

NZ WOOL CLASSERS ASSOCIATION

DECEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER



*Merry
Christmas
To Ewe*



Words from our Registrar Bruce Abbott A1457

Again it been a busy year and I believe the association is making progress in ensuring we serve our members by keeping you informed with more email updates, informative newsletters, engaging with people in the wool harvesting area by holding interesting and informative field days.

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PENCIL IN YOUR DIARY **2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND INDUSTRY (FIELD) DAY** To be held in Timaru Thursday the 9th of May.

It will be run along the same lines as the successful format last year. Keep this day free, the Board looks forward to a large attendance exceeding the 60 that attended this year. Merit Awards will be presented during the day and a light lunch

This day is available to our members at no cost and will be open to others in the industry for a small registration fee.

Watch our website for details of the day closer to the date www.nzwca.co.nz

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NZWCA Chairman's Annual Report Bill Dowle D1076



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Tracy Paterson's South American Experience

Board member and Classer Tracy Paterson (M2133) farms 19,000 Polwarth's at Matakanui Station, situated in Omakau, Central Otago with her husband Andrew (FD2063). Recently they travelled to South America. Tracy shares some of their experiences, comparisons to that of the New Zealand wool and agricultural scene and some interesting findings.



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Professionalism

You are reminded to be mindful of any repercussions of unsavoury publicity that could impact the entire industry (and its future) by posting photos and videos on social media; to be respectful and professional at all times in your dealings and communications, with growers, shed staff and brokers.

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EDUCATION

Education Update by Allan Frazer



NZWCA and Facilitator
Wool Industry Education Group (WIEG)

The first year of delivering the Level 4 certificate in Wool Technology under the management of Taratahi/Telford has been most successful

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REAL FUTURES IN AG

Be the future of the wool industry and study the Certificate in Wool Technology (Level 4) with Telford.

Right now we're looking for students who want to be a part of the wool industry! By studying an NZQA-approved qualification, you will gain practical learning to increase your future career opportunities.

Programme details include . . .

- Part-time programme delivered over 2 years
- Offered across New Zealand, via distance learning
- Starts February 2019

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EDUCATION, contd....

Are you a wool handler, work in a scour or other wool related employment and are wanting to further your knowledge and increase your prospective future employment opportunities? If so you may be interested in completing the **Certificate in Wool Technology** program that was developed by Lincoln University and now presented by the agriculture provider, Taratahi.

Successful completion of this course is a prerequisite to obtaining a 'P' stencil (provisional classer), and followed by a professional wool classing stencil.

The Certificate is a two year, four course/paper distant learning program, whereby students receive modules along with assessment booklets, and answer a set of assignment questions for each course.

The four courses are:

- 1) Wool value chain: Wool production, sheep breeds, organisations within the industry, wool processing systems.
- 2) Wool Classification: assessment of wool parameter (fineness, yield, colour, length & strength), oddment identification, grading & classing. Includes a practical block course in each of the South & North Islands.
- 3) Working in the wool industry: Classing systems in NZ & Australia, Quality systems, staff supervision, professional ethical standards, Health & Safety, working with other cultures.
- 4) Computing & Communication: necessary skills to assist, now and in the future.

Enrolments are now being received for 2019.

The total cost is approx. \$1400.

(\$700/yr, \$350 per course).

The program tutor is Laurie Boniface, and you can contact him to answer any queries you may have

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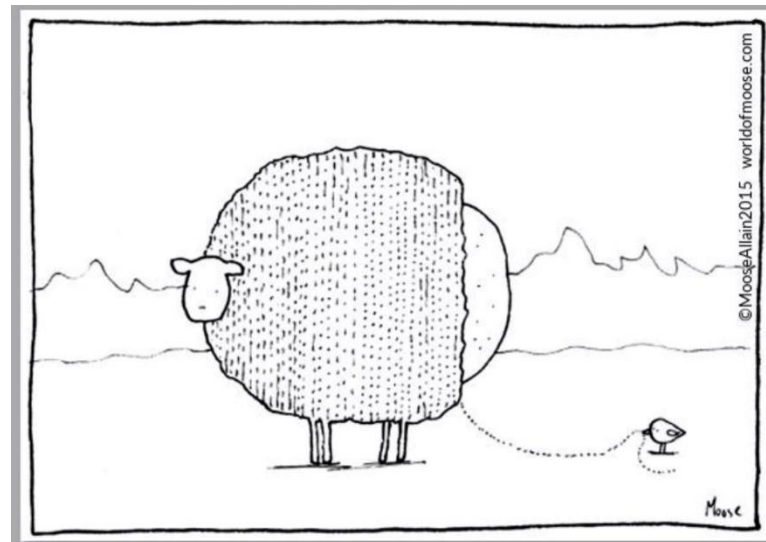
Classer Profile Tina Elers A2129

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Interesting wool related
FB pages you may like to
visit and follow include:

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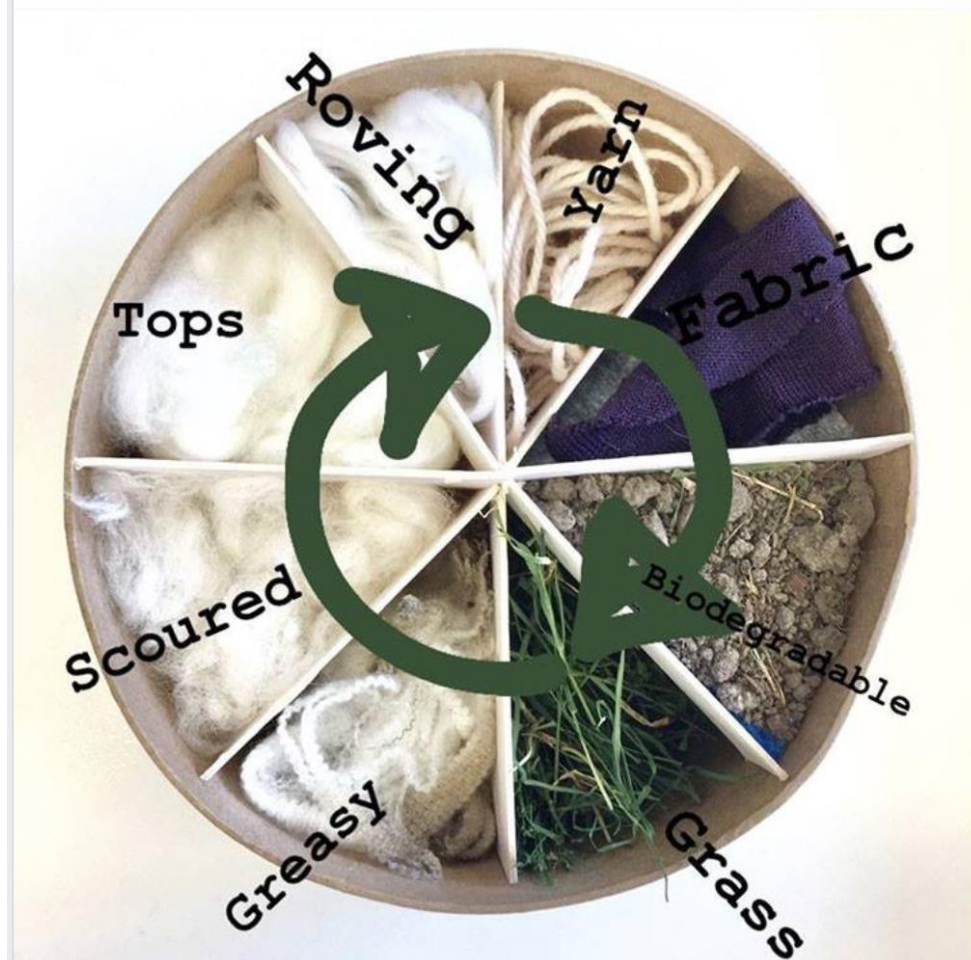
Work Safe

Everyone involved in the wool harvesting process, farmers, shearers, wool handlers and classers have a responsibility to make sure good health and safety practices are followed

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THE WOOL CYCLE



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Invitation to become an Associate Director

The New Zealand Wool Classers Association Incorporated (NZWCA) wishes to offer the opportunity for registered wool classer members to become an “Associate Director”.

The objective is to support potential members of the NZWCA Board of Directors through providing a period of preparation that will assist them to perform successfully should they go on to stand as a Director.

If successful, the appointee serves at the will of the Chairman and may be appointed for renewable one-year terms. The Chairman will ensure the development of orientation and training programs for any Associate Board Director.

To be appointed as an Associate Director (and to continue serving), an individual must:

- Be a registered classer member of NZWCA.
- Display an interest in NZWCA and a willingness to serve its members through Board activities.
- Be willing and able to devote the time and effort it takes to serve as an Associate,- attendance at two face to face meetings, attend an industry field day and participate in 2-3 conference calls
- Demonstrate that he/she is a team player who exercises sound judgment.



If interested, please contact:

Bill Dowle

Chairman

029 358 3175

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NZWCA Field Days

The Association has recently held three well attended field days for members, senior wool handlers, pressers and anyone working in the wool harvesting industry, two in the North Island at Te Kuiti and Central Hawkes Bay, and Invercargill in the South Island

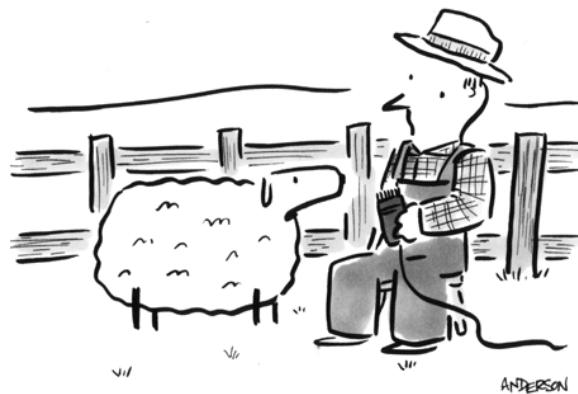


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"Can you at least leave me enough for a combover?"

Key Messages for the Remainder of the Season

Preparation

Specifications

Bale weights – not too light or too heavy

Bale Contamination



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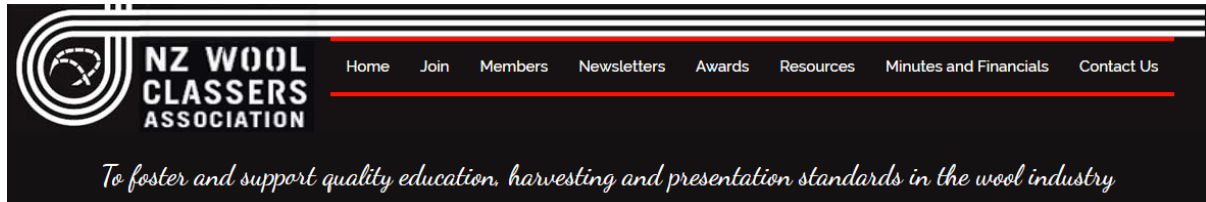


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Web Site



Over the past 6 months we have made a number of changes to the site which include, adding a search engine for Available Classers for Work, search engine for Classers by Stencil Number (This is to give Brokers/Merchants the ability to check if the stencil number is a financial member of NZWCA). We have added to resources a slot for forms that are required such as shed inspection, classing reports etc. The association is still working on further changes to improve the site and this should be completed by the end of this year. **You all have the ability to add details about yourself on this site.** If unsure how to go about it contact either Bruce at eo@woolclassers.org.nz OR Annette at secretary@woolclassers.org.nz

Use of stencil reminder:
To be used by the registered classer ONLY!



2019 Subs

Due March 20th

Q Stencil Number \$75.00 including GST
All Other Stencil Numbers \$120.00 including GST
Associate Memberships \$110.00 including GST

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