

# Spits and Pieces

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The sign points to Australian alpaca - and in this case, Farming Small Areas Expo - Hawkesbury Showground 13/14 Nov 2009) there were plenty. Thanks to those breeders who represented H-BM.

But, do Australian Alpaca Breeders actually own the logo so prominently displayed for all to see? See page 10

## Welcome to 2010

Another year has flown and 2009 is rapidly disappearing into the distance - as we motor through 2010.

With a new year comes a few changes. The first of which, for Spits and Pieces, you will have noticed as you picked up the newsletter.

Yes! Spits has shrunk.

However don't panic. You will still recognise the 'bits and pieces' as you flick through the publication.

Why smaller? See "From the Editor" on page 4.

The other major change is the introduction of colour - albeit - only select pages.

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# Alpaca Ultrafine Bale Scheme

The organisers of the Alpaca Ultrafine Bale Scheme are pleased to announce the inclusion of coloured fleece into the scheme

Prices paid per kilo, as at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010  
(prices incl of GST)

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Specifications:

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For the purpose of quality control, all submitted fleeces incur a \$3 grid testing fee

All Ultrafine Bale Scheme fleeces will now be processed by Michell & Co, Peru. Michell's have over 75 years experience in processing premium alpaca fibre.

Due to this arrangement, the scheme now allows for growers to retain ownership of finished product (yarn/garments) in lieu of payment, and with the addition of processing costs.

Suri breeders are invited to contact the organisers with a view to extending the scheme to include suri fleeces

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## FROM THE EDITOR

In taking on the Editors role I was given two challenges - ensure the newsletter broke even and see if there was a way to offer our members colour.

Well here it is - Spits in colour - not full colour but we were able to offer 11 full page colour positions for advertising purposes. You will also have noticed it is now produced in a compact A5 size, and it is the decrease in costs for producing the newsletter in A5 format has afforded us the opportunity to trial colour advertising.

We had a great response to the call for more advertising due to the extended print run of this Summer edition, so thank you everyone for your support.

As we head into show season, we have focussed the articles on showing in this edition.

Our region has a fantastic and diverse group of members with many stories to tell and

experiences in dealing with alpaca, and yet my inbox remains relatively empty. So if you have an interesting article, letter, opinion or story you would like to submit for publication in Spits and Pieces please forward your electronic copy with photos if applicable, via email to: [enquiries@ironbarkridgealpacas.com.au](mailto:enquiries@ironbarkridgealpacas.com.au)

In addition any funny, interesting or otherwise useful pictures are always welcome.

Similarly if you are heading off to a show, seminar or sale day, pack your camera, pen & paper and report for your region! That is what makes this newsletter a worthwhile and entertaining read for our members.

Good luck to those who are showing in the upcoming months.

Cheers,  
Fiona

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<b>Wound Klense Spray 500ml</b>	<b>\$20.65</b>
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Skin and wound cleansing, promotes healing

Any enquires please phone  
Terry or Giovanna on 0414 835 025  
All prices are GST inclusive

## FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to All and hopefully the recent rain will help with the prosperous part.

Firstly a brief recap on 2009. The only Regional event for this Committee in the current year was a very successful Land Expo in November, with good attendances and over fifty post card requests for the AAA information pack. Not to mention a surplus over expenditure of approx \$500, so Congratulations to Gordon West and his team! We now need to build on these enquiries and endeavour to attract more breeders into the Hawkesbury/Blue Mountains Region.

### And so to 2010

With the easing of the GFC, some gentle rain to green the pastures and the infusion of “new blood” on the AAA Board, the outlook for our industry is a positive one.

What we do need is to be more positive in our promotional activity and this opportunity presents itself with National Alpaca Week now confirmed for the 1<sup>st</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> May.

We would appreciate a volunteer member taking up the role of “Alpaca Week Ambassador” to coordinate the marketing of this event for the Region. Any takers?

Our Cell structure is now in operation with the Western Cell organised, the Eastern and Central Cells are yet to be formalised.

### Fleece Sales

As I mentioned in my last report, breeders need to be more proactive in their industry from a marketing and sales perspective and not rely on the association for business opportunities. This can either be achieved independently or within the Region or Cell. With regard to fleece, there are now more alternatives for the sale of our annual fleece production than have been available for some time. We currently have a number of processors and enterprising growers offering a better return for our fleece than ever before. However we need to make the effort and prepare the product for sale by sorting and testing in order to meet the needs of these new buyers in the market.

I have a proposal for this activity on a collective basis and have written a separate article in this S&P for your consideration and possible support if you agree.

### Meetings

As the number of Ordinary General Meetings has been reduced to three each year and are to be held in different locations, we

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look forward to a greater participation by members and visitors. Please feel free to invite any potential members or interested people to these meetings.

A presentation by Ian Braithwaite of what is required by alpaca breeders to meet Bio Security requirements will be the main focus of the upcoming February meeting at the Hartley Historic Schoolhouse. We urge all members to attend and a light lunch will be provided.

The next meeting after that will be towards the end of May in the Dural/Arcadia area.

Media Exposure

Members are urged to make contact with their local media and newspapers to submit any positive articles & photos of alpacas, alpaca products and alpaca activities. In a recent insert in the SMH of the 5<sup>th</sup> January there was a profile article about the Hawkesbury- Nepean basin as a source of food & produce for Sydney. Included in the list of produce was alpaca wool, so let us capitalise on the 4.5 million consumers we have on our doorstep and promote our product.

Again we would appreciate a member (or non member) to fill the vacancy in the Marketing/Media Liaison role.

Show Season

The show season will be in full swing towards the end of February with Canberra Royal being the first major show on the circuit, followed by Castle Hill Agricultural Show in March (contact Sue Maynard or John Hay). Sydney Royal follows closely behind at Easter time, and then later in April we have the Hawkesbury Agricultural Show (contact Cheryl Kosaras). We look forward to a good representation from our region at these events and of course, some ribbons for regional members.

NSW Regions

Discussion is about to commence with various NSW Presidents to consider the viability of having six regions in NSW with the aim of making a recommendation to the AAA Council meeting in May.

Graeme Dickson

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## H-BM CHRISTMAS PARTY - DECEMBER 2009

In true December style, the day of the Christmas Party dawned hot and steamy. Ignore the fact that it was actually November 28<sup>th</sup>. Trust me, this was Christmas weather with a vengeance! “Don’t worry,” said the President in soothing tones, “it’ll cool down by 6 o’clock.” Well folks I’m here to tell you that it got hotter and hotter as the day went on.

Nevertheless on our arrival at the wonderfully spruced-up and decorated Alleena “party shed” we were greeted in true Christmas spirit by our genial hosts, Jeanne & David Brown, and helpers Terry, Giovanna & Macie Whittick. Despite the scorcher they had transformed the large open shed into a bush Christmas palace complete with fairy lights. A cold ale was all that we needed to forget the heat (well almost) and relax with friends.

It was great to see that all the youngsters (and many of the not-so-young) had entered into the spirit of the occasion, sporting special Christmas outfits, spurred on by the promise of rich and extravagant prizes! The Burns family arrived with fully decorated vehicle, complete with reindeer antlers, all the way from the Northern Beaches.

Not surprisingly the “a” word seemed to figure in most conversations upon which I eavesdropped (well what else would alpaca breeders talk about



when socialising with other alpaca breeders?) and after an endless supply of yummy finger food and tricky little dessert cups (also yummy), we waited in great anticipation for the highlight of the night – the arrival of Santa Claus.

This was not without incident as one of the Brown brood of grandchildren (a very switched-on young Jack, aged 6) was heard to whisper to his grandmother down behind the historic barn, (where an extremely hot and flustered Santa had parked his sleigh and was putting the finishing touches to his attire, expertly assisted by one John Hay) “That’s not the real Santa!”

Despite Jeanne’s explanations about Santa’s “realness” to her grandson, Jack took matters into his own hands to put his theory to the test. As Santa ho ho ho’d his way towards the shed where we were all gathered, Jack ran like greased lightning and gave Santa’s trousers a massive tug to check out if it really was Santa underneath. An equally quick-thinking Santa salvaged the situation (and the trousers) and arrived at the party without further mishap. However young Jack had to wait for his present from the Santa sack while



Santa pondered whether in fact he had been a good boy!

Luke Brown, aged 4, was the winner of the best dressed as a very beguiling elf, and I must say that I was pleased not to be on the judging panel to choose from amongst the variety of beautifully attired

Christmas elves, fairies and angels. Alpaca judging is much easier!

Special thanks to Jeanne and David for the use of their property for the party and all the hard work that went before. For those of you who couldn't make it, you missed a fun night.

Lyn Dickson

***Did anyone give him permission to let those legs out in the open??***



## AN INTERESTING READ

Extract from Sydney's Agricultural - Planning for the Future. Info Email No. 2, DEC2009

New South Wales Government - Department of Industry and Investment.

### SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS – WESTERN SYDNEY

Industry & Investment NSW wants to hear from small to medium sized businesses in Western Sydney planning to create jobs by investing in expanding or diversifying their operations. General agriculture is excluded however, innovating high technology agriculture (e.g. greenhouse) would be considered. If you own or operate a business in Auburn, Bankstown, Blacktown, the Blue Mountains, Camden, Campbelltown, Fairfield, Hawkesbury, Holroyd, Liverpool, Parramatta, Penrith or Wollondilly you may qualify for assistance through the Western Sydney Business Employment Fund.

Assistance could include payroll tax rebates and/or direct grants that off-set business costs such as capital costs needed to begin an expansion project.

We particularly want to help businesses in manufacturing, ICT, the creative industries, transport, logistics and storage, and the development of eco-friendly technologies.

For more information on this fund contact the Western Sydney Office of Industry & Investment NSW on 02 88431100

### Nitrates linked to disease

US research has linked nitrates from nitrogen fertilisers and food additives to diseases related to insulin resistance, including Alzheimers and Parkinsons. Nitrosamine compounds formed in a chemical reaction between nitrates and proteins cause cellular DNA damage that leads to cancer. The research was published in the July 2009 Journal of Alzheimer's Disease.

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2009/07/090705215239.htm>



## LIFE IN THE CELLS.

*In an endeavour to involve members at a more local level the H-BM region introduced a Cell structure that allows for informal gatherings to be held locally in each Cell at times and dates to suit the members. This will continue to foster involvement and communication amongst our regional membership.*

*“Life In The Cells” will appear in each edition of Spits & Pieces to enable each cell to share meeting discussions, key points of interest, and latest happenings.*

### News from the Eastern Cell

The Eastern Cell of the HBM Region held their first get-together on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January in an informal setting at Greenshades, Galston, over coffee and in some cases, breakfast! The meeting started half an hour late as we waited for all expected members to arrive, but numbers were very pleasing with 21 people in attendance. Very welcome heavy rain during the meeting meant a quick move from outdoors to the nearby sheltered area, though the noise of the rain on the roof made discussion very difficult at times!

Gordon West opened the meeting and asked members to put forward the matters they would like discussed. Alpaca Week was brought up, and the dates of 1<sup>st</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> May confirmed. Similar arrangements to last year seem to be the likely scenario, with the suggestion that studs that wish to take part get together to advertise in order to keep costs down. The same \$150 fee will be required from participating studs, with the amount contributed by the Region being possibly less than last year.

John Hay asked who was willing to take on the job of co-ordinator between our Cell and the Region, with the suggestion that it need not be the same person all the time. While no-one volunteered just then, Mandy Wilkins later said she would co-ordinate the next meeting and send out the necessary emails. The number of cell meetings we would have was also discussed, and it was agreed that having one 2 to 3 weeks before each official HBM meeting would be best, with the likelihood that we would need this to be varied at busy times of the year, such as prior to

### Alpaca Week.

As John Hay had just returned from Tamworth where he was inspecting the 2010 National Show venue (as he is the auction co-ordinator), he was asked to report on his findings, and gave a brief overview, including the possibility that the alpaca auction may be held on the Saturday night instead of the Sunday.

It was mooted that at the OGM next week, the possibility of having another Fiesta in conjunction with the New Breeders Seminar might be up for consideration for some time in the future. This received a lukewarm response, with Amanda Wilkins being strongly against the Fiesta but in favour of the New Breeders Seminar.

It was agreed that future Eastern Cell meetings should be held on Sunday mornings, as this seemed to suit most people, with the venue possibly changing from time to time.

The get-together finished late morning, with everyone seeming to enjoy the casual and friendly atmosphere, and despite the sore throats from trying to speak above the noise of the rain!

### News from the Central Cell

hmmm.....it didn't happen overnight, but it will happen.

Nevermind, our western bretheren have also been very busy...

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# Bonny Belle - Producers of fine Alpaca

## Full Sales List

Animal Name	Breed Type	Alpaca Type	Colour	Price (incl GST)
<a href="#"><u>Bonny Belle Esther</u></a>	Huacaya	Female	Medium Fawn	\$770.00
<a href="#"><u>Bonny Belle Mandalay</u></a>	Huacaya	Pregnant Female	Light Fawn	\$990.00
<a href="#"><u>Bonny Belle Olivia</u></a> (SOLD)	Huacaya	Pregnant Female	Medium Fawn	\$990.00
<a href="#"><u>Bonny Belle Madeline</u></a>	Huacaya	Pregnant Female	Light Fawn	\$990.00
<a href="#"><u>Golden Gates Venita</u></a>	Huacaya	Pregnant Female	Light Fawn	\$990.00
<a href="#"><u>Bonny Belle Princess Kiralee</u></a>	Huacaya	Female	Light Fawn	\$1,200.00
<a href="#"><u>Bonny Belle Esther Queenie</u></a>	Huacaya	Pregnant Female	Dark Fawn	\$1,200.00
<a href="#"><u>Coochin Park Karla</u></a>	Huacaya	Pregnant Female	White	\$2,200.00
<a href="#"><u>Hawthorn Cottage Iam(reduced)</u></a>	Huacaya	Stud Male	White	\$2,200.00
<a href="#"><u>Bonny Belle Princess Kia</u></a>	Huacaya	Pregnant Female	Medium Fawn	\$2,200.00
<a href="#"><u>Bonny Belle Twinkle Star</u></a>	Huacaya	Pregnant Female	White	\$2,200.00
<a href="#"><u>Bonny Belle Mandelin</u></a>	Huacaya	Pregnant Female	Light Fawn	\$2,200.00
<a href="#"><u>Bonny Belle Augustine</u></a> (NEW)	Huacaya	Female	White	\$2,200.00
<a href="#"><u>Bonny Belle Elwyn</u></a> (NEW)	Huacaya	Pregnant Female	White	\$3,500.00
<a href="#"><u>Bonny Belle Juliette</u></a>	Huacaya	Pregnant Female	White	\$4,400.00

For more information go to [www.bonnybelle.com.au](http://www.bonnybelle.com.au) or email [Diana@bonnybelle.com.au](mailto:Diana@bonnybelle.com.au).

**LIFE IN THE CELLS** Continued from Page 8**News from the Western Cell**

We held our second Western Cell Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> January at 'Belgrave Park', the beautiful Hartley property of Jillian Nicholas, with thirteen attendees, including a welcome visit from 't'other siders' Geoff and Cheryl Uren. A happy and highly successful meeting ensued, with the added bonus of catching up with each other's news and activities – including the announcement the birth of Alan McKay & Karlyn Wright's first female cria in their four years in Hartley.

The major topic for discussion was the much anticipated Regional Meeting in Hartley set down for 10 am at the Historic Hartley Schoolhouse on 7<sup>th</sup> February, when Ian Braithwaite in his capacity as a member of the AAA Animal Health, Husbandry & Welfare Committee will present the recently released powerpoint presentation on Biosecurity in the Alpaca Industry. The catering for this event is to be provided by Western Cell members Lyn Swan and Vicki Wilson, and if the samples provided at our meeting are an indication it will be worthwhile attending just for the scrumptious food.

Other items discussed included the changes to fleece scoring rules, which do not seem to be adequately understood by members, and a paper prepared by President Graeme Dickson regarding marketing of our fleece, both of which will no doubt be further explored at the forthcoming Regional Meeting. In addition Jillian Nicholas is investigating the tendering of local vets for a group castration day and Diana is exploring the possibility of a similar arrangement for ultrasounding.

### **So who does really own the Australian Alpaca Logo?**

There has been a lot of rumours, opinion and speculation. So in an attempt to provide some clarification here are some facts...

Intellectual Property Australia has registered the Trademark (logo) to the Australian Alpaca Fleece Limited (AAFL). (TM 894852 and 954957).

So the next question is ...

### **Who owns AAFL?**

This has been the area of debate recently. According to the share register as at Dec 09, the largest Shareholder is Neilson Ide Pty Ltd (Controlled by the Peruvian Inca company) - 28.70%. Then AAA - 11.55%, Raeburn Rural Holdings - 6.78%.

And then there is a large list of very recognisable names/breeders making up the remaining 52.97%.

So it would appear that should Australian Alpaca breeders want the logo to remain 100% Australian, they have the power to do so. After all, quite a bit of time, effort and money were expended to develop the symbol for quality Australian Alpaca fleece.

The date of our next Cell Meeting. (agenda - National Alpaca Week) is to be advised.

Our March Cell Meeting will be held at Warren & Kerry Elgar's Shogun Alpacas. 21 Marsden Swamp Road, Hampton on 21<sup>st</sup> March at 11am,

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63593180 Followed by lunch - BBQ facilities available - BYO everything.

### **EDUCATION**

Anyone interested in a Stewards Course being run in our region ?  
Interested in a demonstration on skirting fleeces for showing purposes ?  
Let Giovanna Whittick know so we can gauge interest

Hawkesbury Blue Mountains Stud Male Register.**DREAMWOOD ESTATE - Donna Schmelitschek - 02 4576 5711 - 0411 253386**[alpacas@dreamwoodinternational.com](mailto:alpacas@dreamwoodinternational.com)

Tennyson (NSW)

[www.dreamwoodinternational.com](http://www.dreamwoodinternational.com)**DREAMWOOD ESTATE CALLISTUS - (BLK) - IAR92034. DOB 27/03/2006** \$440 Drive Through

Sire COONAWARRA SHOGUN (MG)

Dam KURRALEA CLARET (DBR)

Comments Mobile mating by arrangement.

**WOOLEBULL SILVER CLOUD - (MG) - IAR64476. DOB 21/12/2003** \$660 Drive Through

Sire PORTERS THUNDER (MG)

Dam ROYAL CANADIAN CARRERA (DG)

Comments Mobile mating by arrangement.

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Wilberforce (NSW)

[www.alleenaalpaca.com.au](http://www.alleenaalpaca.com.au)**WARRALINA-GORGE SAMURAI - (SW) - IAR82089. DOB 27/01/2006**

Sire JOLIMONT WARRIOR (SW)

Dam AMBERSUN PRIMERA(SW)

Comments

\$990 Drive Through

**ALLEENA DA VINCI - (SLF) - IAR81388. DOB 18/04/2006**

Sire FORESTGLEN PLUTACH(SW)

Dam ALLEENA WILD HONEY(MF)

Comments

\$770 Drive Through

**WINDSONG VALLEY BRAVEHEART - (W) - IAR29408. DOB 13/09/1998**

Sire PURRUMBETE HIGHLANDER (SW)

Dam JOLIMONT DAFNE(SW)

Comments Co-owned with Regal House Alpacos

\$660 Drive Through

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Glossodia (NSW)

[www.warralinga.com.au](http://www.warralinga.com.au)**BANKSIA PARK PURE WITNESS ET - (SLF) - IAR112003. DOB 09/03/2006** \$880 Drive Through

Sire HILLSIDE GARDENS NAPOLEAN (SW)

Dam BANKSIA PARK PERUVIAN DESTINY (SMF)

Comments Mobile Mating by arrangement.

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Sire PURRUMBETE EL DORADO (SMF)

Dam ROCKY HALL JEMIMA (SMBR)

Comments \* conditions and discounts apply

\$350 Drive Through \*

\$450 Mobile Mating \*

**ROSS CREEK ACHILLES - (W) - IAR 81250. DOB 25/05/2006**

Sire FINE CHOICE PERUVIAN ULTIMO (SW)

Dam WINDSONG VALLEY ARCTIC PEARL (SW)

Comments \* conditions and discounts apply

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\$450 Mobile Mating \*

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Comments

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Comments

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<b>MOUNTAIN HAGGIS - (SBLK) - IAR82592. DOB 04/05/2004</b>	\$770 Drive Through
Sire YALIN NELSON Dam MOUNTAIN BLACK CURRANT Comments Mobile Mating by arrangement.	
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Sire SHANBROOKE ACCOYO YAVARI (W) Dam REGAL HOUSE PAMELLA (DF) Comments Mobile mating by arrangement. Multiple discounts	
<b>REGAL HOUSE DRUMMER - (SW) - IAR74440. DOB 26/09/2005</b>	\$880 Drive Through
Sire SCHUBERT MAESTRO (W) Dam REGAL HOUSE PRINCESS LAYLA (W) Comments Mobile mating by arrangement. Multiple discounts. Co-Owned with Walkley Field Alpacas	
<b>ENCANTADOR RING MASTER - (SMF) - IAR118200. DOB 18/05/2008</b>	\$880 Drive Through
Sire BLUE GRASS CENTURION (LF) Dam ENCANTADOR SHOWGIRL (SLF) Comments Mobile mating by arrangement. Multiple discounts	
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Galston (NSW)	<a href="http://www.alpacandes.com.au">www.alpacandes.com.au</a>
<b>ENCANTADOR CENTURIAN - (SLF) - IAR37582. DOB 03/01/2000</b>	\$880 Drive Through
Sire WINDSONG VALLEY ROYAL INCA (SW) Dam JOLIMONT MAGNOLIA (SW) Comments Mobile Mating by negotiation	
<b>FORESTVIEW CHIAPAS - (SLF) - IAR62556. DOB 10/03/2003</b>	\$660 Drive Through
Sire JOLIMONT WARRIOR (SW) Dam BLUEGRASS MAYFAIR (SW) Comments Mobile Mating by negotiation	

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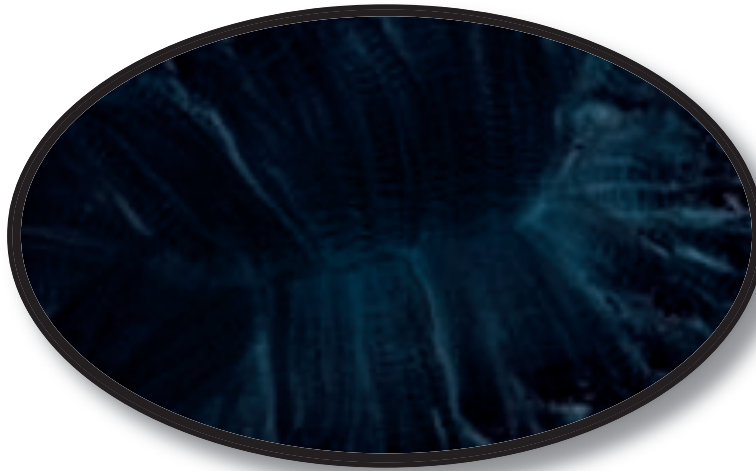
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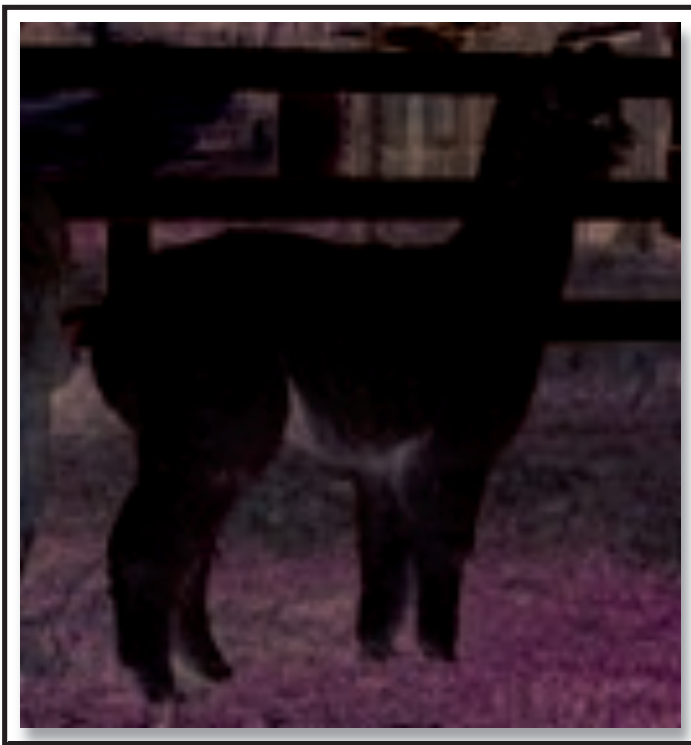
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## FARMING SMALL AREAS EXPO - NOVEMBER 2009

The Land, Farming Small Areas Expo was successfully run over two days, November 13 and 14, and undoubtedly, was a great way of showcasing our industry to the general public and serious small landholders. Our site was well positioned and enjoyed a continuous flow of people on both days despite very hot conditions on Saturday. Nearly 60 enquiry postcards were filled in and have since been posted to the AAA requesting further information packs. Financially the event proved a great success realising a profit of over \$500.00.

Some fabulous prizes were offered in our raffle and many thanks to our sponsors, Australian Alpaca Centre, Leura; Regal House Alpacas; Carpet Design Centre Pty Ltd, Glebe and Christine and Arthur Roffey and to everyone who bought and/or sold tickets. My thanks also to the ladies from the Kurrajong Spinners group for once again giving up their time and demonstrating their wonderful skills with alpaca fleece.



The event was not without its dramas and high-lights. Lyn Dickson had only just set up her alpacas on Saturday morning when she received an urgent phone call from Graeme letting her know that a pregnant female looked like it would require an emergency caesarean. A frantic dash home and many hours later saw a great result with mother and female cria both ok.

On a lighter note the purchase of so many remote control helicopters, by some of our members, not

only ensured the financial success of one particular vendor at the Expo, it nearly resulted in a vote for a change of name for our Region ie. Hawkesbury - Blue Mountains Helicopter/Alpaca Association. Instead the Galston/Glenorie Amateur Radio Controlled Helicopter Club has been established with various degrees of success and many stories of treetop rescues, battery failure and bemused alpacas – these I will leave for another day!



Co-ordinating the Expo over a few short weeks was a challenging exercise and would not have been possible without the help of many people. I would like to thank all the exhibitors who assisted in assembling and pulling down pens, displays and information areas and a special thank you to Giovanna Whittick who tirelessly put together hundreds of show bags, Jeanette Hollingworth who did a fantastic job of organising the printing and mail out of raffle tickets and Graeme Dickson who once again was a great source of knowledge and lent me a much needed guiding hand.

The success of the Expo was due in part to organisation however I believe the passionate way all exhibitors approached this event was the main contributor in securing a positive outcome and creating genuine interest in both our Region and the alpaca industry as a whole. I encourage all our members to become involved in the next FSA Expo to ensure a bigger, better display in 2010.

By Gordon West



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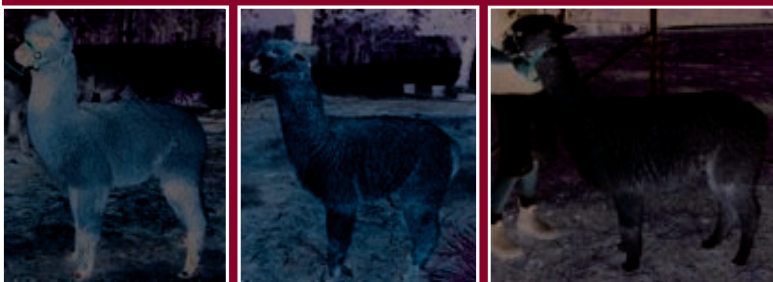
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## OUR COMMITTEE 2009/2010 - MEMBER FOCUS

### Andrew Maxwell - Committee Member

My original thoughts when requested to write this missive, were that most of the Hawkesbury Blue Mountains Regional members will know my gorgeous wife, and many of the longer lasting members (Note: I did not say "older"), will likely know mum and dad, Lesley and Alan.

So surely I don't need to say "g'day" in our little magazine. I am not the social kind of person. Leave it up to others to do the talking, I reckon. I am happy to sit back and listen. As a result, however, it is highly likely that most of you will not know who I am.

I work as a contract manager for the Department of Defence, and for my second "job" - I have been involved with alpacas since 1994, when Mum and Dad started Kurralea Alpacas. I met Fiona in 2001 courtesy of an alpaca, and she and I kicked off Ironbark Ridge Alpacas in 2002.

If you want to know about fencing for alpaca - I can tell you. Clipping toes, wrangling cranky males (and females), midwifery, teeth maintenance. In fact any of the not so glamorous jobs - I am an expert. I don't do needles though. Definitely don't do needles!!!

Then there are the alpaca panels. Designed originally by Dad, I make the original alpaca panels. I have had a hand in pretty much every one of the panels that now sits on one of the four trailers within NSW, and then some. In fact I think one of the first presents Fiona ever got from me was a

set of panels for her alpaca. Romantic, huh? I set them up on the front lawn at Curl Curl (opposite the beach). The look on her brother's face was funny, but she seemed happy.

Enough touchy/feely stuff though.

Time for some controversy.

We all love to have tongues wagging and opinions spilt. So here are a couple of things to at least get you thinking.

1. Bring back the HBM Fiesta. Not the huge event it ended on a few years ago. Let's start it small again.
2. Get rid of Q Alpaca - a more ridiculous system I've never seen nor heard of. More than happy with the Market Assurance Program, however.
3. Remove the restrictions on non registered animals being shown. What is the benefit?
4. Put the National AAA body in its place. Becoming a company was pointless - I am yet to see any benefit. They get blinded by there own self importance.

Happy to elaborate on any of the above, but time and space is running short. Have a great year, sell heaps, and have fun.

Cheers

Andrew Maxwell.

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*For those of you like us, who did your shearing in early September, remember to check your fleece length before entering your animals ~ Ed.*

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### Calendar

**14th February  
Crookwell Show**

**20th February  
Bega Show**

**27-28th February  
Royal Canberra Show**

**6th March  
Boorowa Show**

**7th March  
Bathurst Show**

**14th March  
Castle Hill Show**

**20th March  
Camden Show**

**20th - 21st March  
Goulburn Show**

**2nd - 4th April  
Sydney Royal Show**

**23rd - 25th April  
Hawkesbury Show**

**1st - 9th May  
National Alpaca Week**

## WHAT COLOUR IS MY ALPACA?

By Alicia Anderson

Sounds like a simple enough question doesn't it? BUT as many of us know - it is not that simple at all!

How often do you have a cria born and register them as a particular colour only to think in six months time that it has "changed" colour?

And of course we are not always there when they are born so you may not see them before they roll in the dirt or mud - so you have no idea what colour they are unless we get rain to wash them off - and that could be a while if we take into account the last couple of years!

Realistically, there will probably always be the difficult ones and yes, some of them will still change or you still may not get it right, hopefully this bit of information and description will help and make it easier for you to work out what colour you are looking at.



At shows it is becoming a challenge for the inspection stewards (and the judges) to decipher what colour class an alpaca should be in - particularly when the owner doesn't know either! Don't forget - when you are looking to work out what the colour is you are parting the fleece and looking at the fleece closest to the skin.

**White:** The best way I can describe a white alpaca is the fleece at the skin is a very bright white. Often if you are not sure compare a couple of animals together - if you definitely know the

one in the next pen was white then compare the animal you have with that one.

If the alpaca has a little bit of fawn at the back of the head but the rest of the body is pristine white - it goes in the white class. If the fawn travels down the dorsel of the animal i.e. along the back-line - it goes in the light fawn class. If it has a coloured spot but the rest is pristine white - it goes into the white class.

**Light fawn:** Light fawn's are the "off white" or "cream" alpacas that we see. They are just not bright white, or have the light fawn along the back-line or actually are light fawn. Again if there is a darker spot but the majority of the fleece is light fawn - it is entered into the light fawn class.

We now have the addition of Roan classes - a roan is a fawn, brown or black alpaca with white fibres throughout the fleece - in other words they do not look like a true grey. Quite often these alpacas look fawn, brown or black from the outside and when you open the fleece there are white fibres all through the fleece - these now have a home in the Roan classes. I realise the Roan still needs clarification in the registration system and on your colour card. Currently it only has RG for a rose grey, possibly you could put Roan on your registration and in the future the colour card will need to be updated (but don't hold your breath on that one!).

You do have 12 months to register your cria before incurring a higher fee so it would probably help to wait a few months before registering them so you can double check the colour - although don't forget to register them in plenty of time if you wish to show them!

**Showing fleeces:** For those that show fleeces you would probably have noticed by now that the score cards have changed. They are a work in progress and will be reviewed every 6 months to see if changes need to be made. The main changes are on the micron and weight scoring - so generally speaking the finer micron fleeces that still hold good weight should get higher points than a

## WHAT COLOUR IS MY ALPACA?

heavy fleece that is not as fine. Of course the other points for style, lack of guard hair, etc. need to be taken into account for the overall score. The points categories have also changed to be in line with the class ages. Overall changes have been made which are too difficult to put into writing so the best way to learn more about fleece judging and how everything is scored is to volunteer to help at Hawkesbury Show - you will learn a lot and be better prepared for the future when preparing your fleeces!

I hope this short description will help you out - good luck for the upcoming show season.

Cheers,  
Alicia Anderson

### Useless or Useful Trivia?

- 🐼 Donkeys are excellent guard animals. Just a little noisier than alpacas!!!
- 🐼 Alpacas love blackberry. The weed, not the piece of communication technology.
- 🐼 In the USA Kikuyu grass is a Noxious Weed. It originates from eastern Africa.
- 🐼 The energy saved by recycling one plastic drink bottle will power a computer for 25 minutes.
- 🐼 There are 4 towns called Tennyson in Australia, but where was the 5th, that had its name changed in 2001?
- 🐼 The first Royal Easter Show at Sydney Olympic Park was in 1998.

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# IT'S SHOWTIME !!!!!

## HAWKESBURY SHOW - SATURDAY APRIL 24

**Hawkesbury Show will be 23-25th April 2010 and we are in need of help/volunteers please.**

Preparation for the show starts a couple of months before - in actual fact it started last year with the schedule being put together for the HDAA so they can have all schedules ready for publication on their website. Please note the HDAA will not be producing their A4 booklet that they have produced in previous years, entry forms will be available via their website or the small A5 booklet which Cheryl will have copies of.

The HDAA website address is:  
[www.hawkesburyshow.com.au](http://www.hawkesburyshow.com.au)

Entries close a couple of weeks before so if you are showing at Sydney Royal you will need to make sure you can get your entries in to the HDAA on time.

Friday 23rd is Fleece judging - we need helpers for the day, anyone wanting to learn is welcome! It is usually a full day - depending on fleece entries but you do get "time out". If you would like to help with fleeces please contact Alicia - [regalh@bigpond.com](mailto:regalh@bigpond.com) or 4573 1177 or 0415 904 674.

Friday and Sunday are display days - so if you would like to take advantage of the thousands of people that go through the Hawkesbury Show and promote your Stud these are the days you can take some animals down and talk about alpacas. This is a great opportunity prior to National Alpaca Week in May so take advantage of it.

Saturday is judging day - a lot of help is actually needed on the day with various jobs - the more people we have the easier it will be for everyone. Some duties include (but not limited to) - Chief Steward, inspection stewards, marshalling stew-

ards, ring stewards, result recorders, a MC and many others. If you're not sure what you can do or would like to do we are happy to help you out - nobody gets thrown in "the deep end" - if you are not sure how to do something we will guide you so don't be afraid to volunteer if you are new. For all you "seasoned" breeders out there - please throw your hand up and help - the show should be able to be run smoothly if we have the volunteers. Everyone is able to show now (except for the chaperone to the Judge) so you have fewer excuses not to help!

More work is still to be done prior to the show starting - so if you would like to know how to convene a show or see how it all comes together Cheryl and Alicia are happy to mentor anyone willing to learn.

And finally - after 5 years of convening Hawkesbury Show Cheryl will be hanging up her convenors hat after the 2010 Show so we are in desperate need of somebody to learn the ropes and take it over so "the show will go on!". Of course you won't be thrown out on your own with both Cheryl and Alicia here to help you.

Cheryl can be contacted on : 02 4573 1177 or [cheryl@regalhousealpacas.com.au](mailto:cheryl@regalhousealpacas.com.au) or 0417 449 065.

Have fun showing - and good luck!

Alicia & Cheryl

### HAVE YOU EVER WRITTEN FOR A MAGAZINE BEFORE?

If you are attending one of the many shows in the next couple of months, don't forget to take your camera with you. Pictures and stories are most welcome for the next edition of -  
Spits and Pieces.



## **Proposal for collection, classing and sale of alpaca fleece by alpaca growers in NSW - by Graham Dickson**

### **Preamble:**

This paper is a brief outline of the past, present and future of what could be possible with assistance from the NSW Government through their Business Cluster program.

### **A Thumbnail History**

The alpaca industry in Australia aimed to organize a “one stop shop” for growers to send their annual clip. To this end in 1995 a COOP was formed, based in Melbourne, and succeeded in developing products that were suitable for the quality of fleece then being produced.

Another group, AAFMO, was founded in 1997 to collect class and sell to local producers, the Co-op or export.

Both organizations were relatively successful but soon realized that the size of the Australian clip did not have the economies of scale required to support the costs involved. These two operations were then combined and the resulting organisation was taken over in 2004 by a newly formed company, Australian Alpaca Fleece Limited (AAFL), with considerable financial support from the AAA. Again this organization is experiencing an increase in operating costs.

### **Current Situation**

Owing to the low prices which AAFL are offering, and a resistance from growers to sell to AAFL, a number of existing manufacturers and smaller entrepreneurs are now active in the market and are buying direct from growers. The prices for most qualities they are offering are generally better than those we have been able to achieve to date, thus giving growers a financial return that would make a significant contribution to their production costs. The buy prices being offered should be sustainable as the buyers are either selling their product in Australia and achieving a reasonable margin, or to the more lucrative Japanese, Italian or European markets.

## **PROPOSAL**

### **How could we better supply the Buyers?**

As relatively small producers of fleece it is difficult for each individual grower (and not economical for buyers of fleece) to handle small quantities e.g. 5-20kg. If collection and professional classing of larger quantities of fleece could be arranged, we could then make fleece available in a range of qualities, lengths and colours to satisfy a variety of buyers who could then buy commercially prepared fleece in the quantities required to suit their individual business needs.

If we could obtain funding from the NSW Government’s Small Business department through their Business Cluster program then I believe we could support such a collection operation.

The definition of Business clusters is “Clusters are concentrations of inter-connected firms (or alpaca studs - my words!) working in a particular industry or geographic area. The enterprises share common business objectives and outcomes.”

“Clusters encompass linked industries and other entities important to competition. They include suppliers, transport and logistics organizations, business service providers as well as business owners.”(enabling our industry to grow with NSW Government support- my words)

### **Financial Support**

“A business cluster may require specialised assistance, outside the support available from its members, for specific projects which would enhance the cluster’s growth during its formation and development stages.”

Eligible projects may qualify for one-off, 75% subsidy of up to \$10000 during the early stages of development and a matched 50% subsidy up to \$10000 for a two year period as the cluster progresses.”

For more details see [www.smallbiz.nsw.gov.au/initiatives/clusters](http://www.smallbiz.nsw.gov.au/initiatives/clusters)

### **How would it operate?**

Our submission would be based on setting up a collection/classing facility to sell to local or overseas buyers.

### **We would ask the Program to Finance;**

- 1 Freight on the collection of fleece
- 2 Rent on the leasing of a storage unit
- 3 Wages for a classer and labourer for a one-off classing deadline each year
- 4 Computer & program for reporting

### **We would need Growers to commit to supplying fleece for at least 3 years.**

Based on 10000 alpacas in NSW(AAA stats 24/9/09)

Production @ 2kg /animal/year = 20000kg

Collect say 50% = 10000kg/year

### **How would it work?**

1. The fleece remains the property of the grower until sold
2. The fleece is sold to the highest bidder, with different qualities auctioned separately
3. When payment is received, the grower is paid for his/her fleece, less a percentage to cover the remaining overheads which may not be covered by government program.
4. The structure could be a Pty Limited company.

### **Why set up another fleece collection facility?**

As discussed earlier we now have processors wanting to buy direct from growers or groups of growers. Cashmere Conections (Vic) are buying for Kelly & Windsor, Creswick and Velieris (carpets) for \$6/kg down to .50c/kg unskirted. We also have The House of Alpaca & Alpaca Ultimate both in NSW offering prices from \$66/kg down to \$3/kg and in addition to local buyers we have a tender from overseas for 5000kg of assorted qualities.

To maximise the possibility of supplying these qualities and quantities I believe it is necessary to have a collection, sorting and classing facility. This would be on a once a year seasonal collection. If we can obtain government assistance to run this operation we can maximise our return and minimise the capital outlay- hence the proposal.

### **To Sum Up**

As mentioned when commencing this paper the foregoing is a brief outline of what could be possible with Government assistance. Mr Geoff Redelman, who is a H/BM Regional member and a Director of a successful textile company has offered to assist with the submission on behalf of the Region or the combined NSW Regions (if they are interested) or just a group of like minded alpaca studs.

These are my personal ideas, and the proposal is not intended to be an official H/BM document, nor does it necessarily reflect the views of the H/BM committee.

I would appreciate any constructive comments (both positive and negative) in writing.

Graeme Dickson ([warralinga@hotkey.net.au](mailto:warralinga@hotkey.net.au))

# Alpaca Teepee - Summer 2010

<b>Blackwattle</b>		<b>(02) 9829 5555</b>			
<b>John Hawthorn</b>					
Blackwattle Sharon (F) (SMB)	A91374	11/03/2007	Burning Gold Blackjack	Kalinda Raine	\$1,500
Mated to Blackwattle Owen March 09.					
Blackwattle Barbie (F) (SLF)	A91366	02/01/2005	The Pines Deerhunter	Blue Grass Chasca	\$2,500
Barbie has a male cria at foot. Remated to Blackwattle Owen 3/09.					
Blackwattle Lucy (F) (SLF)	A30011	14/04/1998	Peruvian Heritage	Hawthorn Cottage Duchess	\$2,500
Lucy has a male cria at foot. Remated to Blackwattle Owen 6/09.					
Also available a number of young pregnant females at realistic prices. More info & pics @ <a href="http://www.blackwattle.net.au">www.blackwattle.net.au</a>					
<b>Blaydon</b>		<b>02 6355 2372</b>			
<b>Matt &amp; Carol Ridley</b>		<a href="mailto:blaydon@bigpond.net.au">blaydon@bigpond.net.au</a>			
Blaydon Queen of Hearts (F) (SW)	111371	20/04/2006	Schubert Maestro (SW)	Almaray Valentina (SW)	\$5,500
Terrific potential; from show-winning family. 2nd fleece: 17.3 mic 3.4 mic SD 19.5% CV. Mated to Warralinga-Gorge Samurai 8/8/08.					
Blaydon Arielle Rose (F) (MF)	111339	05/04/2006	Jolimont Massimo (SW)	Willows Ro Cloud (SW)	\$5,500
Female of unlimited breeding potential: stunning fleece and from female family of multiple show winners. 2nd fleece: 16.7 mic 4.1 mic SD 24.7% CV. Mated to Schubert Maestro 7/7/08.					
Blaydon Diva Belle (F) (SW)	111367	21/12/2005	Prestige Valentino	Blaydon Pebbles	\$1,650
By outstanding sire in Valentine. Proven breeder. 2nd Fleece 19.4µm 3.7µm S.D. 19% C.V. Fine & Even.					
Blaydon Lady Stardust (F) (SW)	111374	24/11/2006	Swan Valley Achiever	Orrapooro Vibrato	\$1,650
Great potential and excellent genetics. First fleece 21.1 mic, 4.5 SD, 21.5 CV. Mated to Warralinga-Gorge Samurai (SW) August 2008.					
Blaydon Vivere (F) (SW)	111370	09/04/2006	Ambersun Romanza	Orrapooro Soprano	\$1,100
By a Jolimont Conquistador grandson. Currently open. Breed or use as ET recipient. 2nd fleece 25.9µm 4.7µm S.D. 18.1% C.V.					
<b>Bonny Belle</b>		<b>02 6355 2372</b>			
<b>Diana &amp; Ralph Fairbairn</b>		<a href="mailto:info@bonnybelle.com.au">info@bonnybelle.com.au</a>			
Bonny Belle Olivia (F) (MF)	A50577	15/01/2002	Bellawood Hercules	Biella Onieda	\$1,850
24.4µm Nov 06. Includes a SW male cria sired by Bonny Belle Variance.					
Bonny Belle Etna (F) (MF)	A50580	27/02/2002	Bonny Vale Oxley	Purumbete Erubus	\$1,650
Excellent breeding female. With SW male cria at foot DOB 13/1/08 sired by Bonny Belle Variance.					
Bonny Belle Madeline (F) (SLF)	A71487	07/04/2003	Golden Gates Julius	Bonny Vale Mon Cherie	\$1,200
Nice natured female. With male cria DOB 3/1/08 sired by Hawthorn Cottage Iam, price includes remating to Iam.					
Wether quality males for guards or pets from \$330 including gst. All colours.					
<b>Boongala</b>		<b>02 4567 2208</b>			
<b>Jill &amp; Peter Derrin</b>					
Boongala Diamond Tina (F) (SB)	32333	01/04/1998	Falconstooop Zeus	Royal Canadian Royal Diamonds	\$990
Dam Of Multiple Ribbon Winner Diamantina Tu Soks.					
Boongala Paladin (M) (SW)	108906	01/05/2005	Boongala Ensignia	Boongala Picabo	\$2,200
Very gentle temperament ready to certify. 2nd Fleece 19.4µm, SD 4.3µm, CV 22.1%, CF 98%.					
*JD MN3 status.					
<b>Follyfoot Farm</b>		<b>0407 469 177</b>			
<b>Linda Moore</b>		<a href="mailto:linda@follyfoot.com.au">linda@follyfoot.com.au</a>			
Belgrave Park Michelangelo (M) (SDF)	86352	04/11/2004	Schubert Maestro	Belgrave Park Kasey	\$5,500
With Excellent show record see website for further details. 4th fleece 24.4u / 4.3 SD / 18.38 CV / 93.5 CF.					
Kyimba Natalie Darcy (F) (SW)	146182	31/03/2008	Eringa Park Trinidad	Kyimba Portia	\$1,375
Mated to ILR NWA LTD Peruvian Baltazar (Imp USA) LMD 20/2/09. 2nd fleece 19.4 u / 3.4 SD / 17/5 CV.					
Follyfoot Halle Berry (F) (SLB)	128770	30/12/2008	Peruvian Baltazar	Kyimba Emily	\$1,100

1st fleece 19.5 u / 3.7 SD / 18.9 CV.					
Kyimba Kaylie Cheree (F)(SWB)	146183	07/04/2008	Eringa Park Trinidad	Kyimba Tabbatha	\$1,100
2nd fleece 24.7 u / 4.0 SD / 16.1 CV.					
<b>Gunnamatta</b>		<b>02 9653 2277</b>			
<b>Sue Maynard</b>		<a href="mailto:alpacas@tpg.com.au">alpacas@tpg.com.au</a>			
Sanctuary Lolita F (SLB)	19135	14/11/1998	Coliban Valley Ace of Spades	Coolaroo Lullaby	\$990
Ths girl has produced 3 very nice grey females and is pregnant to Gunnamatta Marconi (MG), due 5/10.					
Strathclyde Meghan F (SLF)	60175	21/08/2004	Purrumbete D'Artagnan	Peppercorn Mollie	\$770
Meghan has good conformation ans soft handling fleece. Pregant to Gunnamatta Glenrowan (MG), due6/10.					
Gunnamatta Honeydew F (SLF)	88015	04/10/2004	Purrumbete D'Artagnan	Gunnamatta Jacinta	\$1,650
Honeydew has correct conformation and is holding her micron well. Pregant to Ambersun Gallipoli, due 6/10.					
A range of MN3 alpacas for sale. Photos and further details available @ <a href="http://www.gunnamattastud.com.au">www.gunnamattastud.com.au</a>					
<b>Ironbark Ridge</b>		<b>02 4576 1622</b>			
<b>Andrew &amp; Fiona Maxwell</b>		<a href="mailto:ironbarkridge@optusnet.com.au">ironbarkridge@optusnet.com.au</a>			
Kurrabell Park Frances (F) (SLF)	57943	21/01/2002	Windsong Valley Romanov	Kurrabell Park Patrica	\$990
Frances is a lovely natured large framed alpaca. A fantastic mother who produces robust cria. Fleece 26.15µm.					
Ironbark Ridge Eureka (F) (SDBr)	108991	26/01/2006	Prestige Alexander the Great	Ironbark Ridge Finlandia	\$990
Eureka is a soft natured maiden. Her fleece is a very dark brown with good density and coverage. Fleece results 23.51µm SD 4.6µm, 19.6 C.V.					
Ironbark Ridge Sprinkles (F) (MBr)	142663	28/06/2008	Prestige Alexander the Great	Bonnie Vale Twinkle	\$990
Sprinkles is a well framed maiden female, with soft fleece. Fleece results 19.5µm, 3.86µm S.D., 19.8 C.V.					
Ironbark Ridge Brandee (F) (SDF)	109000	15/11/2007	Prestige Alexander the Great	Kurralea La Petite Etoile	\$990
Brandee is a very large framed maiden female. Fleece results 20.62µm, 4.95µm, 24 C.V.					
Kurralea La Petite Etoile (F) (RG)	29077	15/09/2001	World Class Huck Finn	Bonnie Vale Twinkle	\$990
A large framed female who has produced large framed progeny. Fleece results 24.µm					
MN3 status					
<b>Moonlight</b>		<b>02 6355 2475 or 0419 546 563</b>			
<b>Wendy &amp; Warwick Fuller</b>		<a href="mailto:warwickfuller@cirruscomms.com.au">warwickfuller@cirruscomms.com.au</a>			
Moonlight Sonata (F) (SW)	57618	10/05/2003	Windsong Valley Braveheart	Coolaroo Solo Flight	\$2,300
Grandsires Purrumbete Highlander & Peruvian Hemmingway. 2007 clip 4kg.					
Moonlight Serenade (F) (SMF)	86686	24/05/2004	Windsong Valley Braveheart	Moonlight Pallas Athena	\$1,500
Gdsires Purrumbete El Dorado & Purrumbete Highlander. W male cria at foot. 23.6µm CV: 17.8% @ 4kg					
Loose Beare Didgeridoo	31392	01/10/1999	Purrumbete Minderoo	Coolaroo Cadence	\$1,000
Ready to be mated, Didgeridoo is a proven easy no fuss breeder and excellent mother.					
Moonlight Fly Boy (M) (DF)	86688	29/09/2005	Swan Valley Achiever	Coolaroo Solo Flight	\$3,500
Flyboy has a temperament and nature you dream of! Great bloodlines: Ledgers Dream, Highlander, Hemingway. Excellent stud male potential.					
<b>Opotiki</b>		<b>02 9653 1890</b>			
<b>Cathy Sutherland</b>		<a href="mailto:bnctv@ozemail.com.au">bnctv@ozemail.com.au</a>			
Opotiki Coppertop (W) (MF)	A40488	12/07/2001	Alpacandes Peruvian Dictator	Opotiki Miss Mocha	\$440
Opotiki Bailey (W) (LF)	N/R 60493	28/04/2004	Alpacandes Peruvian Dictator	Cedar House Toffee	\$440
Opotiki Boomerang (W) (MB/W)	N/R 64495	21/05/2005	Summerhill Sundance	Cedar House Toffee	\$500
JD MN3 status					



<b>Pinnacle</b>		<b>0407 200 533</b>			
<b>Noelene Bearns</b>		<a href="mailto:noelene@siteservices.net.au">noelene@siteservices.net.au</a>			
Pinnacle Primula (F) (SLF)	100532	30/04/2007	Forestglen Plutach	Pinnacle Juliet	\$3,300
Third prize Bathurst Royal . Grandsire: Prestige Valentino 2nd fleece 22.7 mic 4.83 SD 21.28 CV cut 4.0kg					
Pinnacle Clematis (F) (SW)	100535	11/05/2007	Regal House Mr Darcy	Pinnacle Ophelia	\$3,300
Grandsire: Prestige Valentino 2nd fleece 24.4 mic 4.95 SD 20.29 CV cut 3.8kg					
Pinnacle Erica (F) (SW)	100534	15/05/2007	Regal House Mr Darcy	Bonnie Vale Roseley	\$3,300
2nd fleece 21.9 mic 4.58 SD 20.91 CV cut 5.1kg					
Pinnacle Magnolia (F) (SW)	100536	15/05/2007	Regal House Mr Darcy	Pinnacle Donner	\$3,300
2nd fleece 22.1 mic 4.22 SD 19.1 CV Cut 4.83 kg					
JD Unassessed. Other animals and packages available. Kept at Orange.					
<b>Rocky Hall</b>		<b>0418 208 376</b>			
<b>Don Culey &amp; Bronwyn Davey</b>		<a href="mailto:alpacas@lanscape.net.au">alpacas@lanscape.net.au</a>			
Rocky Hall Madeline (F) (W)	71774	08/12/2003	Jolimont Oscar 2	Acheron Masquerade	\$1,100
A Madeline is an attractive female with a good frame and conformation. She is mated to Ross Creek Achilles, due 6/10. Fleece 25.3µm.					
Rocky Hall Roxette (F) (RG)	71771	05/06/2003	Forestglen Reuben	Belgrave Park Racine	\$4,400
Grandsire Purumbete El Dorado. Always throws crias with superfine, lustrous fleeces. Mated to RH Jeronimo, due 5/10.					
Rocky Hall Marcel (M) (SMF)	124864	16/04/2007	Jolimont Warrior	Ross Creek Michelle	\$440
A compact male with a beautiful fawn fleece that spinners admire. Fleece 15.7µm 3.3µm S.D. 21% C.V.					
Benleigh Arissa (F) (SW)	36466	09/08/1999	Purumbete Brigantine	Benleigh Arica	\$4,400
A solid white peruvian female, excellent mum. Mated to R.C. Achilles, due 11/10. Fleece 23.4µm S.D. 4.4µm C.V 18.8					
JD MN2 Status.					
<b>Sunvalley</b>		<b>02 4751 6017</b>			
<b>Barbara Turner</b>		<a href="mailto:alan-turner@bigpond.com">alan-turner@bigpond.com</a>			
Belgrave Park Lilliana (F) (SW)	67223	01/12/2003	Shanbrooke Accoyo El-Prado	World Class Crème Caramel	\$2,000
Lilliana is an excellent mother who births easily. I am retaining her 2 daughters. Fleece stats for last cria are; 16.7 µm, 3.5 S.D. ,100% C.F.					
Ngullamina Abbey (F) (LF)	134403	01/11/2007	Swan Valley Achiever	Ngullaminua Miss Tanya	\$1,000
A Very light fawn maiden. Two crosses to Highlander; granddaughter of Shanbrooke Elite and P. Minderoo. 2nd fleece: 21 µm, S.D. 4.5.					
JD MN3 Status.					
<b>Tableland</b>		<b>02 9481 9831</b>			
<b>Warren &amp; Kay Eldridge</b>		<a href="mailto:surveyor@netspace.net.au">surveyor@netspace.net.au</a>			
Chimbrook Sonny (M) (LF)	119261	07/05/2006	Warralinga Bold Eagle	Gunnamatta Kaylee	\$1,000
Ready for Certification.					
Rowallan Desert Kite (CM) (DB)	7899	10/03/1997	Purumbete Desert Hawk	Rowallan Delta	\$550
Certified Male Case No.7899.					
Rocky Hall Candice (F) (SDF)	52733	14/05/2003	Bluegrass Wolfgang	Orrapoorra Caprice	\$1,000
Mated to Rowallan Desert Kite on 2/10/09.					
Tableland Ringlet (F) (DB)	159346	15/07/2009	Illawarra Wellington	Rocky Hall Candice	\$800
Weanling, not yet ear-tagged or registered.					
Chimbrook Primrose (F) (LF)	67628	11/05/2004	Warralinga Bold Eagle	Gunnamatta Kaylee	\$1,000
Mated to Rowallan Desert Kite on 26/9/09					
Whole herd dispersal. Further animals available on request.					



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