2 days at the Royal Three Counties Show at Great Malvern in England, situated north east of London virtually on the Welsh border.

In the UK this show is considered the equivalent to our own Royal Easter Show in Sydney. Held in a large expansive very green spacious area well away from the towns and cities. Although a major agricultural show it is very different to our major shows. The livestock pavilions are enormous and the competition is most intense.

The livestock sections are the only similarity to our major shows. There are no sideshows and rides which these days tend to dominate our shows. The only ride I saw at Malvern was a very small merry-go-round suitable for pre-schoolers. The show had large numbers small sites of virtually every type of produce you could imagine. In a very prominent space was a funeral director advertising his modern and horse drawn carriages. A first for me at a major show. Enormous numbers of visitors attend each day.

The Angora section was well supported but due to the time of the year their classes have some significant differences. About 10 exhibitors competed in in seven classes, including groups, with over 60 individual animals. In the fleece section there were 10 sections with over 100 fleeces entered – this was a most impressive display.

Sited in a very large marquee, with judging just outside in natural light. Unfortunately, we needed to avoid the showers throughout the day – I think a common problem. Judge was Miss Erinna Rogers of Powys (Wales). Erinna’s grandparents were the first family to bring Angoras into the UK I believe.

With the UK kidding being in February/March and this show being held in June the classes are on age only. In the buck section there were only 2 classes – a 1 year old and 2 years and older. In the does there are 3 classes – 1 year olds, 2-year-olds and 3 years and over with kids at foot. No kid sections. All older doe exhibits must have kids at foot to be eligible, the more the merrier, I think. A number of the does had triplets and judging of the does included their capacity to care for their babies and their quality. Classes had between 10 and 15 entries in each.

Champion Buck and Supreme Champion

Linden Ivor – Ian & Frances Mason a pure Australian genetics very nice young buck

Reserve Champion Buck

Chrido David – Chris & Dot Tyler – a four- and half-year old buck by a Linden sire, huge frame

Champion Doe

Bellwood Zizi – Ian & Frances Mason – an eight year old doe with twins at foot

Reserve Champion Doe

Corrymoor Pilton – Corrymoor Angoras – a very interesting choice.

One of the most interesting does was one in the one year class exhibited by the Mason’s. A pure Australian genetics doe with the most exquisite fleece in handle, lustre and length. This doe was judged in second place.

Great to see the older doe class, all with kids at foot, a challenge for both the judge, stewards and exhibitors. One doe in this class was 10 years of age and still doing the job in all respects.

Another challenge for me was the ribbon colours with red being first place and blue second place.

In the fleece section I was surprised to see how short most of the fleeces were, few would have been classed into our present ‘D’ length. There was an occasional longer fleece, some tremendous soft handling, but much higher in grease content. This was not reflected in the fleeces on the live animals. Fleece classes were on age and having been shown in the last 12 months. All fleeces were beautifully displayed in boxes, freely open to the general public. Being judged inside the marquee was difficult with poor light so handle was very important.

In August 2015 I was able to attend the Royal Welsh Show and watched the Angora judging that day. One of the things that was obvious was the variation in the genetics. Big framed, fine light cutting animals to greasy Texan types and every where in between. This variation was not obvious in England this time round.

There is no doubt the Australian genetics will have a positive affect on the UK industry and quality choices have been made. I wish the UK breeders all the best for their future and wish to thank them for their time, friendliness and openness during my very pleasurable two day visit at Great Malvern.

Daryl Finch



3682 – Animals and Fleece displays in the marquee at Royal Three Counties Show



3704 - Erinna Rogers judging the young buck class



3761 – Something different at a Royal Show – horse drawn hearse on display



3715 – Mayhem in the showing – Senior Doe class



3760 – Open fleece of young doe – Australian genetics



3741 – Champion Does – Reserve on left, Champion on the right.



3737 Reserve Champion buck



3748 – Champion Buck

TASMANIA - 2019 FIELD DAY and SHOW

GoatFest – Combined Breeds Field Day, Sunday 10th February 2019 at the Horse Pavilion, Launceston Show Ground, featuring trade displays, goat products, and soap-making, photo and poetry competitions.

MAL Tasmanian Division Annual Angora Show, Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th February 2019 at Deloraine Show Ground. Fleece judging will take place on the Saturday and animal judging on the Sunday.

This year the Annual Angora Show will be part of a Combined Breed-Standards Goat Show which will be opened to the public on the Sunday and will also include Dairy, Boer and Miniature goats.

If anyone would like more information about these events they can contact me on email:
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37th Diamond Fibre Show

Will be held at the Goat Pavilion,
Bathurst Showground

On Sunday 27th January 2019

Prize money \$20, \$10, \$5 for 1st, 2nd & 3rd.

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NATS 2019 Report

The National Angora Trophy Show and Sale (NATS) will be held at the Peden Pavilion at Goulburn Showground, Goulburn NSW on the 8,9 and 10 March 2019.

There is a full program of activity for the Youth and Schools on the Friday the 8th March. In 2019 we will be starting at an earlier time of 11 am and running until 3 pm. Mohair fleeces will be judged Friday afternoon by Craig Clancy from AMMO followed by the Friday night get together which next year will be BYO food and drinks with the shed being open until 8pm.

We will run the novice stud classes on the Saturday 9th March in the morning before the open stud section. Kid classes will be split be into under 6 months and 6 to 12 months as per 2018. The Mohair Production Championship will not go ahead in 2019 with many wethers not being run on due to the dry conditions however we plan to have it return in 2020. The show sponsorship has been organised and the allocated classes will be announced in the formal invite letter.

We do plan to go ahead with stud sale on the Sunday the 10th March 2019 and will ask our international judge to give a talk beforehand.

We are delighted to announce that Charles Seidensticker will be travelling to Australia from Texas USA to judge the National Angora Trophy Show in 2019.

Charles Seidensticker is a managing partner of his family’s production farm and ranch in the Texas Hill Country. He grew up on the same farm. The operation’s main focus is a commercial cow calf enterprise, fine-wool sheep, Angora goats, and a herd of meat goats. Through his own involvement in 4-H and FFA, both as a participant and a leader, Seidensticker has been very fortunate to have worked with some outstanding exhibitors, parents, and colleagues.

His current involvement in the industry is directing the family’s farming and ranching interest. He’s also the production manager at Lindner Feed and Milling in Comfort, Texas, where he works closely with dealers, customers, and clients on all aspects of their diverse products. Seidensticker has judged at several major shows across the country including The Ohio State Fair, The San Antonio Stock Show, North Carolina State Fair, Wisconsin State Fair, The State Fair of Texas and The Aksarban livestock show.



We have launched the National Angora Trophy facebook page. Updates and photos will be published regularly on the lead up and over the weekend on this social media initiative. I am told #NATS2019 is the shorthand search engine link on facebook.

Formal invites will be emailed and posted out 4 January and entries will close on the 31st January 2019.

On behalf of the NSW division we look forward to seeing you in Goulburn on the 8 March 2019.

Nick Gorrie 0409 129 123

What's on:-

	Event	Location	Contact	Phone
December	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
	10 GoatFest,	Launceston TAS	Mary Orledge	03 6362 2594
	23-24 Tasmanian Annual Goat Show	Deloraine TAS	Mary Orledge	03 6362 2594
March	8-10 NATS SHOW & SALE	Goulburn	Nick Gorrie	0409 129 123
April	6 Camden Show	Camden	Reg Scott	02 4657 2293
	12-23 SYDNEY ROYAL SHOW Angoras (12 - 18th)	Sydney	Rowan Ross	02 4677 1395

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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

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David Lillis —

Southern Tablelands NSW

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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.