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## Presidents Column

**Barry Evans**

Hello members

I enjoyed catching up with everyone, particularly our Big Island members, when we got together for the 2012 AGM at Hamilton Sheepvention. We took the opportunity to welcome Frances Murray (Burrandool) as one of our inaugural life members and presented her with her life member's badge. I had a bundle of our new Hampy member badges with me. Everybody seemed to think the badges looked pretty good and I sold quite a few. Karen Bond (Secretary, ASSBA) bought one too.



*Barry with Frances & Neil Murray*

There was little change in the Committee after the election of office bearers at the AGM. We lost our treasurer, Debbie (Veevers – Winter Brook) who has looked after us for some time – thank you Debbie for your contribution. Welcome to our new treasurer Louise (Adams – Torwood). We look forward to working together in the future.



The Royal Hobart show Hampshire Down feature was a great success with sixty two sheep being shown. We aimed to give every sheep shown a prize. Thank you also to our sponsors. After a bit of to and fro, the Society dedicated each prize to its respective class in the Sheep Schedule (with the exception of Class 64 which Neville and Rosemary know should have read *1<sup>st</sup> Gift Donated by NH & RC McConnon – Leithwood*. While the paper version of the Schedule could not be changed, the correction was made to the web version).

Thanks very much to Helen Raven who did a great job judging the 62 Hampshire's.

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I was also talking to Neville about the way he's insulated his pig shed. Neville farms at Stonor where it gets pretty cold – as low as minus 8 he says. When he was raising pigs, Neville knew that in this weather his pigs' productivity would be affected by the sort of housing he could provide them. He laid a slab of concrete right through their shed. He figured his pens on each side with slurry down the middle. Neville laid empty beer bottles on top of the cement in the pen areas, covered them with plastic so that there'd be no seepage when he laid another slab of cement on top of the bottles. The slurry now was below the level of the pens in which the pigs would eat and sleep. When he raised the pens above the slurry Neville was practising common sense farming – they like to call it farm bio-security now. But it was the configuration of the bottles that was smart. By laying the empty bottles between the slabs of cement, Neville has created a thermal envelope trapping and retaining the pigs' body heat and making a barrier to prevent the transfer of cold up through the floor.

Thinking about the effort Neville has made to keep his pigs warm I wondered how this squared with the way animal activists treat farmers. Speaking at the Melbourne Town Hall with animal activists who were using a public debate to grandstand their view "animals should be off the menu" (Weekly Times, 28/3/12), Philip Wollen described livestock producers as "rogue states" and meat as "the new asbestos, more murderous than tobacco". Mr Wollen, who appears to dislike many of the constituents of agricultural Victoria, was made Victorian of the Year by the State Labour Government in 2007. He went on to say that animal rights are "the greatest social justice issue since the abolition of slavery".

You might say these are extremist views that most people wouldn't share. But while farmers are not generally demonised in this manner, commentators suggest that animal activist groups are encouraging a perception in the urban community that farmers are doing the wrong thing especially when it comes to animal welfare (Tasmanian Country, 20/7/12). By garnering



support for the “virtue” of the “animal rights” cause, the actions of animal activists are compromising community concern for the livelihood of farmers.

Consider the recent shut down of the live export industry by the Federal Labour Government. Animal rights group, Animals Australia, who took the film of cruel treatment of livestock in Indonesian abattoirs, wanted the footage to have the most impact in the community so that the public would be led to believe that the Australian government should be responsible for the welfare of Australian livestock beyond Australian shores. Having convinced the public that the Government had failed to fulfil this responsibility, it followed that it would be legitimate to shut down the live export industry with no regard to the livelihood of the livestock producers affected (or the livelihoods of export agents, livestock carriers and other suppliers involved in the industry, or the livelihoods of Indonesian suppliers and workers associated with abattoirs where conditions for livestock are good).

Agribusiness lawyer, Trent Thorne, sees the disregard for the livelihoods of those involved in the live export industry trade as central to the action he is taking against the Government on behalf of northern Australian cattle producers, “Of course animal welfare is an important issue – no one is saying it is not – but we need to look at how we find ourselves at this stage where a whole industry can be shut down in the wake of a television programme with almost no consideration for the many livelihoods that depend on it.” (The Weekly Times 13/6/12)

To justify its abrupt ban of the live export trade, the Government set about creating a new system for the protection of the welfare of Australian export livestock. Implemented without prior consultation the new system, known as the Exporter Supply Chain Assurance System (ESCAS), makes producers and exporters responsible for all aspects of the supply chain from the farm gate through to slaughter. But despite the introduction of new and stringent conditions (for example, producers and export agents are now required to complete an 84 point checklist when making an export application: farmonline.com.au, 20/7/12), livestock producers Ann & Rick Britton believe that animal activists like Animals Australia with the support of the RSPCA are not satisfied and are still working towards a total ban of the trade. The Brittons from Goodwood Station near Boulia in eastern Queensland, are worried about the escalating nature of anti-live export activities (Stock & Land, 7/5/12).

Their fears seem justified. This year animal activists illegally entered the Western Australian port of Fremantle and went about disrupting the loading of 80,000 sheep onto the middle-eastern ship Al Shuwahl until police intervened. In response to what has been described as the “helter skelter, frenzied mayhem” of this action (Stock & Land 26/4/12) which was intended to prevent people going about their lawful business, Animals Australia’s Lyn White (who was directly involved in getting the footage at the Indonesian abattoirs) said, “With so much public concern around live export, it is very likely the community would understand why individuals chose to engage in such a public form of protest. These are not the type of activities that Animals



Australia would engage in but we understand the frustration that motivates them given live export continues despite such obvious animal suffering and against the wishes of the vast majority of the community.” (Stock & Land 26/4/12)

While White believes that the success of her fight for a total ban of the live export trade will depend on whether she can win the hearts and minds of the wider community, it’s unlikely that (for the time being) she can count on the “*vast majority*” of Australians to support her agenda. As soon as the live export trade was shut down, public sympathy began to shift to producers who on the one hand had their income suddenly cut off, and on the other were having to deal with their own animal welfare problems because they couldn’t find an alternative market for their livestock. As Cattle Council of Australia CEO David Inall said, “The press started to feel sorry for producers having their major key market shut down and having no avenue to sell their livestock...(because) the closest meat works for northern cattle producers is near Perth and the animals would have to travel a lot further.” (Stock & Land 14/6/12)

While the sympathetic public response after the shut down of the live trade shows that there is goodwill towards farmers, we shouldn’t be complacent. The political survival of groups like Animals Australia will depend on whether or not they can continue to garner community support for their agenda. When they expose a mischief like the cruelty which occurred in (some) Indonesian abattoirs, they will always present it in a (less than honest) manner so as to have maximum impact on the public. It follows that they won’t be interested in telling the whole tale if it undercuts the impact that their story would otherwise have.

Inall observes that the media was also caught up in the emotional aftermath created by the Indonesian footage. Its impact would not have been as great if the media themselves had done their usual checks. Instead, they failed to make sure that what the public saw in the footage was typical of conditions in Indonesia, “There was a strong theme coming from many significant commentators in Australia (e.g. the ABC TV’s *Four Corners* program which broadcast the images) that what we saw...was typical of how all Australian animals were killed in Indonesian abattoirs but that’s not true...There was a range of capabilities, with some abattoirs using stunning and others that didn’t.” (Stock & Land 14/6/12)

Thorne agrees with Inall urging farmers to vouchsafe public sentiment by reminding the community of agriculture’s contribution to the economy and the unique role it plays providing the basic necessities of food and fibre, otherwise “...animal welfare groups will continue to target issues where they can change public sentiment. The time is right to begin a campaign of Agvocacy to refute some of the more spurious claims made by animal rights activists and remind Australians just where their food comes from.” (The Weekly Times 20/6/12)



When fifth-generation US farmers, Troy and Stacy Hadrick, became the subject of an anti-farmer campaign, they realized the importance of getting the farming story out there. The ranchers from South Dakota made a *You-Tube* clip with their camera. Standing in his cattle yards, Troy called on all drinkers of *Yellow Tail* wine to abandon the product in protest at the company's support of the richest anti-farming organization in the world, The Humane Society. When the Hadrick's clip generated 4000 comments in two days, the Australian winemaker withdrew \$200,000 the company had pledged to The Humane Society.

Since the release of their *You-Tube* message, the Hadricks have built an Agvocacy movement by touring the US to tell their story and recently came to Australia to talk about Agvocacy, "We do not have the luxury of assuming people know the real truth about agriculture...Each and every one of us in agriculture has a fantastic and positive story to tell...For far too long, those of us in agriculture have stood by while certain factions have flat out lied about who we are and what we are about." (The Weekly Times 20/6/12)

Like the Hadricks, Wimmera farmer David Jochinke supports Agvocacy. While the Nuffield Scholarship winner and new Victorian Farmers Federation vice-president will be charting a course which maximises the political influence of his organization, David also believes that each of us can all make a contribution to the public perception of farming, "In some ways I think we have lived off the benefits of the past while we need to be more proactive in promoting agriculture to the general community. That way, people would get behind Australian food producers more." (The Weekly Times 23/5/12)

While there's no doubt that Neville's blueprint for his pig shed will show that farmers are pretty wily when it comes to ideas for looking after their livestock, commentators suggest that we should take every opportunity to market the farming brand by getting these sorts of ideas out there so the community will know what we do and how we do it. As US farmer, Nebraskan Trent Loos said during his presentation at the recent LambEx 2012, "We each have to get engaged in the process, one person, one day at a time...If we live in the *You-Tube* society and anybody at any time can see what you're doing, that's your advantage, show them what you are doing, show them how you take care of the lambs and ewes." (Stock & Land 12/7/12)

Cheers, Barry.



PS. Our new Hampy Badge is available for \$15.00. To purchase some please contact me. Thanks go to Edward Hogarth for the loan of his NZ Hampy badge which was used to create the mould for ours. Cheers, Barry.



# New Hampy Brochure

At the last AGM it was decided to update our Hampy brochure. A copy of the current one is shown below. This brochure is folded into three.

We are asking for members input into the design and content of a new one, testimonials, flock photos etc. Wayne cross from Spa Country in Victoria has kindly volunteered the services of their full time in house graphic designer. So put those thinking caps on and let's see what you can come up with?

In the meantime, we still have plenty of the old brochures. If you require any please get in contact with Wendy.

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HAMPSHIRE DOWN  
BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION LTD

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# Upcoming Shows

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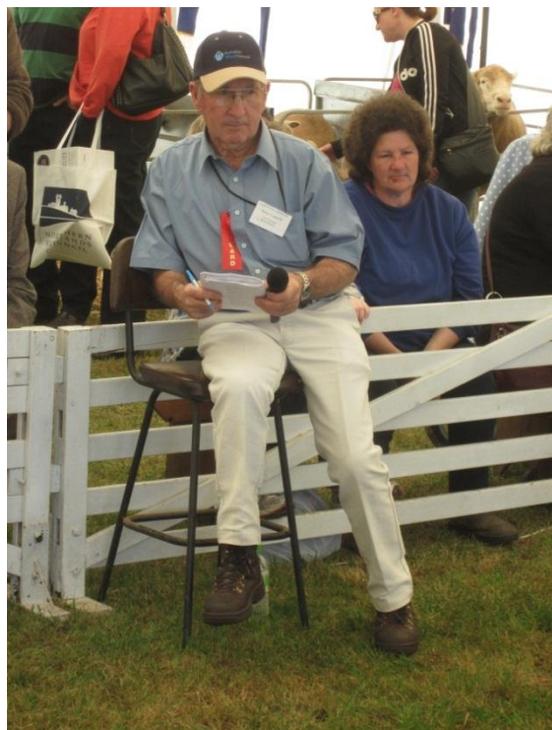
**South Australia 2013??**

**Tasmania 2013**

**Victoria 2013??**

## *Where's my show??*

*If you would like a show added for 2013 or, you would like to promote a show, please get in contact with me. Ed*



*Terry Connell at the Longford Show.*

*Terry has retired as Chief Sheep Steward this year. But, I am sure he will still be around....Ed.*

## **RAMSAY PARK STUD SOLD**

The Ramsay Park Hampshire Down Stud has been sold in its entirety, with the exception of a few ewe lambs and ram lambs that have been kept to show at the Heritage Feature at Royal Adelaide Show next year. The small number of lambs that are being retained will be prepared and shown and will be available for purchase after that.

The stud has been purchased by John Cordukes and his managers Matt and Heidi Sherwood, Wollondale Hampshire Down Stud, Towrang, NSW.

The sale included all mixed age ewes and selection of 2012 ram and ewe lambs. We wish John, Matt and Heidi all the best with their new purchases and hope it helps with the expansion of their stud and the promotion of the breed in NSW.

Selling the Hampshire's has not been an easy decision for us. It now ends 28 years of breeding and being involved in the Hampshire breed. Over the years we have met and made many good friends and we hope to see you all around the shows at some stage. We would like to thank all fellow breeders for their help, assistance and support over the journey. Even though Hampshire's are small in number, one of the strengths of the breed is the willingness of fellow breeders to help and encourage each other.

We wish you all the best in your endeavour to breed and promote the Hampshire Down breed in the future.

Peter and Julie Button,  
Ramsay Park Studs  
Minlaton SA

All the best to  
Peter and Julie  
Button. We wish  
them well in their  
new ventures....  
Ed...



## Stud Profiles

My name is Xavier Burton and I am currently 16 years old. I run the newly established **Glen West Hampshire Down stud**, which I started in June this year . My Father runs a prime lamb operation using White Dorper/Merino ewes, and Pure bred White Dorper sires, he also runs Burtons White Dorper stud.

I originally became interested in Stud sheep, after my Father started showing some of his Studs, and I got a lot of joy out of traveling around to the local shows with him and helping him lead the sheep around the judging ring and learning more and more about what makes a quality sheep.

Not only did I enjoy the general atmosphere of the show, but I also liked examining all the different breeds of other sheep on exhibition, and learning more about them. It was at the Bendigo Sheep and Wool show that I had my first encounter with Hampshire Downs. I thought they were the most beautiful sheep in the pavilion, and there thickness and long bodies were also astounding. When I got back home from the show I immediately started to research and learn more about this fascinating breed, and I then started to save my pocket money in the hope to one day start my own Stud.

Earlier this year I bought 4 pregnant stud ewes from Burrandool stud in Euroa. The ewes all successfully gave birth to one lamb each -Including an AI lamb from New Zealand genetics.

I am glad I chose the Hampshire down breed-they are docile and yield magnificently. I hope to start taking sheep to some of the local shows to promote and educate others about these magnificent, commercially viable sheep.



Xavier Burton



**Birch Estate farm**, located on the fertile volcanic plains of scenic Smeaton, is one of the many business ventures of inspirational co-owners Chris Malden and Wayne Cross.

Bought in 2007, the 330 acre farm was the pair's entrée into agriculture. Now, it offers respite and a complete change of scene from the busy world the pair has built for themselves in Daylesford and Hepburn Springs.

Birch Estate was bought with sustainability and food production in mind, to naturally raise and care for their livestock. Wayne says they always had the vision that its sheep, cattle and fresh produce would supply food to the hotel – Peppers Mineral Springs Retreat in Hepburn Springs.

“It was one way we could control quality of meat and fresh produce for the restaurant,” Wayne says. With this in mind, Chris and Wayne set about planting an orchard with a myriad of fruit trees and building their herd of rare breed British White and Highland cattle and rare breed Hampshire Down sheep mob.

Today there are more than 100 head of cattle and a similar number of sheep. Stocking Birch Estate with rare breed animals was a conscious decision and Chris says they were immediately convinced after talking with a local representative from the Rare Breeds Association.

“We wanted to do something different with the cattle and sheep and through friends we were introduced to the British Whites, Highlands and Hampshire Downs and we haven't looked back.” Chris says.

The animals are fattened and finished among the lush green pastures at Musk and processed locally in nearby Kyneton. To ensure the meat and pelts avoid any undue stress or damage the animals are treated with utmost care and to reduce and eliminate waste, the large hides of the British Whites are prepared for sale along with the meat.

Executive Chef at Peppers Mineral Springs Retreat David Willcocks showcases three distinct cuts and three distinct cooking methods of the Hampshire Downs meat.

“We try to showcase as much of the lamb as possible. It's a sensational eating meat and the quality of the Birch Estate lamb is excellent,” David says.

“Because they are slower growing animals and have a grass diet, they develop a great depth of flavour and some very impressive marbling. The difference between the Hampshire Downs and regular breeds of lamb is as distinct as the difference between regular chicken and proper organic free range chicken.”

Alongside the resident animal population at Birch Estate is an impressive orchard with about 400 fruit trees - including varieties such as fig, quince, pears and apples, about 80 citrus trees – including blood oranges and ruby red grapefruit, 200 raspberry canes, 100 strawberry plants and a large vegetable plot producing seasonal favourites such as fennel, beetroot, garlic and artichokes.

Hedging at the property has also been done with edible plants such as bay trees, carob and olives and Chris explains their philosophy of planting “may as well be done with things we can use”.

The purchase of Birch Estate has further helped Chris and Wayne integrate into the rural community. They have joined the local landcare group and helped generate funding to restore the local cemetery.

They are already introducing new bloodlines to the sheep and cattle herd and are increasing production of the orchard while continuing to supply the hotel with fresh local produce.

*Article by Ingrid Sanders.*



# Show Results

Bendigo VIC  
20-20/7/ 2012

Judge: Mr Ian Michael, Echuca, Vic

Champion Ram: Wollondale  
Reserve: Johno's

Champion Ewe: Burrandool  
Reserve: Wollondale



Johno's all fired up

## ASSBA Feature Breed Classes

Shortwool Breeds Ram Over 1 ½ years old  
1<sup>st</sup> Wollondale  
Reserve Hallylulya(Ryeland)

Shortwool Breeds Ram under 1 ½ years old closely & evenly shorn.  
1<sup>st</sup> Aylesbury Farm (Suffolk)  
Reserve Wollondale

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1<sup>st</sup> Refalack (Border Leicester) Reserve: Tintern (Romney)  
Best ASSBA Longwool Breeds Ram Under 1 ½ years old closely & evenly shorn  
1<sup>st</sup> Bauer (Border Leicester) Reserve: Tintern (Romney)  
Best ASSBA Longwool Breeds Ewe Over 1 ½ years old in the wool  
1<sup>st</sup> Wattle Farm (Border Leicester) Reserve: Tintern (Romney)  
Best ASSBA Longwool Breeds Ewe Under 1 ½ years old  
1<sup>st</sup> Wattle Farm (Border Leicester) Reserve: Tintern (Romney)  
Best ASSBA Longwool Breeds Ewe Under 1 ½ years old closely & evenly shorn  
1<sup>st</sup> Two Dot (Border Leicester) Reserve: Koenarl (English Leicester)  
Best ASSBA Longwool Breeds Ewe Under 1 ½ years old in the wool  
1<sup>st</sup> Bauer (Border Leicester) Reserve: Tintern (Romney)  
Best ASSBA Shortwool Breeds Ram Over 1 ½ years old  
1<sup>st</sup> Wollondale (Hampshire Down) Reserve: Hallylulya (Ryeland)  
Best ASSBA Shortwool Breeds Ram Under 1 ½ years old closely & evenly shorn  
1<sup>st</sup> Aylesbury Farm (Suffolk) Reserve: Wollondale (Hampshire Down)  
Best ASSBA Shortwool Breeds Ram Under 1 ½ years old in the wool  
1<sup>st</sup> Otto (Suffolk) Reserve: Hallylulya (Ryeland)  
Best ASSBA Shortwool Breeds Ewe Over 1 ½ years old  
1<sup>st</sup> Brofort (Suffolk) Reserve: Yentrac (Southdown)  
Best ASSBA Shortwool Breeds Ewe Under 1 ½ years old closely & evenly shorn  
1<sup>st</sup> Brofort (Suffolk) Reserve: Hillend (Dorset Horn)  
Best ASSBA Shortwool Breeds Ewe Under 1 ½ years old in the wool  
1<sup>st</sup> Hallylulya (Ryeland) Reserve: Clear Hills (Southdown)

Hamilton  
VIC 6-7/8/2012

Judge Mr Robert Mitchell

Ram under 1 1/2 years in wool  
1st Ramsay Park  
2nd  
3rd

Ram under 1 1/2 years Shorn.  
1st Johno's  
2nd  
3rd

Ewe over 1 1/2 years Shorn  
1st Jurambula  
2nd  
3rd

Ewe under 1 1/2 years in wool  
1st Johno's  
2nd Johno's  
3rd Tyagarah

Ewe under 1 1/2 years Shorn  
1st Johno's  
2nd Jurambula  
3rd Jurambula



2 Sheep any age, any sex, any wool length from existing classes.

1st Ramsay Park

2nd

3rd Tyagarah

Group of three, 1 Ram, 2 Ewes any age from existing classes.

1st Ramsay Park

2nd

3rd Tyagarah

Champion Ram Reserve

Ramsay Park  
Johno's

Champion Ewe Reserve

Johno's  
Jurambula



Apologies for not having all the results. Ed.



## Royal Launceston TAS

11-12/10/2012

Sent in by Helen Bird

Judge Mr Robert Mitchell

Group of three, 1 Ram & 2 Ewes not exceeding 1 ½ yrs.

1<sup>st</sup> Jordan River School Farm

2<sup>nd</sup> Jordan River School Farm

Ram, in wool under 1 ½ yrs

1<sup>st</sup> Jordan River School Farm

2<sup>nd</sup> Hogarth Bros

3<sup>rd</sup> Hogarth Bros

**Champion Ram** Hogarth Bros  
(shorn under 1 ½)

Reserve Champion Jordan River School Farm (shorn under 1 ½)

Ram, shorn under 1 ½ yrs

1<sup>st</sup> Hogarth Bros

2<sup>nd</sup> Jordan River School Farm

3<sup>rd</sup> Hogarth Bros

**Champion Ewe** B&S Evans  
(Shorn under 1 ½)

Reserve Champion B&S Evans  
(Shorn over 1 ½ with lamb at foot)

Ram, machine shorn within 14 days under

1 ½ yrs untrimmed.

1<sup>st</sup> Hogarth Bros

2<sup>nd</sup> Jordan River School Farm

3<sup>rd</sup> Hogarth Bros

Rams, shorn, pen of two under 1 ½ yrs

1<sup>st</sup> Jordan River School Farm

Ewe, shorn over 1 ½ yrs with lamb at foot.

1<sup>st</sup> B&S Evans

2<sup>nd</sup> B&S Evans

3<sup>rd</sup> Jordan River School Farm

Ewe, in wool, under 1 ½ yrs.

1<sup>st</sup> Jordan River School Farm

2<sup>nd</sup> Jordan River School Farm

Ewe, shorn, under 1 ½ yrs.

1<sup>st</sup> B&S Evans

2<sup>nd</sup> Jordan River School Farm

3<sup>rd</sup> Jordan River School Farm

Ewe, machine shorn within 14 days under

1 ½ yrs untrimmed.

1<sup>st</sup> Jordan River School Farm

2<sup>nd</sup> Jordan River School Farm

Ewes, shorn, pen of two under 1 ½ yrs

1<sup>st</sup> Jordan River School Farm



## Longford TAS

20/10/2012

Judged by Mr Owen Badcock

Ram over 1 ½ yrs in wool.

1<sup>st</sup> JRLF

Ram over 1 ½ yrs shorn.

1<sup>st</sup> JRLF

2<sup>nd</sup> Martin McConnon

Ram under 1 ½ yrs in wool.

1<sup>st</sup> J&K Carins

2<sup>nd</sup> JRLF

3<sup>rd</sup> JRLF

4<sup>th</sup> Hogarth Bros

Ram under 1 ½ yrs shorn.

1<sup>st</sup> Hogarth Bros

2<sup>nd</sup> JRLF

3<sup>rd</sup> J&K Carins

Ewe over 1 ½ yrs in wool.

1<sup>st</sup> JRLF

Ewe over 1 ½ yrs shorn.

1<sup>st</sup> JRLF

2<sup>nd</sup> JRLF

3<sup>rd</sup> PJ&HP Bird

Ewe under 1 ½ yrs in wool.

1<sup>st</sup> J&K Carins

2<sup>nd</sup> J&K Carins

3<sup>rd</sup> JRLF

4<sup>th</sup> JRLF

Ewe under 1 ½ yrs shorn.

1<sup>st</sup> JRLF

2<sup>nd</sup> J&K Carins

3<sup>rd</sup> PR&KA Harman

4<sup>th</sup> PJ&HP Bird

**Champion Ewe** JRLF

(shorn under 1 ½ yrs)



**Champion Ram** Hogarth Bros

(shorn under 1 ½ yrs)

Reserve Champion JRLF

(shorn under 1 ½ yrs)

Reserve Champion J&K Carins

(shorn under 1 ½ yrs)

Group of three, Ram & 2 Ewes under 1 ½

1<sup>st</sup> J&K Carins

2<sup>nd</sup> JRLF

3<sup>rd</sup> JRLF

4<sup>th</sup> Martin McConnon



Junior Sheep Handlers Competition

- 1<sup>st</sup> Melissa Chugg
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Molly Cornish
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Daniel Rose
- 4<sup>th</sup> Thomas Cline



*A very good year for JRLF.*

**Supreme Interbreed Ewe in Show**

Jordan River Learning Federation School Farm

**Supreme Show Exhibit**

Jordan River Learning Federation School Farm



*Helen Bird looking after the Junior Handlers & record keeping.*

Royal Hobart TAS

24-27/10/2012

Sent in by Helen Bird

Judged by Helen Raven



*At the show Barry Evans presented Dianne Huett, Elizabeth Long & Louise Adams with their Life Member's badge...Congratulations. Ed.*

Ram under 1 ½ yrs shorn. Novice

- 1<sup>st</sup> P Franks & W Hoyle
- 2<sup>nd</sup> P Franks & W Hoyle

Ram over 1 ½ yrs shorn.

- 1<sup>st</sup> B&S Evans
- 2<sup>nd</sup> JRLF
- 3<sup>rd</sup> JRLF



Ram over 1 ½ yrs in wool.

- 1<sup>st</sup> JRLF + **Champion**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> T&J Connell
- 3<sup>rd</sup> JRLF

Ram under 1 ½ yrs shorn.

- 1<sup>st</sup> T&J Connell + **Reserve Champion**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> JRLF
- 3<sup>rd</sup> JRLF



Rams under 1 ½ shorn pen of 2  
 1<sup>st</sup> JRLF

Ram bare shorn (within 28 days)  
 1<sup>st</sup> T&J Connell  
 2<sup>nd</sup> JRLF  
 3<sup>rd</sup> JRLF

Ram Lamb  
 1<sup>st</sup> T&J Connell  
 2<sup>nd</sup> B&S Evans  
 3<sup>rd</sup> HP&PJ Bird



Ewe over 1 ½ shorn  
 1<sup>st</sup> B&S Evans + **Champion**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> T&J Connell + **Reserve Champion**  
 3<sup>rd</sup> B&S Evans

Ewe under 1 ½ in wool  
 1<sup>st</sup> JRLF  
 2<sup>nd</sup> JRLF

Ewe under 1 ½ shorn  
 1<sup>st</sup> B&S Evans  
 2<sup>nd</sup> M McConnon  
 3<sup>rd</sup> JRLF

Ewe bare shorn (within 28 days)  
 1<sup>st</sup> JRLF  
 2<sup>nd</sup> JRLF

Ewes under 1 ½ shorn pen of 2  
 1<sup>st</sup> JRLF  
 2<sup>nd</sup> PJ&HP Bird

Ewe Lamb  
 1<sup>st</sup> T&J Connell  
 2<sup>nd</sup> B&S Evans  
 3<sup>rd</sup> B&S Evans



Group of three

1<sup>st</sup> JRLF  
 2<sup>nd</sup> T&J Connell  
 3<sup>rd</sup> JRLF

Sires Progeny  
 1<sup>st</sup> JRLF  
 2<sup>nd</sup> T&J Connell  
 3<sup>rd</sup> B&S Evans

A big thanks to all our sponsors and exhibitors. Thanks for making the Show a success. Barry

Thanks also to Barry & Sabrina for their efforts in putting it all together....Ed.



### Brighton TAS

11/11/2012

Sent in by Helen Bird

Ram over 1 ½ yrs shorn.

- 1<sup>st</sup> JRLF
- 2<sup>nd</sup> M McConnon



Ram under 1 ½ in wool

- 1<sup>st</sup> T&J Connell **Champion/Interbreed Champion & Supreme Show Exhibit**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> JRLF
- 3<sup>rd</sup> JRLF

Ram under 1 ½ yrs shorn

- 1<sup>st</sup> JRLF
- 2<sup>nd</sup> M McConnon
- 3<sup>rd</sup> JRLF

Ram Lamb under 6 months

- 1<sup>st</sup> T&J Connell **Reserve Champion**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> JRLF
- 3<sup>rd</sup> P&H Bird

Ewe over 1 ½

- 1<sup>st</sup> JRLF **Champion/Interbreed Champion**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> T&J Connell
- 3<sup>rd</sup> JRLF

Ewe under 1 ½ in wool

- 1<sup>st</sup> JRLF
- 2<sup>nd</sup> JRLF
- 3<sup>rd</sup> JRLF

Ewe under 1 ½ shorn

- 1<sup>st</sup> P&H Bird
- 2<sup>nd</sup> P&H Bird
- 3<sup>rd</sup> JRLF

Ewe lamb under 6 months

- 1<sup>st</sup> T&J Connell **Reserve Champion**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> P&H Bird
- 3<sup>rd</sup> JRLF

Group of 3 (Ram & Ewes under 1 ½)

- 1<sup>st</sup> JRLF





## Deloraine TAS

24/11/2012

Sent in by Helen Bird

Judged by Mr Paul Day

Group of 3

1<sup>st</sup> JRLF

2<sup>nd</sup> JRLF

Ram over 1 ½

1<sup>st</sup> B&S Evans

2<sup>nd</sup> JRLF

Ram under 1 ½ in wool

1<sup>st</sup> T&J Connell

2<sup>nd</sup> JRLF

Ram under 1 ½ shorn

1<sup>st</sup> T&J Connell **Champion &**

**Interbreed Reserve Champion**

2<sup>nd</sup> JRLF **Reserve Champion**



Rams Pen of 2 under 1 ½

1<sup>st</sup> JRLF

Ram Lamb

1<sup>st</sup> JRLF

2<sup>nd</sup> JRLF



Ewe over 1 ½

1<sup>st</sup> JRLF **Reserve Champion**

2<sup>nd</sup> B&S Evans

Ewe under 1 ½ in wool

1<sup>st</sup> JRLF

2<sup>nd</sup> JRLF

Ewe under 1 ½ shorn

1<sup>st</sup> B&S Evans **Champion & Interbreed**

**Reserve Champion**

2<sup>nd</sup> JRLF



Ewes pen of 2 under 1 ½

1<sup>st</sup> P Franks & W Hoyle

2<sup>nd</sup> JRLF

Ewe Lamb

1<sup>st</sup> JRLF

2<sup>nd</sup> JRLF



Devonport TAS

30/11/2012

Sent in by Helen Bird

Ram over 1 ½ shorn

1<sup>st</sup> JRLF **Champion & Interbreed**

**Reserve Champion**

2<sup>nd</sup> JRLF

Ram under 1 ½ in wool

1<sup>st</sup> JRLF

2<sup>nd</sup> JRLF

Ram under 1 ½ shorn

1<sup>st</sup> JRLF

2<sup>nd</sup> JRLF

3<sup>rd</sup> JRLF

Ram Lamb untrimmed

1<sup>st</sup> JRLF **Reserve Champion Ram**

2<sup>nd</sup> PR&KA Harman

3<sup>rd</sup> JRLF

Ram lamb bare shorn

1<sup>st</sup> JRLF

2<sup>nd</sup> JRLF

Ewe over 1 ½

1<sup>st</sup> JRLF **Champion Ewe**

2<sup>nd</sup> BC&SG Evans

3<sup>rd</sup> JRLF

Ewe under 1 ½ in wool

1<sup>st</sup> JRLF

2<sup>nd</sup> JRLF

Ewe under 1 ½ shorn

1<sup>st</sup> BC&SG Evans **Reserve Champion**

**Ewe**

2<sup>nd</sup> PR&KA Harman

3<sup>rd</sup> JRLF

Ewe Lamb untrimmed

1<sup>st</sup> JRLF

2<sup>nd</sup> BC&SG Evans

3<sup>rd</sup> BC&SG Evans

Group 3 under 1 ½

1<sup>st</sup> BC&SG Evans **Interbreed Reserve**

**Champion Group**

2<sup>nd</sup> BC&SG Evans

3<sup>rd</sup> BC&SG Evans

Progeny Pair (Ram & Ewe Lamb untrimmed)

1<sup>st</sup> JRLF

2<sup>nd</sup> JRLF

*HAMPY BANNER COMPETITION*

Please forward to me your best photo of a ram (preferably shorn). The winning photo (as judged by Elizabeth Long, Louise Adams, Jeff Johnson & Helen Raven) will be used on new banners for VIC, NSW and SA. As an incentive there is a packet of Sheep Tranz for the winner. Comp closes end of February. Good luck.....Ed.



## MEDIA RELEASE

*THE WEEKLY TIMES Terry Sim | December 4, 2012*

**UPDATE: A SIX-MONTH delay to a new national Ovine Johne's Management Plan is an insult to producers, an industry leader says.**

Australia's top sheepmeat and wool producer bodies today backed off on a proposed January 1, 2013 start date for the plan, extending a transition period to July 1 2013.

WoolProducers Australia and Sheepmeat Council of Australia said the six-month extension would provided time for issues such as the proposed plan's lack of recognition for vaccinates to be considered and addressed.

"Both councils are committed to implementing a practical and technically sound plan to reduce the spread of the sheep wasting disease OJD. "

But chairman of a National OJD Steering Committee, Frank Tobin, said the plan should have been delayed 12 months and plans for biosecurity areas should be shelved.

"I think it is an absolute insult to the needs of the sheep industry," he said.

Both WPA and SCA said they continued to strongly support the use of vaccination as a management tool in the control of OJD, but Mr Tobin said the six-month extension still left producers in "no-man's land" as to whether to vaccinate lambs under six months for trading to continue over the next 12 months.

The joint WPA and SCA decision came after increasing industry pressure to review or delay the plan's January 1, 2013 start date, or maintain the current assurance-based program with vaccination credits and eventually deregulate OJD control.

In the past three weeks the unpopular plan that would have divided Australia's sheep area into protected or control areas has been undermined by:

- A November 15 Australian Wool Innovation-sponsored meeting asking for the proposed plan to be delayed indefinitely and OJD control deregulated;
- the NSW Department of Primary Industries and Victorian Government stating it would not regulate the boundaries of the plan's biosecurity areas;
- The New South Wales Merino Stud Breeders passing a motion of no confidence in AHA's management of OJD and;
- Last week the Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association (TFGA) calling for a review of the proposed scheme.

The Victorian Farmers Federation applauded the six-month delay.

"This is great news for sheep producers," VFF Livestock president Ian Feldtmann said.

"It gives us the time to come to a more sensible solution.

"I'd like to thank the 556 sheep producers who signed our petition opposing the new rules and all those who attended our OJD forums. As they say it's a victory for common sense."

The rules would have meant Victorian sheep producers could no longer gain access to South Australia and other "protected" areas by claiming credit for vaccinating their flocks against OJD.

"It would have meant Victorian sheep producers would have to prove their flocks had tested negative to OJD, if they want to trade into South Australia and other regions with a low prevalence of the disease that had been declared 'protected'," he said.



# Who's been in the News?

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## News

# Old breed revival life's work



**LIFE MEMBERS:** Hampshire Down breeders Elizabeth Long, left, Dianne Huett and Louise Adams at the Royal Hobart Show. Picture: SAM ROSEWARNE.

### ROGER HANSON

THREE Tasmanians have been recognised at the Royal Hobart Show this week as having played a significant role in revitalising a sheep breed in Australia.

Sisters Louise Adams and Elizabeth Long from Torwood Stud at Richmond in southern Tasmania, and Diane Huett from Deloraine (formerly Cote Hele Stud) received Australian Hampshire Down Breeders Society's inaugural life memberships because of their commitment in raising the standards of the breed.

Society national president Barry Evans of Sheffield said the breed's true and correct

standards are evident today because of their work.

Mrs Huett said when she started there were only a couple of women showing sheep.

"It was a man's world, most men were respectful and helpful and soon felt at home in that environment," Mrs Huett said.

"To receive this award today is an honour," he said.

"I am certainly in good company because Louise and Elizabeth have been an inspiration."

Both Louise Adams and her sister Elizabeth Long were thrilled.

"We always had faith in the breed and starting showing in 1977, there was no category

for them before that," Louise said.

"The breed has really taken off and grown with Tasmanian being the strongest area for Hampshire Down."

The sisters, who also work off-farm, work with brother Chris Long on the family's property which has a stud of about 50 ewes, mixed cropping and racehorses.

Hampshire Down sheep are the feature breed at the Hobart Show and have attracted about 70 entries from across the state.

Mr Evans said two other breeders were also made inaugural life members, Rodney Summers, of Marananga Stud at Evandale,

but he was in New Zealand judging at the 150th Christchurch Show and Frances Murray, of Burrandool Stud in Victoria, received her life membership at the Hamilton Sheepvention.

Hampshire Down sheep were developed by crossing the old Wiltshire Horn, Berkshire Knot and Southdown breeds. It is a large robust breed noted for being a premier fat lamb and has high fertility and extended breeding season.

● See next week's *Tasmanian Country* for a complete roundup of Royal Hobart Show results.



THE SUNDAY EXAMINER, October 21, 2012. Report Manika Dadson & Pictures Phillip Biggs



Liz Wright, of Jordan River Learning Federation.

## Not sheepish about success

THE Jordan River Learning Farm proved that education is the key to success at the Longford Show yesterday.

The Bridgewater farm, that was formerly the Bridgewater High School Farm, won the reserve champion hampshire ram and the champion hampshire ewe at the show.

Farm teacher Stuart Cordwell said it was great to see his students win after a 5am start to the day.

“When you’re champion ewe, you’re beating about 30 others, so it’s really special,” he said.

“We had a similar year last year — we went right through and won the supreme ram.”

So what does it take to produce a champion sheep?

“It’s all in the breeding,” Mr Cordwell said.

“It’s all feed and bucket and the genetics come into it a bit too.

“We’ve been breeding hampshire now for about 15 years, so it’s just an ongoing thing — once you get to a good stage, you just keep trying to improve it.”

There were about 20 champion rams and ewes for the show.

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Barry & Sabrina (hiding) Evans at Hobart



## Book Review

By Sabrina Evans: *“Running a Small Flock of Sheep”*

It was the first lambing for one of our young ewes at Evanstoke and she was late. The daughter of a Weston Hythe ewe who is a favourite, we were watching her pretty closely. One of the team of ewes in the AI programme earlier this year our young ewe missed, returning a fortnight later when she joined with our stock ram.

Come lambing time our AI ewes dropped their lambs when we expected – around 145 days. We thought our young ewe would lamb a fortnight later and didn't worry when she went a bit over time. But when she went more than 150 days we began to think again. Before we started to panic we rummaged through our library to have a look at gestation in one of our stock reference books, *Running a Small Flock of Sheep*. We found that gestation can range from 140-160 days. We stopped worrying and our ewe duly lambed at 159 days. . Written by David Hinton and published by CSIRO, *Running a Small Flock of Sheep* is a reliable source of information and tips. While the writer takes the new sheep breeder step by step through the process of raising sheep, the book is also an excellent ready reference for the experienced sheep breeder.

For the novice sheep breeder Hinton introduces the different breeds of sheep with photos. He looks at different handling techniques and farm infrastructure to control sheep in paddock or yard. A considerable part of the text is devoted to sheep husbandry including flock management, breeding and diseases. Hinton also invites the reader to

assess the quality of his pastures so that he knows they meet the nutritional requirements of his sheep. Where these requirements are not met, Hinton gives details of feeding supplements to meet up to 100 per cent pasture shortfalls. Produced in black and white, there are lots of illustrations and charts to assist the reader's understanding.

Hinton, David G., Landlinks Press, Collingwood, Victoria, 2006.

166 pages

Index, Glossaries, Information and further reading

Illustrations by Espeth Lacey

Available from CSIRO Publishing online.



### ***Naomi's Persian Hampshire Lamb with Pumpkin and Pomegranate Sauce.***

***serves 4.***

***3 Tablespoons olive oil***

***1 Large Onion, halved and sliced***

***2 Cloves of Garlic***

***1 red capsicum, coarsely chopped***

***3 red birds eye chillies, deseeded and coarsely chopped***

***1 Teaspoon ground cumin***

***3 Tablespoons pomegranate molasses***

***2 Teaspoons Honey***

***1 cup of chicken stock***

***900gm Boneless lamb shoulder of Hampy, cut into 2.5 cm chunks***

***350gm pumpkin cut into 4 cm chunks***

***1 cup of coarsely chopped coriander.***

***salt and fresh ground pepper to taste***

***Heat half the oil in a frypan over med heat. Cook the onion and Garlic until the onion is clear and softened. Add the Capsicum, chilli and cumin, and cook for a further 4-5 minutes, until the capsicum has softened. Add the pomegranate molasses and honey, and stir to combine. Transfer to a food processor and blend while gradually adding 3 tablespoons of chicken stock, until the mixture is smooth.***

***Heat the remaining oil in a Dutch oven over medium heat, season the lamb with salt and pepper and cook for 3-4 minutes until browned. Pour in the remaining stock. Add the capsicum puree and Pumpkin, and stir to combine. Put lid back on and place in a pre-heated to 180c oven for 45 min or until lamb is lovely and tender and the sauce has thickened.***

***Serve with a pearl couscous.***

Naomi Moyle is a chef and restaurant owner in Sheffield Tasmania. Her passion for paddock to plate has brought her to this idyllic Tasmanian town. She has had a varied and exciting career as a chef, spanning more than seventeen years, including working alongside Maggie Beer as a product development chef and with Maeve O'Meara as a chef on the Gourmet Food Safari on Kangaroo Island. Naomi's rural background means she knows that great food can only come from great produce, from great farmers. Sent in by Barry & Sabrina Evans



## ED's Spot



Well here we are at the end of another year. I hope all members and their families have had a great Christmas and I wish you all a Happy New Year.

Please get on board and give us some input towards our new banner and brochure. It's all about getting out there and promoting our breed.

On a more personal note and I am sure I speak for a lot of people, I would like to thank Terry Connell for all his work with the Longford Show. As mentioned earlier, Terry has stepped down as Chief Steward for the Sheep Section. His leadership will be sorely missed. But, don't get complacent; Terry will no doubt be presenting his usual high quality animals around the shows for years to come.

Remember this newsletter is only as good as its content and that content comes from you. So, please help out by sending in your show results, photos, articles and any ideas that you have that may improve or add to the newsletter.

*Cheers,*

Ed.

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