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# President's Report

*Keryn Burns*

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September saw not only a very successful day at the Charles Ledger show in Goulburn, but also our NSW AGM. We say good bye to Dale Brown, Jennie Menzies, Deb Smith, Lionel Tomich, Deb Trostian & Nerida Hart. NSW thanks you all, for your hard work and dedication to the region. Most of our parting committee members had been on the committee since the NSW Region was formed. It has seen many hours of hard work from all of us and it's work which will continue to be built upon in coming years.

It also saw us saying hello to our new NSW Committee

Keryn Burns	President
Rob Harborne	Vice President
Fran Haslin	Secretary
Maureen Bates	Assets
Erin Marsden	Newsletter
Emma Timmony	Events
Ros Davis	
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I would like to thank them all, for putting their hands up to join the NSW committee and look forward to working with them over the coming year. We are still to have our first meeting so will announce the last of the portfolios when this is decided upon.

We are planning a NSW Meeting and Christmas get together for the 7<sup>th</sup> December (location to follow) so keep the date free and we hope to see as many of you as possible.

Emma will be gathering information and contacting past convenors for the early 2020 events soon. If you have any idea or would like to help run any of our events please let us know.

As we leave the show season behind, and enter the shearing season and the warmer months, I urge you all to revisit your fire plans and preparation for what looks like being a very nasty fire season. If you haven't updated your fire plan or are unsure of what to do, contact your local Rural Fire Service and they will be more than happy to assist you. It is also a good idea to check where your local evacuation location is for animals.

I look forward to catching up at the many events around NSW. Please feel free to contact myself or any of the committee with any suggestion or if we can be of assistance.

Regards

Keryn Burns

President NSW Region



# Mudgee Small Farm Field Days 2019



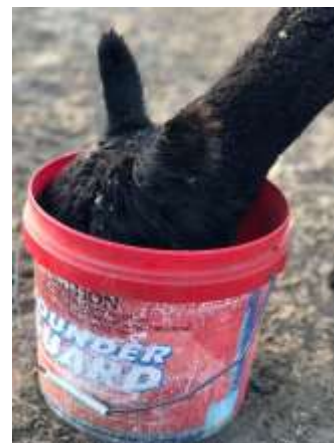
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Manwaring and Jennie  
Menzies

# Recipe of the Month (Alpaca one this time!)

## Dunbars Run Muslie Mix

### Ingredients

- Lupins (either whole or cracked)
- Apple Cider Vinegar (ACV)
- Lucerne chaff
- Oaten chaff
- Alpaca mix (which ever brand you have access to)
- Pro Pacca
- Water



### Method

- 2 1/2 scoops of lupins
- 1 Tbsp ACV
- Soak in 2L of water overnight in a bucket
- Mix 2 scoops of each chaff and alpaca mix in another bucket
- Add in 1 cup of Pro Pacca
- Combine chaff mixture and lupins together
- Feed out to happy alpacas!!



Emma Timmony





## Note from the Editor

Welcome to your newsletter! I hope that you all enjoy this issue, there are some great articles and pictures that have all been provided by our wonderful members!

Thank you also to those members who have allowed me to use their pictures! Without our wonderful members sending in pictures the newsletter would be pretty boring. I would ask please if you are to email pictures for inclusion that their size be less than 1MB. This makes it a lot easier and faster to attach them and run the program.

So if you have any articles, pictures, stud sires, stories and advertising feel free to contact me! Ph. 0408553 157 Email- [alpachateditors@gmail.com](mailto:alpachateditors@gmail.com)

This Newsletter CANNOT continue without the support of the members!! If there are no articles, stories and pictures the newsletter will fail!! So please after your events/shows send something in so everyone can see what we have all been up to!



## Year Codes for Registering Cria.

2018 : P

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# NSW Alpaca Youth

## Australian Alpaca Nationals 2019

The 2019 Alpaca Nationals was a great time. The youth section of the show was highly notable and there was great interest from the public. I would like to thank Katie Thomas and Lyn Dickson for judging the paraders and young judge competition, as well as Jillian Holmes for organising the youth events. I wish to congratulate everyone who competed and thank all those involved in the running of the events. It was amazing to see the amount of youth that got involved at the national show, knowing that many travelled a long way to compete. The showmanship section of paraders for the opens has recently been altered to now replicate what a halter class would be like, giving competitors the opportunity to gain more experience and prepare them for when they go into a halter class. The stockmanship segment was built to recreate obstacles that you would have to manage whilst walking an alpaca on a farm. Movements such as a gate and feed bucket were included in the course allowing the competitor to react and safely deal with a gate, an alpaca and a feed bucket. Along with paraders we also had some of our youth participating in the young judge's competition. This year for the first time the competitors were asked to judge four Suri animals along with four Huacaya fleeces, having 10 minutes per section to place the animals and fleeces in order. Following this they were asked to say a speech on their placings whilst the over judge Lyn Dickson scored the competitors. Both competitions were very tough and competitive and it was amazing to see the range of experience level in which everyone was competing at. I commend everyone for their results in the 2019 national show and I can't wait to see everyone again next year.

**Samantha Hayward**



## NSW Alpaca Youth Camp

The NSW alpaca youth group is hosting their annual alpaca youth camp on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of January 2020. It is two full days of all alpaca related activities with guest speakers from some of the great members of the Australian Alpaca Association. The Alpaca Youth camp is held annually at Coolawarra and Storybook Alpaca stud, located in the Cambewarra region, NSW. It is aimed at educating youth about the alpaca industry and different requirements about maintaining alpacas.

If you would like to find out more information or interested in attending, please email the NSW youth group at [alpacayouth@gmail.com](mailto:alpacayouth@gmail.com)







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MURRUMBATEMAN FIELD DAYS**

## **APPLICATIONS OPEN 2019 MURRUMBATEMAN FIELD DAYS**

**SATURDAY 19 OCT 2019 8AM – 5PM**

**SUNDAY 20 OCT 2019 8AM – 4PM**

If you would like to be a part of the MFD Alpaca Exhibition – Contact Carolyn Austin 0410 693 802  
One day or both days, the choice is yours

Cheers

Carolyn

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## **Australian National Field Days 24-26 October 2019**

If you would like to promote your Alpaca Stud/Business and the Australian Alpaca Association at this years field days, sites are now available!!

For more information please contact Erin Marsden 0408 553 157 or

[hyghclerealpacas@hotmail.com](mailto:hyghclerealpacas@hotmail.com)



# Winter Wonderland Show



Winter Wonderland 2019, I was fortunate enough to Convene this Show long distance with the help of a great group of volunteers. The Show came together beautifully. It was an enjoyable day or extended weekend for the volunteers. Adrienne Clarke provided an enjoyable day of precise, interesting and articulate Orals on all animals ribboned. The inception of a closed Sire Auction was well received with four lucky breeders winning joinings with some excellent closed Stud males.

Congratulations to the winning bidders below and thank you to the Studs for putting your males forward.

Johny Depp (Dural Alpaca Park) - Millpaca Alpaca Stud

Jennjoley Braveheart (Jennjoley Alpacas) - Millpaca Alpaca Stud

EP Cambridge Phenomenon (Cedar House Alpacas) - Malakai Alpaca Stud

Canchones Kenzo Cracker ET (Ravenswood Alpacas) - Rubiedale

Congratulation to Supreme Huacaya: Bova Terminator Too and Supreme Suri: Birrong Larceny

I genuinely hope this Show finds a local Convenor for 2020, it is one of my favourite Shows, held in the beautiful Mudgee Region, always a pleasure to visit and I am keen to return to Huntington Estate Winery for the best burger I have ever eaten! Thank you again to all who had a part of making this show happen.

Sharon Dawson  
Convenor







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# Business Development Workshop

## Two workshops with Robert Kennedy-Gane

Another workshop booked out. What a great day and lots of fun.

The morning concentrated on running an alpaca business. How much we all learnt!

The afternoon looked at Robert and Peter's philosophy and practice of alpaca breeding strategies.

Thank you Robert (and Peter) for traveling to the Central West and giving us such an informative and enjoyable day.



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# Introduction to Alpacas Part 2

The day was perfect after a chilly morning. The workshop was full number-wise.

As usual with alpaca gatherings, there was lots of alpaca-chat, the food was amazing and alpaca people are really interesting!

Topics covered included: first matings of alpacas and things to consider as to season, pen, paddock, ET; using eAlpaca and registering cria; certification of males; castrating, how, when why. Halter fitting and training alpacas.

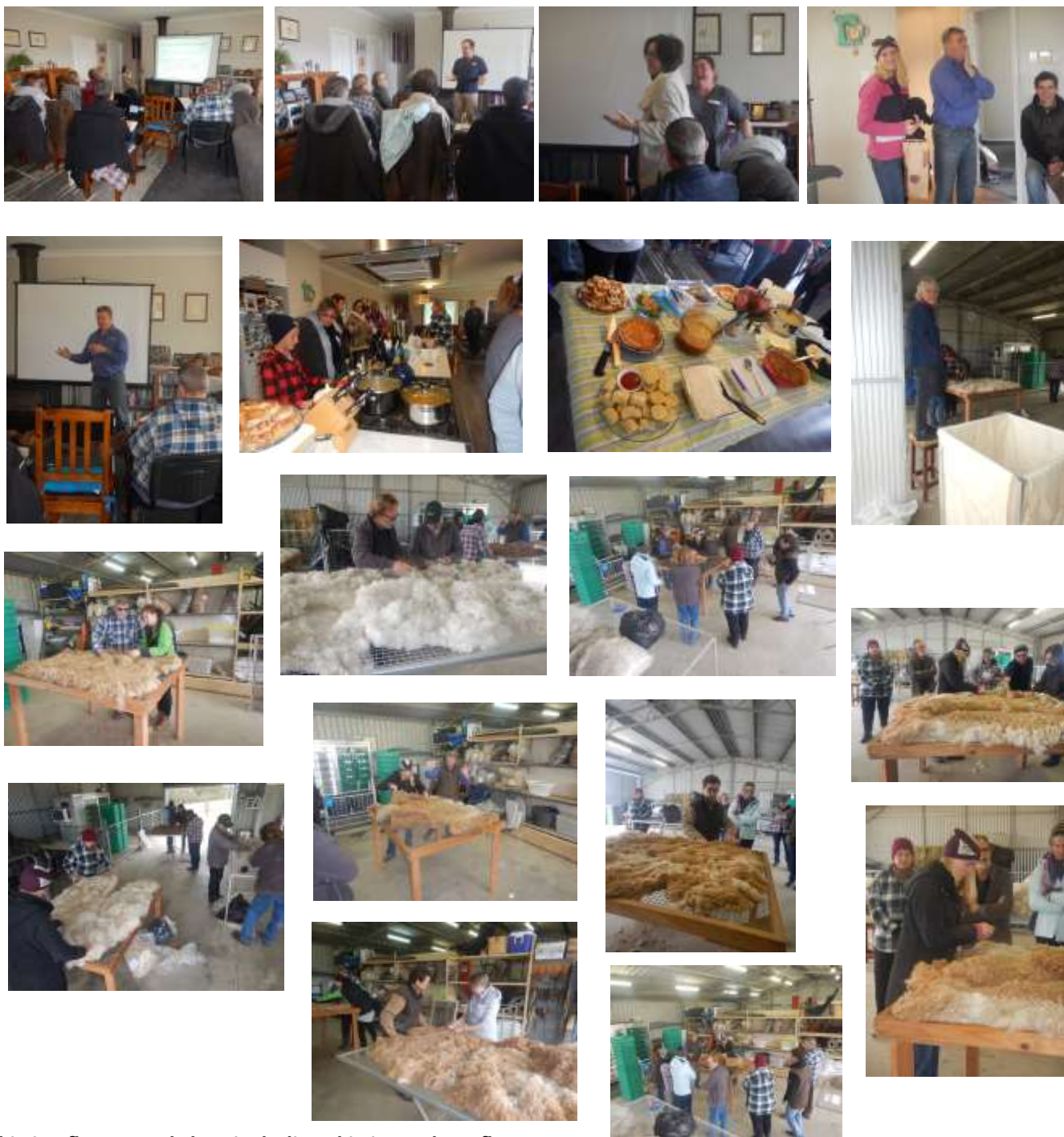
The group divided into two for theory and practice of sub cutaneous and intramuscular injections using a variety of practise materials...chicken carcasses and lemons, and watching as toenail cutting, drenching (and what to use,) was demonstrated. After lunch there was a talk and a demonstration on fitting halters and how to train alpacas with two very different alpacas.

It was a great day. Thank you Erin and Scott for your hospitality.





# Fleece Preparation Workshop



## **Skirting fleece workshop including skirting a show fleece**

Due to very differing situations, we ended up with a small (but keen) number of members for this workshop even though the workshop had been fully booked.

With fewer numbers it did mean that everyone had a much better opportunity to get help one-on-one, from our wonderful speakers and helpers.

Again, great speakers, great company, great food.

A special thank you to our speakers who travel many kms to freely give of their expertise and to Erin and Scott for their hospitality.

# Bio Security

The NSW Government has introduced new on-the-spot trespass fines to recognise the risk of biosecurity breaches caused by animal activists invading family farms.

From 1 August 2019 people entering a farm without adhering to a biosecurity management plan when dealing with biosecurity matter may be liable for penalties including an on the spot fine of \$1,000 and court ordered fines of up to \$220,000 for individuals and \$440,000 for corporations.

The Department of Primary Industries have advised that for you to be protected by the new arrangement, you must:

Ensure your biosecurity management plan is up-to-date and sets out reasonable measures to prevent, eliminate or minimise biosecurity risks, and ensure you are actively following it.

Ensure there are signs at each entrance to the management area where the plan applies. It must be clear where on your property the plan applies. Signs must:

- Advise that a plan is in place
- Outline that it may be an offence under the Biosecurity Act 2015 for a person to fail to comply with the measures set out in the plan
- Inform visitors how they can contact you (or a property manager), for purposes of inspecting the plan and understand their biosecurity obligations on your property.

A biosecurity management plan template can be located on the DPI Website [https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/biosecurity/your-role-in-biosecurity/primary-producers/biosecurity-management-plan?utm\\_medium=nswdpi&utm\\_source=twitter&utm\\_campaign=coschedule](https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/biosecurity/your-role-in-biosecurity/primary-producers/biosecurity-management-plan?utm_medium=nswdpi&utm_source=twitter&utm_campaign=coschedule)

## Signage

Landholders can either use the [DPI sign template](#), or make their own.

The NSW Government will provide signs or stickers to update some existing signs for free until 31 December 2019. Please contact your Local Land Services Office on 1300 795 299 to obtain these signs or stickers.



Signs must contain specific wording (see above). If you already have “no trespassing” signs, they can only be used for the biosecurity management plan if they contain the specific wording required.

Further Information:

- DPI Fact Sheet
- DPI webpage



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# Australian Alpaca Nationals 2019

Wow!! What an experience to Convene our National Show 2019, so many people involved and so many components came together to present an impressive Alpaca Industry to Canberra with the best of the best on show. The venue EPIC was great, a bit chilly but the atmosphere of the pavilions with all the public milling about was exciting and a great sight to see.



The interactive craft area involved the public allowing them to get their hands on alpaca fibre and participate in the different crafts available with alpaca fibre, the stands showcased our gorgeous end product and other wares, doing busy pleasing business over the weekend.

The stunning display of beautiful fleeces was another highlight, this section will only continue to grow, discussions are underway of ways to display more fleeces next year.

The Youth ring was a hub of excitement with the Competition front and centre to the public's enjoyment. Lots happening with our next generation of Alpaca breeders and Judges, it's great to see this competition embraced and celebrated at our National Show.

The AAA stand was very busy handing out free camel rides and sausage rolls whilst assisting and talking to members of our Industry and the public. Was pleasing being able to showcase the connection camels have to alpacas.



It was great to see the Art & Product display back at the Nationals, we are hoping to receive many more entries in the future, so start thinking about entries for next year, if enough entries are received we can make the Photography a separate Competition, taking it out from the Art Section.

The Fashion Parade was a professional celebration of what is happening with our fibre and wow what a show it was, stunning models on the catwalk dressed in beautiful alpaca garments, if there is a fashion show next year I would highly recommend attending it was sensational.





The dinner was another success the food was great, with a trip down memory Lane on the photo wall of past and present photos, dancing laughing and some good old heads and tails to give away kindly donated prizes by the Pavilion stands as lucky door prizes, a great night for all who attended.

Fabulous Audio Visual team provided great TV coverage and live streaming, this enabled people unable to attend, see what was happening in the ring. Our wonderful photographer who put together the Champion photographs as trophies that were presented on the Sunday, these framed photographs were top quality, the animals popped in the photo, black shirts looked classy, all photographs were stunning and greatly received.

Craig and his team from Edge Catering were absolute pleasures to work with, the food was great and service was very friendly.

Thanks to ABC and WIN News for great coverage of our event.



Congratulations to all exhibitors for being a part of the National Show in Canberra and also the ribbon winners and Champions, on a great achievement, well done.

## National Show Results

### Junior Champions

Champion Junior Suri Female - Birrong Ragamuffin  
 Champion Junior Huacaya Female - Ambersun High Hopes  
 Champion Junior Suri Male - Bedrock Contender  
 Champion Junior Huacaya Male - Precision Lavish

### Intermediate Champions

Champion Intermediate Suri Female - Baarrooka Fa Zimbabwe  
 Champion Intermediate Huacaya Female - Dural Tiny Dancer  
 Champion Intermediate Suri Male - Baarrooka Fa Lisbon  
 Champion Intermediate Huacaya Male- Bova Terminator Too

### Adult Champions

Champion Adult Suri Female - Baarrooka Supreme Veronica  
 Champion Adult Huacaya Female Goldleaf Lyrical Song  
 Champion Adult Suri Male Baarrooka Stockton's Win  
 Champion Adult Huacaya Male Illawarra Maverick Dancer





## Most Valuable Fleece

Most Valuable Huacaya Fleece - Monga Mustang

Most Valuable Suri Fleece - Marquez Luciano

## Breeder Awards

Best new breeder - GIAGINYE

## Senior Champions

Champion Senior Suri Female ElPrado Buttercup

Champion Senior Huacaya Female Dural Wonder Woman

Champion Senior Suri Male Baarrooka Montauk ET

Champion Senior Huacaya Male Yaringa Grand Duke Ferdinand

## Mature Champions

Champion Mature Suri Male Baarrooka Bamboo Blonde

Champion Mature Huacaya Female EP Cambridge Sin City

Champion Mature Huacaya Male Merungle BH Triumph M

## Supreme Champions

**Supreme Champion Suri - Baarrooka Fa Lisbon**

**Supreme Champion Huacaya - Dural Tiny Dancer**

**Supreme Huacaya Fleece - EP Cambridge Connoisseur**

**Supreme Suri Fleece - Baarrooka DS Tilt-A-Whirl**

Sires Progeny Huacaya - Malakai Fire Chief

## Youth

Supreme Parader Preliminary Division - McKayla Stewart

Supreme Parader Open Division - Christie Hayward

Young Judges Champion - Christie Hayward

State Master Trainer Vic - Tamaryn Kimber

State Master Trainer NSW - Samantha Hayward

State Master Trainer QLD - Katelyn Holznagel

## Alpaca of the State Winners

### Western Australia

1. Futura Iconic

2. Bedrock Comic (equal second)

2. Bedrock Calley (equal second)

### New South Wales

1. Coolaroo Tor's Penance

2. Dural Tiny Dancer

3. Bardella Park Domingo

### South Australia

1. Yaringa Nobility (equal first)

1. Shahrizai Ace Ventura (equal first)

### Victoria

1. Whispering Gums Polar Express

2. Ashbourne the Hipster

3. Alternative View Nadia

### Queensland

1. Double-H Sweet Vera

2. Double-H Blacky

3. Ivory Park Jasper (equal third)

3. Double-H Gold Lass (equal third)





## Art & Product

Where do I start my thank you's, as I said previously so many components had to come together to bring this show to fruition and every one of these people excelled with their contribution, I thank you all and appreciate being able to work with a great group of people to produce such a sensational National Show:

Ian Frith (President) & his team - MC and constant background assistance

Amanda & Tanya - Publicity and lots of background work

Debra Trostian and her team - Fleece Convenor

Rosie Francis - Art & Product Convenor

Rebecca Hard - Fashion Parade Convenor

Jillian Holmes - Youth Convenor

Shane Read - Chief Steward

Peter Sultan - Ring Steward

Robert Kennedy-Gane - Ring Steward & Time keeper

Sue Harris - Ribbon Steward

Geoff Smith - MC

Angela Smith - Interactive craft area, sponsorship, website and facebook

Mathew Smith - First Aid Officer

BJ Hawkins - My very important runner

Maz and the students - Pen setup and pull down

Nateisha - my always keen helper

Trevor Pavlovich - Trade Stands

Judges Halter - Peter Kennedy-Gane & Natasha Clark

Judge Fleece - Shane Carey

Judges Junior Judging - Lyn Dickson

Judge Paraders - Katie Thomas

Judge Art & Product - Liudmila Abramova

Elayne Vears Studio41 - Thank you for designing the elegant Judges gifts (Halter & Fleece)



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Coolaroo Magic Ice	Huacaya	233075	Light Fawn	600.00
Coolaroo Dartesso De-Venzia	Huacaya	172062	Light Fawn	500.00
Illawarra Dynasty ET	Huacaya	136963	Light Fawn	400.00
Storybook Leonardo Da Vinci	Huacaya	202576	Medium Fawn	450.00
MillDuck Pittsburgh	Huacaya	177399	Solid Brown	450.00
Coolaroo Harlequin	Huacaya	207119	Appaloosa/Grey	600.00
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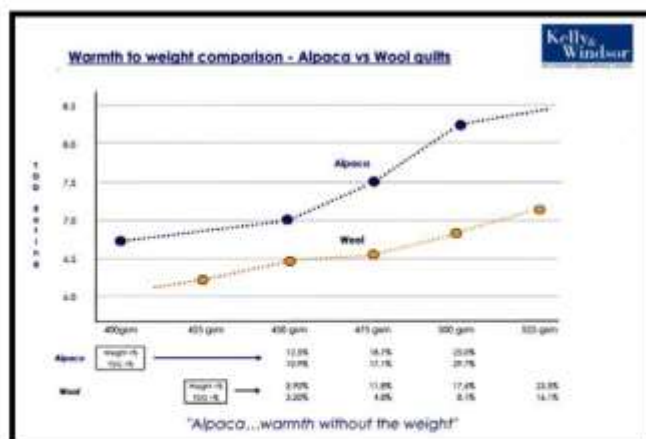
# Alpaca Myths—Part Three

## #2 ALPACA HAS THERMAL INSULATION, 30% BETTER THAN WOOL AND CASHMERE, DUE TO ITS HOLLOW FIBRE!

### THERMAL/WARMTH

#### NON CONDUCTIVITY OF HEAT

Sometimes referred to as thermal properties, alpaca fibre does not readily conduct heat. *(A steel rod would be an example of an object that readily conducts heat.)* It is claimed by many that the insulating properties of Alpaca are greater than for sheep but this is not readily confirmed. However, it is considered that the construction of the garment where the fibres are not too closely packed together creates air pockets trapping the air, are more an aid to the insulating properties than the fibre itself. This phenomenon is also aided by the fact that woollen constructed clothes do not lay close to the skin and allow this circulation of air enabling the person to stay warm or cool depending on the external



Research by Trevor Beuth of Kelly and Windsor suggests that it takes less alpaca fibre than sheep's wool to create the same level of warmth in quilts (Doonas).

A "TOG" rating (A British unit of measure for thermal attributes of quilts) shows here that a quilt of 450gsm, an alpaca would have a TOG rating of "7" and the equivalent weight of wool would have a TOG of "6.5". Wool needs around 12gsm extra to reach the TOG rating of "7" to equal the alpaca rating.

*The data here clearly suggests that when the same volume of Alpaca and Sheep's wool is in a similar quilt, the Alpaca is not only warmer but lighter also.*

British Alpaca breeder, fibre buyer and quilt maker (Alpaca Comfort Ltd), Shaun Daniel has also had a high "TOG" rating of 7.3 for his Quilts.

Designer and fabric maker Romano Favari, when looking at producing alpaca quilts decided to have a laboratory test carried out at an Australian "NATA" registered laboratory to see if alpaca was in fact warmer than wool.

*The parameters in the various tests were the same for wool as for the alpaca. Unfortunately the results did not produce the same outcome as the "Kelly and Windsor" and "Alpaca Comfort Ltd-SD" as little difference was found in the research.*

### Authors comment

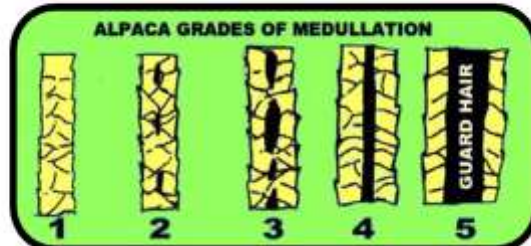
The K&W and AC research, to date, is the only published data that the author can find that demonstrates that alpaca is lighter and warmer than wool. Does this therefore suggest that Alpaca fibre is lighter and warmer than Sheep's wool and if so, by how much is Alpaca lighter and warmer? Or is this only in alpaca quilts where bulking is not needed as it might be in yarn. *(Remember that the microns mostly used in the quilts are in the fine to strong group, which are subject to medullation, unlike the superfine and below alpaca fibres which are solid in density).*



**MUCH OF THE CLAIMS FOR LIGHTNESS AND WARMTH IS BASED ON THE FACT THAT ALPACA IS HOLLOW!**

Does it surprise you that not all alpaca is hollow,

**Types of medulla and typical cross-section shapes found in Alpaca fibres.**



Various research papers have shown that fibres below 20 microns are in fact basically solid

- (1) Non medullated fibres, below 20 micron diameter
- (2) Fragmented, 20-30 micron diameter
- (3) Interrupted, 30-40 micron diameter
- (4) Unbroken medium wide, 40-60 micron diameter
- (5) Unbroken very wide, 60 or more micron diameter

Group "5" is undesirable in Alpaca fleece.

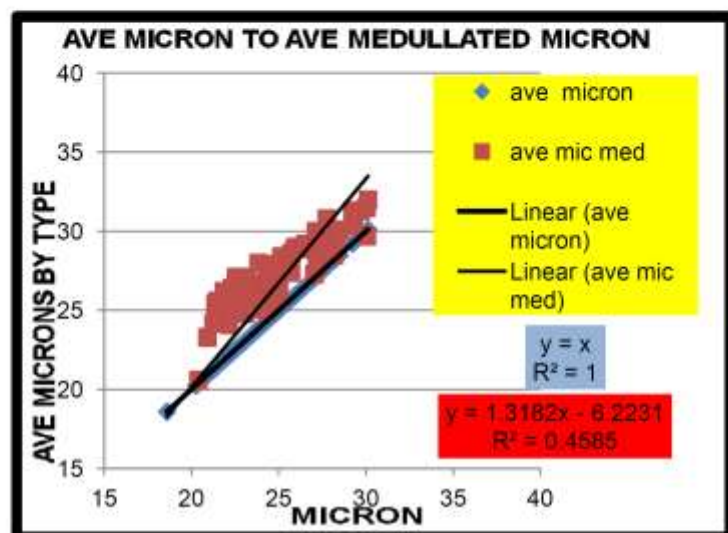
(Research from J. Villarroel and C Holt/I Stapleton)

To unravel the myth we need to look at the data. Firstly Suri is not considered in this assessment as Suri characteristics are more similar to mohair than sheep's wool.

It is accepted that Merino, Polwarth and Corriedale type sheep's wool is solid throughout the equivalent alpaca micron ranges eg:

Below 16  
17/20  
21/26  
27/30  
31/34

There is an area of Alpaca which is thought to be hollow which is not in fact medullated. That is in the finer groups (<16, 17/20). Those fibres below 20 microns are basically solid (J. Villarroel and C Holt/I Stapleton). This can be seen in the chart here. →



Those fibres which are coarser than 20 microns have some degree of medulla/hollowness and this medulla gets bigger as the micron increases.

**Note:**

**The graph shows that all of the fibres in this trial under 20 microns are solid in structure.**

So we have a problem in our debate as the more sub 20 fibre that is grown there is less likely to be a medulla taking away the argument for lightness and warmth.

(Guard hair of 17 microns has been found in a fleece of 12 microns)

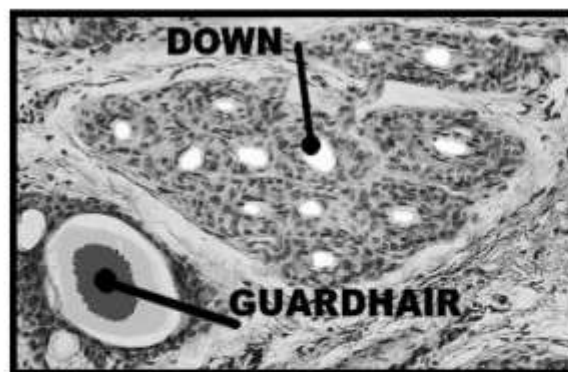
As I discussed earlier I think there are small grounds to conclude that in the fine to strong alpaca microns there is enough hollowness to interfere with the testing (airflow machine) and concurs that the Kelly and Windsor tests may have some validity.

## Cashmere

Cashmere is the down fibre (secondary fibres) from the Cashmere goat. They have a similar internal structure to Huacaya (bilateral) and have a more crinkle like appearance.

Their micron ranges are around 13 to 16 (Chinese) and 16 to 19 (Iranian). The Cashmere also has a similar scale protrusion to alpaca fibre of around .4 of a micron whereas the sheep's wool is double that at .8 of a micron.

(A Tillman)



We have a case where the only difference in my opinion between the Cashmere and the Ultra fine and superfine alpaca is that the alpaca is longer. I cannot find any evidence to suggest any real difference between these two fibres at this level of fineness. Of course we cannot forget that the Cashmere is a solid fibre like the alpaca of these micron ranges.

Taking these comments into perspective, I cannot find a research paper or statement which shows that the "super and ultra fine" alpaca fibre (being solid) is a 30 percent better insulator than wool or cashmere. However I could support the premise that that the Kelly and Windsor tests may have some validity for the duvets/ doona types, when compared to wool (solid) and the stronger Alpaca fibre which contains the "medulla cells". The study indicates these types are a better insulator but by what percentage is dependent to the weight levels being compared (see above).

***Personally I would sooner have the fineness than worry about the lightness and warmth. The Superfine end of the fibre trade is not used in blankets or duvets/doona and to me is not an issue***

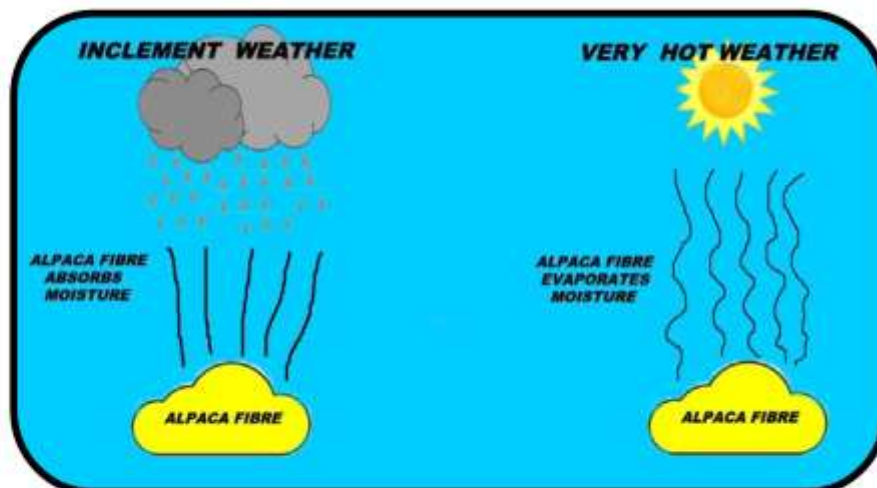
***The most important thing to me is the handle of alpaca.***



## #4 ALPACA DOES NOT RETAIN WATER!

### HYGROSCOPIC PROPERTIES

This is simply moisture absorbency. Alpaca, like wool, has the ability to absorb and give off moisture. An example is under very humid conditions alpaca can absorb up to around 30 per cent of its own dry weight before the wearer feels any clamminess from the garment. *Scoured Alpaca fibre when in a controlled laboratory absorbs 15% moisture from a bone dry weight of fibre (Holt/Scott 1995).*



*"This discussion takes me back to my days as a Wool broker";*

Before the introduction of fibre measurement (early 1970s), the Australian wool industry sold its fibre on greasy fleece weight and visual assessment taken at the time of arrival into the wool brokers store. At sale time, bales would be lined up and visually assessed by the wool buyer for fineness, evenness, length and yield (percent of clean fleece weight).

It was not unusual for wool which had been shorn in a district during inclement weather to be re-weighed for fleece weight when the auction (sale) of the fibre took place in very hot weather. The re-weighed bale weights were usually lower than the weight originally taken when the bales came into the wool broker's store (not all re-weighing of wool achieved the goal of the buyer, that being, getting a lower greasy fleece weight).

With the introduction of selling the merino wool by scientific (objective) measurement meant not only a change in presentation of the fibre for inspection, but the bales were not weighed until they were sampled just prior to the sale.

At the time of weighing, "Testing samples" were taken from all bales and were sent back to a registered wool testing laboratory, e.g. Australian Wool Testing Authority, where a standard atmospherically controlled laboratory (Humidity 65% {+/-2%} and temperature 20 degrees C {+/-2degrees}) measured and calculated not only the micron, C of V and clean fleece yield, but in the case of the merino in later years also the length and soundness. This meant that no matter when the wool was shorn, the absorbency or evaporation of the atmospheric conditions did not have an effect on the result.

*Polyesters and acrylics can only absorb 1 or 2 per cent of moisture before feeling wet.  
Polyester is therefore said not to absorb moisture.*



## #5 ALPACA IS SEVEN TIMES STRONGER THAN SHEEPS WOOL!

### ALPACA IS THREE TIMES THE STRENGTH OF THE EQUALIVENT DIAMETER OF WOOL

Many Alpaca breeders claim that alpaca fibre is 3-7 times stronger than wool which is rather hard to believe given the similarity of morphology of the two fibres. Two colleagues of the author at the Textile and Fibre Research Institute (TFRI) based at the Melbourne Institute of Textiles, Drs Ian Stapleton and Robert Stedman, both did literature searches (1992, 2002) for documented evidence supporting this claim. Although many people write about it and attribute data results to various people, the original source could not be found. Romano Favari, former processor and current fabric designer and maker, has not seen any indication to support the claim that Alpaca is 3-7 times stronger than wool, during his time working with Alpaca fibre.

#### STAPLE STRENGTH

Alpaca is generally strong in tensile strength although this can change and become weak if the animal is stressed e.g sickness, lack of nutrition etc. Research (Holt Stapleton 1993) has shown Australian Alpacas (Huacaya) have a tensile strength range of 22-104 N/KTex. Research on Suris samples, (from two farms) was of good to average quality (Holt/Scott 1997), found the tensile strength range was from 18.25 to 57.50 N/KTex. Pasture was variable between farms and in their backlines; the fleece was quite tender due to the openness to the weather. Removing the backline tests improved the results by an average of 3.52 N/KTex.

With the introduction of new modern machines and improved processing techniques 45N/Ktex is now considered the minimum strength for sound wool. Note; a break in the centre of the staple is more heavily penalised for price by the fibre buyers.

A report for the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation by Professor Xungai Wang (2003), reported the following from samples taken from a bale of Alpaca:

*"The tenacity of single alpaca fibre has a tendency to decrease as their diameter increases. ....As expected, single Australian alpaca fibre is stronger (about 7% higher on average) than a single wool fibre. However, the strength difference in single fibres is much lower than in staple strength. Alpaca staple strength is significantly higher (about 40% higher) than the wool staple strength".*

However the data above does show alpaca to have a greater tensile strength than wool even if it's only a very small advantage. Fibres only need to be around 45 N/KTex and better for processing. Anecdotal evidence suggests that alpacas which have been tested from marginal pastoral zones where sheep are plentiful, tenderness in the alpaca fleece was not that dissimilar to Merino sheep.

**To be accurate**, various breeds of animal, e.g. sheep, goats and alpacas of similar microns and ages would need to be shorn and run together under the same conditions for two to three years with yearly assessments of their fleeces, to be able to justify any such statements. It is well known that nutrition, health, pregnancy etc affects the tensile strength of these protein fibres.

**There needs to be more convincing data for the original claim that alpaca fibre is 3-7 times stronger than wool to be believed.**

**Answer...undecided, more accurate evidence needed**



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Event	Date	Location	Contact
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Aust National Field Days	24-26 October	Orange, NSW	Erin Marsden 0408 553 157
CWZ Christmas Social	TBA	TBA	Jennies Menzies 02 6337 7388
Gunning show	23 Feb 2020	Gunning, NSW	TBA
Royal Canberra Show	28 Feb-1 Mar 2020	Canberra, ACT	TBA
Borrowa Show	7 March 2020	Borrowa, NSW	Rosie Francis



To those who cannot attend these workshops, similar events can be arranged in your zones. All you need is a suitable venue and some volunteers from your zone to assist. You will also need potential suitable numbers of attendees to contribute to costs. Facilitators are willing to travel however their costs must be covered by the event. Your zones AAA NSW committee members will be happy to assist in arranging events. Remember, keep up to date with shows and events. Visit: [www.aaanswalpaca.com.au/calendar](http://www.aaanswalpaca.com.au/calendar)

Please remember to register **ALL** events with Emma Timmony [aaanswevents@gmail.com](mailto:aaanswevents@gmail.com)

**Remember if you would like to share your events after they have been held in the Alpacas NSW Newsletter, make sure you email pictures and a short description of the event to [alpacachateditor@gmail.com](mailto:alpacachateditor@gmail.com)**



# AAA NSW Region Stud Sires

## SURI

### Alabaster Sinbad White IAR 202233



Stud name: Fern Tree Alpacas DOB: 02.02.2014 Area: Central Coast NSW

Sire: Surilana Mascusani Lavish ET Dam: Surilana Panama

Fleece Stats: 2016 Mean 19.1 $\mu$  4.1SD 21.5CV 98.8% CF

2017 Mean 19.5 $\mu$  4.3SD 21.9CV 98.3% CF

Sinbad has excellent genetics, as demonstrated by his beautiful soft handling fleece, lustrous flat locks, retaining fineness through his fourth fleece, hanging from a solid, well-conformed frame. He is a well-mannered sire, keen to work, with a number of solid white cria on the ground. He has won multiple broad ribbons, including Supreme in halter and fleece

Stud service fee: \$600 (GST not applicable) Live cria guarantee, Drive-by or mobile matings by arrangement

Enquiries contact name: Sue Tiley Phone and/ or mobile numbers: 0417 462 827

Email Address: ferntreealpacas@gmail.com

### Wallaby Ridge Empire Brown IAR 88840

Stud name: Hyghclere Alpacas DOB: 25/04/2005 Area: Orange

Sire: Wesuri Heritage Prince Russet Dam: Oz Eve

Fleece Stats: 2016 Mean 19.1 $\mu$  4.1SD 21.5CV 98.8% CF

2018 Mean 24.1 $\mu$  5.7SD 23.6CV 86.6% CF

Wallaby Ridge Empire is a beautiful upstanding male, extremely lustrous and consistent throughout. Empire has proven this quality through his cria's along with his well-structured consistent return of fleece. Empire was a consistent show winner in the ring and still carries all attributes from his first fleece. Empire has produced consistent and outstanding cria's who have also done well in the show ring. Empire would be an asset to anyone wanting to breed quality coloured suri's.



Stud service \$440 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

### Pacofino Black Sabbath SBLK IAR 143947



Stud Name: Keiana Lodge DOB : 11.04.2008 Area: Running Stream

Sire : Somerset Stirling Moss LG Dam :EP Cambridge Silvery Moon MG

Fleece Stats:2011 Mean: 24.1 $\mu$  SD 5.1 CF 86.4%

Macho is what you get with this stunning looking suri male. Black Sabbath has great presence, a fabulous, chunky suri head and has consistently been commented on at shows for his frame, strong bone and great lock coverage that is soft handling and lustrous. Both Black Sabbath's parents are grey. He has produced blacks and greys making him a worthy choice for coloured suri breeders. (co-owned with Tanglewood Alpacas).

Stud service fee: \$770 inc GST Live cria guarantee. Enquiries contact: Keith & Diana Rutter

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# AAA NSW Region Stud Sires

## Huacaya

### Bonnie Vale Fatal Attraction SW IAR 157271



Stud Name: Tirrikee Alpacas DOB: 06.05.2009 Area: Bathurst

Sire: Arcady Augustus SW Dam: Bonnie Vale Attraction SLF

Fleece Stats: 2012 Mean: 24.3 $\mu$  FLC WT 7.5kgs - 2013 Mean: 25 $\mu$  FLC WT 8.5kgs

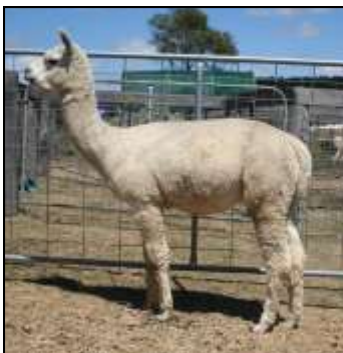
Fatal Attraction is an SRS male. We bought him earlier this year to give increased length, density and decrease primary fibres. *"Good density, exceptional fleece length, silky softness and fine primary fibres, I expect his progeny to excel for both wool and frame"* Dr Jim Watts

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.

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### Warralinga - Gorge Star Glacier ET SW IAR 124703

Stud Name: Keiana Lodge DOB: 22.10.2002 Area: Running Stream

Sire: Shanbrooke Accoyo Yavari SW Dam: Blue Grass Star of Tulangi SLF

Fleece Stats: year 2012 Mean: 26.2 $\mu$  SD 4 CF 86.2%

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

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# AAA NSW Region Stud Sires

## Huacaya

### 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: 22.5 $\mu$  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: Signature Alpacas DOB: 3.10.2010 Area: Condobolin

Sire: Currumbong Flash SW Dam: Morning Star Columbine DF

Fleece Stats: 2016 Mean: 25.1 $\mu$  SD 4.4 TFW 5kg

2017 Mean: 28.9 $\mu$  SD 5.0 TFW 4.7kg



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 1<sup>st</sup> place at Royal Bathurst Show 2015. Stud service fee By Negotiation. Enquiries contact: Debra O'Neill 0447 957 665

### Alpha Centauri Pemberton BRN/RN IAR 184040

Stud Name: Hyghclere DOB: 08/02/2013 Area: Orange

Sire: Bedrock Sentinel Dam: Flying Colours Miss Penelope

Fleece Stats: 2017 Mean: 22.3 $\mu$  4.1 SD 18.5CV 96.2% CF

2018 Mean: 23.6 $\mu$  3.9 SD 16.5CV 94.7% 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 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. Stud service \$440 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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# AAA NSW Region Stud Sires

## Huacaya



### **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

### **Yaringa Pharoah Black IAR 201998**

Stud Name: Dunbars Run & Yaringa Alpacas DOB: 08/02/2013 Area: **North Richmond**

Sire: Classic Darkness Before Dawn Dam: Yaringa Czarina ET

Fleece Stats: 2015 Mean: 21.5µ 4.3 SD 20 CV 95.7% CF

2016 Mean: 22.1µ 4.8 SD 21.9CV 93.5% CF

*A stunning black male with highly regarded genetics. This male has a beautiful handing fleece with amazing style. Pharoah has a commanding presence and is an animal that should be considered in any serious black breeding program.*

Stud service fee: \$ 660.00 including GST (or GST not applicable) Live cria guarantee, drive through & mobile matings available, please contact to discuss.

Enquiries contact name: Sean & Emma Timmony

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