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**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:****AMMO Sale**

The next date for sale of mohair will be the 11th September, 2020 and closing date was 29th May, 2020.

If you have mohair to send from the Hunter Region to AMMO please contact Bill or Sandie Smith on 4938 7536 or email to inwood-@bigpond.net.au.

**Annual General Meeting**

Our Region meeting was held on 16th July at 200 Lindsay Road, North Rothbury and was followed by lunch.

The only change to the committee was our President, who is now Jenny Readford.

**Hunter Region Meetings**

It has been decided that we will hold quarterly meetings in our region.

These will be held at either Bill & Sandies home at 200 Lindsay Road North Rothbury at 11am, and a light lunch will be provided following the meeting.

Alternatively if meetings are held at Heatherbrae Pies they will start at 11am.

All are welcome to attend these meetings and catch up. We will confirm meeting venue via emails prior to the meetings.



# INWOOD

## Angora Stud

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## **Presidents Report**

### **Presidents Report AGM 2020**

Once again it is a very quiet time with the Corona Virus outbreak, and the restrictions for events, meeting etc. Fortunately we have not heard of any members in our Region or their families contracting this virus.

Mohair prices have held up surprisingly well; let's hope the coming year brings good returns as well. The "weaving quality" has apparently seen an improvement in the classing of mohair to the broker, and many are reaping the financial rewards of this initiative for our industry.

Last but not least I would like to thank all our committee members for their effort throughout the year, with an excellent job fulfilled by our treasurer Chris Batch, Division delegates Jenny & Paul Readford, and Hunter Region Secretary and News editor, Sandie Smith, well done.

May the coming year bring improved weather and feed conditions in our Region.

President

Bill Smith

## **When should I get a COVID-19 Test?**

~ A Frequently Asked Question ~

NSW Health recommends that anyone with symptoms should come forward for COVID-19 testing.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- fever (37.5 °C or higher)
- cough
- sore / scratchy throat
- shortness of breath
- loss of smell or,
- loss of taste.



***Locations of COVID-19 clinics can be found on the NSW Health website or by contacting your GP office***

## How often are you trimming your goat's feet?

Overgrown feet can cause an abnormal gait and loss of production; they can put stress on joints, tendons and ligaments and are often painful. Goats with overgrown feet will not be willing to move and consequently will eat and drink less or they may get around on their knees. The frequency of hoof trimming will depend on the hardness of the ground that the goats exercise. The harder the surface and the more extensively managed the less likely that the goats will have overgrown feet. The more intensively managed goats will require more frequent hoof trimming. Some producers in the area are trimming their goat's feet every 2-3 months in order to keep their feet in good condition and consequently assists with high production levels.

Overgrown feet lead to a number of other serious conditions that will decrease production levels even further. These



conditions include; White line disease, foot abscess, interdigital dermatitis and footrot.

If you introduce goats and subsequently they develop lameness with the onset of wet weather, you should isolate them and inspect their feet for footrot. Footrot is a notifiable disease and you should contact us if you think you have footrot

on your property. For more information on footrot see the DPI Footrot Primefact.

<http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/animals-and-livestock/sheep/health/footrot/footrot-sheep-goats>

I often come across white line disease, where there is a separation between the outer hoof wall and the inner sole. Once this separation occurs dirt and debris are pushed up into the gap often leading to infections of the foot.

To trim your goat's feet you will need to invest in a good pair of hoof trimmers. You are aiming to have a flat smooth surface from the heel to the toe. If their feet are badly overgrown it may take several trimmings to get the feet back into better condition. It is also important to keep your goats feet dry. When the conditions are wet, goats are much more prone to feet problems. If you need any advice about trimming your goat's feet please do not hesitate to call.

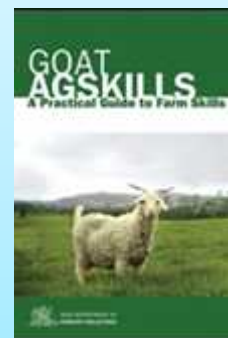
### Guidelines for Best Practice Goat Production

Animal Health Australia (AHA) and the Goat Industry Council of Australia (GICA) have developed standards and guidelines that apply to all goat farming enterprise in Australia. These guidelines are recommendation to achieve best practice and welfare for goat production. Download a copy on the AHA website.



The Goat Agskills book has a great reference for hoof trimming.

<http://www.tocal.nsw.edu.au/publications/list/animals/goat-agskill>



NSW DIVISION

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2020

“Thank you” to committee members for your support during the year. Last year Nick Gorrie nominated for the Board and I took on the President's role with Jenny Readford as Secretary and Sue Bell, Treasurer. The year brought many challenges – the drought continued with dust storms and high food prices followed by fires, floods and then the COVID 19 virus. Both mohair and meat prices were good but we have to be apprehensive for the future.

Our showpiece show (NATS) was one of the few events to be held between the fires and COVID lockdown. The Show depends on Nick Gorrie and many volunteers, but this year particular thanks to Meagan Mrowka who stewarded both fleeces and animals and Sue Bell who took on the office. Our South African Judge, Jordi Van Hasselt, a top young producer and his Associate Michael Mrowka worked well together with Michael covering Sunday when Jordi had to fly back to South Africa before the lockdown. The new 5 kg fleece class was well supported and will be 10 kg next year. Exhibitor and livestock numbers were up as was support for the dinner. Friday's Youth event had increased support and Sunday's Judges' workshop went well.

During the year we revised the NSW Judging Guidelines and moved three judges up from associate to full judge. Jasmine Shields represented NSW at the National Young Judges' final in Adelaide winning the competition. In May we broke new ground with a Division Zoom meeting – thanks Jenny for setting it up.

The Board held a tele-conference with Division Presidents encouraging us to be more active. The web site is being developed and we were asked to undertake a membership drive, improve strategic planning and youth involvement. Currently over half the MA membership are in NSW and we need to recover those who have recently lapsed. We are still active in the show scene but the number of events is declining. Other activities include the Hunter Newsletter and Eastern Region Facebook to inform members and workshops for the wether competition and managing worms.

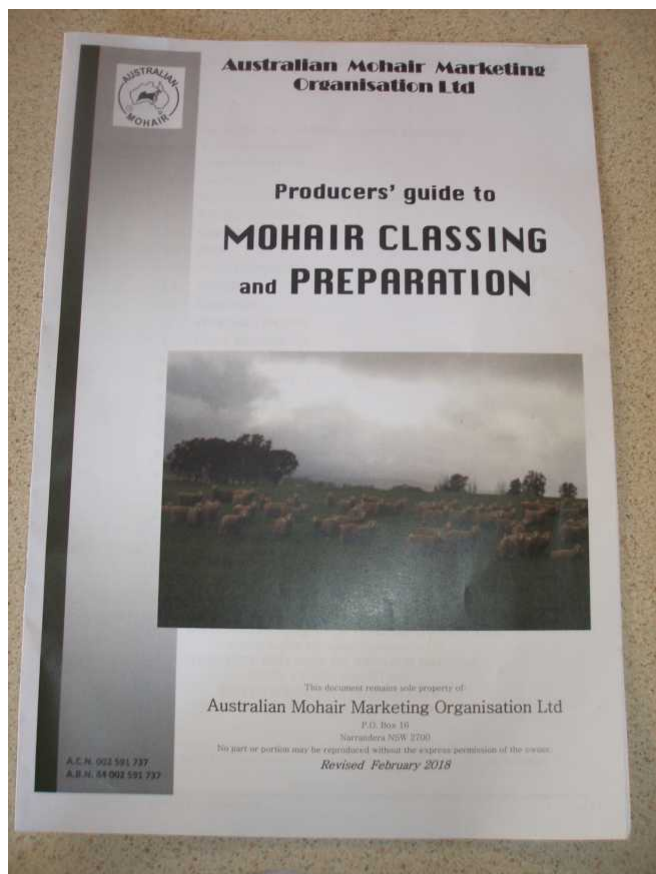
Whilst in some regions we may be short of finance or volunteers, we need to continue to promote Angora goats and mohair where possible.

The recent webinars on farm assurances and traceability should take our industry forward with an increased emphasis on safety and record keeping through NLIS and NVDs. The new Sustainable Goat Fibre Guidelines makes recommendations for the industry but will need to lead to Standards and Certification as has been developed for the meat industry.

Finally, thank you to the NSW Regions who have responded to my request for information. The coming year will probably be just as challenging and we will need to keep working for our industry.

Reg Scott  
President  
NSW Division of Mohair Australia Ltd

3 August 2020



## Classing Standards

Just in case you haven't heard or seen the standards for classing of your mohair, AMMO wants to remind producers that lengths have changed to reflect lengths used Internationally and there have been a few other changes as well.

A copy of the new Standards can be downloaded from AMMO website

<http://ausmohair.com.au/mohair-preparation/mohair-classing/>

or AMMO can send you out a copy and a length card to use in the shed when you're classing.

# MOHAIR REPORT

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## WEAVING TYPE MOHAIR

**Mohair producers are now able to have their angora goats assessed for inclusion in a special line of weaving quality mohair.**

**This mohair will be handled through AMMO.**

**More information is available from AMMO or by contacting**

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## APPLE CIDER VINEGAR

This simple and easily obtainable liquid is invaluable in this country where potassium is so often in short supply. It contains natural potassium in a safe form. It should always be bought in bulk and unpasteurised.

Feeding quantities of apples as such can lead to digestive problems in any stock, but they will tolerate cider vinegar in large amounts, and it is wholly beneficial – a quickly assimilated source of potassium, as well as other trace minerals. Most fodder stores now carry it these days. The pasteurised variety is not popular with animals, nor is it so effective.

Cider vinegar maintains the correct pH in the body, which is probably one of the reasons it is so useful. Because of its potassium content, it is invaluable for all animals just before breeding. Potassium deficiencies cause blood vessel constriction, affecting the extremities and, it seems, the cervix and uterus in the final stages of pregnancy; dystokia (difficult births) is the result. I first used cider vinegar on my milking goat herd after a season of very difficult births. The next year I was amazed at the difference, even the largest kids from maiden does arrived relatively easily and in very good health. Many stock owners and human mothers have observed similar effects.

Cider vinegar helps prevent bruising and assists the tissues to recover from exertion. Given regularly to stud males it will help prevent urinary calculi, especially useful if your male stock is limited to very hard bore water – as is the case on many properties in Australia. Cider vinegar added to feed twice a week would be sufficient to stop stones in the urethra or kidneys and prevention is certainly better than cure for this dangerous condition. A dessertspoon twice a week would be enough for most animals.

It can also be used as a mild cure for skin conditions such as ringworm when it occurs too close to the eyes to use a copper wash. Rubbing it in well two or three times a day for a couple of days is usually enough.

There are various articles available for those wishing to learn more about cider vinegar.

Ref: “Natural Farming and Land Care”, Pat Coleby.



## **DATES FOR THE CALENDAR**

### **2020**

**October 15 Hunter Region meeting. To be held at 11am, venue to be confirmed by email to members.**

For more information contact Secretary Sandie Smith 02 4938 7536

**November 6 MOHAIR AUSTRALIA LTD - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.**  
See details on back page of this Newsletter.

### **2021**

**January 1st Membership fees/renewals are due and are listed on page 11. Please note that all fees include a copy of the quarterly “Mohair News” .**

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## **SAYINGS ..... “POP GOES THE WEASEL”**

A “WEASEL” IS USED TO MEASURE YARN INTO SKEINS.

It is also called a clock reel.

Forty turns of the weasel’s wheel equalled a skein. There was a notched metal disc in the wheel, and forty notches to save counting the revolutions.



On the fortieth turn a block fell into place, preventing the wheel from turning.

Hence one of the many interpretations of ....

“Pop goes the weasel”.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Friday 6th November, 2020**



**This meeting will be held as a hybrid event - small physical meeting linked with  
online facilities that helps to ensure your safety and enables you to take part,  
no matter where you are in Australia**

**For more details contact [mohair@mohair.org.au](mailto:mohair@mohair.org.au)**