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'Cool Haircuts' by Erin Marsden

President's Report

Dale Brown

Welcome to the first state based newsletter. With the regional amalgamation we are trying to take the best aspects from each of the previous regions and replicate them across the state. I thank Erin Marsden, the previous Central West newsletter editor for taking on the extra workload of a state based newsletter. Sue Tiley from Fern Tree alpacas will also be assisting Erin in this role.



Lots of work continues to occur at the committee level in preparation for the events in 2018, with Lionel collating and maintaining the asset lists, Keryn looking at what information we need to have for each event be it a show, education or promotional event. Abby and Angela have been working on the website, and this too has been progressing well.

At our first AGM held in September 2017 at the Charles Ledger Show, there were a couple of points raised in relation to maintaining equal representation from the previous regions on the state committee. One way for this to occur would be to have a contact person/s in each of the 5 zones to be the member representative and link between members of the zone and the NSW Region committee. This would rely on a number of volunteers to keep the communication happening - but well worth the effort. We are also looking at governing structures that have zones / wards in relation to elections etc, with a view to requesting an amendment to facilitate the equal representation as per the member requests at the AGM – more work needs to be done in this area so if you have any ideas please let me know.

By now we have all had a chance to play with eAlpaca. Feedback has been great, and on behalf of the NSW region I would like to thank Nathan Bailey and his team at Simplify Solutions, Fiona Vanderbeek, and the current and past AAA board members who have played a part in this important improvement to the accuracy, recording and maintenance of our registry. If anyone is having difficulties there are webinars available to watch online, and a range of members that have had additional training and are available to help.

With shearing over for this year for many of us, and much needed rain this week it looks like we may be in for a not too hot summer. Please consider your options for your fibre. Its not going to help you or the industry sitting in your shed. So please skirt it, show it, sell it..... there are many options available to all of us.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kind regards

Dale Brown

AAA NSW President



Update on "Rosebud". After discussion with the vet it was decided that the problem was a fontanelle that had not closed properly and that the opening was too wide to close by itself, Rosebud had surgery on 28th July to remove the growth on her head which had grown with her and close the opening. The surgery was successful and she appears to have had no neurological problems from the surgery. She is doing well. She is still a lovely little girl with an lovely personality.

The photos are the first one is the day of the surgery 28th July 2017 the 2nd one a few days later and the 3rd one was taken on 8th September 2017

Regards Sue Cassell



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From the Editors

Welcome to your new newsletter!! From now on it will be called Alpacas NSW and will be sent to all of the recently merged NSW regions.

I would like to express my gratitude to all of you who have sent pictures and articles for this issue, the response has been over whelming!!

I will say this again, that the continued success of the Alpaca's NSW newsletter cannot happen with out the support of its members. So if there are pictures, funny stories, articles, Stud Sires or Advertising that you would like to share in the Alpaca's NSW send them in!!

In our next issue we would like to have a section for each zone for any of the activities we all get up to! So please keep this in mind and remember to take pictures to send in!

So remember to email to—

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We would like to wish all of the NSW Regional Members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a safe New Years! We look Forward to seeing you all in 2018!



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With all the wet weather our region has had recently and now all the warm sunshine, please be aware that Barber Pole worms are about!! It may be worth increasing your monitoring, especially with all our young cria! Also here a some links with more information.

<https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/animlas-and-livestock/other-animlas/alpaca-worms>

<http://www.wormboss.com.au/worms/roundworms/barbers-pole-worm.php>



Australian National Field Days 2017



October 26-28 saw the Australian National Field Days on again! Members of the NSW Central Western Zone provided a wonderful display of animals and alpaca products to the general public and primary producers. Members were on hand to provide invaluable information about alpacas and their uses. The local spinners and weavers were also on site showcasing their skills spinning alpaca yarn.

Pictures thanks to Erin Marsden

Meet Your AAA New South Wales Committee

Dale Brown – 0458302845. 0263738112. aaanswpresident@gmail.com

The President Role for NSW Region, previous President CWR.

Dale & his wife Melanie run Ravenswood Alpacas near Mudgee NSW. We first joined AAA in 2005 after purchasing a couple of Alpacas from Robyn and Max Northam. We quickly outgrew our 25 acres and 4 years ago moved to a larger farm just to the south of Mudgee. We now have over 100 alpacas on farm, with a focus on Black Huacaya.

Both Dale and Melanie have day jobs with NSW Health, and have 3 active school aged children – which keeps them busy.

Dale has been active at the committee level in the CWR for many years – including in the roles of President, vice president, coordinator of the AAA site at the Mudgee Small Farm Field days (promotional event), and along with Melanie in the role of Newsletter editor.

Dale acknowledges that change can be uncomfortable for some, however he believes that the advantages of working together for a common goal, sharing our processes and activities will only strengthen our industry and provide more value to our members by centralising some procedures, and opening up new opportunities. The committee has been assembled with a wealth of experience, and Dale looks forward to working each and every member of our newly combined region to ensure that we can maximise the benefits of this change for all of us.



Deborah Smith – 0412 010 743. info@shangrilahalpacas.com

Vice President Role for NSW Region, previous President CC&H.

Deb and her partner David purchased their first alpacas in 2004 and subsequently became members of the AAA in 2005, thus forming Shangrilah Alpacas. Deb and Dave specialise in white suri, however in recent years have also commenced a small black suri breeding programme. They currently have 131 alpacas on their 300 acre farm and home in the New England region of the Northern NSW Tablelands. In addition to the Shangrilah herd, Deb and Dave also own Alcazar Suri Stud.

Deb first joined the CC&H committee in 2010 and for 1 year performed the role of Secretary,

Deb then left the committee in 2011 but re-joined as a general committee member in 2012. In 2013 Deb became the Vice President for CC&H region and in August 2014 became President.

In her “spare” time, Deb also works off farm full time and most of her career has been within the Disability Sector as a state government employee, initially in various clinical roles as a registered nurse and case manager and then moving on to spend 12 years in various management roles, including Project Manager. These days Deb is still working in the disability sector, now in a learning and development role and as a practice leader for frontline staff and management.

Deb is excited about the future for alpacas as an industry and believes the merger of NSW regions bodes well for a united, powerful and resilient future for all members in NSW; she is also excited and enthusiastic to have the opportunity to work with such a highly talented and motivated group of people on the NSW Region committee.

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Secretary NSW Region, previous Secretary CWR

I fell in love with alpacas when they first arrived in NSW in 1989 but was not in a position to buy any at that time, so I read every book on alpacas that was available!

Our first alpacas, huacayas, were bought in 2008 and our herd has grown to just under 100. Originally, I thought we might grow the herd to 200, but now we think 100 suits us the best as they can all be shorn in one day!

Our farm of 250 acres, “Tirrikee” (means a place of happiness...literally laughter) is just outside Bathurst.

I was a physiotherapist (and also piano teacher) and my husband Roy a Research Horticulturist so between us we cover the animals (that move) and plants and grasses (which stay where you put them!).



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Keryn Burns – 0400 780 722. kerynburns@gmail.com



Event and Education coordinator role for NSW Region, previous President HBM.

I, along with her parents, Mum (Beverley) and “Mr Fixit” Dad (Ian), run Mandala Alpacas on 100 acres at Rylstone, NSW. In 2004, my 3 kids & I decided it was time to move out of the crazy life on the Northern Beaches of Sydney. So, I started the investigation into which livestock we would like to work with. The minute I discovered alpacas, the decision was made and once I introduced them to Beverley, well that was it, she fell madly in love with Alpacas and decided to join us on our adventure.

We initially started by agisting alpacas in 2005, while we joined Lyn & Graeme Dickson at Richmond TAFE, learning about these extraordinary creatures. Well, as the stories always seem to go with alpacas, we quickly went from 2 to 10 to 20. In 2012 we decided it was time to move out on our own and purchased “Kandara” just outside Rylstone, in the Central West of NSW.

We now have over 70 alpacas and the number continues to grow. We have both Huacaya's and Suri's, with a love of all the beautiful natural colours.

Developing & growing our industry is in the forefront of our minds. Many of you will know me as Convenor of the Sydney Royal Alpaca Show and also a few years as Convenor of Hawkesbury Show.

I was Vice President of Hawkesbury Region for a year before taking over from Graeme Dickson as President, Hawkesbury Blue Mountains Region.

I strongly believe we have a very good opportunity, through education, to assist not only alpaca breeders but also the general public, via Shows, Displays and Field Days, etc. so that we continue to grow and improve our national herd and the market opportunities.

Abby Gold - 0431 709 771. abby@goldviewalpacas.com.au

Performing Website, Information Technology and social media coordinator Role for NSW Region, previous Secretary, IT/Social Media Southern region

My alpaca addiction started nearly 4 years ago with the purchase of our first two pet alpacas... And you all know how this story goes, 2 turns into 4, 4 becomes 8, 8 becomes 'but look at their bloodlines, they are too good to pass up' 12, and before we knew it, we are running a herd of 30+ and growing.

Whilst my love of alpacas is relatively new, I grew up on a sheep and cattle property near Cowra NSW, so farming, livestock and the country is second nature and where I feel most at home.

In order to support my alpaca addictions, I am also a part time public servant in Canberra, whilst being a mum to two little people under three and run Goldview Alpaca Stud with my husband Phil.



Angela Smith - 0403 991 612. angela@onetreehillalpacas.com.au

Performing Commercialisation and industry liaison role for NSW Region, previous President Southern Region

Angela, with her husband Matthew, run One Tree Hill Alpacas, from their farm situated in Murrumbateman NSW, where they run a herd of 70, mostly coloured and appaloosa, alpacas. Angela was the past Editor of the Regional Alpaca Magazine, Welfare Officer and IT/Website Manager for the SNSW Region. Angela with the help of Carolyn, has run the Carousel of Colour Show, the Southern NSW Colourbration Show, in Goulburn for the past 3 years.

Angela is currently the WHS Advisor for the Director of National Parks and previously worked in the retail sector where she ran a multi-million dollar chain retail store. Angela is the creator and manager of the Alpaca Breeders Collection and has a passion for advancing alpaca products into the commercial space within Australia.

Angela is excited about the future of alpacas and firmly believes that Australia has the ability to grow and produce world leading alpaca fibre and finished products. In addition, Angela understands the importance of working with industry bodies, such as NSW Farmers, to help provide a pathway to ensure alpacas are included in mainstream farming within Australia.

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Sue Tiley- 0417 462 827. ferntreealpacos@gmail.com

Performing Newsletter coordinator and general support Role for NSW Region previous committee member CCH

I live and work on the Central Coast, along with a medium sized herd of mainly suri alpaca. Like many others, my sons and I started with 2 would-be wethers back in 2010, one got lucky and won a broad ribbon (the other was wethered), and after various purchases of an assortment of females, Fern Tree Alpacas was created. My herd has since grown significantly, assisted by the purchase of some quality stock, with a focus on suri.

My working background in human microbiology and clinical medicine encourages my interest in potential health issues, both of alpacas and their human contacts. My day job is busy, but my workplace is relatively close to home, which can be handy at times...

I have recently joined my regional AAA committee this past year, hoping to make a contribution in some way. I am keen to assist in the further development of the alpaca industry, and look forward to being part of the NSW committee.



Lionel Tomich- 0438 168 681. aaanswassets@gmail.com



Performing as Asset coordinator role for NSW Region, previous Vice President HBM I have been working with alpacas for almost 10 years, starting in 2008 for Bumble Hill Alpacas working with Suri's. In late 2013 I took on a management role at Walkley Fields Alpacas, running a herd of Huacaya's. Walkley Fields consists of two properties located in Kurmond and Meadow Flat at which we also run Angus cattle.

I have a passion for fibre, feel fortunate to have worked with both Suri and Huacaya herds, and am currently undergoing the Wool Classing Certificate IV course at Bathurst TAFE.

I love the country lifestyle, living with my wife and seven year old daughter on the farm in Kurmond. My daughter and I also really enjoy dabbling with alpaca felting. Working

full time with alpacas has proven to be fun, challenging & best of all keeps a smile plastered on my face.

Deb Trostian- 0417 689 197. sanddtrostian@gmail.com

Performing as Animal Health and Welfare liaison role for NSW Region, previous President SCH.

Together with my husband Steve, we purchased our first alpacas in 2009, starting with three older coloured females; I thought it would be more exciting than a couple of wethers. The old girls quickly educated us in handling skills. We both completed a TAFE Course taught by Graeme and Lyn Dickson, Agriculture Certificate 2 in Alpaca Production, this was invaluable.

In 2010 with the arrival of the impending cria, Stedephra Alpacas was born. Although we started with coloured animals the returns from white and light fawn fleece could not be ignored, our focus is now on breeding alpacas that produce a commercial fleece; predominantly white and light fawn, but, coloured alpacas still roam our paddocks.

We have operated a small business for close to thirty years and live on a small property that is a commutable distance from Sydney and on the fringe of the Southern Highlands. This allows us to operate our plumbing business and enjoy our alpacas at the same time.

After many and varied different work experiences, I am now on the farm full time. I have always had a keen interest in the health and welfare, husbandry and the genetics of alpaca continues to intrigue me.

I enjoy being involved in the promotion of alpaca and convening both halter and fleece shows.

I have been an active part of the SCH committee for the past six years, in Health and Welfare, Education, Vice President and Regional President for last three years.

This is an exciting time as we come together as one region, we can only benefit from sharing our knowledge, enthusiasm and time to progress another step toward creating a sustainable

primary industry. I am looking forward to the future in alpacas.



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Ray Vella- 0411 213 442. raymond.vella4@gmail.com

Performing in a general support Role for NSW Region, previous Vice President SCH.

My wife Dympna and I started Killybegs Alpacas about 6 years ago after buying two wethers to guard our sheep. After a short time, we grew to love Alpacas. We now breed mainly white fine and superfine fleece animals for the commercial market and home spinners.

From the Office of the Central Western Zone Assets Manager (aka Scott Marsden)

Trailer Tyre Maintenance

The condition of your trailer tyres can greatly impact your safety on the road, so make sure you're well on top of your trailer tyre maintenance.

To keep your trailer tyres in good working order, make sure you're on top of tyre pressure, tyre size and maintenance checks.

Tyre pressure

The pressure – measured in pounds per square inch (PSI) – that your trailer tyres are set at, is dependent upon a few factors:

- **Weight:** The [combined weight of the trailer and its load](#).
- **Surface:** The PSI should be changed depending on the surface you're driving on. Generally speaking, it should be higher on bitumen and lower on dirt, gravel or sandy surfaces. Altering the PSI to suit the surface will give you a smoother ride, better fuel economy and will reduce the chance of a puncture.
- **Model:** Ask your trailer manufacturer for recommendations for tyre pressure or try an internet search. PSI varies enormously with different models and loads.
- **Individual usage:** When in doubt, take the intuitive trailer tyre maintenance approach. Be observant and play around with a few different tyre pressures to get a feel for how the ride changes with the alterations. Touch your tyres after driving. If they're feeling too hot you should increase the PSI.

Tyre size

When purchasing tyres, size is an important factor. Consider the following:

- Ground clearance is a vital factor in choosing tyres. If you're driving on rough surfaces or going off-road, you'll need to think about larger tyres (as long as it's a safe choice for your vehicle and trailer).
- The width of the tyres affects fuel economy, but a bigger footprint can be better for certain conditions such as mud.
- The accuracy of your vehicle's speed can be affected if the trailer's tyre size is altered.
- Be very careful when selecting the size of tyres for your trailer, as making the wrong choice can void your insurance. The tyres always need to be appropriate for your vehicle and the load you're carrying. When in doubt, check with your insurance company.
- Match the tyre size and wheel stud pattern to that of your car's tyres. This means you'll always have plenty of spare tyres for both your vehicle and trailer in case of punctures, and it will save you carrying extra jacks too.

Maintenance checks

As a rule, you should change your trailer tyres every three to five years, depending on the distance they've travelled. Rotate them regularly to make sure they last their full lifespan. Check for signs of wear and tear on a regular basis and don't forget to include your spare in your maintenance checks.

There are few things as important to a trailer owner than trailer tyre maintenance, so be sure you check tyres regularly.



Consolidation Sale

The Kids are fleeing the coop so there are some great opportunities to purchase some nice animals from proven bloodlines as I reduce our stock numbers to a level that I can manage on my own.

The young males that I am offering are guaranteed to pass certification and are only being moved on as they are closely related to the female lines.

Signature Mosaic IAR 219157 DOB 18/06/2016 RG/RN – Smaller framed male with strong coloured genetics and a highly aligned dense fleece which is very even across his body.

This boy has only been shown 4 times and has come away with a first placing on each occasion along with a best in colour and Reserve Champion.

Sired by Signature Hidalgo, a son of Purumbete D'Artagnan, a Highlander son, out of Signature Gabriel, a Regal House Mr Darcy daughter, out of an Eldorado daughter.

Micron 1st fleece 20.6, 4.3, 21, 99 2nd fleece 21.2, 4.1, 19, 97

Price: \$5500 (incl. GST)

Signature Dragonmaster IAR 219129 DOB 2/3/2016 SDF – This compact young male has a beautiful soft handling fleece that feels like butter. His fleece is well structured and dense cutting nearly 4 kg on his second saddle. He is out of a Windsong Valley Firedragon daughter and by Signature Hidalgo so this combination gives you handy genetics from Highlander and Warrior.

Micron 1st fleece 19.4, 5.3, 27.1, 97.5 2nd fleece 20.8, 3.9, 18.7, 99

\$5500 (incl. GST)

Signature Pure Revelation IAR 129154 DOB 14/05/2016 SW – Elegant framed boy with beautiful presence. He has a true Accoyo head and a dense even fleece across his body. Revs Mum Forestglen Querida, from Forestglens elite 'Queen' line has consistently (given me boys) produced progeny with **very** stable micron and Rev is no exception to this. Sired by Shanbrooke Pure Evolution whose granddam is Shanbrooke Accoyo Taquile and sire is Haynacho, has produced a very stylish young male. I would love to keep this boy but he is heavily related, through the dams side, to most of my girls so I have to bite the bullet and offer him to a stud that can use him to their advantage.

Micron 1st 19.4, 6.3, 32.6, 96 2nd 19.7, 4.3, 21.9, 98.1

Price: \$5500 (incl. GST)

Breeding Females There is a range of girls that will have to be sold to accommodate management so if you are looking for a particular bloodline or colour please call me and let me know what you are after so that I can put together a potential list for your selection. Prices will be reasonable and based on age and quality.

Please contact Debbie on 02 68957665 or 0447957665

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Signature Alpacas

eAlpaca

Fiona Vanderbeek

Update on eAlpaca

Well, finally, after all that waiting the big day came on Thursday 9 November, when we switched over to using eAlpaca. Initially we opened up the new system for cria registrations and sire authorities, plus all the searching functions, with transfers going live a week later. Soon to follow will be the creation or change of multi-ownership shares plus the ability to record an animal lease. We will also enable the use of the new line-breeding calculator very soon. Then will come the features that involve interaction with your vet – including male certifications and Q-Alpaca reporting. To date nearly 360 different members have logged in.

As a key part of the introduction of the new system we have tried very hard to provide every **form of communication and support possible to members... you should have received several “e-blasts” from the office which included links to other documents: the revised IAR Rules which govern all our registry transactions; the updated fee schedule; and a summary of some of the new features and terms used in eAlpaca.** If you have mislaid these emails, all the information is available on the AAA website, or contact me and I will happily forward you a copy. We have conducted two webinars walking participants through the key features of eAlpaca – **if you missed these, don’t worry** – a recorded version will be made available for viewing at your convenience.

As part of the process of developing eAlpaca, we trained a group of regional trainers to provide **training and support. Your trainers are your first port of call if you are stuck.... Or if they can’t resolve the problem, or you can’t get hold of them, send me an email or give me a call (before 8pm at night please...)** The trainers in NSW are:

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The response to eAlpaca from those members who have used it thus far has been overwhelmingly positive – it has been a real boost after all the months of work to read the comments on social media or receive email or telephone feedback – for this we thank you. Sadly it is all too common these days that we only tend to hear from people when there is a problem – this has been a wonderful affirmation that we have produced the product you wanted! And we do continue to listen **and respond to all ideas of how the system could be further improved... so keep up the dialogue!** **If you haven’t yet explored eAlpaca, or even if you have, below are just a few tips to help you get going smoothly:**

The first time you login, you will need to set a password – simply go to the login page (www.ealpaca.com.au) and use the Forgot Password feature (do not enter anything in the Username field at this stage). You should then receive an email from eAlpaca, which will be sent to the email address you have registered with the AAA. Follow the instructions in the **email and you’ll be in! From then on, your Username is your email address.**

A good way to start using the system is to do a Herd Inventory of your animals – you can find this by clicking the **“Manage herd” button on the left of your dashboard screen.** The herd inventory allows you to quickly update things like colour and status of your animals – so, you can indicate if an animal has died, been castrated or been sold. A couple of things to be a bit careful about:

“Sold” means an animal has been sold off the register for non-breeding purposes (as a pet, herd guard, for meat etc). If you have animals in your herd which you sold for breeding purposes to another member/breeder you need to initiate a *transfer* of the animal (which you can do from the **“Transfer Animal” button on the dashboard or from the animal’s own Profile page.** The transfer process on eAlpaca is effectively the same as you signing the back of the paper certificate and either giving it to the new owner or sending it to the office. When you transfer an animal, you can select who will pay the transfer fee (you or the new owner) – if the purchaser is to pay the animal will be moved into their herd on eAlpaca but will be deactivated (and highlighted in red) until the transfer fee is paid and the transaction is complete.

If you have sold or transferred a female but kept a cria from her, we suggest you register that cria before doing the transfer or marking her as sold. We are refining the system to allow for registration of cria born before the dam was sold, but for now it does keep our lives simple if cria are registered first!

If you do make a mistake in your herd inventory or with a registration or transfer.... Don’t panic! Anything you do can be undone... and all the steps are tracked in the system.... So, just send me an email (alpacas@birrong.biz) and we will put things back as they should be for you.

We really do encourage you to use eAlpaca for as many of your transactions as possible... not only is it much faster but you will save money ... in this early transitional phase we are not imposing any penalty fee for sending in paperwork or cheques to the office... but in time this will change and, as shown on the fee schedule, we will have to make a 25% surcharge for transactions sent to the office for processing. If for some reason it is essential to **send paperwork to the office, it is hugely helpful if you can provide credit or debit card details for payment...** it is very easy to complete a cheque for a slightly incorrect amount, which means your transaction cannot be completed – this will add to delays and cause additional workload for our staff.

The creation of this new registry and on-line system has been an enormous project and could not have been achieved without the dedication of Nathan Bailey and his team at Simplify Solutions. There are still refinements to **make and the odd “bug” to fix, as we continue to improve the system for members and staff alike, but I truly believe the AAA now has the best alpaca registry and on-line show system in the world.**

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AAA Achievements



Alan Bicknell was one of 2 NSW Region members awarded certificates of appreciation by the AAAL board in 2017. As Alan was not in attendance the AGM in September where AAA President Ian Frith presented the certificates of appreciation for the extensive volunteer services recipients have given to the alpaca industry and AAA over many years, Ian Frith personally rang Alan the day after the AGM to congratulate and inform him he had been honoured for his services with a certificate.

It should also be noted that despite he and his wife Dawn recently selling their farm and alpacas due to health reasons, Alan has maintained membership and continues to volunteer his time to the alpaca industry in the New England Area of NSW.

Alan is pictured with his certificate of appreciation which was presented to him by Deb Smith, Vice President NSW Region, at a New England local area network gathering in November.

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Calendar of Events

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- **3 March- Boorowa Agricultural Show**
Venue— Boorowa Showground
Contact— Meg Behler 0487 420 731
- **17 March- Camden Alpaca Show**
Venue— Camden Showgrounds
Contact— Deb Trostian 0417 689 197
- **29 March— Royal Sydney Alpaca Show**
Venue— Sydney Showgrounds
Contact— Keryn Burns 0400 780 722
- **15 April— Royal Bathurst Alpaca Show**
Venue— Bathurst Showgrounds
Contact— Jennie Menzies 02 6337 7388
Entries close— 29 March
- **20 Hawkesbury Halter and Fleece Show**
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FINANCIAL and related PROCEDURES AAA NSW REGION



As the NSW Region is eligible to claim gst, which enhances our annual revenue, there are a few things that members need to be aware of in regard to financial transactions. Show convenors and event coordinators, where the events have budgetary requirements, particularly need to make themselves aware of the procedures, in accordance with ATO requirements and AAAL governance procedures. The related AAAL policy and procedures can be accessed on the AAA web site here <https://www.alpaca.asn.au/aaa-governance>

Key procedures for the NSW region to comply with the above include:

- Tax invoices need to be obtained for all expenditure. Payments and member reimbursement are not able to be made without tax invoices; bank statements, credit card receipts and such like are not able to be substituted for tax invoices
- Tax invoices need to be in the name of NSW Region Australian Alpaca Association LTD, not individual member or event names
- All tax invoices are to be submitted to Janette Law at the AAA office.
- All expenditure needs to be endorsed by the NSW committee before any expenditure occurs, this includes any extra non anticipated costs that may arise after initial budgets and event proposals have been submitted. Failure to do so may mean non payment
- All events and activities that are to be funded and endorsed as official AAA events require submission of a detailed budget, completed WHS checklist and event proposal to the NSW Region committee at least 6 weeks prior to the event.
- Any entry fees to events, including exhibitor fees for shows, must have 10% gst added. So for example, if the entry fee to exhibit a fleece or animal at a show is \$20, the total fee charged will be \$22 (don't forget for shows the judges training levy fee also needs to be added). Likewise, for say an educational event that is charging \$25 to participate, with gst added, the entry fee would become \$27.50 with gst added.
- Members who incur individual expenses and wish to claim reimbursement must have endorsement from the NSW Region committee to incur the expense prior to it occurring. Reimbursement claims must be made using the AAA reimbursement claim form and be submitted with the relevant tax invoices.
- Any income to the region being made by cheque, needs to be made out to NSW Region Australian Alpaca Association LTD and submitted to Janette Law at the AAA office
- All endorsed events and activities need to be made open and communicated to all NSW Region members inviting participation
- All event coordinators and show convenors are required to submit a post event report to the committee. Members need to have feedback in how their funds are being expended and it is also an opportunity to showcase the great work many member volunteers do in staging events.
- To use and move any NSW Region assets for use at events, a request needs to be made to our assets coordinator, including any costs that may be involved.

Further information on our financial procedures will be posted in our soon to be activated members only section on the AAA NSW Region web site <http://www.aaanswalpaca.com.au/>

All forms and guidelines required for events, assets and financial procedures can be found on the NSW Region web site.

Submission of event proposals, post event reports and other related documentation needs to be sent to our Events Coordinator Keryn Burns aaanswevents@gmail.com

Requests to use assets need to go to Lionel Tomich aaanswassets@gmail.com

For any enquiries regarding financial procedures generally please contact any of the NSW Region Committee.

The committee also welcomes any new proposals from members willing to volunteer to coordinate and initiate new activities, and acknowledges the time and expertise volunteered by members for existing activities.

Be a Squirrel!!

I was recently reading an article about being successful in business. The article was about being a squirrel and not a puppy. Sounds strange but stay with me on this one.

What I can say now is that squirrels have become my second favourite animal, coming second to alpacas of course.

The article started with a man, Matt, who lives in the USA, telling a story about how he was trying to stop the squirrels from getting into his 'squirrel-proof' bird feeder. Yeah right – 'squirrel-proof....not likely! He used to chase squirrels away, yell at them, throw things, etc. He was a little out of control!



In the article Matt remembers going to the hardware store and complaining to the old guy called Bob that worked in the landscape section about his war on the neighbourhood squirrels. After he explained it all, Bob asked Matt how much time he spent each day thinking of ways to keep the squirrels out of his bird feeders. It was laughable, even though it was probably more than Matt should have been spending but it was way less than 30 minutes a day.

Bob then said, *"That damn squirrel thinks about the bird seed and bird feeder from the time it wakes up until the time it goes to sleep. Its sole desire is to get the seed inside the feeder. Nothing you can do can keep that critter out of the feeder when it's got determination like that!"*

Bob was right and the lesson applies to us all! When you are laser-focused on your task and what you want to accomplish, you are unstoppable! You need to understand your 'bird seed' and then spend every waking moment thinking and planning how to get it.

Matt's puppy, called Bailey, on the other hand was anything but laser-focused. He chases and gets distracted by anything that makes noise or moves. Often people in business are more like puppies but they need to be more like squirrels.

In business, people try to identify their niche and target market but every opportunity that comes along catches their eye (the 'shiny object syndrome'), much like a puppy with his new toys. Matt goes on to say: *'Most people in business are just like the puppy described. Chasing after every shiny penny that comes across its path. Squirrels know where it's at though. Laser-focused on the prize, fighting non-stop until it they have reached their goal'.*

My lesson learnt from reading this article? I am the squirrel and my bird seed is alpaca yarn and fibre. I spend every waking moment thinking and dreaming about dying and selling stunning Australian grown and produced alpaca fibre and yarn, not getting distracted by other business opportunities. I have found my niche and much like the squirrel I am laser focussed on my 'bird seed'.



My lesson learnt and shared....understand and focus on what your customers want and need. Do you know what they want? Do you know what they need? Do you know what makes them become repeat customers? Are you connected to your customers? Do you understand their connections? Do you understand where they are coming from? So many questions.... but questions asked and answered will give you the perspective to focus on your business.

Once you understand the customer's wants and needs then focus your attention in producing the best quality products that you can. This may include making hard decisions about your alpacas, your product ranges, your fleece preparation, your marketing strategies, your social media presence or your prices. In business things shift, trends change and customers come and go and we need to be ready when these changes occur but never forget your core business.

Previously, my business focus was a little bit of yarn and mainly finished products (e.g. scarves and beanies) however I quickly understood, from chatting to my customers, that people wanted to make their own products. Yes I still make the occasional alpaca beanie but my core business is yarn. I moved with my customers' needs and wants whilst still focusing on my bird seed.

We also need to understand that whilst we need to be flexible and move with what our customers are wanting, in business it is very important to focus on the core of business - your bird seed. What is yours?

Remember: like the squirrel, keep your eye on the prize and grind it out. You'll be amazed at how much you can accomplish in a very short period of time when you are laser-focused.

Like Matt says: *"You want to grow and succeed in business? Be a squirrel, not a puppy".*

Fleece Revival

A fleece workshop held on Saturday 11th November, 2017, in conjunction with two separate fleece collection days, resulted in an overwhelming interest amongst members, close to 50 attended the workshop and more than 1,600 kg of fleece collected and sold to buyers, at the first collection, held on Saturday, 2nd December, with yet a further collection day on Saturday 3rd February, 2018.

Storybook Alpacas generously provided the perfect venue at "Coolaroo" in Mittagong.

Bob Kingwell, from Monga Alpacas instructed at the workshop and highlighted the direct correlation between effective skirting and cleanliness of the fleece and monetary return received from buyers. Participants practised their skirting skills under Bob's supervision and guidance, in readiness for the collections. The day concluded with the exciting announcement about the creation of the NSW Fleece Co-Op.

Organisers expressed with enthusiasm:

"Get the fleeces out of the shed and into a collection"

"We have buyers that pay in a timely manner, not on consignment."

"Give buyers what they want; clean skirted fleece and you will be rewarded and in a timely manner."



Organisers hope that similar workshops and collections will be held around the State, enabling growers to prepare and sell fleece, and see a return from their animals. There is a market for all colours, grades and lengths of alpaca fleece, we just need to participate and support our fleece industry.

Written by: Debra Trostian (Stedephra Alpacas)

Photos kindly supplied by Rubey Williams (Storybook Alpacas)





Protecting your Property & the Alpaca Industry from Biosecurity Threats South American Camelid Declaration and Waybill

As a member of the AAA and owner of alpacas, you have an important role to play in protecting your property and the entire alpaca industry from biosecurity threats.

The AAA is a member of Animal Health Australia (AHA) who provide a range of tools to assist in setting up simple, everyday biosecurity practices to protect the health of your livestock, limit production losses and help maintain market access for Australia's alpaca producers.

One of these tools is the South American Camelid (SAC) Declaration, which has recently been updated (May 2017), and provides a means by which producers can provide information about the animal health status of their herd. It is recommended that purchasers ask for a copy of the SAC Declaration from the vendor and use the information provided to determine the health risks associated with the animals offered for sale.

Transport Regulations

As at September 2017, the use of the SAC Declaration was recommended/mandated by the state/territory agriculture departments for animal movements between/within various states and territories, as shown in the table below.

Use of the national SAC Declaration and Waybill [SAC Declaration & Form](#)

STATE	CAMELIDS ENTERING STATE	MOVING WITHIN THE STATE
WA	Mandatory to use WA health certificate (LB1 form)	Support the use of SAC Declaration
TAS	Mandatory to use TAS health certificate	Support the use of SAC Declaration
VIC	Support the use of SAC Declaration	Support the use of SAC Declaration
NSW	Support the use of SAC Declaration	Support the use of SAC Declaration
SA	Mandatory to use the SAC Declaration	Support the use of SAC Declaration
QLD	Support the use of SAC Declaration	Support the use of SAC Declaration
NT	Mandatory to use NT health certificate	Mandatory to use NT Waybill

Members are advised to check transport regulations when moving alpacas between states/territories and intrastate, as requirements may change. Links to the relevant websites in each state are provided below:

VIC: <http://www.depi.vic.gov.au/agriculture-and-food/animal-health-and-welfare>

NSW: <http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/agriculture/livestock/stock-movements>

QLD: www.business.qld.gov.au/industry/agriculture/animal-management

SA: http://pir.sa.gov.au/biosecurity/animal_health/alpaca

TAS: <http://dpiwwe.tas.gov.au/biosecurity-tasmania/biosecurity/importing-animals/animals-that-can-be-imported-with-entry-requirements/camelids>

WA: <https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/livestock-movement-identification/documentation-importing-camels-and-south-american-camelids-western>

NT: <https://dpiir.nt.gov.au/primary-industry/primary-industry-publications/regional-newsletters/animal-health/animal-health-news-062017/livestock-movement-and-identification-in-the-northern-territory>

The South American Camelid Declaration and Waybill is available to download from the Members Section of the AAA website (Animal Health, Welfare and Biosecurity page)

Or on the Farm Biosecurity website

<http://www.farmbiosecurity.com.au/toolkit/declarations-and-statements/>

For further information on farm biosecurity related to alpacas, including the National Biosecurity Reference Manual for Grazing Livestock Production go to:

<http://www.farmbiosecurity.com.au/industry/alpaca/>

For further information on land transport of alpacas, refer to the Land Transport Standards and Guidelines available at:

<http://www.animalwelfarestandards.net.au/land-transport/>

Introduction to Alpacas

Introduction to Alpacas.... held at Clairmont, Orange NSW on 9th September, 2017

What a great day this was, starting at 10 am and finishing "officially" at 3:30pm

There were 14 participants, 7 speakers and 5 wonderful helpers.

Topics covered included the standard for alpacas, (yes there is one!), buying alpacas, basic husbandry, shearing (it was too cold, so we had a mock shearing demonstration), what's needed in a medicine cabinet, where the alpaca industry is going, alpacas from a vet's perspective and soils, pastures and fertilisers.

It was such a successful day that the organizing team had decided that we should have a follow up soon.



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Fleece Skirting Made Easier

Bob Kingwell

Skirting a fleece can be very daunting. There are so many things to look out for and remove in order to meet the requirements of different buyers.

The outcome of skirting can often depend on factors out in the paddock during the year before. A tender fleece has little or no value and contaminants such as vegetable matter can seriously reduce the value of a fleece. Different buyers have different micron and length requirements depending on the end use. There are also different parts of a fleece that can be sold to different buyers and for this reason it helps to know these market requirements before skirting and preferably even before shearing. If you are shearing around 80 alpacas a day then you may not have enough time to thoroughly skirt each fleece before the next one has been shorn and they will have to each be bagged for skirting later.

Some buyers will take all of your fleece at a very low price and then pay for a professional classer to remove contaminants, skirt the fleece and separate different parts according to estimated micron values and length. Other buyers will expect that vegetable matter and coarse fibres have already been removed. These buyers may also require that the fleece has been separated into different length requirements. Usually all buyers of individual fleeces will determine their micron either by employing a professional subjective classer or by objective classing using fleece test results. **TESTING:** Regardless of any testing that may be done after a fleece is sold, it is recommended that growers have each alpaca midside tested within one month before shearing. If you are going to objectively class your own fleece then you will need to do this anyway and the results are invaluable for making future breeding decisions. It is not possible to find the midside position after a fleece has been shorn unless it has been marked beforehand and then you will not have the results until sometime after shearing anyway. You could take a number of samples from across the fleece and combine them to produce a single sample for testing. This however will not be as reliable as the midside test. When a test sample is taken from the combined samples it is not possible to take the same amount from each of the samples that were combined and if you are going to use the results to plan your breeding program then accuracy is paramount.

Knowing the results for each fleece means that fleeces can be sorted into micron ranges before skirting. This will make it much easier when sorting the fleece into different length requirements since pieces of the same micron range can be combined together into a fleece bag after they are separated from each fleece. Saddles are usually sold in ranges of two microns i.e. less than 16, 16-17.9, 18-19.9, 20-21.9, 22-23.9, 24-25.9 and 26-28. Any fleece over 28 microns is usually sold as skirtings.

PAPERWORK: Unless shorn fleeces are to be skirted directly into bales, you will need fleece bags that have been marked with the identification of each alpaca along with key test results such as micron, SD, CF and staple length. After either a preliminary or final skirting, each saddle fleece should be slid into the marked fleece bag. The bagged fleeces can then easily be sorted into micron ranges before the final skirting unless that hasn't already been done at shearing. After the final skirting, the fleece weight should be recorded and written on the bag.

PREPARATION: Before you start skirting it helps to have the right equipment at hand. You will need some bins such as plastic laundry baskets and it helps to have two different sizes. The smaller ones go under the skirting table and are for the fleece that is to be discarded such as pieces that contain vegetable matter that cannot easily be removed. The birds nest at the base of the neck should always be removed at shearing and should never go into a fleece bag. The larger bins go behind the person doing the skirting and are for holding the coarse fibre pieces or skirtings as they are removed. You will need some fleece bags to hold good pieces of fleece that are the wrong length to remain with the saddle. You will also need scales and tools for recording results and a ruler to check fleece length or preferably mark along the edge of your index finger, starting at the tip; 50mm, 80mm and 120mm.

To overcome all this confusion it is suggested that skirting initially be carried out in 4 different stages. This will simplify the procedure and actually reduce the time taken to skirt each fleece. It will also result in optimising the value of your fleece.

STAGE 1: If the fleece has been bagged after shearing for skirting sometime later then the way it has been bagged is important. It is not recommended that the fleece be rolled or folded but should be slid into the bag so that it can be easily tipped out along the skirting table. If the saddle has not been shorn first and the obvious coarse fibres have not been removed at shearing then there is the risk that these coarse fibres will have contaminated the rest of the fleece. Lay the fleece out on the skirting table as though it was still attached to the skin and with the tip side uppermost. This helps to identify the different parts of the fleece. Check the fleece for coarse fibre contamination and if excessive the whole fleece should go into the skirting bin. Next check for tenderness. This is usually caused by a sudden change in nutritional intake or as a result of disease or parasites. The finest fibres will be next to the midline and if the fleece is tender, these fibres will be the easiest to break. Remove a small portion of a staple by holding the fibres at the cut end. Then test for tenderness by holding the fibres at each end and tugging several times to see if the fibres break. If they break, there is no point in continuing with any more skirting unless there is a buyer willing to purchase tender fleece. There is no reason why it could not be included with the skirtings if they are to be used as wadding or doona filling.

STAGE 2: Remove as much of the vegetable matter as possible. No buyer wants a dirty fleece and the extent and nature of the vegetable matter will have a significant impact on the price being offered. Vegetable matter can be removed by a process called carbonising however this only adds to the processing costs and results in a lower price being offered to the grower. Grass seeds tend to accumulate around the head area and on the legs and belly fleece but can be distributed throughout the fleece from rolling. Other debris tends to accumulate at the base of the neck and along the midline, particularly on younger alpacas. If role holes are causing a problem then liberally covering them with manure from the poo piles will usually discourage further rolling. If there is vegetable matter throughout the fleece and it is just not possible to remove then the whole fleece may need to be discarded.

STAGE 3: Any coarse fibres around the edges of the saddle need to be removed. Once the obvious ones have been removed it is then easier to spot the rest. Any remaining fleece that has coarse straight fibres protruding from the tips of the staples should also be removed. If you are not sure whether or not to remove a particular section then do the tip test. Pull the tip fibres from a staple and check them for crimp. If most of these fibres are straight then that section needs to be removed. These fibres will usually have a diameter of at least 40 microns. If in doubt, take it out. Sometimes a fleece, usually from an older alpaca, has coarse straight fibres protruding from all the staples. If this is the case then the whole fleece belongs in the skirtings bin. Finally give the whole fleece a good shake to allow any second cuts that are under the fleece to fall through the skirting table.

STAGE 4: Now that the remaining fleece is sound, clean, and free of coarse fibres, it is ready to be sorted into the different fleece lengths. To do this you will need to know the market requirements. The shortest fleece is going to be along the midline, over the rump and shoulder areas and sometimes along the edge next to the belly area. The most valuable saddle fleece usually has a length range of between 80 and 120mm. Some markets will accept a wider length range of between 65 and 125mm. However the greater the range the more breakages there are during processing so the price will be lower. There is also a market for good pieces between 65 and 80mm and also between 50 and 65mm. This market will also take neck fleece that is longer than 50mm. Everything else can often be sold as skirtings. If the midside tested length is less than 85mm, there will probably be a fair bit of fleece that is shorter than 80mm and it may be preferable to skirt for inclusion in a 65 to 125mm length range. Similarly if the midside length is greater than 115mm it might be better to go for this length range but there will probably be a lot of fleece that is over 125mm that will need to go into the skirtings bin. Don't forget to weigh the saddle, record its weight and write the weight on the fleece bag. If you know the weight of a fleece bag, the saddle can be weighed after it has been bagged. Most perforated fleece bags weigh about 0.06kg.

VALUE ADDING: The easiest way to add value to your fleece is to make sure that your alpacas have adequate and consistent nutrition, are kept clean, regularly inspected, weighed and body scored to identify those alpacas that may be diseased or be carrying excessive parasites. You can also add value by objectively classing your own fleece to at least the standards required by the market. The most successful long term value adding will be achieved by breeding out coarse fibres within the saddle and increasing the saddle area by breeding out the coarse fibres around the edges of the saddle. It goes without saying that increasing saddle weight, length and controlling blowout will also add value to your fleece. A merino sheep produces four times the fleece weight of an alpaca and an alpaca costs four times as much to shear. Our fleece industry has a long way to go before it will be commercially viable and it will never get there unless we as breeders concentrate on breeding out those pesky coarse fibres.



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AAA NSW Region Stud Sires

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BUMBLE HILL KAISO MF SURI IAR 181407
 Stud name: Bumble Hill DOB: 03.06.2012
 Area: Orange
 Sire: Bumble Hill Picasso (NZ) Dam: Jolimont Kaimi
 Fleece Stats 2015 Shearing 22.6 micron mean, 4.86 micron SD, 21.60% CV (6 point blanket sample)
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 Stud service fee: \$550 including GST, drive through mating in Orange.
 Enquiries contact: Julianne Gelber, Ph. 6365 3669 E: gelber@bigpond.com

Pacofino Black Sabbath

Stud Name: Keiana Lodge

SBLK

IAR 143947

DOB: 11.04.2008

Area: Running Stream

Sire: Somerset Stirling Moss (imp. Peru) LG Dam: EP Cambridge Silvery Moon (imp Peru) MG
 Fleece Stats: 2011 Mean: 24.1µ SD 5.1 CF 86.4%
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Mackenzie Park Kiwi Magic

BLK

IAR 133886

Stud Name: East Station and Greyleaves (jointly owned)

DOB: 01.03.08

Area: Mudgee

Sire: Sherlin Taiara Alejandro Dam: Twilight Park Naome
 Fleece Stats (2nd fleece): Mean 25.6 µ SD 6.1 CV 23.9%
 Stud service: \$400 Drive through mating
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 Dinah Fisher Ph: 6373 6561 E: dinahfisher@harboursat.com.au

Huacaya



Bonnie Vale Ringo Star

Stud Name: Rocking Hill

SW

IAR 177926

Area: Molong

Sire: Windsong Valley Voodoo SW

DOB: 3.5.2011

Dam: Bonnie Vale Ring of Joy SLF

Fleece Stats: 2016 Mean: 28.0µ

SD 4.5

TFW 6.2kg

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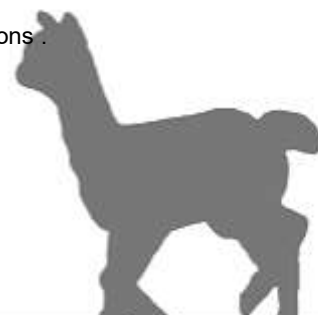
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Windsong Valley Kenjiro

SW
Stud Name: Bumble Hill Alpacas & Kyona Alpacas (Jointly owned)

IAR 52348
DOB : 21.06.2003
Area: Orange

Sire : Windsong Valley Iceman Dam : Kaloma Tamika
Fleece Stats : 2010* Mean : 25.3µ, SD 5.49, CV 21.7%

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Shanbrooke Pure Evolution

SW
Stud Janella Alpacas (Co owned with Regal House Alpacas)

IAR 187274
DOB: 08.07.2012
Area: Bathurst

Sire: Shanbrooke Plantel Haynacho SW Dam: Shanbrooke Accoyo Pride
Fleece Stats: year 2013 Mean: 19.3µ SD 3.7 CV: 19.1 CF 99.2%

'Evo' is an outstanding young male with dense, even, soft handling fleece with crimp all over his body and down into his legs and belly on a compact, well balanced frame. He is a true to type male who has just started his stud career.

Some show results so far: SUPREME CHAMPION - Melbourne Royal 2013

Reserve Champion Adult Male - Hawkesbury Ag Show 2014

Fee: \$880 (Inc GST) on farm and mobile matings (conditions apply). Live cria guarantee.

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Bonnie Vale Fatal Attraction

SW

IAR 157271
DOB: 06.05.2009
Area: Bathurst

Stud Name: Tirrikee Alpacas

Sire: Arcady Augustus SW Dam: Bonnie Vale Attraction SLF

Fleece Stats: 2012 Mean: 24.3µ FLC WT 7.5kgs

2013 Mean: 25µ FLC WT 8.5kgs

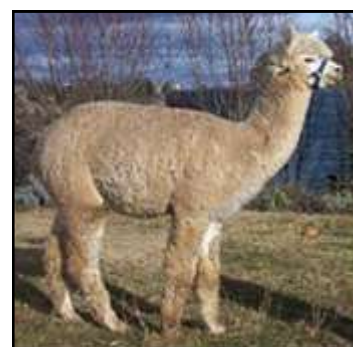
Fatal Attraction is an SRS male. We bought him earlier this year to give increased length, density and decrease primary fibres.

"Good density, exceptional fleece length, silky softness and fine primary fibres, I expect his progeny to excel for both wool and frame" Dr Jim Watts

For more information regarding Fatal Attraction and his fibre density and fibre length test results see <http://www.srsalpacas.com/au.directory.alpaca.php?id=341&show=male>

Enquiries contact: Jennie and Roy Menzies 63377388 and we will discuss your requirements.

Stud Service Fee: by negotiation. Live cria guarantee.



FUTURA ESCOBAR SW Huacaya

Stud names: Bumble Hill/Merungle/Walkley Fields DOB 16.03.2013A

Area: Orange

Sire: Rosedean Sayonara

Fleece Stats 2015 Shearing 20.0 micron mean, 4.72micron SD, 23.60% CV (6 point blanket sample)

His follicle density was 64.5 at maturity. Escobar was 2013 National Junior Champion Male and his first fleece was awarded Champion 6 to under 12 months Huacaya at the 2014 National Show. He is a compact, masculine male with Challenger and Warrior grandsires passing on a beautifully structured fleece, good looks and a good disposition. His first progeny are due in Autumn 2017.

Stud service fee : \$550 including GST, drive through mating in Orange

Enquiries contact: Julianne Gelber, Ph. 6365 3669 E: gelber@bigpond.com

Warralinga-Gorge Star Glacier ET SW

Stud Name: Keiana Lodge

IAR 124703
DOB: 22.10.2002

Area: Running Stream

Sire: Shanbrooke Accoyo Yavari SW

Fleece Stats: year 2012 Mean: 26.2µ SD 4

Dam: Blue Grass Star of Tulangi SLF
CF 86.2%

Stud service fee: \$440 inc GST Live cria guarantee.

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Encantador Ring Master

SMF

IAR 118200

Stud Janella Alpacas (Co owned with Regal House Alpacas)

DOB: 18.05.2008

Area: Bathurst

Sire: Blue Grass Centurion

Dam: Encantador Show Girl

Fleece Stats: year 2013 Mean: 19.3µ SD 3.9 CF 98.9%

'Ringo' still retains his fineness with a well aligned high frequency crimp. He passes on these traits to his progeny – he is the perfect sire where improvements in fineness and crimp style are needed. Fee: \$550 (inc GST) on farm and mobile matings (conditions apply). Live cria guarantee.

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EP Cambridge Cappacino

SLBR

IAR 78659

Stud Name: Keiana Lodge

DOB: 19.02.2004

Area: Running Stream

Sire: EP Cambridge Peruvian Caesar (SW) Dam: EP Cambridge Peruvian Nanao (SW)

Fleece Stats: year 2012 Mean: 22.5µ SD 3.8 CF 96.3%

At 9 years of age has remarkable fleece stats. This light brown macho is a great asset to our breeding program by introducing great fleece qualities to our black herd, thus improving our blacks which is our ultimate aim. (co-owned with Jurustalle Alpacas)

Stud service fee: \$550 inc GST Live cria guarantee.

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Currumbong Jareth

SMBR

IAR 164378

Stud Name: Rocking Hill

DOB: 3.10.2010

Area: Molong

Sire: Currumbong Flash SW

Dam: Morning Star Columbine DF

Fleece Stats: 2016 Mean: 25.1µ SD 4.4 TFW 5kg

Jareth has been awarded Champion ADULT Male Huacaya - Central Western (NSW) Region 2012, 1st Place 18-30 months BROWN Fleece - Bathurst Royal 2013, Champion SENIOR Male Huacaya - Bathurst Royal 2013. Sydney Royal 2014 - 2nd place BROWN fleece 30-48 months. Bathurst Royal 2014 - 1st place 30-48 months BROWN FLEECE & RESERVE CHAMPION MATURE MALE. Central Western (NSW) Region 2014 - 1st place BROWN Mature Male. Jareth 2014 fleece was awarded 73 points and 1st place at Royal Bathurst Show 2015:

Stud service fee By Negotiation.

Enquiries contact: Neil & Jeanette Boyd 02 63 668 117 or 0455 272 126

Alpha Centauri Pemberton

BRN/RN

IAR 184040

Stud Name: Hyghclere

DOB: 08/02/2013

Area: Orange

Sire: Bedrock Sentinal

Dam: Flying Colours Miss Penelope

Fleece Stats: 2015 20.8µ 4.3SD 97.1%CF

2016 22.8µ 4.1 SD 95%CF

Pemberton is a well grown male with great conformation and presence. His pedigree includes Blue Grass Centurion and double Jolimont Warrior. He exhibits a dense, very bright, fine fleece with a well aligned, high frequency crimp on a long staple with exceptional handle. It is this brightness, fineness and character in his fleece that makes him an outstanding male. Pemberton will add to any breeding program looking for colour and great genetics. Pemberton has been successfully shown achieving Supreme, Champion and Res Championships. Pemberton's progeny is now also winning Championships and Supreme awards passing down his great characteristics. We are now offering Pemberton for services with a live cria guarantee.

Stud service \$550 inc GST. On farm mating's preferred mobile mating's also by negotiation.

Enquiries: Erin & Scott Marsden Ph. 02 6365 9115 Mob. 0408 553 157

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Ambersun Quicksilver

Medium Grey

IAR 213862

Stud Name: Keiana Lodge DOB: 14.02.2013 Area: Running Stream

Sire: Jolimont Tiberio MG Dam: Ambersun Katrina (MF), - an Auzengate female

Fleece Stats: TBA

The new Grey boy on the block at Keiana Lodge. More details to follow....

Enquiries contact: Keith & Diana Rutter Ph: 02 6358 8275 Mob 0428 663 161

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DREAM OF A WHITE CHRISTMAS
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