



Words from our Registrar Bruce Abbott A1457



Since our last newsletter your association has been very busy and involved in holding field days, attending meetings for training in the wool harvesting area, Taratahi Wool Course and presenting our Power Point Presentation.

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http://www.woolclassers.org.nz/images/newsletters/July2018/Article_1.pdf

NZWCA WEBSITE CHANGES

The following changes have been made to enhance the use of our site not only to our members but also to the general wool industry;

- 1 **Search engine** – It now has the ability to put in not only a name but also a stencil number and it will bring up the classer information providing they are a member. This change assists brokers, buyers and wool merchants the ability to look up the person who has their stencil number on a clip.
- 2 **Available Classers** – there is now a tab for brokers/farmers etc on the front page to go into a site to see who is available for work. For you to use this facility you go into **edit my profile click on my information, scroll down to the bottom of the page, click 'YES' available for work, then click on update.** You also need to put the details of your availability at the top of my information and include a bio about yourself. **Please remember if you make a change on your information you must update each time**
- 3 Under the members tab we now have a separate section for the board members with photos.

There are other small changes i.e adding more photos to the different sections, relevant photos to the gallery, up-grading the links site and repositioning the Up-coming Events Tab.

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NZWCA Chairman
Bill Dowle D1076



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From our Annual General Meeting 2nd May 2018

- A discussion was held on the subscription and it was moved and passed that the subscription for full members including members with an X prefix be increased from \$110 to \$120 with no discount for early payment. The Q stencil subscription was increased from \$69 to \$75. The subscription for associate members stays at \$110.
- Due to work commitments Herbie Ross resigned and Tracy Paterson was elected in his place.

–Click below to read Tracy's resume

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- The retiring directors by rotation John Sanders and Trudi Landreth were re-elected
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- Due to the passing of our Patron Dave McPherson, David Daunton was elected patron for 2018.



–Click below to read about his experience as a Farmer/Classer –

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IN LOVING MEMORY
OF THOSE WE HAVE LOST

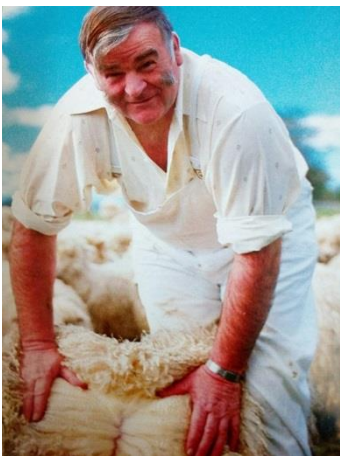
Bruce Tinnock

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By Dave Burridge, South Island Sales Manager, PGG Wrightson Wool

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Dave McPherson

Patron

By Bruce Abbott, NZWCA Registrar

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http://www.woolclassers.org.nz/images/newsletters/July2018/Article_6.pdf

Renata Apatu

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By Philippa Wright, CFWNZT

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Update on Wool Education Group Activities



By Allan Frazer, WIEG Facilitator

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http://www.woolclassers.org.nz/images/newsletters/July2018/Article_8.pdf

N Z Wool Classers Association Survey

Our thanks go out to those replied (58). This survey has some very good feedback from our members and the board will be considering these suggestions at our next meeting.

– To view a summary of the survey click below –

http://www.woolclassers.org.nz/images/newsletters/July2018/Article_9.pdf

KEEPING YOUR COOL

Why doesn't wool get cold when it's wet? Most people know that when clothing becomes wet it gets cold. However, wool has a distinct advantage wool actually releases heat when it becomes wet, through a process called heat of sorption. Wool's superior performance relates to its chemical composition and the high degree of chemical bonding present between the protein chains that make up its structure. This bonding describes the attraction between oppositely charged molecules found in wool. When water enters the fibres these bonds are disrupted meaning contained energy is released as heat. The beauty of this reaction is that it occurs right at the moment it is needed the most - when your clothing gets soaked. Conversely, removing water (e.g. by drying) requires the opposite - an output of energy. This could contribute to Merino being comfortable and cool in summer. Also important in determining whether your Merino will keep you cool in summer is the selection of micron, yarn and fabric.

Source: Dr Simon Causer & Dave Maslen, NZM

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FOOTWEAR Look after these!

Our feet are key pieces of our body's skeleton. They hold us up for most of our life time, and they transport us about from place to place, yet our out feet are often then most neglected part of our body. A couple of ways we can ensure healthy and well-functioning feet are in the type of footwear and socks we choose to wear. Footwear because we spend all day on our feet it is imperative that our footwear is appropriate and matches the activities undertaken by the wearer while we work. The most important requirement is that the shoes are well made and that they fit comfortably, and give plenty of support to help in the prevention of foot problems and related injuries to the area of the legs and back. Ultimately appropriate footwear should be chosen on the basis of structure, function & fit and not by colour, style or name. The types of socks worn are also extremely important and wool based socks are strongly recommended. If you are not already aware wool based socks literally breathe, the wool fibre moving the moisture away off the skin and so are ideal for those who get sweaty feet. Not only are they warm and comfortable, but they are odour free, durable and now come in a great array of colours and styles. Do yourself a favour and buy a few pairs, you'll not only be helping yourself and the health of your feet but in the long run the wool industry and your future! So make sure your footwear fits, is suitable for the work you carry out, is comfortable and supportive and that you replace them when they become worn and you can be assured of happy healthy feet during your lifetime.

CERTIFICATE IN WOOL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMME

Delivered by Taratahi's Telford campus

Laurie Boniface

Senior Tutor in Wool Technology



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NZWCA Field Days



So far this year we have held two days, the first in Blenheim and our Christchurch industry day. Unfortunately the day in Mosgiel was cancelled due to the extreme weather conditions. A fine wool day is being held in Omakau on the 12th July in conjunction with Hickey Wool and PGG Wrightson. You will have received the programme for this day and if you are in the area please make an effort to attend. The two days in the North Island (Te Kuiti and Waipukarau) are planned to be held in September and Invercargill in November. The date for these days will be advised on our web site once we have notification of the new wool season sale dates.

–Click below to read about the Christchurch Field Day
by Vivienne Lewis –



http://www.woolclassers.org.nz/images/newsletters/July2018/Article_11.pdf

Merit Awards 2017 – 18 season

As a result of comments made from our survey I will try to explain how the award system operates.

- 1 Nominations are received from personnel in the wool industry such as wool broker's representatives, wool merchants and wool buyers.
- 2 In addition they also supply the reason for the nomination
- 3 Once all nomination are received a working group from the board assess the nomination and if required go back to the nominators to gather additional information.
- 4 A nominated group from the board then picks a Merit Award recipient for each category and assesses the others for commendations.

This year the Merit Award recipients received a Merino icebreaker top with the award and sponsor logo embroidered on. A framed certificate and a Red NZWCA cap with the awards embroidered on. All commendation recipients received a certificate and a Blue NZWCA cap with the award embroidered on.

–Click below to see our winners –

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Struan Hulme
A525
New Vice Chairman, NZWCA



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“Quality is remembered long after the
price is forgotten.”
“Whatever is worth doing at all is worth
doing well.”

POWER POINT PRESENTATION

We have developed a Power Point Presentation that outlines the past, present and future of the association. It has been presented at our Industry day in Christchurch, the NZ Shearers Contractor Association Conference and Federation of Wool Merchants Annual General Meeting. Arrangements have been made to present to all brokers in the near future and it can also be used to present at our field days. The object of this PPP is to present to the wool industry the aims of our association and our roll in it.

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REMINDERS

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Thank you to all who paid up on time, this makes the job easier for our secretary. We still have a few outstanding and ask those members if you wish to continue membership please arrange payment. If you do not wish to continue as a member please advise us, or if you having difficulty to pay the whole amount we can arrange for you make part time payments. **Please note if you are not a member you are unable to use the stencil number allocated to you for classing.**

NZWCA HEALTH & SAFETY DOCUMENT

A reminder to classers that if you are a contractor (Being paid for your services and paying your own tax) you are required to have by law a H & S policy. The association has produced a policy that will cover you. The cost is a one off payment of \$25 and it upgraded each year (at no cost) providing you are a member of the NZWCA. To receive this document you can deposit \$25 into NZWCA bank account **02 0828 0036732 00** code H & S reference your name or contact the registrar on eo@woolclassers.org.nz or phone 0272 280 868



This farmer came up to me, he said "I've got 68 sheep, can you round them up for me?"

I said "Sure. 70."

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