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Firstly, I must THANK Sandie Smith for her kind offer and help in putting this first MOHAIR NEWS of the new Board together.

The Board has decided to print the News Letter quarterly. The next issue will in March. Following issues will be June, September, and December. Deadline for ads & copy is 15th of Feb, May, Aug, & Nov. All members will receive a copy by mail, and we’ll continue to include it on the website.

As many of us are experiencing severe drought conditions, the likes of which we’ve never seen, I have included a “head’s up” in the News Letter on some of the health issues that are common in these conditions, affecting not only goats but also sheep & cattle.

On a lighter note: the silly season is upon us. May you all have a Happy Christmas & a Prosperous New Year

Kimberly



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National President Report

It is exciting and a little daunting writing my first national president report. In the last 12 months I have developed a hunger for taking on a leadership role and looking to challenge myself to further develop the industry that I have been directly involved in since buying my first angora goats at Yass Sale in 1989. Some things will take more than the 2 year term however it is about setting a good foundation that we can build on and not wrecking what has been done.

Previously I have worked in medium to large companies that expect growth each year. I have learnt from experience that it starts with a mindset change. Think about it. “If we could double the current industry what would it look like and what do we need to do better?” This type of thinking gets you looking for the right people, prioritising what is important and what is not. We also need to think about showcasing different farming systems that other people can replicate relatively easily and have success whilst maintaining balance in life and work. Work could be on other farm enterprises or off farm.

I have come up with the phrase of “unlocking the potential of the Australian mohair industry”. Our approach should be to make the industry more attractive to new entrants and get it growing again with new members and new growers. I want the board members to know everyone growing mohair and running angora goats, even if you sell direct to South Africa, sell to ammo, sell to David Williams or value add your own product we want to meet and talk to you either at events or in your kitchen. We are also interested in developing the seedstock industry so we can better supply stud animals to existing and new farmers that will improve their production and profitability. There are no big budgets for advertising it needs to be done at the grass roots level with education and training. I want to make sure that when we commit to do something we do it well (best of our ability and not always perfect) and follow through. We have got an ageing group of growers and we need to target a younger sub-set of farmers by finding out what interests and motivates them to grow mohair. Over time I believe we will get results.

The current conditions make it hard to think about the future however we must focus on areas that have adequate rain and prepare a plan for when we do get more useful rain in NSW and QLD.

Look forward to talking to you in the pens !!!

Best regards,
Nick Gorrie

Summary Member Survey October 2019

Dear Members,

The incoming board took the initiative and conducted a member survey prior to being formally appointed. We did this to ensure that we were able to ‘hit the road running’ and not incur time delays associated with conducting the same survey after the AGM. We also wanted to ascertain whether there was a degree of unified thinking from members.

We have received 30 completed surveys, and I would like to thank those members who took the time and effort to provide us with your honest responses. I have saved the responses and will maintain the promised confidentiality for each of these.

I was approached at the AGM for additional time for responses and I did provide an additional week for any late submissions.

Summary of Survey Responses:

1. Strategy and growth

Growth is key for industry survival. Unification and industry politics will be short term hurdles.

The global opportunity is recognized and the general view is that the industry could grow by orders of magnitude over the next 5 years.

2. Industry structure

Key message is to simplify to a two tiered structure but ensure that communication and engagement with members is not negatively affected. There were many ideas presented as to how a new structure could look. Reviewing membership status should be included in any structure review

3. Key relationships within Australia

AMMO, GICA, AgriFutures

4. Key relationships internationally

Mohair industry bodies in South Africa, Texas, New Zealand
Fibre industry players globally

5. Communication

Communication needs to be improved. Members are generally happy to convert to electronic communications, but are conscious of some members not having access to emails.

Members are interested in a standard promotional ‘kit’ that can be tailored for regions.

Facebook, Instagram and other social media are acceptable, but MAL does require a social media policy

6. Website

Many varying views, but generally fix what we have for the short term. Make the website user friendly and functional.

7. Youth Initiatives

Key strategic pillar for industry growth and promotion.

8. Industry unification

Key strategic pillar for industry growth and credibility.

9. Breed Standards

There are divergent views on breed standards, their lack of detail and subjectivity. There is a clear message that it is time to revisit breed standards and then implement an industry education initiative.

10. Herd Book

The herd book is considered important for breeders/studs, generally fulfils its purpose but maybe it is time for it to be reviewed.

11. Sustainability.

Key strategic pillar for industry growth as mohair producers will not be able to sell globally in future if there is no demonstrated sustainability standard.

The Australian Mohair industry is behind other industries and should leverage from the work already completed locally and in other countries.

12. APMC

There were a wide range of opinions, varying from ‘it’s a dead duck’ to ‘this is a strong unification structure’. However, there was a majority of positive comment and the view is that APMC should be seriously considered as the future industry structure.

13. Other matters

A number of additional matters were raised in the survey:

- Investigate local processing facilities to value add.
- Biosecurity – WA and Tasmania
- Message to the new board: Provide leadership, transparency and ‘make a difference’ to the industry, no conflict of interest, execute through sub committees,
- Concern at the impact of SRS and poll breeding experimentation on the reputation of mohair as a premium product.

The summary of responses has provided the new board with a number of short term and longer term projects where we can focus our efforts. We have decided on the following priorities, as presented by the summary of survey responses

In the short term, we will focus on the following:

1. Improved communications, via the newsletter and getting the website up and running as soon as practically possible
2. Prioritize the youth initiative through the development of a brief for, and the formation of a sub-committee.
3. Sustainable Mohair Production project with Agrifutures – requested Agrifutures to ‘pause’ this project until such time as we have confirmed direction from the International Textile Exchange.

In the medium to longer term, we will establish sub-committees to deal with the challenges of growth and industry unification.

To conclude, the board considers this to have been an extremely useful initiative which has provided us with a degree of clarity in the deployment of resources during our term. The establishment of sub committees will allow for ongoing consultation and involvement of members in key initiatives going forward.

We will continue to update members through the newsletter and direct discussions where appropriate.

Regards

Grant Forsdick.

National Angora Trophy Show and Sale 2020

Plans are well underway for the NATS in 2020 to be held at the Peden Pavilion Goulburn Showgrounds, Goulburn NSW. The dates are Friday 13, Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 March 2020.

In most growing areas of NSW, Victoria and QLD it has been a very difficult year however we invite you to come along and enjoy the weekend. If you cannot bring animals due to seasonal conditions please still come along and have some of the weekend off to catch up with old, current, new members and growers.

I have the great pleasure in announcing the NATS 2020 stud judge and mohair fleece judge will be Mr Jordi Van Hasselt from Van Hasselt Farming directly from South Africa. He has accepted our invitation and we have booked flights. We are working thru the travel visa with the agent well ahead of time. Mr Michael Mwroka (ex-West Wyalong HS and judging in his own right at EKKA 2018 and Bendigo 2019) will be joining him as associate judge for the prestigious event. The chief steward for mohair fleeces and stud animals will be Meagan Mwroka (Michael and Meagan are brother and sister).

Jordi and his Mum Gay have overcome several obstacles over the years (including the death of Clive Van Hasselt (father) and the recent PETA issue that hit Mohair South Africa last year) and continue to be at the top of their game. Please note they also run a successful cow cheese business from their farm. We all know you must be resilient and driven to produce mohair in any country! This year they won the highly regarded Zegna Trophy for the best bale of kid mohair in the world and Jordi has recently returned from 2 weeks in Italy with the processers. Jordi and Gay run one of the top angora goat studs in South Africa and we should be honoured that he is prepared to reorganise his kid shearing to give us 1 week to come to Australia. Jordi has formally completed his South African Angora Goat Judging Course with the South African Angora Goat Ram Breeders association earlier this year. He comes highly recommended from Mr George Hope (Lochdale Angora Stud) who is the current President of the Angora Goat Ram Breeders Group and judged at Sydney Royal in 2019.

Picture 1 below - Congratulations to all our producers who entered stunning bales of mohair into the 2019 Ermenegildo Zegna Trophy competition. And a special congratulations to Van Hasselt Farming who were crowned the 2019 champions!



In fact, this week at Graaff Reinet Angora Ram Sale in South Africa Van Hasselt Farming sold top price buck to Sean Hobson of Martyrsford Angora Stud for \$20,000 RAND. We must remember in South Africa they use the word ram for buck. The Van Hasselt Farming have their own buck sale in mid-January where they and guest vendors will sell 80 bucks. Picture 2 below of the Graaff Reinet top price with Sean (2nd from left) and Jordi (3rd from left):



Outline of the Weekend Programme:

Friday activities will include the youth show, judging mohair fleeces and the casual get together will be offsite at the bistro in the RSL club. In the youth show we have Youth Judging, Led Paraders, School Show classes and the School Led Wether teams going onto Sydney show. There is a great level of entries in the school Led Wether competition in 2020.

Saturday will be the stud show so there is an opportunity to view some of the best goats in the country. At NATS we will continue to have a hands-on approach with interested people able to inspect and open the fleeces of the winning animals at the end of each stud class. There are a few changes to last years' schedule which will be announced in early January. We will continue to have a under 6 months and over 6 months class in doe and buck kid.

The mohair production championship is planned to go ahead with shearing taking place on the Saturday. It evaluates the animals on the amount of money from the fleece and meat from the carcass which is assessed on the hoof. It is also independently done so entrants can use the results to promote their genetics and \$ returns.

The annual show dinner is Saturday night at the Best Western Centretown Goulburn. It is a great time to formally present the major awards from the show and celebrate industry milestones. It is upstairs in our own spacious function room so we can all enjoy the chance to catch up over dinner and drinks. Dinner Tickets are \$45 per person.

This year we will have a private treaty sale over the weekend. Vendors can list their animals in the sale catalogue at no extra charge, and you will deal directly with the vendor or buyer.

On Sunday we will start with the Youth Parading and then have an industry session that will involve a Judging Workshop with a panel of judges including the NATS 2020 judge.

We understand everyone needs to get home so we plan to finish the event by 11.00 am and then we can pack up.

For more information do not hesitate to contact Nick Gorrie on 0409 129 123.

ADVANCED NOTICE - CHANGE OF DATE

DIAMOND FIBRE SHOW

BATHURST NSW - SHOWGROUND

Sunday, 23rd FEBRUARY, 2020

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HEAD’S UP - ANIMAL HEALTH ISSUES IN SEVERE DROUGHT CONDITIONS

If you are experiencing unexplained or sudden deaths, the following is a list of “diseases” that will kill. While not uncommon to lose a goat to any one thing on the list, you usually don’t expect there to be 5 “killers” lurking on the sidelines.

For any sudden or unexplained deaths, a Veterinary diagnosis is highly recommended.

Nitrate Toxicity. Grazing failed or highly stressed cereal crops or feeding hay made from plants which have had nitrogen previously applied can be dangerous. The toxicity level depends on the amount of nitrate in the plant at time of grazing or baling. Many farmers are baling failed cereal crops. Canola is top of the list for nitrate toxicity.

Animals suffering from nitrate poisoning are usually found dead, and will have chocolate coloured blood. Muscle tremors, diarrhoea and rapid breathing can be signs of nitrate poisoning.

Pulpy Kidney. When animals are experiencing extreme changes in feed, Vets are advising vaccinating sheep every 3 months. Given that sheep usually get one vaccination per 12 months, and most of us do the goats at 6 monthly intervals, the goats should be vaccinated at 3 monthly intervals also.

Grass Tetnany. Caused by a magnesium imbalance. The disease is quite common in cattle but it does also affect sheep & goats. Using a mix of Causmag, stock lime & coarse salt at a 1:1:1 ratio will help buffer the rumen giving the animal a better chance of utilizing the available feed.

Goat Polio. Star Gazing - Vitamin B1 deficiency is another potential killer, particular if not caught early.

Selenium Toxicity. Lack of green feed over an extended period of time can lead to low levels of Vitamin A & E. Vitamin E & Selenium work in conjunction with each other, when the Vit E level drops the selenium can rise to a level that is fatal. The animals can look okay however on exertion they can just drop dead. To diagnose this, you will definitely need to work with your Vet as you need to blood test for the vitamin/mineral levels.

Note: This is an issue I dealt with personally during the Millennium drought. While the losses were mostly in the younger stock, the adults were also showing signs similar to Pink Eye as the levels of Vit A were also very low.

**** I haven’t included references as this information is from a number of sources, and is available on the web. The Dept of Ag has Fact Sheets in their website you can download for free. Merck Veterinary Manual is also a great resource for information - free on the web.**

Kimberly

2019 NATIONAL FINAL of the ANGORA GOAT and MOHAIR YOUNG JUDGES COMPETITION REPORT

The finalists from Victoria, Queensland, New South Wales and South Australia made the trek to Adelaide for the 2019 National Final of the Angora Goat and Mohair Young Judges competition which was held at the Adelaide Royal during the first week of September.

The Competition Organizers would once again like to whole-heartedly thank our very generous Sponsors Cawoodholme Australian (Doug and Margaret Nicholls) Australian Mohair Trading (David Williams), Charley Angora Stud (Jacob Stevens), Lyndon Grove Angora Stud (Don and Lynne Carter) and Willow Glen Angora Stud (Mandy Statham) ... through their generous efforts this vital component of the Mohair Youth has been a resounding success!

The Competition now in its 10th year generated the National Young Judges Finalists for 2019. The contestants representing the four States were:

VICTORIA: Tsomo Lakatsang from Woodley College
QUEENSLAND: Leanna Dau from Pilton
NSW: Tareva Chine-Atken Zaldivar from Minto and Jasmine Shields from Queanbeyan
SOUTH AUSTRALIA: Caitlyn Mitchell from Eudunda Area school
Ali Edwards Burra High School

On Wednesday 3rd, competitors participated in a workshop which consisted of helping with the South Australian Schools Wether Production class - mohair classing under the watchful eyes of Overjudges Mr Nick Gorrie, Andrew Gossip and Lynne Carter. (Mandy Statham unfortunately could not make it on this occasion due to illness) Later sessions on Mohair and Manufacturing as well as Goat Meat Production and Assessment was given by Lynne Carter. Information pamphlets were handed out to the Contestants and the South Australian Schools. The day concluded with the contestants, their chaperones and Judges enjoying a dinner in the Members Dining Hall. Great cuisine topped off by great conversation was relished by all.

The Competition took place on the morning of the 5th September, again under the watchful eyes of Overjudges Mr Nick Gorrie, Andrew Gossip and Lynne Carter, with Announcer Stefan Ainsbury and number crunching completed by Christine Stevens. Contestants are asked to assess and place a Championship class of four animals consisting of both Bucks and Does and four mohair fleeces. They were awarded points by the Overjudges on their Judging Technique and their Oral presentation of both the Angora and Mohair sections.

The Cawoodholme Perpetual Trophy came into being thanks largely to the generosity of Doug and Margaret Nicholls from Cawoodholme Australia who recognised the competition’s potential from an original idea floated by Lynne Carter, Mandy Statham and Andrew Gossip. This trio has put many countless hours of work and finance into its implementation and continuance. Their inspiring insight, work and the creation of activities to encourage the Mohair Youth of our industry is to be applauded. Our Industry has no or very little future if young people are not encouraged in their interest in Angora Goats and Mohair.

First placing and the Cawoodholme Perpetual Trophy went to Jasmine Shields narrowly defeating Tareva Shine-Atiken Zaldivar with a very creditable third placing to Leanna Dau.

CONGRATULATIONS to ALL!

Vanessa Binks wrote the following article for the STOCK and LAND

Royal Adelaide Show

Winners and Overjudges

L to R:

Judge Nick Gorrie,

Tareva Chine Atkin,

Jasmine Shields,

Leanna Dau

Judge Andrew Gossip and

Judge Lynne Carter



BIG WINS: Judge Nick Gorrie, Hall, NSW, with national winners, Reserve place Tareva-Chine Atkin-Zaldivar, NSW, Champion Jasmine Shields, NSW, and third Leanna Dau, Qld, with Judges Andrew Gossip, Mount Pleasant, and Lynne Carter, Moonta

A seventeen-year-old 'on top of her game' young judge from NSW has taken out the national Angora and mohair judging competition at the Royal Adelaide Show.

Overjudge Nick Gorrie, Hall, NSW, placed Jasmine Shields, Queanbeyan, NSW, as Champion judge after finishing the competition on 194 points of a possible 200.

Ms Shields placed ahead of second place competitor Tareva-Chine Atkin-Zaldivar, NSW, who finished on 193 points and third place Leanna Dau, Pilton, Qld, on 192 points.

Mr Gorrie said the competition showed great encouragement that youth were interested in judging.

"The national and state line-up of contestants definitely showed we have a great future for judging," he said.

Mr Gorrie said he was looking for participants that had technical skills to identify traits of a quality mohair fleece but also an ability to orally present their opinion.

"It was vital contestants were able to articulate what they are thinking," he said.

"It was not about necessarily identifying the perfect rankings of the fleece and animals, we tried to award a capacity to explain their decisions."

Mr Gorrie said champion judge Jasmine, stood out early in the competition.

"She is on top of her game and at a top level of judging," he said.

"The top three judges in the national competition were clear front runners."

"I attended a week of work experience at Cullbookie stud, NSW, to gain more experience and understand fleece qualities," she said.

"To win national champion at my fifth competition was incredible."

Written by Vanessa Banks

Come on Tassie and Western Australia with a bit of effort you too can have contestants!?



National Young Judges Competitors assessing Mohair Fleeces



All Finalists, Winners and Judges

L t R:

Back: Nick Gorrie, Tsomo Lakatsang, Ali Edwards and Andrew Gossip

Front: Caitlyn Mitchell, Tareva Chine Atkin, Jasmine Shields, Leanna Dau and Lynne Carter



National Young Judges Competitors assessing Angora Goats

Report submitted by Mandy Statham

ADELAIDE ROYAL SHOW RESULTS 3rd -5th September 2019

Nick Gorrie from Hall NSW officiated at this year Adelaide Royal Show commencing with the Mohair fleeces on Tuesday afternoon once exhibitors arrived with their Animals and Mohair to compete in the next 2 days of competition.

23 Mohair entries ranging from Bulk classes of 5 kilo of Fine Kid to Adult does Fleeces Stud Does and bucks along with the 3 Agricultural school's participating with wethers giving a total of 95 entries over the 2 days of competition of Stud and school classes including the Production class.

Stud animals were Judged Wednesday the 4th commencing at 9 am with the adult Doe classes over 38 mth and older through to the under 14 mth doe classes -all Doe and Buck classes were well represented by 5 studs on the day being Lynndon Grove & Amarula Angora Goat Studs, Ansebury Hill , Cedar Grange and Aanaarden Park .



Champion Bucks Lynndon Grove Angora Stud



Champion Does Lynndon Grove Angora Stud

State Young Judges Final along with National Young Judges were held Thursday morning at 9am commencing with the National Final to complete the 2018 State Final Challenge from each state.

State Young Judges Final Winners

- 1st Katrina Manguera Eudunda School
- 2nd Olivia Stead Westminster School
- 3rd Maddi Bryson Lucernedale Area School
- Over Judges: Nick Gorrie and Andrew Gossip
- 37 Students competed in the State Final from Eudunda , Westminster and Lucernedale Schools



Supreme Champion Lynndon Grove 2671

National Young Judges Competitors assessing Mohair Fleeces



Schools Wether Competition

3 Schools competed this year with the individual School wether Champion Won by Eudunda School Trained by Katrina Manguera The Champion Production team Winner of 3 Animals was Eudunda school with a combined Mohair and Carcass value of \$865:89



Yearling Doe Class



Yearling Buck Class

RESULTS: RAS ADELIDE SHOW

REPORT: L CARTER

PHOTOS: L CARTER

Full results can be seen on the website, or by contacting Lyn Carter

PICTON SHOW – 26 – 27 OCTOBER 2019
MOHAIR FLEECE SECTION
JUDGE : JIM STANLEY

The Mohair fleece section is now well established at the Show alongside the wool fleeces with classes for Fine Kid, Kid, Young Goat and Fine Hair. Entry fee is \$1.00 and prize money is 1st \$3.00, 2nd \$1.50, with sashes for the Champion and Reserve.

This year the Show was well supported with five exhibitors and twenty-four fleeces in the four classes (8 kid fleeces).

Jim Stanley judged the fleeces early on Saturday morning and was very pleased with the high quality. He said almost all the fleeces were good with no kemp. He was particularly interested in the length and shorter fleeces were not competitive and would not have qualified for weaving. Some of the fine kid and kid fleeces showed a degree of tip stain which he felt was a reflection of their good length. The Champion was a heavy good style kid beating the excellent handle of the smaller fine kid fleece.

Results: -

	1 st	2 nd	Highly Commended
Fine Kid	Winder	Winder	Winder
Kid	Winder	Winder	Mundroola
Young Goat	Winder	Winder	
Fine Hair	Winder	Winder	

CHAMPION: Winder Kid
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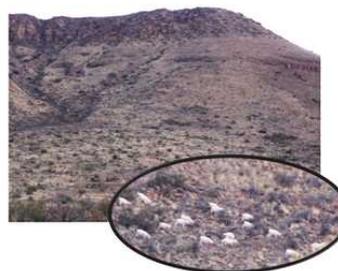
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Promotional Grant

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 is on the web site under the “forms” section.

VALE

**Joyce Gundry - Cohuna Angora Stud, Berrima NSW
26.4.1927 -18.10.19**

Joyce and husband Neil (dec.) were represented in the Foundation Herd Book of the Angora Breed Society of Australia, and ran a tourist business on their property near Berrima for many years, promoting angora goats and mohair.

They were workers and mentors to many in the industry and always willing to help where possible.



Welcome Parker Ross

**Congratulations to
Rowan and Lisa**

**on the new arrival,
a brother for Oliver**

Mum and baby are doing well!

What's on in 2020:-

2020	Event	Location	Contact	Phone
January	8 Albion Park Show	Albion Park NSW	Steve Smith	02 4448 6112
February	1 Berry Show	Berry NSW	Steve Smith	02 4448 6112
February	16 Bega Show	Bega NSW	Helen Ypma	0403 704 994
February	23 Diamond Fibre	Bathurst NSW	Craig Richards	02 6366 3654
February	23 Berwick Show	Berwick VIC	Tanie Calder	0423 311 121
March	7 Goulburn Show	Goulburn NSW	Reg Scott	02 4657 2293
March	13 - 15 NATS	Goulburn NSW	Nick Gorrie	0409 129 123
March	20 Camden Show	Camden NSW	Reg Scott	02 4657 2293
April	3 - 14 Sydney Royal 6 - 9 Angora goats in	Sydney NSW	Rowan Ross	0467 816 968

REMINDER

Annual membership fees are due for Mohair Australia Ltd. 1st January, 2020

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

Goat Industry Council of Australia

www.goatindustrycouncil.com.au

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.

Melbourne Mobile Shearing --

Phone: 0427 362 917

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”

Bathurst, NSW

Will shear 1 to 1000, phone 0422 174 382

Greg Edwards, Tasmania

0459 789 905

Mark Gillgren in New Zealand --

mj_gillgren@ubernet.co.nz

phone +6494339752

Mark Wilson – Tasmania

Mobile: 0418 510 878

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.