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CULLBOOKIE ANGORA GOATS FOR SALE



2023 Sydney Royal Easter Show. Cullbookie wins included - Best in Show - All 3 Grand Champions - All 6 Champions

80 angora does 2022 and 2021 drop \$200 - \$600
20 stud bucks 2022 and 2021 drop \$500 - \$1500

- Quality animals
- Almost all are weaving tagged
- Package deals negotiable

CULLBOOKIE ANGORA GOAT STUD
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29 X ANGORA DOES FOR SALE



- Mixed ages
- Mainly 2019 drop
- Excellent condition
- Shorn Nov 23
- Cullbookie bloodlines

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National Presidents Letter

22 January 2024,

Dear Members and Mohair Growers,

Apologies for the delay in getting this newsletter to you I have been really busy with shearing and the on-farm sale. Now these are done I have made the time to put together this bumper issue. I have deliberately put in the recent buck sale reports from South Africa to show the value of these animals. A buck that sells for 70,000 Rand is worth \$5,571.80 on today's currency conversion. I wanted to mention the impact they can have on your future direction and whole herd improvement journey.

There are also two inserts included in the edition with the 2024 membership form and herd return plus the updated NATS 2024 schedule.

We wanted to introduce the new board and announce the executive and non-executive positions from the AGM.

President – Nick Gorrie

Vice President – John Hoornweg

Treasurer – John Hoornweg

Company Sec – Sue Jordan

Minutes Sec – Sue Bell

Membership growth and strategic direction – Don Murphy

Non-executive positions:

Herdbook Registrar – Doug Stapleton

Bookkeeper – Vicki Winley

At the AGM in Narrandera we also launched the Goat Fibre Gateway and Fibre Frontier Podcast on behalf of NextGen Agri and Agrifutures. We also had the opportunity to meet and listen to Danielle Chiel about her international knitwear business called KOCO. Remember to share and visit the Goat Fibre Gateway and Fibre Frontier Podcast and contribute any news, resources or updates to keep the Gateway alive.

<https://gateway.goatfibre.com>

On the 8th January 2024 the Future Fibre Farming program was included in the Meat and Livestock Australia (MLA) national electronic mailout "Goats on the Move". If you didn't see it the headline paragraph was "Agrifutures Australia has recently launched this brand new goat fibre extension and industry development program". This MLA news also included a Vale on Colin Ramsay who was a significant Australian goatmeat advocate and grower.

We wish you a prosperous 2024 and do not hesitate to contact any of the board throughout the year if you have questions or need more information.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Gorrie



Australia goat fibre extension and industry development programme















Aim: Growing the size, production, reputation and value of the Australian goat fibre industry.

- Unify the mindset to a professional and specialist industry
- Improving the skill set of current and future producers
- Improve the perception of working with goats among service providers
- Grow the awareness of the industry as a viable livestock enterprise




Project Steering Committee

- Ellen Buckle – Agrifutures
- Stephen Taylor - Agrifutures
- Emma Grabham - Agrifutures
- Melanie Smith – MLA
- Grant Forsdick– AMMO
- Nick Gorrie – Mohair Australia
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neXtgen Agri International are contracted to manage the project

Dr Mark Ferguson and Georgia Buchholz are leading the project





Project Activities

- The Goat Fibre Gateway
- The Fibre Frontier Podcast
- Refreshed and renewed industry fact sheets
- Webinars
- Case studies
- On-farm events
- Social media campaigns



- An area for comments, questions, community gathering
- Links to industry sites, industry information and the Fibre Frontier Podcast
- Resource library – factsheets, case studies and recorded webinars
- Upcoming industry events
- Members group and individual chat rooms

Early version running now, get involved!

gateway.goatfibre.com

A dedicated goat fibre podcast



The first episode is live now, take a listen and suggest a guest

- Growers stories, wins and losses
- Stories from those who service the industry
- Researchers
- Fibre buyers and processors
- Veterinarians
- International guests





West Wyalong Show Report 2023

West Wyalong Show was in bright sunny conditions and whilst there was a slight glitch with exhibitors arrival a great day was enjoyed by all.

Peak Hill Central school set off early but unfortunately one vehicle hit a kangaroo and all had to return to school change vehicles and trailers and head West Wyalong bound for a second time! The trip was certainly worth all their effort! Their Principal Peter Neilson and dedicated Farm Assistant made it all happen and West Wyalong Show committee would like to thank them for their commitment!

Our Judge Morgan Mrowka made the long journey from Sydney to officiate. The students benefitted greatly from the expertise and explanations given.

Results are as follows:

MOHAIR FLEECE

Fine Kid First Shearing – Willow Glen Angoras 1st and 2nd

Fine Kid – Willow Glen Angoras 1st and 2nd

Kid Fleece – Willow Glen Angoras 1st and 2nd

Young Goat – Willow Glen Angoras 1st and 2nd

Fine Hair – Willow Glen Angoras 1st

Champion Mohair Fleece - WILLOW GLEN ANGORAS

Reserve Champion Mohair Fleece – WILLOW GLEN ANGORAS

ANGORA GOATS

Doe 6-12 months – 1st Peak Angora 15, 2nd Peak Angora 07 and 3rd Willow Glen Lilly-Rose

Buck under 16 months – 1st Willow Glen Steffanos, Willow Glen Sharnaky-Sim-Rossi

Champion Doe – Peak Angora 15

Reserve Champion Doe – Peak 07

Champion Buck – Willow Glen Steffanos

Reserve Champion Buck – Willow Glen Sharnaky-Sim-Rossi

GRAND CHAMPION ANGORA – Peak 15.

ANGORA Paraders:

1st Jacob Bell, 2nd Bailey Elderidge, 3rd John Thomas, 4th Caitlin Douglas and 5th Ruby Bell

ANGORA Paraders with HALTERS:

1st John Thomas, 2nd Jacob Bell, 3rd Caitlin Douglas, 4th Ruby Bell and 5th Bailey Elderidge.



Champion and Reserve Does with Peak Hill Central students and Judge Morgan Mrowka



Champion and Reserve Bucks held by Peak Hill Central students and Judge Morgan Mrowka



Peak Hill Central students, Farm Assistant and their winnings.



Food for thought - Shearing training and students

West Wyalong High has been innovative in introducing students to the world of shearing and wool handling. An annual event which selected students thoroughly enjoy and many follow through and enter the industry. Plans are well underway to introduce a crutching and wiggging school as a pre-cursor to what now exists on the school calendar.

Perhaps food for thought in trying to address the shearer shortage!?

The following article appeared in the School's Newsletter and is reprinted with permission.

SHEARING SCHOOL - Monday 6 November 2023

During Week 3, twelve students from West Wyalong High School attended a shearing school at Eveningside, Tallimba run by Australian Wool Innovations.

The twelve students who attended were Henry Burge, Hayden Collins, Flynn Bryant, Liam Gaynor, Dayne Lynch, Rowdy Thompson, Tim Haswell, Kade Wendt, Lewis Oxenbridge, Will Meacham, Charlie Dodds and Flynn Rees.

The students learnt how to shear by concentrating on one part of the shearing process at a time. They start by crutching the lambs to get a feel of the handpiece. The following steps include –

1. Bellies
2. First Back Leg
3. Going up the neck
4. Long blow
5. Finishing off the sheep

Once they have completed all steps they start shearing a full sheep.





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During the week, the instructors emphasised the importance of hygiene, manners, healthy diet, sleep and staying hydrated.

The students also looked at the wool handling side of shearing and the importance of classing wool correctly. Grinding the combs and cutters was part of the shearing process. Like any organisation a shearing shed operates on teamwork to be successful.

Thank you to the following people –

Australian Wool Innovation shearing instructors, Mike Pora (Cowra), Brian Sullivan (Deniliquin) and Janise Behsman (Deniliquin).

Your patience and knowledge of the shearing industry was evident in what our students learnt in one week of shearing.

They realised the physicality of the job and the importance of correct technique to lower stress levels on the body.

John and Leanne Staniforth for again allowing us to use your shearing shed. It is an ideal shed for running a shearing school.

Grant and Rebecca Kitto for again providing the lambs. This is very much appreciated by the school and the students participating in this wonderful activity.

Moses and Sons and the West Wyalong Sheep Breeders Association for providing the students with shearing singlets.

A big thank you to Troy Kelly at Regional Industry Education Partnerships for the funding and support of the shearing school. Australian Wool Innovations should be very proud of this program that they have developed. Giving school students an insight into the shearing and wool industry is fantastic.



www.westyalon-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

<https://www.facebook.com/WestWyalongHS/>



Gidgegannup Show Results

Section: **H ANGORA GOATS**

Subsection: **ANGORA GOATS**

H01: Angora Doe under 12 months

- 1 TJ & SE Blight (entry# 274)
- 2 TJ & SE Blight (entry# 282)

H02: Angora Doe 12-24 months

- 1 TJ & SE Blight (entry# 275)
- 2 TJ & SE Blight (entry# 276)
- 3 TJ & SE Blight (entry# 277)

H03: Angora Doe over 24 months

- 1 TJ & SE Blight (entry# 278)
- 2 TJ & SE Blight (entry# 279)

H04: Angora Buck, any age

- 1 Dr Gina Wood (entry# 1497)
- 2 TJ & SE Blight (entry# 280)
- 3 TJ & SE Blight (entry# 281)

Subsection: **MAJOR PRIZES**

Sect H : Champion Exhibit of Show

- 1 TJ & SE Blight (entry# 275) Dandalee Park Adeline

Sect H : Reserve Champion Exhibit

- 1 TJ & SE Blight (entry# 276) Dandalee Park Astrid

Section: **HF MOHAIR FLEECE**

Subsection: **MOHAIR FLEECE**

HF01: Kid Fleece 1st or 2nd Shearing

- 1 TJ & SE Blight (entry# 264)
- 2 TJ & SE Blight (entry# 263)
- 3 TJ & SE Blight (entry# 262)

HF02: Young Goat Fleece 3rd or 4th Shearing

- 1 TJ & SE Blight (entry# 268)
- 2 TJ & SE Blight (entry# 266)
- 3 TJ & SE Blight (entry# 267)

HF03: Adult Fleece

- 1 TJ & SE Blight (entry# 270)
- 2 Chananne Angoras (entry# 464)
- 3 TJ & SE Blight (entry# 269)

HF04: Buck Fleece

- 1 TJ & SE Blight (entry# 272)
- 2 TJ & SE Blight (entry# 273)
- 3 Chananne Angoras (entry# 465)

Subsection: **MAJOR PRIZES**

Sect HF: Champion Mohair Fleece

- 1 TJ & SE Blight (entry# 265)- Kid Fleece – Dandalee Park Aurora

Sect HF: Reserve Champion Mohair Fleece

- 1 TJ & SE Blight (entry# 272) – Buck Kid Fleece – Dandalee Park Aristocrat





International News

Auction Report

Van Hasselt & Guest Sellers Angora Veld Ram Sale

Willowmore | 17 January 2024 | Auctioneer: Jakkie Nel

Highest Price Ram

R70 000

Sold to Leon Eybers & Roland Du Toit from Karoo Angoras

Averages

<i>Rams</i> Avg of 110 rams	R15 481
<i>Stud</i>	R36 818
<i>SF</i>	R25 000
<i>Flock</i>	R11 625

The top price was achieved for a ram sold for R70 000 by Jordi van Hasselt (Van Hasselt Angora Stud), from Prince Albert to Leon Eybers & Roland Du Toit from Karoo Angoras.

Congratulations, and thank you to all the sellers and buyers. May your rams bring you much success!



Cassie Carstens (House of Fibre Willowmore), Leon Eybers (Buyer), Roland du Toit (Buyer), Jordi van Hasselt (Seller), Jakkie Nel (Auctioneer), Phillip Schutte (BKB Beaufort-West).



Auction Report

Newlands Angoras & Guest Sellers Angora Ram Auction

Newlands, Aberdeen | 30 November 2023 | Auctioneer: Jakkie Nel

Highest Price Ram

R57 000

Sold to Petrus Marx (Marwyk Angoras), Wolmaransstad

Averages

<i>Rams</i> Avg of 42 rams	R13 321
<i>Stud</i>	R38 600
<i>SF</i>	R27 500
<i>Flock</i>	R7 772

Young Ewes

<i>Most expensive pen</i>	R1 900/ewe
<i>Average</i>	R1 568/ewe for 207 ewes

Congratulations, and thank you to all the sellers and buyers!



Jakkie Nel (Auctioneer), Petrus Marx (Buyer), Cassie Carstens (HOF Willowmore), Chris Curtin (HOF Graaff-Reinet), Hans Greeff on behalf of Grootfontein Students Angora Stud (Seller)





National Angora Ram Sale

Botanics Sports Grounds, Graaff-Reinet | 23 November 2023

Average: R18 618
Highest Priced Ram: R87 000



Ray & Donna Hobson (Sellers, Steytlerville), Johannes Conradie (Buyer, Aberdeen),
Chris Curtain (HF, Graaff-Reinet)



Auction Report

Angora Field Ram Auction

Graaff-Reinet | 25 January 2024 | Auctioneer: Danie Strauss

Highest Price Ram

R55 000

Sold to Petrus Marx and
Reco Pieterse
from Wolmaransstad

Averages

Rams	Avg of 62 rams	R10 306.45
Stud		R33 250.00
SF		R14 600.00
Flock		R8 509.00

The top price was achieved for a ram sold for R55 000 by Jordi van Hasselt (Van Hasselt Angora Stud), from Prince Albert to Petrus Marx and Reco Pieterse from Wolmaransstad.

Congratulations, and thank you to all the sellers and buyers. May your rams bring you much success!



Danie Strauss (Auctioneer), Jordi van Hasselt (Seller) and Chris Curtain (House Of Fibre)





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**AUSTRALIAN
MOHAIR OF
DISTINCTION**

AMMO Classing School held on the 12th of January at Hall was well attended with 17 participants taking part in learning about "How to skirt a Fleece"!

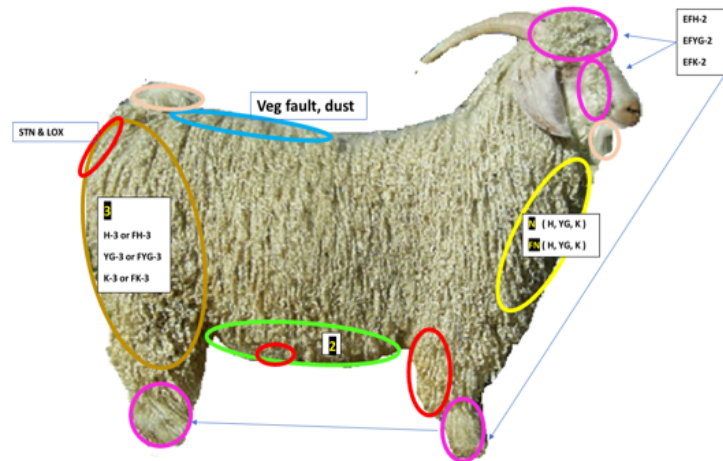
It was a challenge to some of the first-time growers who attended as GT Ferreira showing how, by doing the best you can in the shed, it will "add value for the grower" to take out the outskirts, stain, short legs and face fibre. It will help the classer in the warehouse to make more money for the grower on less time spent reclassing the fleece at the warehouse .

GT shared his vast knowledge with everyone about the modern manufacturing process speaking about the requirements for good sound aligned fibre for the two types of Mohair being clothe making and knitting yarns





*MOHAIR NATURAL
LUXURY FIBRE*



This where you will find the outskirts on an animal being a buck or a doe!

The younger active growers who are running their own herds attended said they certainly got a lot information to take home and were grateful for the opportunity to take part in an informative day. Good to meet growers from Qld, Vic and S.A.

Leanna Dau, Rylan Saville, Thomas Cook, thanked organisers for their time and effort to hold the mohair classing school and look forward to the next phase of stepping up in mohair types of all the age groups of mohair fibre.

Light Luncheon was served and enjoyed by everyone including the homemade cakes for morning and afternoon tea.

Intensely listening and watching GT's power point.



Nicks 2 young daughter's Grace and Clare taking it all on board.





Nick Gorrie supplied the fleeces for everyone to class under GT's guidance helped the group to



name what they had classed out and sorted through from stains to main body of the fleece
Thank you Nick!



Table with outskirts for growers to write down what lots they would place each line.



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AMMO Chairman's Report Jan 2024

Dear Producer,

As we enter 2024 I thought it appropriate to update producers on progress on AMMO's journey of improvement.

AMMO has been successful in selling a portion of the B2023 catalogue and I am currently working through the best way to sell the remainder of the catalogue as quickly as possible. All buyers' agents have had an opportunity to assess the catalogue and I have received very positive feedback on the presentation of the catalogue.

Plans for the classing and preparation for the A2024 sale, on Friday 24th May 2024, remain in place, with Luane' planning to commence classing on Monday 8th April. It has been suggested that we provide an opportunity for buyers to meet Luane' while she is in Narrandera.

Luane' has set new standards for productivity and consistency of lines and we hope that the preparation for the A2024 sale will improve further in the application of international classing standards to the AMMO catalogue. Feedback from buyers remains very positive.

AMMO prides itself in providing a transparent process for producers and buyers alike. A fundamental element of this process is the trust placed on the classer in preparing the catalogue – both by producers and buyers. The classing workshop aligns with AMMO's strategy of presenting consistent lines of a high technical standard in order to generate the best possible returns for producers. We will continue to strive for improvement in the presentation of the catalogue going forward.

A brief update on the AMMO calendar for the next six months is as follows:

1. Logistics of weaving group mohair into the Narrandera warehouse during the first three weeks of February 2024, followed by classing during the last week of February. It is important that all weaving group mohair is in the warehouse prior to Friday 23rd February.
2. AMMO lines will be coordinated for delivery into the warehouse during March in order that all mohair has been received prior to classing by Luane'.

The above arrangements will be coordinated by Graham Dau, with warehouse receivals arranged by Matt Shady.

AMMO sponsored a classing workshop for 17 participants on Friday 12th January, which was delivered by GT Ferreira. Nick Gorrie did a great job in making the arrangements. GT spent the morning presenting the overall context for classing. This was followed by an afternoon of hands-on application using fleeces provided by Nick.



The classing workshop was followed by an informal BBQ in Nicks shed. The participants of the classing workshop were able to view the animals in the sale catalogue.

The commencement of the Australian Mohair Industry Draught Resilience Implementation Plan has been postponed allowing producers to complete their kidding programs. I have a few more conversations with producers to complete before I can announce the final composition of participation. I spent some time during December discussing training delivery with nominated providers and plan to conclude these discussions during January.

In broad terms I am leading towards the following delivery structure for approximately 30 participants across three cohorts:

1. Northern cohort – producers in the Toowoomba region of Queensland
2. Southern cohort – NSW/SA/Vic producers
3. Online cohort – those producers who may not be able to attend the Northern or Southern cohort training due to geographic location, or due to the fact that their properties are not sufficiently large to warrant Ecological Outcomes verification (EOV) but would do well with a simpler monitoring approach.

I am trying to co-fund workshops with local land care groups in order to obtain more value for money for the project overall and am in the process of setting out the project co-ordination team. Where possible we will hold workshops on mohair producer properties.

More on the above subjects are included in this newsletter.

Regards

Grant Forsdick

DULARK ANGORA STUD & GUEST SALE REPORT

The animals presented well, however overall this year it was a tough sale. Dulark put up 15 individually penned young bucks, plus a late entry of a 'pick of the pen' on a group of 5 bucks and 6 stud does. 2 bucks and 2 does sold. 2 at auction and 2 privately.

Lynndon Grove and Amarula studs presented 20 with 15 selling, 8 sold at auction and the rest were sold afterwards.

Top price doe was Lot 35 Lynndon Grove Zerlina 3391 which sold for \$1,175 to Susie Paterson, QLD. Tim & Marianne Ferguson attended in person and purchased the top price buck Lot 14 Lynndon Grove Zarif 3315.

Volume buyer of Lynndon Grove and Amarula stud bucks was Nick & Kate Gorrie purchasing Lot 9, 10, 11, 15 and 17 after the auction.

Unfortunately, due to the unexpected hot weather in the lead up Tagora and Kunkala had to turn around and couldn't attend the sale. This was a shame because there were buyers very interested in their stock.

Although we didn't sell as many as we hoped, it was a great opportunity to catch up with everyone in the industry at the start of the year.



Nick admiring his purchases of Lynndon Grove and Amarula Stud Bucks



Eggplant Chevon and Rice Casserole

INGREDIENTS

- 2 lbs Eggplants
- ½ lb Ground Goat – lean
- 2 tsp Olive Oil
- 2 med, Onions Chopped
- 1 large Red Bell Pepper (seeded and chopped)
- 2 cloves Garlic -- minced
- 14 ½ oz Tomatoes, Canned -- undrained 2 tsp.
- 2 tsp Oregano
- ½ tsp. Thyme
- ½ tsp. Ground Cinnamon
- ¼ tsp. Ground Cloves
- 1 cup White Rice
- 14 ½ oz Beef Broth – defatted or Vegetable Broth
- 2 oz Feta Cheese -- crumbled
- Salt And Pepper -- to taste

INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Cut eggplants in half lengthwise. Place eggplant halves, cut-side down, in a roasting pan. Add water to a depth of 1/2 inch. Bake until tender, 20 to 25 minutes; set aside. Reduce oven temperature to 400 degrees. While the eggplant is roasting, heat a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add ground lamb and saute, breaking up the meat with a wooden spoon, until browned, 3-5 minutes. Transfer to a colander and drain off fat. Set aside.



In a Dutch oven, heat oil over medium heat. Add onions and cook until golden, about 5 minutes. Add red peppers and garlic and cook for 2 minutes longer. Stir in tomatoes and their juice, oregano, thyme, cinnamon and cloves. Simmer slightly for 3 to 5 minutes, breaking up the tomatoes with a wooden spoon, until the mixture has thickened slightly. Scoop out eggplant flesh and chop coarsely.

Stir rice, beef broth, chopped eggplant and the reserved lamb into the tomato mixture; bring to a simmer. Cover the pan and place it in the oven. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes, or until the rice is tender and the liquid has been absorbed. Season with salt and pepper. Dot with feta and serve.

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