



New Zealand Wool Classers Association 2015

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July

FIELD DAY HELD IN MOSGIEL

A very successful day was had with 35 attending. The morning session was held in the PGG Wrightson store and attendees were taken through all the procedures that are undertaken to bring the wool to a stage where it can be marketed. The afternoon session was held in the RSA rooms in Mosgiel, and presentation were given by Richard Hurring (Elders Primary) on their "Just Shorn" Wool Programme, Rob Cochrane (PGG Wrightson) on "Bale Weights" and Struan Hulme (Canterbury Wool Scour) on "Contamination in Bales". Kristal Wilson gave an update on the NZWCA face book page and Bruce Abbott gave an outline on what our association is trying to provide for its members in the future.

NEXT FIELD DAY: The association has arranged a day in Napier on the 1st September.

The programme consists of tours around PGG Wrightson store, N Z Wool Testing Authority laboratories, Hawkes Bay Wool scour and presentations given by leaders of the wool industry. This day is not only for Wool Classers, it is open to Shearing contractors, their staff and farmers. Further information will be on our face book page and website or you can contact the Registrar; Bruce Abbott 027 228 0868



New Board Member John Sanders

John is a third generation, High Country Merino farmer, on Matangi Station, in Central Otago. Matangi now has the fourth generation working there. John has been working on the station since coming home from boarding school nearly 45 years ago. In 1980 he did a Certificate in Wool at Lincoln College graduating with distinction. Since then he has classed, not only the Matangi shed, but his brothers' sheds and others. These days it's generally only Matangi wool

which he classes. Over the years he has also classed sheep, both in New Zealand and Australia. John believes that all wool should be grown and classed to the best quality possible. He has been an active member of both the Central Otago Stud Merino Breeders and the Otago Merino Associations and still remains a member of both. He is also a member of the Australian Superfine Merino Breeders Association. John has judged shows in New Zealand and Australia and has been active with the

Merino Junior Judging. Besides Merino sheep which he also exhibits at A & P shows, his other main interest is curling, having been selected to represent New Zealand Internationally eight times. He is also on the executive of the New Zealand Curling Association. John has been with his Australian wife, Mary-Liz, for 16 years and they have 6 children between them and a 'growing' number of grandchildren.

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**WELCOME ABOARD
JOHN**

Note on New Wool Industry Education Initiative

In the latter part of 2014 your NZCWA directors became increasingly concerned as rumours abounded that Tectra was no longer going to be in a position to offer courses in wool industry training. While Tectra informed the NZWCA board in early November that it was working hard to find a new home for the CWT and CWTC courses, run out of Massey by Laurie Boniface, there was a subsequent lack of communication. We became worried that Tectra may not be able to find an acceptable solution. As a result your Chairman, Bill Dowle, spoke with leaders of other sectors in the industry who had also been reliant on the CWT and CWTC courses to see if there was a willingness to combine to address this issue given the possibility that Tectra may not be able to find an acceptable solution. As it turned out a number of these leaders had already been in discussion with each other so there was a lot of goodwill to find a solution.

Recruitment of good people and provision of relevant training and education has always been important to the industry and is even more relevant today with the Minister for Primary Industries, Nathan Guy, having set a target for the value of agricultural exports to double by 2025.

As a result Bill convened, in early February, a widely representative workshop to address the future of the CWT and CWCT courses and wider wool industry education issues. Those at the meeting were from scourers, shearing contractors, marketers, brokers, researchers and educationalists as well as a good turnout from your Association.

Those attending were made aware that Tectra had just advised that they were continuing to try and find a new educational organisation to host the CWT/CWCT courses and were given an update on discussions which had been initiated by Tectra with Lincoln University/Telford.

The Group agreed there was a need to take a comprehensive look at wool industry education and agreed on the following as guidelines:

1. Formation of an umbrella entity for skills and training – Provision of Leadership
2. A unified course or courses that suit the whole industry
3. People currently enrolled in the CWT course need to be supported
4. A Plan B needed to be in place if Tectra and Telford/Lincoln fails
5. Education/Training must be supported by best governance desirably with industry involvement & assured funding

The Group decided to name itself the Wool Industry Education Group (WIEG)

It formed a subcommittee to define industry education needs, irrespective of possible providers

It agreed to advise Telford/Lincoln of this meeting and of industry's willingness to take a responsible and collaborative approach including endeavouring to ensure support continues for current CWT/CWTC students

The members of the sub-committee are:

Nigel Hales – CEO Cavalier Wool Scourers

Bill Dowle - NZWCA

Jackie Donald – The NZ Merino Company

Bruce Abbott - NZWCA

Mavis Mullins – Shearing Contractor

Derrick Millton – Chair WRONZ

Craig Smith – PGG Wrightson

Allan Frazer – NZWCA - Facilitator

The sub-committee set the following Terms of Reference:

Terms of Reference to develop a comprehensive Wool Industry Education and Training Strategy

1. Review education/training currently and recently provided in the sector
2. Define education/training needs in broad terms from perspective of each sector eg scourers, brokers, classers from Cadet to Senior management
3. Define education/training required pre-workforce entry eg in schools part of an approach to change perceptions of career opportunities in the sector leading to enhancing recruitment
4. Assess if there are any learnings from other wool producing countries eg Australia
5. From above identify gaps and consider options on filling gaps and actively work with industry, government and education organisations to plug gaps in existing programmes and if relevant to introduce new programmes

To date the committee has:

- Received advice from LincolnFirst Telford that they have over the CWT CWTC training programme and have advised all registered students of the change
- Drafted a document setting out all wool industry related education provided in NZ and distributed this to members and wider industry
- Undertaken an initial approach to defined "Needs" involving committee members – both skill and attitude needs wanted from employees along with skill needs
- Met with Lincoln Telford on two occasions with the intent of supporting them in exploring provision of more extensive wool industry education to all students as well as more course options for students wishing to gain a wool specific tertiary qualification at diploma and degree level- steps are underway for establishing a Wool Industry Advisory Group to progress this
- Sought broad industry endorsement by inviting support and endorsement from the NZ National Council of Wool Interests

The New Zealand Merino Company are pleased to announce.....

that we have recently released a new program on our Classer and Grower website which allows people to create an online electronic wool specification.

We are hoping that this program will create more efficiency through the chain from the wool shed to the wool store.

The Grower or Classer simply logs onto the website and goes to the 'Wool Speci' button which is on the Home Page. They then follow instructions through each step.

The first step involves entering breed details and the wool store. For the next step, there are two options of entering bale details, which can be entered using a single bale number or a range of bales. The program highlights any missing bale numbers as well as duplicate bale numbers.

The next step is then entering instructions against each line and entering a mulesing status if it is a Merino breed.

Enter details

First bale: 1 Last bale: 20

Bale No./Range	Line No.	Line Desc.	Traditional Desc.	
21-25	104	AAA M	colour	Add...

Current Lines

Total bales added: 20 Total lines added: 4

Line No.	Line Desc.	Traditional Desc.	Bales (delete)	Bale Count	
101	AAAA M	FINE	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 <input type="checkbox"/> 7	7	delete
102	AAAA M	MED	<input type="checkbox"/> 8 <input type="checkbox"/> 9 <input type="checkbox"/> 10 <input type="checkbox"/> 11	4	delete
103	AAAA M	STRONG	<input type="checkbox"/> 12 <input type="checkbox"/> 13 <input type="checkbox"/> 14 <input type="checkbox"/> 15 <input type="checkbox"/> 16 <input type="checkbox"/> 17	6	delete
199	MER DAGS		<input type="checkbox"/> 18 <input type="checkbox"/> 19 <input type="checkbox"/> 20	3	delete

The final step is reviewing the data, entering any additional comments, selecting a consignment status (that is, whether the consignment is complete or not) and entering an authority status which appears on the digitally signed declaration. At any stage before completion, the specification can be saved to come back to at a later stage.

Once the wool specification is complete a copy automatically gets sent to the Area Manager who can electronically amend

Total bales added: 20

Total lines added: 4

Line No.	Line Desc.	Bale Numbers	Total	Mulesing Status	Instructions / Contract
101	AAAA M	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 <input type="checkbox"/> 7	7	Never Mules	Enter/choose instruction: <input type="text"/> Or select a signed contract: ICEBREAKER 18 9 DEC 2015
102	AAAA M	<input type="checkbox"/> 8 <input type="checkbox"/> 9 <input type="checkbox"/> 10 <input type="checkbox"/> 11	4	Never Mules	Enter/choose instruction: Hold for more Or select a signed contract: <input type="text"/>
103	AAAA M	<input type="checkbox"/> 12 <input type="checkbox"/> 13 <input type="checkbox"/> 14 <input type="checkbox"/> 15 <input type="checkbox"/> 16 <input type="checkbox"/> 17	6	Ceased Mulesing	Enter/choose instruction: Next Melb sale Or select a signed contract: <input type="text"/>
199	MER DAGS	<input type="checkbox"/> 18 <input type="checkbox"/> 19 <input type="checkbox"/> 20	3	Never Mules	Enter/choose instruction: Interior Or select a signed contract: <input type="text"/>

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Save Review and Confirm...

it if needed before emailing to the Wool Store to begin processing. A copy is then stored for future use on the Wool Specification Home Page, where all people who have a log in for that property are able to view it.

We encourage Classers and Growers to use this program and to give any feedback (negative or positive) to Brenna at NZM on brenna@nzmerino.co.nz.



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HEALTH AND SAFETY

This is an area that we as independent/self-employed wool classers have to be proactive into meeting the requirement of the "Health & Safety Act being put in place next year.

Your Association is making inquiries re formulating a plan that will be able to be used by our members. The time line to have a process in place is by the end of this year. More up dates will be posted on our Web page and Face Book.

NZWCA WEBSITE

Our present site has got a bit tried and we are presently having our site upgraded to make it more user friendly. This should be completed within the next month. We are looking for some updated photos to put on the site, if you have some suitable photos email them to eo@woolclassers.co.nz

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NZ WOOLCLASSERS ASSOCIATION CLASSING MERIT AWARDS 2014/15

Merino Merit Award

sponsored by New Zealand Merino

Awarded to Tracey Hill (A1722) Glen Lyon

Mid Micron Merit Award

sponsored by Elders New Zealand

Awarded to Nigel Cossar (A1285) Goat Hill

Cross Bred Excellence Award

sponsored by Canterbury Wool Scours

Awarded to Phyllicia Jorgensen (D1647) Hawkdum

Owner Classer Merit Award

sponsored by PGG Wrightson

Awarded to David Gould (FM 1401) Guide Hill

North Island Classer Merit Award

Awarded to Tish Moeke (H2115) Roundaway

COMMENDATIONS FOR HALF BRED CLIPS

Sandra Harnett (A1899) Mt Possession, Windermere and Lynnford

Dawn Ratana (P2112) Belfield

Ian Kofoed (A2086) Taihoa

Nigel Cossar (A1285) Waimihi

COMMENDATIONS FOR MERINO CLIPS

Sandra Harnett (A1899) Castle Ridge

Nichola Fergusson (A1736) Godley Peaks and Ben Omar

Phillipa McConway (A1864) Blairich and Upcot

Bill Dowle (D1076) Mt Carmel

Cedric Aramoana (P2140) Otekaieke and Glentanner

Wendy Parsons (M1675) Twinburn

Anne Marie Parcell (M1465) Mt St Bathans

Graeme Goodger (P1883) Sawdon

Tracey Hill (A1722) Huxley Gorge and Rees Valley Station

COMMENDATIONS FOR OWNER CLASSERS CLIPS

Simon Harvey (FD1017) Glen Orkney

Ian Stevenson (FD398) The Gums

Sam Kane (FM2029) Glenfoyle

Max Winskill (FH26) Glenkens

Ann Johnston (FD1769) Home Hills Station

John McKenzie (FH463) Mt McKay

Sally Smith (FM2138) Awapiri