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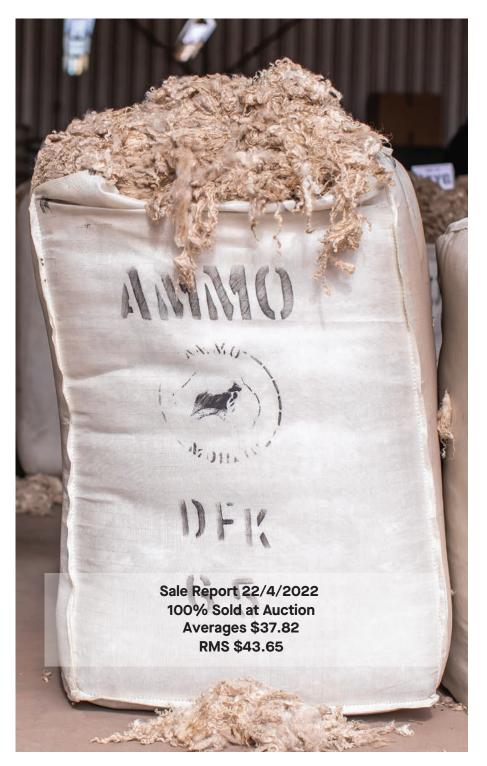
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If you have misplaced your renewal form, you can access the form from the website.

FRONT COVER

NATS 2022 Supreme Champion was Cullbookie Valentino. Also featuring the new Supreme Ch Perputal Trophy donated by Debbie Scattergood.

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National Presidents Letter

Dear Members and Growers.

We are operating in a strong market with good seasonal conditions on our side. This is the best time to engage with new people. The cost of getting into traditional sheep, cattle and cropping industries is high and people really start to look at alternative industries. I recently hosted the Agrifutures office staff on our farm to show them what we do and I think it was a very worthwhile exercise. They were in Canberra doing some training and returned home via some field visits. We have the Goat fibre strategy plan which is broadly based on two objectives so it gives us some flexibility to be nimble and adjust appropriately along the way. Agrifutures are progressing on the industry survey. They have contacted a few providers and are waiting on firm quotes before starting the work.

The whole process is taking longer than it should and I will give them this feedback at the Levied Industries forum. We had a good meeting with Mohair South Africa two weeks ago via zoom. The main purpose of the meeting was to estimate annual volumes from Australia for their review documents. We anticipated total production in Australia to be around 80-85 tonnes per year. We did ask them a few more questions and got a good update on what is happening in their country. In summary they are seeing strong demand for mohair translate into animal prices with young doe kids reaching R3000 rand and the regions running angora goats expanding into non traditional areas. They are still experiencing dry weather despite areas like Namibia having plentiful rain, which is normally desert. They are in the process of restructuring the industry and removing some of the bureaucracy and slow decision making. They are seeing the sustainability and RMS process critical to helping lock in long term demand and insulate us better from the fashion ups and downs.

We plan to publish an online MAL herdbook on the website in the coming months that will show the does and bucks registered over the last 2 years and demonstrate the more active stud herds in Australia. It will be interesting reading and we hope to encourage more to register/record their stud animals.

With good seasonal conditions comes strong challenges to the animals i.e. intestinal parasites. Having a husbandry calendar is important and it gives you a framework to apply to your animals and can be adjusted based on the changing external and internal factors. We have printed an example starting point in this newsletter which needs to be adapted to your farming system.

I am pleased to report Vicki Winley has now effectively taken over the national treasurer's role and as a follow up from the AGM she will get the financials in order. To help her with this she has put together some new procedures which have been fully endorsed by the board. We have included them in this newsletter for your information.

A big congratulations to Rowan and Lisa Ross on their recent wedding!

Ron Clark passed away on the weekend. Ron was an early innovator of alternative ag solutions and was the one that started Angora goats at "Hillrose". Our sincere condolences go to the entire Clark family.

Yours sincerely, Nick Gorrie



Vale - Bill Smith



Bill passed away on 10 February 2022 after a long period of ill-health.

With wife Sandie, the Smiths were leaders of Mohair Australia, not only in the Hunter Region in New South Wales but also at the Division and National level. His rigorous attention to detail and service will be missed.

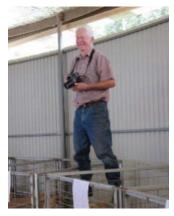
Bill developed three significant innovations in his Region. To provide for small studs he registered Hunter Mohair Incorporated (HMI), a group membership which provided economical access to the Herd Book system. With this came a cooperative purchasing method to supply small amounts of farm chemicals. His also introduced a method of classification animals into "fine" and "medium" for showing, thus providing a method to distinguish animals on apparent fineness. This

method was later adopted at the NATS with the addition of measured fibre diameter.

As Regional President of the Hunter Region Bill fostered local shows and exhibits at the Tocal Field Days as well as highlighting the Angora Breed at Special Feature show events.

As Regional representative to the Division his activity reached to Division President. As well, his manufacturing skills were demonstrated with his continuing work producing spinning wheels and carding equipment under the Inwood Smith brand. In 2008 he joined the National board, Bill (with Sandie) made up part of the administrative Board lending accounting, secretarial experience and planning skills to support Steve Roots in operating the national office of Mohair Australia. In later election Bill and Sandie were elected as full Board members and were re-elected many times. In 2010 Bill and Sandie established the Mohair Newsletter, and continued as Editor until 2020. The Newsletter was enhanced by Bill's photographic skills. There was rarely a mohair event that did not see Bill working hard to record activities.

In 2021 Bill and Sandie for Inwood Angora Stud and their contribution to the industry were awarded Life membership of Mohair Australia.



Bill "getting the shot" and the Cudal Buck Trial



Division President Bill with Junior Judging winners at the 2009 Royal Easter show. Judge Mr Daryl Bishop.



NATS 2022 Write Up

It was a tricky year however we are pleased we did go ahead and it was a successful event by all accounts. We would like to thank all those that contributed and Mr John Hornweg for judging the event. John used fleece score cards for all the fleeces, along with the sample micron testing from Southern Tablelands Fibre Testing which made it a very good fleece show.

Unfortunately, with recent bad weather events before the show several entered exhibitors could not attend and we are hoping they will be back next year. Daryl Finch couldn't attend because of discovering a very serious medical issue leading up to the show. Our thoughts are with Daryl and his family at this difficult time. I spoke to Daryl on the Monday after the show and he was in good spirits waiting on a bed at St Vincents in Sydney.

Congratulations to Debbie Scattergood from Cullbookie Angora Stud on winning several of major awards including the Supreme Champion Angora of the Show with "Cullbooke Valentino" from the intermediate buck (2-3) age class, The Kamrock Breeders trophy of Four and the Keith McKenzie Trophy, Reserve Champion in Fleeces and Most Successful Exhibitor in both fleeces and animals.

Congratulation also goes to Mandy Statham of Willow Glen for the Champion Fleece from Class 17 Skirted Strong Kid Fleece exhibit E6. The micron was 28, SD 6.3, CV of 22.6 and staple length of 130mm.

Craig and Sue Richards along with Val Richards had a big win with their 6-12 month buck "Windy Reefs Milo" taking out Champion Junior of the show. He was sired by the Champion Buck from 2020 event nicknamed Tagora Wally.

The youth show went well with Narrandera High School getting the most out of the event it was great to see everyone involved in the youth judging event and paraders. We would also like to thank them for security on Friday night.

Results Animal Classes Nats 2022

CLASS 3A JUNIOR DOE Under 6 months	
1st	ILLOURA HUNTAH
2nd	CULLBOOKIE CHELSEA
3rd	DULARK NOM 4

CLASS 3B JUNIOR DOE Over 6 months under 12 months	
1st	WINDY REEFS MACEY
2nd	CULLBOOKIE FILOMENE
3rd	WINDY REEFS MIA
4th	ILLOURA STEVIE

CLASS 4 F YEARLING DOE 1-2 Years	
1st	CULLBOOKIE TAHIRA
2nd	ILLOURA RENE
3rd	CULLBOOKIE TRUDI

CLASS 4 M JUNIOR DOE 1-2 Years	
1st	WINDY REEFS LINDA
2nd	WINDY REEFS LAKYN
3rd	WINDY REEFS LUCY
4th	ILLOURA MADELINE

CLASS 5 INTERMEDIATE DOE 2-3 Year	
1st	CULLBOOKIE FILIA
2nd	CULLBOOKIE TAMILLA
3rd	ILLOURA JESSICA
4th	CULLBOOKIE TEGEN

CLASS 6 SENIOR DOE	
1st	CULLBOOKIE FREDERICA
2nd	CULLBOOKIE YELLEENA



CLASS 7 VETERAN DOE 1st CULLBOOKIE THEMEDA

CLASS 8A JUNIOR BUCK Under 6 months	
1st	DULARK NOM 36
2nd	DULARK NOM 35
3rd	DULARK NOM 37

CLASS 8B JUNIOR BUCK	
1st	WINDY REEFS MILO
2nd	WINDY REEFS MIKEY
3rd	ILLOURA XAVIER

СНАМРІ	ON JUNIOR
1st	WINDY REEFS MILO

CLASS 9 F YEARLING BUCK 1-2 Years	
1st	CULLBOOKIE ALBERT
2nd	CULLBOOKIE LOCKHART

CLASS 9 M YEARLING BUCK 1-2 Years	
1st	ILLOURA HORATIO
2nd	LYNNDON GROVE XAVEN
3rd	DULARK KAINE 2881

CLASS 10 INTERMEDIATE BUCK 2-3 YEARS	
1st	CULLBOOKIE VALENTINO
2nd	CULLBOOKIE FRONTIER

CLASS 11 SENIOR BUCK Over 3 Years	
1st	CULLBOOKIE FESTIVAL

KAMROCK BREEDERS PERPETUALTROPHY	
1st	CULLBOOKIEDEBBIE SCATTERGOOD
2nd	ILLOURA NARRANDERA HIGH SCHOOL
3rd	DULARK NICK & KATE GORRIE

CHAMPIONS	
CHAMPION SCHOOL ANGORA	ILLOURA (NARRANDERA HIGH SCHOOL)
CHAMPION DOE	CULLBOOKIE FILIA
RESERVE CHAMPION DOE	CULLBOOKIE TAHIRA
CHAMPION BUCK	CULLBOOKIE VALENTINO
RESERVE CHAMPION BUCK	CULLBOOKIE ALBERT
SUPREME CHAMPION	CULLBOOKIE VALENTINO
MOST SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITOR-ANIMALS	CULLBOOKIE - DEBBIE SCATTERGOOD

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School Results Nats 2022

FLEECE CLASSES	1st	2nd	3rd
CLASS 14 Skirted first Shearing Kid Fleece	Cullbookie A1	Willow Glen E2	Winder C4
CLASS 15 Skirted Fine Kid Fleece	Cullbookie A17	Rivers D2	Cullbookie A6
CLASS 16 Skirted Kid Fleece	Cullbookie A12	Cullbookie A8 Windy Reefs B1	Willow Glen E4
CLASS 17 Skirted Strong Kid Fleece	Willow Glen E6	Rivers D1	Cullbookie A14
CLASS 18 Skirted YG fleece	Willow Glen E7		
CLASS 19 Skirted Fine Hair	Cullbookie A15	Windy Reefs B2	
CLASS 20 KEITH MACKENZIE TROPHY	CULLBOOKIE		
CHAMPION FLEECE	Willow Glen E7		
MOST SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITOR	CULLBOOKIE		

School Results Nats 2022

CLASS	1st	2nd	3rd
Class A: Doe under 1 Junior Doe	Hunter Brokker Hunter	Hudson Coelli Stevie	Maddison Clifford Maddison
Class B: Buck Kid under 1, Junior Buck	Isaiah Hutchison	Jada Wilkinson	Talon Davies-Botten
Wether Team of 3	Narrandera	Narrandera	Narrandera
Individual Led Wether	Alex Wright	Maddison Clifford	Jayda Wilkinson
Led Wether Paraders	Talon Davies- Botten	Jayda Wilkinson	Clayton Ewers
Junior Paraders Heat 1 YR 10	Horatio Davies-Botten	Talon Davies-Botten	
Heat 2 YR 9	Clayton Ewers	Maddison Clifford	
Pee Wee < 12yrs	Grace Gorrie	Claire Gorrie	
Final Winners	Horatio Davies-Botten	Maddison Clifford	Clayton Ewers
Young Judges	Alex Wright	Clayton Ewers	3rd Talon Davies- Botten 4th: Horatio Davies- Botten



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A Model Of a Management Calender For All Groups of Angoras!

Prior to breeding

- · Quarantine new buck at least 30 days.
- · Conduct breeding soundness on all bucks- note attention to reproductive organs.
- Trim bucks hooves, trim belly or pizzle, if not bare shorn prior to paddock work make sure they have plenty of area to exercise and increase their plane of nutrition unless they are obese, as working bucks loose condition whilst mating does for the 4-6 week mating season.
- Keep bucks away from does (no sight, no smell or sound) for at least 3 weeks before to the starting time of breeding season to increase the "buck effect" to produce a concentrated number of kids born in a short interval at kidding time.
- · Conduct a health check on your selected does before breeding time and examine all teats and cull as necessary.
- Trim hooves on does, monitor eye membranes or do faecal test samples –worm if needed, add an oral ADE mineral for best health practises -try to avoid worming in early pregnancy as sometimes abortions can result.
- · Give lodine drench and selenium if deficient in your area to both your bucks and does.
- · Vaccinate does and bucks with your regular Clostridial disease vaccine. Glanvac 3 in 1 is registered for goats!
- Flush does with very high quality pasture or grain ration up to 700 gms per head daily two weeks before breeding and up to three weeks once bucks have been put into mob, if you desire an increase to the number of kids born.
- · Make sure your fences are in good repair if you're planning a few mating groups with different sires in close proximity.

Breeding

- Turn bucks in with does at a ratio on 1 yearling buck to 15-20 does or 1 mature buck to 30 -50 does plus.
- · Supplement your mature buck with extra feed especially if he has to breed with a large number of does.
- · Observe and record breeding activity and check for recycling does after 17-21 days.
- · When using marking harnesses or brisket paint change colours every 18-21 days so you can record the kid drop.
- · Use a replacement buck (if required) after 30-42 days if you note repeat matings within that time frame.

Early Pregnancy (first 3-3 1/2 months of gestation)

- Monitor health and condition of does once bucks are removed at 4-6 weeks of mating date and minimise any stress factors. Keep use of dogs in bringing does into yards from paddocks minimal or none low stress is best!
- Note any early abortions or does back in heat and possible cull.
- \cdot Scan for foetus at approximately 60 days post mating if desired to find out single and multiple foetus.
- Feed a maintenance ration of free choice mineral blocks or loose licks. Pasture or hay usually enough without grain supplementation. Be aware of obese does and separate less fat score condition does away from the main herd and feed them extra. Does carrying twins or triplets need more attention to their nutritional needs
- · Keep yearlings separate and feed them for pregnancy as well as growth for healthy size kids.



Late Pregnancy (last 6 weeks prior to kidding)

- Increase the plan of nutrition for all does by gradually increasing the intake of grain, supplementation as the foetuses are now growing rapidly and does need to increase their fat reserves before nursing and lactation for 4-6 months with their kids. Generally 500 gms to 750 gms depending on their feed content availability, a doe's condition score, and number of foetuses she is carrying.
- Increase protein content, especially leading up to the last two weeks before kidding, to discourage an increase in worm egg laying generally observed as a doe goes into labour plus to ensure a good supply of colostrum production for her kids.
- Look at eye membranes or do a faecal egg count and de-worm the mob or individual does as necessary. It is recommended to avoid drenches that contain Valbazen (Albendazole) or Tramisol (Levamisole) during pregnancy due to possible abortions or deformities of kids.
- · Put clean bedding into shelters and set up your kidding areas along with gathering your kidding supplies and equipment.
- Vaccinate does for enterotoxaemia and tetanus about 4 weeks before due date. Ensure that all does are up to date with a sound vaccination program within your management plan.
- Encourage pregnant does to walk about a lot in a paddock situation.
- Observe your does frequently and notice any does that hang back and are not keeping up with the mob, look for signs of pregnancy toxaemia (ketosis) does require early treatment to avoid kid and doe losses. Do you know the difference between Pregnancy toxaemia and Milk fever symptoms -a bright light looking into the eye ,note the reaction time of the pupil- slow indicates milk fever- low calcium, Ketosis breath has a sweet smell, contact your vet for further advice of treatment.

Kidding

- Be well organised! Have your plan in place about 147 days before the due date after the bucks were put in with the does. Work on 150 day average 152 days
- Check about a couple times a day until the first kids arrive then more if required . Be aware of the weather as cold weather is lethal to newborns.
- · At birth dip navels in 7% iodine or use navel clamps or tie the navel with dental floss or cotton.
- Observe the doe and kid to make sure they have had their first drink within 12 hours and assist or treat any post partum issues as required.
- · Record and tag kids or use collar tapes to identify kids.
- Remember if does were not drenched before kidding, with a high estrogens level that is released at kidding, it stimulates more eggs to be laid drench if needed!

After Kidding

- Increase the plan of nutrition until it's adequate to support does in their peak lactation gradually depending on the quality of feed of forage in the paddock, the doe's condition score and the number of kids she is feeding.
- If you're able to separate out does with smaller twins or triplets from those does with single kids and keeping your maiden separate from the main mob. Smaller the group the better, competition for supplement feed and forage is less allowing shy does to keep their nutrition levels higher, kids will benefit from the extra nutrition from their mother.
- · By providing a creep feeding system for kids to support their nutrition when they are starting to feed on harder feed, protect them



from enterotoxaemia. Coccidiostat additive to their concentrate mix or loose lick would be useful. Check on what is suitable for use in goats!

- Vaccinate your kids at 6-8 weeks of age -subQ with a follow up in 4-6 weeks to fully give immunity to Clostridium perfringens C
 &D and tetanus you can also castrate your unwanted buck kids at this age to welfare standards
- Continue to monitor doe's body fat score and eye membranes and faecal testing of samples throughout lactation and adjust diet and management accordingly and/or treat internal parasites as required.

Weaning

- Wean kids when you think they need to wean some breeders wean early like for lambs but the general rule is leave kids on does if they are doing well and if the doe has plenty of milk -they wean better with higher growth rates and have less stress placed on them at 16 to 20 weeks of age.
- Separate does away from the kids so they don't hear or see each other, reduce the amount of concentrates and forage quality of the does a few days before weaning to reduce milk flow. Do not reduce access to water or minerals.
- · Observe udders for any mastitis
- Drench kids at weaning with an appropriate drench type to be used for the first drench, test faecal and if they are clear- no drench. Seek advice from your Vet what drugs and methods to use for internal parasite control if egg counts are high.
- Observe kids closely for lack of appetite and/or scouring. Increase the amount of hard feed slowly until they are increasing their growth rate and mohair growth for age

Weaning for breeding (growth periods for kids)

- · Cull poor producing does ,does with weak or ill thrifty kid or health problems
- · Select doe kids to keep a genetic base on their sire and dam along with their own growth rates
- Selection of buck kids are important for your next generation of sires, every breeder have traits necessities for breeding quality bucks to move forward with mohair production
- Put does on quality pasture/hay to recover from weight loss of nursing kids ,keep an eye on their fat score and providing extra nutrition to lean does to have them ready for reproduction in 6-10 weeks from weaning kids!
- Feeding kids quality hay, browse, or pasture. If grazing on pasture, keep them on clean pasture ahead of other stock to keep worm burdens low or free. Vaccinate again for enterotoxaemia and monitor weight gains.
- · Adjust management accordingly for profitable mohair/meat production and growth rates.
- · Keep drug withholding intervals in mind when using off label products or medicating animals.

(Modified by L Carter)

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Calendar of Events (example)	
Jan	Vaccinate the kids - 1st shot
	First Summer Drench to breeding mobs
	Drench kids
	Sell stud animals
	Show team
	Weaning kids
Feb	Dip Kids
	Vaccinate the kids - 2nd shot
	Second Summer Drench if needed
	Pink tag classing
	Show team
Mar	Shearing
	backline offshears
	Group the Breeding does into mating mobs
	Show team
APR	Bucks go into mating mobs
	Fencing repairs
MAY	Mating
	Sell cull animals
	Foot trim
HIM	Take out busing from broading made
JUN	Take out bucks from breeding mobs
	Fencing projects
	Wig & Crutch all mobs
JUL	Winter Drench if needed
	Vacciante 5in 1 all other mobs
	Holiday break off farm
	Potassium Iodide - All pregnant does 1st Drench
	Vaccinate 5in1 Breeding does



Calendar of Events (example)	
AUG	Shearing
	backline off shears - if needed
	Potassium Iodide - All pregnant does 2nd Drench
SEPT	Intensive Kidding & tagging
	Shed maintenance
ОСТ	Intensive Kidding & tagging
	Shed repairs
NOV	Shearing
	Castrate male kids
DEC	Animal Classing / Selections
	Holiday break off farm
	Wig Crutch all mobs

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Tasmania Division Annual Show 2022

I had the pleasure of judging the 2022 Tas Division show which was part of the Annual All Breeds Show held at the Deloraine Showgrounds on Sunday the 20th of February.

There were 3 breeders exhibiting goats and 4 exhibiting fleeces.

With only nine fleeces exhibited, there were some lovely soft fleeces with great style and character with the winning fleece coming from the Hair Type Doe class and was bred by Eian Rayner of Elonera Stud.

The Reserve Champion Fleece came out of the Young Goat Doe class and was bred by Peter and Vicki Winley of Ranga Wagga Angoras.

21 goats were exhibited with some good classes in which the placegetters were very close.

The Champion Buck bred by Peter and Vicki Winley was Ranga Wagga Theo, a buck in the 1 year and under 2 class. He was well grown and had an even fleece from front to back and went on to win Supreme Exhibit.

The Champion Doe bred by Don and Gaye Ackland was in the 3 years and over class and again I was impressed with her overall evenness, she was a well grown doe.

Champion Kid was a doe kid bred by Eian Rayner of Elonera Stud. A very well grown doe with a lovely soft free flowing fleece with great staple definition.

Steven Baldock

Judge







Sydney Royal Report

Accolades flow for top quality Rivers goat

Denis Howard - Smart Farmer, The Land

Helene Ypma has claimed top spot in the 2022 Sydney Royal Show Angora Goat Competition with Rivers 1906, despite some strong competition.

And while she has enjoyed previous success in her 22 years competing with her Rivers Angora Goat Stud, Helene said this win really meant a lot.

Rivers 1906, also taking out Senior Champion Angora Doe and Grand Champion Senior Angora Goat, beat out Debbie Scattergood's two champions - Grand Champion Kid Angora Goat Cullbookie Filomene and Grand Champion Junior Angora Goat Cullbookie Lockhart.

As time catches up with her, Helene has been forced to cut the size of her herd which is nearly half the size it was a decade ago.

"We just can't handle the larger numbers anymore," she said.

"That's what makes this win so pleasing.

"It is a real team effort with my husband Wouter and I, and my granddaughter Jess flew down from Gympie to help out.

"We wouldn't be successful without all the help."

Helene and Wouter run 150 Angora goats on their property just north of Bega and have been in the game for nearly 40 years.

And like many goat producers this year, Rivers has had problems with the goats not liking the amount of rain.

"We have green kikuyu very tall in our paddocks and that stains the fleece which needs to be removed before showing," Helene said. "The goats won't touch it to eat either.

"The wet weather has also added a worm burden.

"We are vaccinating and drenching to handle that."

Rivers begin their joining just before the show and continue it for six weeks.

"We used to artificially inseminate our does, but now we just make sure they and the bucks are shorn before joining," Helene said.

"The goats have a five month gestation period and we are getting approximately 120 percent kidding rates."

Helene and Wouter sell t5he fleece from their two shearings each year to the Australian Mohair Marketing Organisation.

"AMMO have been very good to us over the years," Helene said.

"Based at Narrendera, they class the fibre and auction it off as well."

"Some people are selling it directly to South Africa but we're happy to keep using AMMO."

Angora Goat Class Winners

Class 239 Angora Doe Kid, under 6 months old - Debbie Scattergood, Cullbookie Farida

Class 240 Angora Doe Kid, 6 months and under 12 months - Debbie Scattergood, Cullbookie Filomene

Kid Champion Angora Doe - Debbie Scattergood, Cullbookie Filomene

Reserve Kid Champion Angora Doe - Debbie Scattergood, Cullbookie Chelsea

Class 243 Angora Buck Kid, under 6 months - Amanda Statham, Willow Glen Kirra-el-Pedro

Class 244 Angora Buck Kid, 6 months and under 12 months - Debbie Scattergood, Cullbookie The Rock

Kid Champion Angora Buck - Amanda Statham, Willow Glen Kirra-el-Pedro

Reserve Kid Champion Angora Buck - Debbie Scattergood, Cullbookie The Rock

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Class 247 Angora Doe, 12 months and under 18 months - Helene Ypma, Rivers 2002

Class 248 Angora Doe, 18 months and under 24 months - Debbie Scattergood, Cullbookie Lucille

Junior Champion Angora Doe - Helene Ypma, Rivers 2002

Reserve Junior Champion Angora Doe - Debbie Scattergood, Cullbookie Lucille

Class 251 Angora Buck, 12 months and under 18 months - Debbie Scattergood, Cullbookie Edward

Class 252 Angora Buck, 18 months and under 24 months - Debbie Scattergood, Cullbookie Lockhart

Junior Champion Angora Buck - Debbie Scattergood, Cullbookie Lockhart

Reserve Junior Champion Angora Buck - Debbie Scattergood, Cullbookie Tarzan

Class 255 Angora Doe, 24 months and under 36 months - Helene Ypma, Rivers 1906

Class 256 Angora Doe, 36 months and older - Debbie Scattergood, Cullbookie Yelleena

Senior Champion Angora Doe - Helene Ypma, Rivers 1906

Reserve Senior Champion Angora Doe - Debbie Scattergood, Cullbookie Yelleena

Class 259 Angora Buck, 24 months and under 36 months - Debbie Scattergood, Cullbookie Valentino

Class 260 Angora Buck, 36 months and older - Debbie Scattergood, Cullbookie Festival

Senior Champion Angora Buck - Debbie Scattergood, Cullbookie Valentino

Reserve Senior Champion Angora Buck - Debbie Scattergood, Cullbookie Festival

Champion Angora, Any Sex, Schools Competition - Narrandera High School, IMS Rene

Reserve Champion Angora, Any Sex, Schools Competition - Narrandera High School, IMS Mikey

Grand Champion Kid Angora Goat - Debbie Scattergood, Cullbookie Filomena Grand Champion Junior Angora Goat - Debbie Scattergood, Cullbookie Lockhart

Grand Champion Senior Angora Goat - Helene Ypma, Rivers 1906

Best Angora Goat In Show - Helene Ypma, Rivers 1906

First Sydney Royal is a dream come true for Angora judge

Denis Howard - Smart Farmer, The Land

Despite being a young age comparatively to some other judges, Angora goat judge Morgan Mrowka has already developed a good 13 years of experience.

Morgan's story is one of validation for school agriculture programs and young judges competitions.

Originally from West Wyalong and now a Bankstown native,

Morgan has judged a number of regional shows and a National Competition but it was a dream come true to judge at Sydney Royal Show.

Morgan first became involved with Angora goats while studying agriculture at high school in West Wyalong and climbed through the ranks from there.

"I went on to become an ag teacher - that's how much I enjoyed it," Morgan said.

"I really enjoyed young judges competitions growing up and wanted to continue that."

Morgan was excited by the quality of goats at the show saying they're outstanding.

"I can't believe how much the quality has progressed from 10 years ago."





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Membership Procedure

The purpose of this procedure is to streamline the membership process and ensure accurate membership details are recorded at Mohair Australia Limited.

In addition the membership form will corelate with Mohair Australia Limited bank records to ensure accurate accountability of membership fees.

The Membership Form must have all relevant information as outlined on the form filled out and if necessary highlight any changed details for renewal of membership.

As per Item 4 (Payment of fees) please follow instructions in regard to reference.

Once deposit is paid into the Mohair Australia Limited bank account, the Membership Form must be emailed/forwarded to the Secretary & Treasurer at mohair@mohair.org.au

The Secretary will ensure accurate membership details are recorded at Mohair Australia Limited.

The Treasurer will ensure accurate accountability for the deposited funds in MYOB for membership fees.

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AMMO Report

The key to ongoing sustainability of AMMO is a return to profitability. The driver for AMMO is to grow the volumes of mohair consigned and a key strategy is focusing on serving producers of mohair in Australia better.

We have commenced this process by offering much improved commercial terms to producers. We will also complete the process of converting to international classing standards. These are a few short term initiatives we hope will encourage producers to consign their mohair to AMMO.

Mohair prices are strong and the mohair industry has an opportunity to present a very viable commercial enterprise solution to Australian farmers looking to diversify. This provides a strong platform for growth and I hope that both AMMO and MAL will work positively towards achieving this goal.

The new AMMO board presents a wide range of skills and expertise and it will be important to deploy these skills to deliver maximum returns to members and producers. The board has agreed for each director to be responsible for a 'portfolio' and thus share the load going forward.

The board has agreed to the need for urgent change and our focus will be to create a number of projects that reflect this sense of urgency. There are a number of projects to be formulated and executed during our term and these will be championed by directors under the above portfolios.

There are a few overarching and strategic projects that will receive attention:

1.Strategy: A 5 year growth strategy is in draft form. This strategy will deal with the important matter relating to succession planning. 2.RMS certification. The board is currently investigating the process required for AMMO to be able to offer RMS certified mohair for sale.

Discussions regarding the implementation of the AgriFutures Goat Fibre Program Strategic RD&E Plan has commenced. Nic Gorrie and myself met with representatives of AgriFutures recently to agree to a way forward on the execution of the industry survey of producers. Although this is a Mohair Australia driven project, the outcome of the industry survey will provide valuable information for AMMO to assess inwards logistic arrangements.

It is hoped that the introduction of revised commercial terms is a first step in our efforts to improve cash flows for producers. We will continue to investigate ways in which we can offer further improved commercial terms in the future.

These are both exciting and challenging times for the Mohair Industry of Australia. The AMMO board will work together with the other industry bodies on an industry growth strategy.

Yours sincerely, Grant Forsdick



Dulark and Lynndon Grove Angora Studs Sale held on the 8th January 2022

The vendors Nick & Kate Gorrie and Lynne and Don Carter were both very happy with the clearance and attributed the very good results to good local support, underpinned by strong demand from Western Australia and Queensland.

Lynndon Grove averaged \$2630 for stud bucks. 5 out of the 7 sold. One more sold privately after the Sale. In the stud does Lynndon Grove averaged \$438.90 with 100% clearance will all 9 selling under the hammer. Top price buck was Lot 6 Lynndon Grove Xion for \$2800 sold to Jacob Stevens from Qld. Interestingly Lot 1 Lynndon Grove Usher and Lot 3 Lynndon Grove Wilbury also sold to a new WA client for \$2500 and \$2650. Lot 7 Lynndon Grove Xaviel was sold to a new WA stud for \$2500. Equal top price in the stud does was Lot 29 and 31 which sold to new WA stud interests for \$500 each.

Dulark Stud bucks averaged \$1430 with 10 out of the 17 offered selling under the hammer. One more sold privately after the Sale. Top price buck was Lot 17 Dulark Stunning Boy which sold for \$4300 plus Gst to Joseph Keates from QLD. Other stud buck highlights.

Lot 10 - Dulark Lance sold for \$1700 plus GST sold to Susie Paterson from Qld.

Lot 11 - Dulark Laser sold for \$1700 plus GST sold to Herman Van Haeff from Billimari NSW

Lot 14 - Dulark Abraham sold for \$1600 plus GST to Dr Sue Jordan from WA.

The old boys (lot 8 and Lot 9) sold under the hammer to local Yass support and Joseph Keates from Qld respectively.

In the stud does equal top price was Lot 38, 40 and 41 which sold for \$900 plus GST to Susie Paterson from QLD. The stud does averaged \$530 with 100% clearance.

The groups of Dulark future breeders and Dulark proven mixed aged breeding does all sold under the hammer. The prices were \$200 a head and \$180 a head for each group respectively.

WA Import

We are pleased to report the WA animals made it over to WA and are working them thru quarantine protocols. It is the first live animals of Angoras in WA for many years. We helped ship 45 animals in total from Dulark, Lynndon Grove and Cullbookie. We were very impressed with Doug from QuickSilver Transport.



























Goat Recipe

SERVES: 4-6

PREP TIME: 10 mins COOKING TIME: 3hrs

DETAILS

Ingredients

1.35 kg goat, cut into 3-4cm chunks

3 tbsp + 3 tsp curry powder

1 tsp salt

1 tsp freshly ground black pepper

1 tsp ground ginger

1 tsp ground pimento (allspice)

2 tsp ground turmeric

1/4 cup (60 ml) vegetable oil

1 large onion, chopped

4 cloves garlic, finely chopped

1 400 ml can coconut milk

500 ml water

3 spring onions, sliced

Large handful of fresh

thyme sprigs

8 baby potatoes, peeled and halved

1 scotch bonnet pepper (chilli)

Method

Marinating time: 2-8 hours.

- 1. Put the goat in a bowl and add 1½ tbsp of the curry powder, the salt, black pepper, ginger, pimento and turmeric. Cover and marinate in the fridge for up to 8 hours to get the maximum flava. Alternatively, if you have limited time, a few hours is fine.
- 2. Heat the oil in a large pot over a medium heat and add 1 tsp of the curry powder with the onions and garlic.



From Curry Goat | Caribbean Food | SBS Food https://www.sbs.com.au/food/recipes/curry-goat

Cook for 2–3 minutes until dark brown. We call this burning the curry, aka BUN UP di ting! Then add a likkle of the coconut milk to create a thick and tasty paste.

- 3. Add the goat to the pot and sauté until brown all over. Add half the water and the remaining coconut milk, cover and cook over a medium heat for up to 2 hours or until tender, stirring occasionally and adding 1½ tbsp more curry powder halfway through. Add the remaining curry powder, to taste, and add more water during cooking if necessary.
- 4. Add the spring onions, thyme, potatoes and scotch bonnet and cook for a further 15 minutes. Remove the scotch bonnet (or leave it in longer for a spicier taste), then cover the pot and cook for 30 minutes more until the meat is very tender; it should be falling off the bone if you have used bone-in goat.

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