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# President's Report

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*Keryn Burns*

I hope this newsletter find everyone safe and well. What a year we have had so far, thinking back 12 months there is no way any of us could have foreseen what was to come for this great Nation of ours, and in fact the whole world.

We started the year with bushfires, like we had never seen before, followed by floods and now the dreaded virus. All of these events, in their own ways have kept us separated, but not so much as Covid-19. With all our social gatherings, shows and displays cancelled it really has been our beloved Alpacas keeping many of us sane and grounded. Care for them and ourselves goes on. We just now, all functions in new and unexpected ways.

Our shearing season is upon us as we start September (where on earth has the year gone??). Fran and the team have put together a updated and comprehensive list of shearers which will come out soon so if you are stuck and your normal shearer cannot make it this year due to the many different regional rules, I'm sure we will be able to find someone for you.

It has taken most of us a while to get used to what, as they say will be our new normal and as the goal posts keep shifting, we all need to learn to be more adaptable than ever before. Our regional meetings have been put on hold for the safety of all of us and in particular our more life experienced members / family. We will be announcing dates in the next few weeks for a couple of Zoom meetings to make up for these missing face to face meetings. The upside of Zoom meetings is that those who may not have been able to travel the distance to meetings can join in from the comfort of their lounge room. However, the down side is that only 100 people can participate at one time. It will be on a first come first in basis however we will schedule 2 meetings so those who miss out on the 1<sup>st</sup> one can join the 2<sup>nd</sup> instead. This will also be how we run our 2020 AGM (more information is to come)

The upcoming Fleece Challenge in December will see a chance to renter the judging scene in a new way. Keep an eye out for more details as they get closer to opening the show on e-alpaca. Our Board and committees are working hard to find a way of hopefully being able to show in 2021, all-be it under a new and very different regime. Just what that may look like none of us know yet, but be assured we are trying to come up with a way. We are also working on a frame work for displays at Agricultural events. Anyway of safely getting Alpacas back out in the public spotlight will be a plus.

Our NSW Youth group have been keeping themselves busy making some fantastic "Hope to" Videos. If you haven't seen them jump on to Facebook and have a look, well done team you have done a wonderful job, keep up the good work.

In the mean time, your committee are here working behind the scenes for you and looking for suggestions any time. We have a few exciting announcement in the next few weeks so watch your inbox.

Please stay safe and if you need any help feel free to reach out any time to myself or any of your committee members, we are here to help where ever we can.



# Australian National Field Days 2019



It was glorious spring weather for the 2019 Australian National Field Days held at Borenore NSW. The AAA once again put on a great display of animals, handmade alpaca products and fleeces. The local spinners were also represented spinning up a storm using alpaca fibre. The alpaca photo board was again a huge hit with young and old alike! All the members in attendance answered many questions about alpacas and the industry.





## Note from the Editor

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

I will be the first to admit I have been a bit slack with getting you your newsletters this year. With the world in turmoil and no events due to Covid-19 and in general life getting in the way!

I have one apology coming from the last newsletter where there was some incorrect information provided. It was published on page 20 that the winner of the Supreme Parader Open Division was Christie Hayward, it was in fact Samantha Hayward.

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!



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# NSW Alpaca Youth

## NSW Youth Group Members Update – By Samantha Hayward

As an initiative, the NSW youth group asked our members to give an update on what they have been up to, in order to stay connected during the Covid-19 pandemic. We have loved seeing the variety of talent and hobbies within our youth group.

“During the lockdown, we welcome a Dash hound puppy to the Fairbairn family. This is Zeus and he is now 18 weeks old but he was only 15 weeks old in this photo” – *Anabella Fairbairn*



“Whilst in lockdown, I continued with my metal work projects, completing a fire pit and a show rack. Both are currently being used and I can’t wait to finish my HSC in a few months so that I can continue with my passion” – *Christie Hayward*



“During the covid-19 pandemic, I have been painting rocks while working on acrylic paint techniques and leaving them in my garden for little kids to take. I have made over 50 over the whole pandemic and currently have 4 left. These are a couple of the ones I have done over the pandemic.” – *Grace Nesbitt*



“My life during Covid was quite exciting, as my family welcomed a new addition. We now have a very energetic and friendly 15 week old, rag doll cat called Snowbell” – *Mckayla Stewart-Riley*



"In my Agriculture class this term, as a project I am testing a water moisture system with an automatic waterer, in order to compare technology to traditional systems. I look forward to seeing the results and efficiency of this system" – *Samantha Hayward*



During COVID-19 my university classes went online, resulting in some interesting changes to assignments. One of my assignments changed to be cooking video where we had to cook, taste and score two different cuts of meat. The COVID-19 induced time at our house has seen many sweets baked, some house plants on bench and new vegetable gardens built.  
*Imogen Boughey*

"COVID-19 gave me the courage pursue what makes me happiest... Breeding Alpacas! All this time at home has been a great time of reflection for me, to really figure out what I'd like to do. So, I changed universities, to Charles Sturt in Wagga Wagga (via distance education) when I commenced a Bachelor of Agricultural Business Management. I'm really excited to be doing a degree that will allow me to breed alpacas full time!" – *Rubey Williams*



### **NSW Alpaca Youth COVID-19 Check-ins – By Imogen Boughey**

This year so far has been interesting and challenging in all kinds of ways for the NSW Region Members and the Youth Group. To help our youth and members still feel connected without being able to attend shows and other social events our NSW Alpaca Youth Committee have been making an effort to contact both members and youth members to touch base and catch up (remotely of course!) about what they have been doing and how they have been coping during this time of crisis. All of our committee members had amazing responses from this initiative and have found being able to stay in contact or contact new members of our industry very rewarding. We hope to continue to have a chat with members and help keep our industries spirits up until we can meet properly again!





## The Western Australian Youth Group – By Rubey Williams

Proof that COVID-19 hasn't been all bad for the Australian Alpaca Industry!

The NSW Youth Committee are proud to be working with passionate members of the Western Australian region and Western Australian Alpaca Youth (WAAY) – to help get AAA Youth Events up and running in WA!

Western Australian Alpaca Youth aim to educate and engage youth interested in alpacas in Western Australia and to make alpaca breeding approachable and fun! WAAY have already run various junior handling events and were also massive contributors to the inaugural ASA Young Alpaca Judge Championship at the 2019 Perth Royal Show.

They are hosting a face-to-face Young Paraders workshop within the coming weeks – so that we are able to get Young Parader competitions up and running all around the country! This workshop will go into safe handling, do's and don'ts in paraders and a brief explanation into the scoring and rules of the competition. Members of our committee will be helping out where we can via Zoom and wish them the best of luck for their workshop!

NSW Youth would like to thank Janie Forrest for her continual support of alpaca youth (on both the East and West coasts of Australia!) – we hope to be seeing the hearing about the success of this workshop from her soon!

You can keep up with the Youth movement in Western Australia by liking their page on Facebook: Western Australian Alpaca Youth.

ALSO! If you'd like to keep up to date with Alpaca Youth in NSW – you can like our Facebook page: NSW Alpaca Youth. Alternatively, if you'd like to become involved or want to know any information about our initiatives please send up an email at [alpacayouth@gmail.com](mailto:alpacayouth@gmail.com)



2019 ASA Young Alpaca Judges – Perth Royal

Junior Handlers at the 2019 Perth Royal



Junior Handlers Workshop –Held at Honkynut Hill Alpacas in WA

**What have the youth of other industries been up to? Katy Armson-Graham**

The recent online Ag show run by The Ag Group, South coast and tablelands was a great success with a great turnout in the alpaca section and some members of the NSW alpaca youth group taking out top prizes in the photography section. Congratulation to Sam Hayward who had the overall winning alpaca with Pants Junior and to Rubey Williams who won the highest scored alpaca fleece, which was placed 3rd overall coming out on top of several merino fleeces. Overall the online show was a great success with over 600 entries from across NSW.



Rubey with the winning fleece



Sam with Pants Junior





**The AAA National Fleece Challenge will take place in December 2020.**

Why “Fleece Challenge”? Simply to differentiate it from the annual National Fleece Show which, along with the National Halter Show has been deferred until 2021. We are throwing out a challenge to all breeders to create a brilliant display of alpaca fleeces to show that the industry is thriving in spite of lockdowns, travel restrictions and face masks!

This is a one-off special event to promote your best fleeces, given the lack of opportunity to show this year. We are pleased that Natasha Clark has accepted the invitation to judge this special event, subject to any Covid-19 restrictions that may be in place at the time.

A percentage of show income will be dedicated to prizemoney for successful fleeces in the Fleece Challenge and for those who have saved their show fleeces from last shearing, there will be a special prize for the best pair of fleeces exhibited from the one alpaca, provided they have placed in their relevant classes. Remember, this is not **JUST** a fleece show – it is your chance to show the quality of your breeding that would have taken pride of place in your show pens in any normal year. So, check over your best alpacas and plan your shearing and fleece preparation for your stud’s display of strength in times of adversity. A list of Q&As covering the overall concept of the National Fleece Challenge can be found [on the AAA website](#)

As usual, we rely on the support of sponsors to fund this important event. Sponsorships are available for both Age and Colour Championships. If you would like to sponsor, please contact Lyn Dickson ([warralinga@hotmail.net.au](mailto:warralinga@hotmail.net.au)) as soon as possible. A special thank you to those studs who have already made contact to offer sponsorship.



## Committee Bios



**Emma Timmony- NSW Events/Social media/IT**

Emma along with her husband Sean started Dunbars Run Alpacas 7 years ago with two wethers. We have a focus on white, light fawn and black huacaya and love every minute of being on farm. Emma also works off farm as an Operations Manager for a non- for profit Membership Association and has also sat on the previous HBM committee and looked after the social media portfolio. As well as being highly active with shows and regional events.

**Fran Haslin– NSW Secretary**

Fran joined the AAA in 1994 and purchased her first two alpacas in 1996. Since then she has been running Elysion Alpacas with her husband Paul, breeding both huacayas and suris. Fran has worked with Paul convening 9 National Shows and 10 Sydney Royals. She has also been involved in many other volunteer roles over the years receiving an award from the Southern Region NSW as well as the first ever AAA award for volunteering in 2011. Fran looks forward to serving the members of NSW Region as Secretary.



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# Charles Ledger Show 2019





# Gunning Show 2020



Most results for the 2020 Gunning Show are now available on ealpaca. I am working with to resolve some technical issues delaying the addition of Champion Male/Females and Best in Colour results.

Congratulations to our Supreme Champion Winners:

Supreme Suri: Elimbari Quartzite owned by Elimbari Alpacas

Supreme Huacaya: Ambersun Marksman owned by Monga Alpacas

The 2020 stud service sponsorship program was a huge success, a list of sponsors and prize winners is attached, which may also be of interest for your own breeding program. I am very grateful to all who supported this initiative, and I hope to offer this option for sponsorship again in 2021, if exhibitors think it is useful.

Our suri feature show, initiated by Rosie Francis last year, continued with 16 suri entrants. The quality of exhibits was exceptional. I am delighted to confirm that a Best in Colour Suri competition will be offered in 2021, as long as we reach the minimum number of ten exhibits required to run a show under AAA rules of competition. I would love to see suris of all colours entered next year to make this a feature we can use to promote the growth of suri breeding across the industry.



The entry of 90 huacayas proved that alpaca breeders are a resilient mob. The judges noted the quality and health of the exhibits given the ongoing drought conditions in New South Wales, and the impacts of fire on several exhibitors.

Many thanks to our judges Wendy Billington and Kurtis Parker for their invaluable feedback and good humour throughout the day.

This was my first ever show as a convenor. Thanks to Rob Harborne for his contributions as Co-convenor and Chief Steward. I was also supported by a number of volunteers during the day, who helped out with big and small tasks. My undying thanks go to:

Carolyn Austin and Connor Lumbus for vet-checks

Steve Wyatt for show desk admin and results

Graham Lugg and Paul Maslen for ring stewarding

The Gunning Show Committee do an exceptional job in providing a great country show. If you've never been to Gunning, please consider joining us as an exhibitor, volunteer or spectator next year.



I welcome your feedback to help improve the show for 2021, please email me at [annemarieash-ton@hotmail.com](mailto:annemarieash-ton@hotmail.com)

Annemarie Ashton-Wyatt Co-Convenor Gunning 2020





# Royal Canberra Show 2020

Firstly I would like to thank the RNCAS, AAA NSW Region and Convenor Cath Lukin for accepting me as the Judge for the Royal Canberra Fleece Show. A big thank you to Graham Lugg & Tim Toshack for convening such a well organised event and to your fantastic fleece team – Ann Ranyard, Margaret Dorsch and Pauline & David Rouse whom all made the day run smoothly.

There were 107 huacaya fleeces entered including 9 entries in the Commercial Fleece Class. Unfortunately, there were insufficient suri fleeces entered to convene a suri fleece show this year. All the fleeces were grid sampled and micron tested before the show.

I was really impressed with the overall quality of well skirted fleeces presented on the day. The standard was very high across all colour classes and very competitive in the scoring.

The highest scoring fleeces, especially those awarded Championships displayed the highest level of positive traits when compared to the breed standard, those being fineness of micron in conjunction with fleece weight and uniformity of micron, character, style and length.

The highest scoring fleece and overall Supreme Fleece was also awarded Most Commercial Fleece.

I would like to congratulate all exhibitors in particular those awarded Championships, the Supreme and Most Commercial Fleece.

Once again, thank you to the Convenors Cath Lukin, Tim Toshack & Graham Lugg for such a well organised event.

Kindest regards,

Bronwyn Munn



# Boorowa Show 2020

## **Boorowa Show Report**

Boorowa Show was held on March 7 and despite the days leading up to the show being very wet the ground firmed up and the day firmed up enough so that we could conduct the show out doors in the 'usual' spot. Our judge was Amber O'Neill and 16 exhibitors brought 62 animals to be judged.

At the end of the day our Supreme Suri was Elimbari Putin on the Ritz exhibited by Elimbari Alapacas and our Supreme Huacaya was Illawarra Maverick Dancer exhibited by Coolawarra Alpacas. Other placings were:

### **Suri**

Junior Male Champion: Elimbari Quid; Reserve: Bellapaca Frank

Intermediate Female Chamion: Elimbari Quest; Reserve: Bellapaca Jitterbug

Intermediate Male Champion: Elimbari Quartzite; Reserve: Bellapaca Pablo

Adult Female Champion: Elimbari Pennyroyal

Adult Male Champion: Elimbari Putin on the Ritz; Reserve: Accapacca Gold Dragon

Sires Progeny – First – Surilana Joel; Second – Pacofino Ink Spot



### **Huacaya**

Junior Female Champion: Mapa Pavlova; Reserve: Nurrenyen Qing

Junior Male Champion: Nurrenyen Quincy; Reserve: Lillyfield Night Moves

Intermediate Female Chamion: Teralba Park White Opal; Reserve: Lualto Firedancer

Intermediate Male Champion: Lillyfield Kobborg; Reserve: Malakai Cosmic Force ET

Adult Female Champion: Lualto Masquerade; Reserve: Jurustalle Tamara

Adult Male Champion: Illawarra Strictly Ballroom – Best White; Reserve: Coolaroo Pants Junior – Best Med/Dark Fawn



Senior Male Champion: Illawarra Maverick Dancer – Best Light Fawn; Reserve: Alpha Centauri Shazzam

Illawarra Gin & Tonic – Best Brown; Incamon QT Airlie – Best Grey and Karen Caldwell Memorial Shield; Lillyfield Kalyan – Best Roan; Lillyfield Cross Fire – Best Black; Aberfeldy Oskar – Best Fancy

Sires Progeny – First – Nurrenyen Falerin; Second – Lillyfield Up the Ante

A big thank you to all those who helped out on the day, especially our chief steward Carolyn Austin, and to all those exhibitors who took a turn at marshalling and ring stewarding. Thanks to all exhibitors who brought their animals out and helped with pull down at the end of the day. Last, but definitely not least, thank you to all our sponsors: Woolumbin Alpacas, Guwarra Alpacas, Jimburra Alpacas, Jentez Park Alpacas, Hyghclere Alpacas, Meghan Behler, Wedgetail Rise Alpacas, Boston Fine Fibres, Maison Mauve Alpacas.

Rosie Francis

Boorowa Show Convenor





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## Abstract

Alpacas spend more than half of their lives eating and chewing. It is essential as their carers that we understand the basics of alpaca dental anatomy and the effects dental problems can have on the overall health and welfare of our alpacas. This paper will provide an overview of alpaca dental anatomy, discuss the most common problems alpacas have with their teeth and provide owners with a guide to identifying individuals within their herds, that may need dental attention.

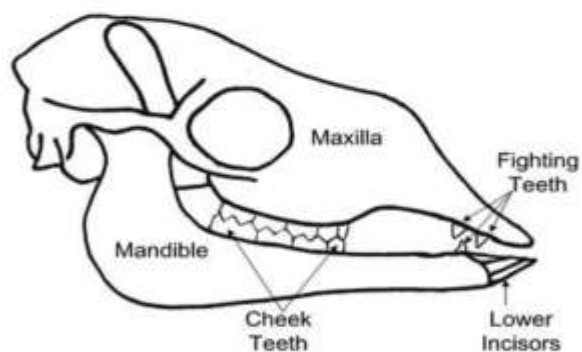
## Introduction

As in other animals, the mouth is the first stage of the digestive tract. A correctly balanced, well functioning mouth allows the alpaca to graze and chew both comfortably and efficiently -essential for the overall health and wellbeing of the animal. Good teeth play an important role in this process. Dental disorders are not only painful for the animal, (to which many humans can relate) but left untreated will have a detrimental effect in many areas including body weight, fibre quality and the ability to reproduce.

## Dental Anatomy

Alpacas have a total of 30-32 teeth comprising of six incisors, six fighting teeth and 18-20 cheek teeth (Fig 1).

During their lifetime alpacas will have two sets of teeth. The first teeth, known as deciduous or baby teeth, are temporary and will be replaced between two and four years of age with permanent teeth.



*Fig.1 Alpaca skull showing dental anatomy*

## Incisors

The incisors are the six teeth in the lower jaw at the front of an alpaca's mouth (Fig 2). They are designed to fit snugly against the dental pad of the upper jaw. They are used to grasp and cut grass, leaves and shrubs.

Cria are usually born with their front two incisors and by six months of age will have all six. These first incisors are deciduous teeth and they will be replaced commencing at around two years of age with permanent teeth. By the time the alpaca has reached three and a half years all six deciduous incisors will have been replaced.



*Fig.2 Incisors*



## Fighting teeth

The fighting teeth of an alpaca are located behind the incisors (Fig 3 and Fig.4). There are two in the top jaw and one in the bottom jaw on both sides of the mouth. These teeth are very sharp, curve towards the back of the mouth and are well designed to rip and tear. Males have well developed fighting teeth and can cause serious injuries to their paddock companions during fights for dominance. Females usually have fighting teeth but they are much smaller than those of a male.

Fighting teeth erupt at around three years of age and should be trimmed to prevent serious injury to other alpacas.



*Fig.3 Fighting Teeth of a Mature Male*

## Cheek Teeth

At the back of the mouth in both the upper and lower jaws are the premolars and molars, usually referred to as the cheek teeth (Fig.4). The cheek teeth are arranged so the upper and lower arcades (rows of teeth) mesh together to produce an efficient grinding surface. These teeth do all the hard work grinding the food to a consistency suitable for swallowing.



*Fig.4 Skull Showing the Cheek Teeth and Well Developed Fighting Teeth*

## Occlusion and Malocclusion

The meeting together of the upper and lower teeth and the dental pad is referred to as occlusion. If the teeth do not occlude correctly then this is referred to as malocclusion. The teeth of an alpaca form and grow in the jawbones beneath the gums. These teeth erupt into the alpaca's mouth and wear away against the opposing teeth/ dental pad as the animal bites and chews. This process of continual wearing and eruption continues throughout the life of the alpaca until the teeth are worn out. Any uneven wear will cause a malocclusion and hamper the animals' ability to graze and chew correctly.

Malocclusions cause varying degrees of discomfort or pain to the animal. While times are good and food is plentiful the discomfort may not seem so obvious. When times are tougher, for example during times of drought, late pregnancy or lactation the effects of malocclusions become more pronounced.

## Incisor Malocclusions

Undershot jaw (Fig.5A and Fig.5B) is one of the easiest malocclusions to recognise as the lower incisors protrude beyond the dental pad. Overshot jaw (Fig.6) is when the dental pad protrudes beyond the lower incisors.

Both of these malocclusions can easily be seen by parting the lips and looking at the conformation of the mouth. These problems have been proven to be hereditary in other species (Fowler, 1998, p. 483)

These alpacas can still hold good condition on long pasture or with supplementary feeding. When



*Fig 5A. Undershot jaw front view*



*Fig 5B. Undershot jaw side view*



*Fig 6. Overshot jaw, side view*

pasture is in short supply and these animals have to forage for themselves their ability to hold condition is compromised.

## Molar Malocclusions

Between birth and four years of age an alpaca will replace its deciduous premolars and twelve permanent molars will also erupt at the back of its mouth, three on each side, in both the upper and lower jaws. As you can imagine this eruption pattern doesn't always go to plan.

When the upper and lower cheek teeth do not occlude correctly the unworn teeth become so long that they grow into the opposing gum and in extreme cases the bone is also damaged (Fig.7).



*Fig 7. An overlong molar in the lower jaw has worn a gap between two of the top teeth. When this alpaca's mouth was closed the long tooth was gouging the gums and has also damaged the bone.*

## Recognising Malocclusions

A dental abnormality will manifest itself with one or more visible signs. Regular observation of your alpacas will identify small problems before they become major challenges. Animal age, conformation, seasonal conditions, diet and regional soil variations can all have an impact on dental health. Alpacas should chew evenly on both sides of their mouth without dropping food to the ground.

Often loss of body condition is the first symptom owners become aware of. Some animals may show a reluctance to eat, dribbling, an abscess or swelling in the cheek area and obvious pain whilst chewing.





**Fig.8 A 'quid' held in the cheek area. A sign of serious tooth problems**

Swelling in the cheek area may be due to the holding of grass or hay in the side of the mouth referred to as quidding (Fig.8). Alpacas with overgrown or very sharp molars use this ball of food to protect their cheeks and gums from the pain incurred while chewing their food. The quid is not swallowed but spat out and you may find them on the ground in the area where the alpacas live.

## Conclusion

A correctly functioning mouth is an integral part of alpaca health and well-being. Malocclusions can have significant negative impacts but can usually be corrected to a degree sufficient to restore animal health.

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## GENETICS, CONSISTENCY, PREDICTABILITY

# Alpaca Myths—Part Four

## #6 ALPACA IS MORE DURABLE THAN SHEEPS WOOL!

Alpaca is considered to be a durable fibre similar to that of wool (relevant to similar microns). **However Professor Wang (2005) suggests that Alpaca may in fact be more durable, when examining bending / abrasion fatigue on Alpaca and Wool;**

*"The results indicate that the number of abrasion / bending cycles at fibre break increases with an increase in fibre diameter, and that alpaca fibres are more abrasion resistant than wool of similar diameter. One reason for this is that the alpaca fibres have a much lower scale thickness (or much smoother surface) than the wool fibres".*

**As the fibre becomes coarser it becomes harsher and although the fibres become more durable per sae they are not as desirable to wear close to the skin.**

To gain a better understanding of the attributes, important knowledge of alpaca fibre and its fibre preparation for sale, I recommend my book "A Definitive Guide To Alpaca Fibre" for your reading.

## #9 BLUE EYED WHITES ARE NOT DEAF!

**This was one of the first myths to be proved false.**

In 1992 whilst visiting leading alpaca breeders, Alan and Carolyn Jinks at their property in Victoria, Australia, to conduct a training program I took the opportunity to walk through their base herd of alpacas with Alan. We noticed a white alpaca which appeared unaware when we were walking close to her. She did not move generally and on inspection found that she was a blue eyed white. Using some attention techniques like clapping hands and noise, Alan and I made the decision that she was deaf. This was my first encounter with the blue eyed white syndrome which has also been found in mohair goats.



Discussing this at the time with many people, the consensus was still that blue eyed whites were not deaf. I know deafness has been found in the goats and it seemed feasible that this was happening with our alpacas. It wasn't until research finally proved that in a majority of blue eyed white alpacas, most of them were in fact deaf.

*Anecdotal evidence, research evidence from Elizabeth Paul (Australia) and a study by D Anderson and P March (2002 USA), where they conclude that "Congenital deafness" is prevalent in alpacas with a white hair coat and solid blue eye colour (approximately 90% of animals with solid white hair coats and solid sky-blue to white eyes are deaf)".*

**This data strongly suggests that true blue eyed whites have close links with congenital deafness.**

(Those alpaca breeders of "grey fibre" should read Elizabeth Pauls book "The Alpaca Colour Key")

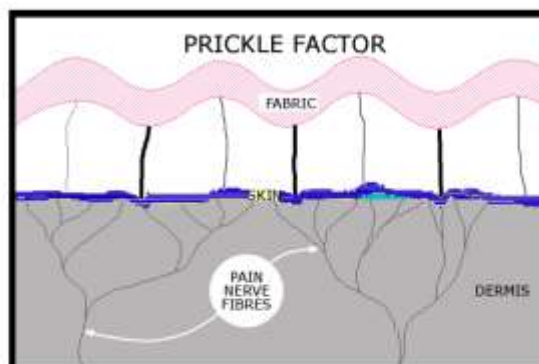


### #3 ALPACA IS PRICKLE FREE!

#### PRICKLE FACTOR (%AE30)

##### “Comfort factor”

This is a term given to the perceived sensations from contact of clothing with the skin. The main sensation is the itch or prickles that some (few) people identify as giving discomfort. Research suggests that the itch is not an allergy but a response from the pain nerve receptors in the skin to the coarse fibres (over 30 micron) protruding from yarn in the fabric.



The coarse fibres being the high load supporting fibres that protrude from the fabric exert a force of 100mg or greater. This indents the skin subsequently activating the pain receptors in the dermis. The finer more flexible fibres do not create the same problem. It is a prickle or itch that is perceived and not a pain.

**The offending fibres (Natural or Synthetic) are usually over 30 microns in diameter in particular are those over 40 microns.**

***Yarn with a high content of coarse medullated or Guardhair fibre will produce a much greater discomfort to the wearer.*** It therefore is wise to be aware of the measurement on the histogram indicating the percentage of fibres over 30 microns (Greater than 5%).

**Alpaca fibre, at 5% over 30 $\mu$ , averages around 21.5 microns (subject to fibre variance "CofV" in the fleece). Little difference between Huacaya and Suri fibre could be found for this characteristic. (Holt/Scott 1998)**

***Studies have shown that sheep's wool of an average diameter of 21 microns and a low C.O.V. having less than 5% of fibre over 30 microns should not be perceived as having a prickle (itch) problem.***

Prickle factor is now being quoted as “comfort factor” and is shown in reverse to that of prickle factor, EG PF 5.16, would now read CF 94.84. The research being quoted in this article was done when the term “prickle factor” was in use.

Research by Dolling et al (1992) was for an evaluation of prickliness in woollen fabrics. Similar fleeces (for mean fibre diameter, S.D. staple length and strength) were processed together to make knitted fabrics. One fabric had a mean diameter of 23.2 microns C.O.V. of 16.4%, the other a diameter of 21.5 microns and C.O.V. 21.7%. When assessed the 23.2 micron was perceived as being less prickly. When looking at the % of fibres greater than 30 microns the 16.4% C.O.V. had 3.6% above compared to 5.0%.

When spinning yarns at high speeds (Sporle, P 1994) the broad micron fibres tend to be thrown to the outside of the yarn. He has indicated to the writer that using less

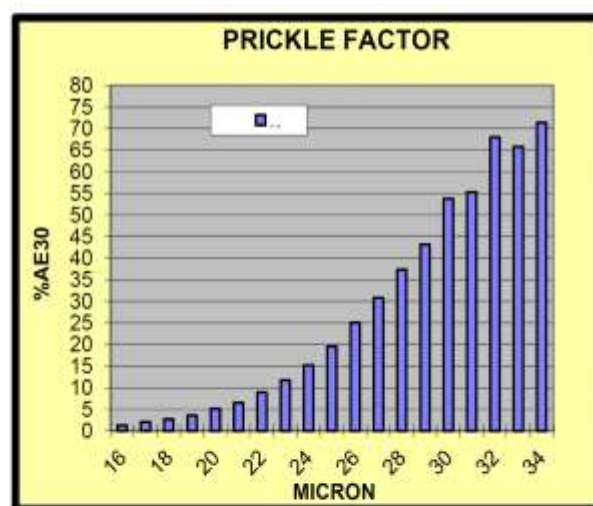
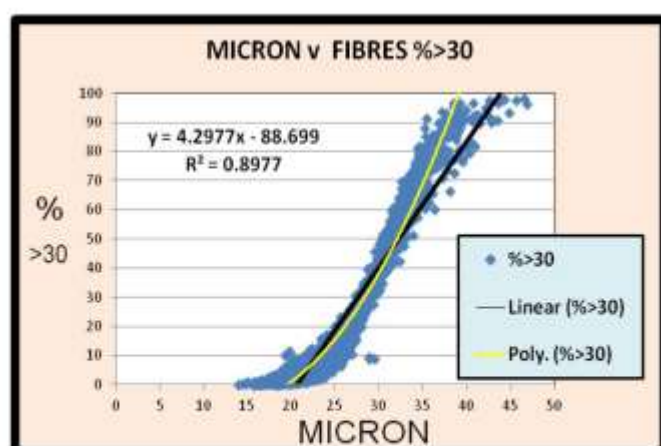


twist (soft twist) he can reduce the prickle effect. If there is an extreme coarse edge in the fibre then the problem will still remain. Mr Sporle says that using a soft twist on fibres up to 28 microns and a C.O.V. of up to 22 he can create a yarn that is comfortable on the skin.

Woven fabrics with their tighter construction (similar micron) will tend to be pricklier than the knitted fabrics. The fibre ends are not as rigid in the knitted fabrics.

Fibre length also plays a role in the "prickle factor". The longer the average fibre length the less fibre ends should protrude therefore the less the prickle factor.

*So when using measurement data in selection you should take note of % number of fibres over 30 microns, as well as C.O.V. Of course as the micron gets stronger so the % over 30 microns will become greater in number.*



***Keep your eye on the C.O.V. and coarse edge micron, you can keep it at its lowest level.***

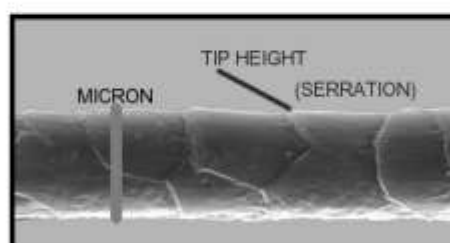
**BREED OUT GUARD HAIR**

## **AUTHORS COMMENT**

### **HANDLE AND SOFTNESS**

**This characteristic in my opinion is the main assets of Alpaca fibre (Author).**

The softness is usually due to the micron of the fibre but when comparing Alpaca with wool we have a major difference. The cuticle cells (outer) on wool protrude approximately 0.8 of a micron (scale height) compared to Alpaca that protrudes approx. 0.4 – 0.3 of a micron (suri less). **This gives a feel of around 2/3 microns finer (softer) than the equivalent micron in wool.**



With some lustrous Huacaya fibre and Suri fibre you can get also a more slippery feel due to the scale frequency per 100 microns being lower. These characteristics are advantageous to Alpaca not only from the softness angle but also from the ability to wear Alpaca fibre on the skin. You would assume that the prickle factor which applies to wool with 5% of fibres over 30 microns may not be as severe on the equivalent Alpaca fibre, although if the yarn has a lot of coarse fibres through it this may not be the case. Coarse fibre ends touching the skin triggering pain receptors just below the epidermis layer cause the prickle factor.

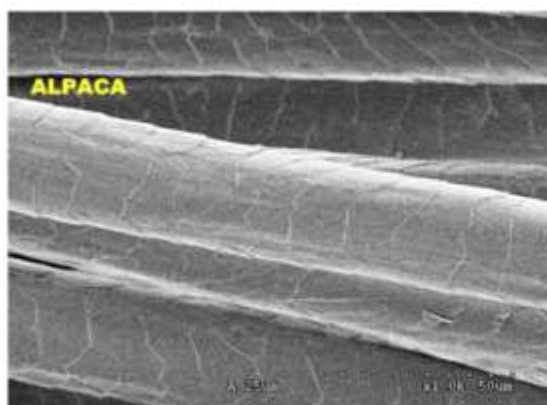
*During the year (2017) the author read an article written by Meyla Bianco Johnston in "Alpaca Culture". regarding substitution of wool into a product labelled Alpaca.*

*Press releases indicated "alpaca" being mislabelled (blended with wool or other fibres) that is, not identified in the correct content on the labelling. I heard of it back in the 1960'. Superfine wool was sometimes substituted with cashmere. The superfine wool being cheaper than the cashmere and it is difficult to detect the difference between these protein fibres once the fibres are blended and spun. Blending is widely used during textile manufacture and it is not illegal, but undisclosed substitution is.*

The author carried out a research trial to prove the correctness of previous studies and a confirmation of identification of solid alpaca fibre (<20 $\mu$ ) being wrongly identified as wool.

## ALPACA & WOOL SCALE HEIGHT ESTIMATED MEASUREMENT IN SELECTED GROUPS

MIC range	MIC AVE	ALPACA $\mu$	WOOL $\mu$
13/17	15 $\mu$	0.36	0.79
18/22	20 $\mu$	0.35	0.78
23/26	25 $\mu$	0.43	0.92
27/31	30 $\mu$	0.30	1.27

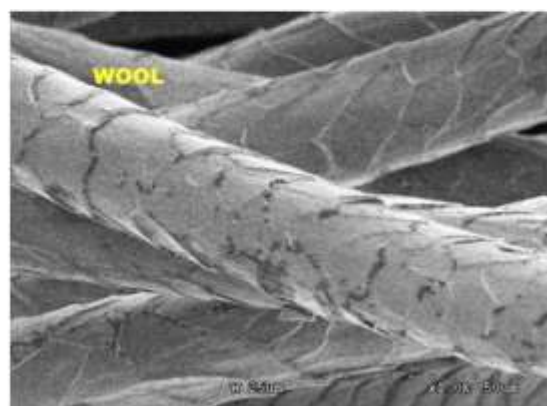


In these two microscope photos of 25 $\mu$  fibres taken of "Alpaca and the Wool", the differentiation can be seen very clearly in the scale height between the two slides.

The Alpaca scale did not

noticeably protrude from the shaft of the fibre.

**The Wool scale protruded approximately twice that of the Alpaca**



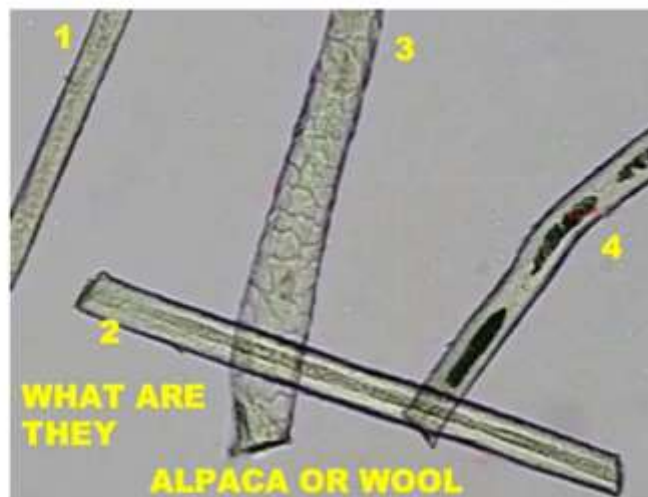


**Scales per 100µ for micron in this 25µ group were around 8 for both Alpaca and Wool in this study.**

Findings confirm results of Tillman/Davit (2006)

**By the way, WHAT ARE THESE FIBRES?** *Answer at the end*

I believe there is no doubt that the lower scale height of alpaca greatly enhances the handle (softness) of alpaca fibre when compared to wool.



## NSW Shearers



A huge thank you goes out the NSW Regions wonderful secretary Fran Haslin!! Over the last three weeks, in these times of Covid and so many people struggling to find shearers because of border closures etc. she has called and contacted over 20 shearers in the NSW area and has put together a detailed list of shearers in NSW and the services they provide. This updated list will also be updated on the AAA website for everyone to access.





STEPHAN AULD	0428 491 963	<a href="mailto:shearpower2ewe@yahoo.com.au">shearpower2ewe@yahoo.com.au</a>
	Mobile units covering from South Coast to Muswellbrook and west to Orange. Shears sheep, goats etc. All husbandry. Minimum: 1 animal Website: <a href="http://shearpower2ewe.com">shearpower2ewe.com</a>	
MICHAEL CLOUT	0428 771 141	<a href="mailto:mjcloutrural@yahoo.com.au">mjcloutrural@yahoo.com.au</a>
	Based: Dubbo. Services: Hunter, Hawkesbury, Central Coast, Dubbo, Mudgee, Bathurst, Greater Sydney down to Picton. Sheep, goats, llamas. Toenails & teeth incl, vaccinations \$5 per animal.	
GLEN DAWSON	0488 692 802	<a href="mailto:glend313@gmail.com">glend313@gmail.com</a>
	Based: Orangeville, NSW	
JOHN DAWSON	0436 806 857	<a href="mailto:johnbdawson17@gmail.com">johnbdawson17@gmail.com</a>
	Based: Orangeville, Wagga Wagga Services: Sydney, Coast & Highland and The Riverina Minimum number: 2 Shears on the floor Does teeth, toenails and vaccinations. Preferred contact: Mobile or email.	
JAMES DIXON	0403 402 114	<a href="mailto:bravoshear@bigpond.com">bravoshear@bigpond.com</a>
	Based in Dapto Prefer contact by email. Services: Illawarra, South Coast, Southern Highlands, Southern Tablelands, Snowy-Monaro, Riverina, Blue Mountains. Will shear up to 5 sheep or goats. Ask about llamas.	
IAN ELKINS	0417 496 815	<a href="mailto:elko6322@hotmail.com">elko6322@hotmail.com</a>
	Based: Southern Tablelands. Call or SMS to mobile. Does toenails, teeth, vaccinations. Has own generator and roustabout.	
MICHAEL ELKINS	0408 665 228	<a href="mailto:mick@elkinsalpacashearing.com.au">mick@elkinsalpacashearing.com.au</a>
	Based: Southern Tablelands. In Qld Aug-Sep. Services: Mostly between Sydney & Canberra. Shears alpacas, sheep, goats, llamas. Does toenails, teeth, drench and vaccinations. Table shearing, has own generator, will have a helper with him.	
JOE HOFER	0411 025 833 02 6026 3835	<a href="mailto:joe@petlyn.com.au">joe@petlyn.com.au</a>
	Based: Jindera (near Albury) Services: Most areas of Southern NSW & Northern Vic if numbers justify travel. Will shear 1 if in the area. Shear llamas and very small numbers of sheep or goats. Toenails, Vaccinations & drench are included for small numbers. Teeth as required. Larger numbers by negotiation. Roustabout can be arranged. Contact by any of above.	



## Shearing during COVID

All alpaca businesses must assess the risks associated with exposure to COVID-19 and implement control measures. For the alpaca industry, shearing is an essential service/practice and unlike shows cannot be canceled. Therefore the AAA recommends that all farmers assess the risk that COVID-19 presents to the health and safety of yourselves and your workers and implement control measures to minimise the risk of exposure to COVID-19. The AAA has prepared a set of shearing guidelines to assist members and their contractors to stay COVID safe during shearing season.

### [COVID Shearing Guidelines 2020](#)

Each farmer should complete the “Shearer Essential Service Sample Letter” ( modify if they wish) on your own letterhead [Shearer Essential Service Sample Letter](#)

Keep a record of names and mobile number or email address of all workers for 28 days using an activity register such as this – [Shearer Covid-19 Activity Register](#)



BRIAN HUGHES	No Mobile Based: Grenfell Shears: alpacas, sheep, goats & llamas Does teeth & toenails Shears on a table, needs access to power Will need one or two assistants to help handle and lift animals.	6343 7143 (leave message) Services: Cowra/Young/Forbes/West Wyalong
CATH LUKIN	0400 076 432 Based: Braidwood Alpacas only, minimum of 1. Prices vary dependent on a number of factors, please enquire. Does toenails, teeth, vaccinations, drench & AD&E (if required). Also provides year round service for 5-in-1, toenails etc.	<a href="mailto:Sensurialpacas@gmail.com">Sensurialpacas@gmail.com</a> Covers: Braidwood, NSW South coast, Monaro
SHAUN McFADYEN	0405 535 758 Contact: refer Text or email but happy to talk to someone. Facebook page: Shorn by Shaun. Based: Mudgee Will shear llamas. Does toenails. Has roustabout if numbers over 10.	<a href="mailto:shaun.shearer58@gmail.com">shaun.shearer58@gmail.com</a> Services: Hunter Valley/ Newcastle, Central Coast, Sydney, Central West, Canberra. Will travel anywhere in NSW for large numbers. Will do small numbers.
BERNIE McINERNEY	0429 668 240 Based: Goulburn Minimum: 1 Does teeth, toenails & vaccinations if client has vaccine. Shears on table, needs access to power.	Services: Tumut, Hunter Valley, Northern NSW, Tamworth areas Shears sheep, goats and llamas
ALASTAIR McLAREN	0488 728 632 Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/mclarensofhawkesbury/">www.facebook.com/mclarensofhawkesbury/</a> McLarens of Hawkesbury Shearing & Rural Services Based: Hawkesbury Minimum number: 1 Does toenails & vaccinations, not teeth. Shears on the floor. Ask if you need a roustabout.	<a href="mailto:mclarenangus@live.com.au">mclarenangus@live.com.au</a> Services: Sydney, Blue Mountains, Central Coast, Putty, Camden, Hawkesbury Shear: Alpacas, llamas, sheep.
CHRIS POWER	0438 653 782 Based: Bathurst & Central Coast. Covers: Most of NSW. (in SA in October) Minimum: Will do small numbers, <u>people contact in July/August</u> so he can set up a run in a particular area. Prefers to shear only alpacas & llamas. Toenails. Vaccinations & teeth if vaccines and grinder provided. Has an animal handler with him.	<a href="mailto:powza01@bigpond.com">powza01@bigpond.com</a>

- DREW SHEARMAN 0427 924 493 [enquiries@shearmanlivestock.com.au](mailto:enquiries@shearmanlivestock.com.au)  
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 Services: Newcastle, Central Coast, Hunter Valley & Mid North Coast regularly. Mudgee occasionally. Annual run to Toowoomba.  
 Prefer to do smaller lots (less than a 100). Will do 1 animal.  
 Shears sheep, goats and llamas.  
 Does toenails, teeth, vaccinations. Will worm drench if required.  
 Shears on a table. Doesn't have a roustabout.  
 Preferred method of contact: Text preferred or email.
- SIMON WARNER 0429 687 229 6368 7229 No email  
 Based: East Guyong near Millthorpe. Serving the Central West  
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 Will do teeth, toenails, vaccinations & drench.
- RICHARD WIRTH 0418 972 233 [richard@incamonalpacas.com.au](mailto:richard@incamonalpacas.com.au)  
 Based: Laggan Services: Anywhere in NSW  
 Shears alpacas & llamas. Minimum number: 1  
 Supplies own plant consisting of electric gear, generator, and all the equipment to shear, drench, vaccinate, Teeth Trim, and Pedicure. Shear on a table or on the ground.
- KEN WRAY 0407 050 252 4841 1818 [ken-wray@bigpond.com](mailto:ken-wray@bigpond.com)  
 Website: [www.alpacacarensnsw.com](http://www.alpacacarensnsw.com)  
 Based: Marulan Services: Southern Tablelands, Southern Highlands, Western Sydney, South Coast (Northern end).  
 Minimum number: 1 Maximum number: 30 Will shear llamas.  
 Toenails, teeth vaccinations included. Drenching if required.  
 Specialises in small numbers, particularly pets and guards.  
 Does husbandry work outside shearing period.  
 Happy to give advice to owners unfamiliar with alpacas.
- SEAN TIMMONY 0417 372 937 [DunbarsRunAlpacas@gmail.com](mailto:DunbarsRunAlpacas@gmail.com)  
 Based: North Richmond Services: Hawkesbury/ Blue mountains, Penrith, Mulgoa, Camden /Picton/ Werombi area, Hills District, other areas on application.  
 Minimum number: 2 Maximum number: on quotation Will also shear sheep, goats, llamas: On application. Can do toenails, teeth and vaccinations. Shears on the floor and has a roustabout. Preferred method of contact is Text.



# Hawkesbury Show Ground Improvements

Whilst there have been no alpaca activities at the Hawkesbury Showground for several months, that does not mean that work has stopped altogether. The showground is still staffed and open every day. The HDAA Committee has used the down-time to build, replace and repair in preparation for the time when this COVID nightmare is over. The loss of the 2020 Show meant a big hit to HDAA revenue and close to \$1million was lost as a result of the show's cancellation.

There are a number of funding opportunities provided by State and Federal governments to try to kick start some areas of the local economy. In the past few months HDAA has been able to secure funding to build a further 26 horse stables, construct a new toilet block for the dog area, finish the woodchop pavilion and general turf laying, painting and makeover around the grounds. New water mains have been installed to increase the water flow to all areas of the showground and a new bore has been sunk to allow irrigation of the main area.

The big project currently being investigated is the complete replacement and upgrading of the area surrounding the Alpaca area. We are all aware of the potential flooding problems in this area and the fact that marquees need to be hired at considerable expense each year.

HDAA has lodged an application with Crown Lands for \$1.7million grant to replace the existing Sheep, Alpaca and Goat pavilions at the Showground with an 30m x 90m all-weather, part open span part covered shed on a fully polished concrete base. New access roads would be built and the proposal includes toilet and shower facilities and a tea room as well as storage facilities. The area is little used other than at Showtime and this significant upgrade would provide long term benefits to many other users and improved income to HDAA.

There can be no guarantees that HDAA's application will be successful and we will not know the grant outcome until November. However this approach does indicate the willingness of HDAA to continue a program of improvements to all areas of the Showground.

**Ken Willes**



# Calendar of Events

Event	Date	Location	Contact
NSW Region AGM	TBA	NSW	Keyrn Burns 0400 780 722
Aust National Fleece Show	Dec 2020	Southern Highlands, NSW	Lyn Dickson <a href="mailto:warralinga@hotmail.net.au">warralinga@hotmail.net.au</a>

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)**

## Tips & Tricks

Shearing time can be hot and humid but it can also be hot and dry! A good way to stop fleece 'flying away' and stop fleece getting into eyes, ears, up the nose and in the mouth when it is hot and the humidity is so low that the static is a problem, is to sprinkle a small amount of water onto a towel to wipe down your skirting table.



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# 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 19.1μ 4.1SD 21.5CV 98.8% CF

2017 Mean 19.5μ 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: 2018 Mean 24.1μ 5.7SD 21.5CV 86.6% CF

201 Mean 25.2μ 5.7SD 23.6CV 84.5% 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: 24.1μ 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 Ph:02 6358 8275 Mob 0428 663 161 E: [keianalodge@yahoo.com.au](mailto:keianalodge@yahoo.com.au) W:

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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.

Stud Service Fee: by negotiation. Live cria guarantee.

### 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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### Patagonia Elite Grantham SW IAR 217960



Stud Name: Janella Alpacas DOB: 11.02.2016 Area: Bathurst

Sire: ILR Snowmass Elite Transcendence W Dam: Patagonia Celtic Gossamer SLF

Fleece Stats: year 2019 Mean: 19.2 $\mu$  SD 3.9 CV 20.2 CF 99.6%

Grantham was the first cria to be born from the imported Snowmass males for Patagonia Alpacas. His fleece has a high frequency crimp and beautiful handle. His 4<sup>th</sup> fleece won Reserve Champion fleece at Royal Canberra 2020 for 30-48 months. His elite fleece, correct frame and masculine presence have the ability to enhance the herd of any serious breeder.

Stud service fee: \$ 550 including GST We offer a live cria guarantee. Mobile matings are available.

Enquiries contact name: Jane Merison Ph: 0419 484 589 Email: [sales@janella.com.au](mailto:sales@janella.com.au)



# 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



### Hyghclere Domingo BRN IAR 211962

Stud Name: Hyghclere Alpacas DOB: 03/07/2016 Area: Orange

Sire: Alpha Centauri Pemberton BRN/RN Dam: Pacanalla Kiki

Fleece Stats: 2018 Mean: 21.4 $\mu$  4.1 SD 19.3CV 96.7% CF

2019 Mean: 21.9 $\mu$  4.2SD 19.2CV 96.2% CF

Domingo is a very upstanding, correct male with immense potential for any coloured breeder. He exhibits a dense, very bright, fine fleece with a well aligned, high frequency crimp on a long staple with exceptional handle. Domingo has been extremely well placed in the show ring winning Championships and Supreme. Domingo now has cria on the ground and is a very keen male at mating time.

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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# AAA NSW Region Stud Sires

## Huacaya

### Lillyfield Kard Knight

BRN

IAR 183426

Stud Name: Hyghclere Alpacas DOB: 03/11/2014 Area: Orange

Sire: Blue Grass Bollinger LF Dam: Lillyfield Matilda SMF

Fleece Stats: 2018 Mean: 23.9µ 5.2 SD 21.7CV 89.1% CF

2019 Mean: 22.4µ 4.8 SD 21.5CV 93.2% CF

Kard exhibits a very dense well aligned fleece and is a very well grown male. With his full true to type Accoyo head his lineage speaks for itself. He is a well mannered male and would add terrific coloured genetics to any herd!

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

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### Alpha Centauri Pemberton BRN/RN IAR 184040

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

Sire: Bedrock Sentinal Dam: Flying Colours Miss Penelope

Fleece Stats: 2018 Mean: 23.6µ 3.9 SD 16.5CV 94.7% CF

2019 Mean: 26.1µ 4.8SD 18.2CV 83.6% 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 \$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....

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# AAA NSW Region Stud Sires

## Huacaya



**Hyghclere Ziva WH/BRN FANCY IAR 211959**

Stud Name: Hyghclere Alpacas DOB: 03/07/2016 Area: Orange

Sire: Currumbong Jareth SMB Dam: Braeside Chloe

Fleece Stats: 2018 Mean: 23.2μ 4.6 SD 19.9CV 92.5% CF

2019 Mean: 23.4μ 4.5SD 19.2CV 92.9% CF

Ziva exhibits a dense, very bright, fine fleece with a well aligned, high frequency crimp on long staples with exceptional handle, which is consistent across his frame. Ziva has been extremely well placed in the show ring winning several Supreme Fancy awards. Ziva now has cria on the ground (solid and fancy) and is a very keen male at mating time.

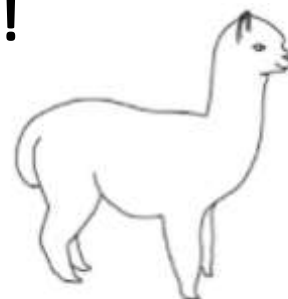
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