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# 2025 YOUNG SHEEP HANDLERS EXPO

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Welcome to the WA Sheep Handlers Expo.

We are delighted to have you with us today, showcasing your enthusiasm and commitment to the sheep and wool industry.

Our program is brimming with industry-leading topics and opportunities for you to engage and learn.

As you explore the diverse career pathways available within the industry, we aim to equip you with the knowledge and confidence to advance your skills and expertise.

We extend our deepest gratitude to our sponsors, presenters, volunteers, and everyone who contributed to making this event possible.

To all participants, we hope you gain valuable insights into the industry, forge new friendships, and, most importantly, have an enjoyable experience.

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### PARTICIPANT RULES

All participants must have registered and received a Vest, Satchel and Information Booklet on the morning of the Expo. All entrants must inform a Committee Member or their Team Leader if they have a need to leave the showgrounds or the presentation area. Any concerns or issues that participants have should be reported immediately to your Team Leaders who will take the appropriate course of action.

Participants are required to participate in all eligible activities to qualify for age group competition prizes.

Strictly **NO ALCOHOL, SMOKING OR VAPING** will be permitted on the grounds throughout the duration of the event, this includes persons over 18 years of age. Any person found using any of these will be immediately disqualified from the event.

All entrants are expected to behave respectfully, courteously, honestly, and ethically towards Committee, volunteers, entrants and all others attending this event. The Committee has the power to take appropriate action against an entrant, presenter, volunteer or person engaged in **Bullying, Harassment or Discrimination**.

Management and control of the Young Sheep Handlers Expo will be in the control of the joint proponents. Royal Agricultural Society of Western Australia and Australian Stud Sheep Breeders Association INC, W.A.

### SECURITY

Normal security befitting the event will be in place. All participants, Committee, Volunteers or public involved are responsible for their own locks, keys or personal possessions. Neither of the two proponents accept any responsibility for loss or damage of property or livestock.

Any entrant or member of the Committee or public who stay in the Showgrounds accommodation or their assistants must be responsible for all their own requirements and only leave after their area has been inspected. All persons under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

### INJURY, ILLNESS & EMERGENCY

For fire safety all attendees must sign in at the desk every morning.

In the event of an emergency, Team Leaders and Committee will instruct participants on best course of action.

If evacuation is required, all those taking part must immediately assemble on the Main Arena.

All injuries or illness must be reported immediately to a First Aid Officer.

### ANIMAL WELFARE

No cruelty to animals in any form will be tolerated.

Any animal allocated to a participant for preparation, judging or assessment must be attended and prepared by the participant only. No adult or professional assistance is allowed, except by the presenter or in the case of advice a Team Leader who might seek advice from an adult of the Committee.

The feeding of your allocated animal is to be carried out **only by the entrant**. The feeding regime for that particular animal will be provided by the owner and will be displayed above the pen. **Owners are not to take control** of their animals feeding or care.

If the owners see a problem, it must be discussed with a Team Leader or Committee Member.

No Expo entrant will be involved in the animal's arrival or departure process. All animals must be loaded by the owner or his / her agent. Loading will follow the normal procedures for a Royal Show as set out by the Royal Agricultural Society of W.A.

### GENERAL

Any private vehicles parked within the showgrounds will be totally at the risk of the owner. **INSURANCE AND PUBLIC LIABILITY** is the responsibility of the owner.

Personal belongings and electronic devices brought onto the showgrounds will be at the participants own risk.

Mobile devices **must be turned off and stowed at all times** unless required for tasks during or after a presentation.



## SOUTH AUSTRALIA SHEEP EXPO 2025 2024 WA WINNER KIARA BUNTER

In April 2025, I was privileged to attend the SA Sheep Expo in Adelaide. My entry ticket was sponsored by the Australian Border Leicester Association (ABLA), and my airfare was sponsored by Glenoraig Suffolk Stud. I'm from WA, and this trip wouldn't have been possible without these sponsors so I'm incredibly grateful for their support.

The Expo itself was an intensive three-day program, with the 2025 theme: Focusing on the Ewe. A range of presenters shared valuable knowledge and insights into different industry operations. Some highlights were the sessions on feed budgeting, lamb autopsy, wool assessment and wool marketing options. I participated in the young judges competition, which allowed me to practise and improve my animal assessment and judging skills, and I placed third.

Then there was the Handlers competition, where I enjoyed competing against people from different states with lots of experience. It was challenging, but also really fun and interesting.

The committee, adult helpers and other participants really helped me make the most of this opportunity. I'm very grateful for the kindness and support they showed me as I navigated my first Expo and my first time in Adelaide. I met a lot of people from across Australia, and I truly learned a lot from them and made some valuable connections.

As someone who grew up in the city, events like these are super important and help us get started in the industry. The SA Sheep Expo was truly an invaluable learning experience. It provided knowledge and resources, practical experience and skill development, and I was able to learn from and connect with farmers. I gained some interesting insights into sheep production in SA, particularly about the challenges they're facing with drought.

Overall, the Expo was an enjoyable and valuable experience. I learned a lot, made new friends, and am now better equipped to further my career in the industry!



## PROGRAM:

### DAY 1 THURSDAY 10 JULY 2025

Multi-Group	Novice 1	Intermediate 3
Senior 5	Novice 2	Intermediate 4

TIME	ACTIVITY	GROUP	PRESENTER
8.30	Registration	ALL	Maxine McKenzie
9.00	Welcome, Meet Team Leaders	ALL	RASWA/ASSBA
9.15	Sheeo Breeds	ALL	Peter Gelmi
9.45	Morning Tea	ALL	Jo Gelmi
10.00	Behaviour	Novice 1	Steve Toghill
10.00	Behaviour	Novice 2	Wayne Laird
10.00	Conformation	Intermediate 3	Donald Cochran & Zarah Squiers
10.00	Ring Craft	Intermediate 4	Sussan Ogle & Brendan Lamont
10.00	Heiniger	Senior 5	Kevin Gellatly
10.45	Meat Technology	ALL	Gavin Criddle & David Gannon
11.45	Getting yo Know Eve	ALL	Team Leaders
12.00	Lunch	ALL	Jo Gelmi
12.30	Behaviour	Intermediate 3	Steve Toghill
12.30	Behaviour	Intermediate 4	Wayne Laird
12.30	Conformation	Senior 5	Donald Cochran & Zarah Squiers
12.30	Ring Craft	Novice 1	Sussan Ogle & Brendan Lamont
12.30	Heiniger	Novice 2	Kevin Gellatly
13.15	Heiniger	Intermediate 3	Kevin Gellatly
13.15	Behaviour	Senior 5	Steve Toghill
13.15	Behaviour	Novice 2	Wayne Laird
13.15	Conformation	Intermediate 4	Donald Cochran & Zarah Squiers
13.15	Ring Craft	Novice 1	Sussan Ogle & Brendan Lamont
14.00	Behaviour	Senior 5	Wayne Laird
14.00	Behaviour	Intermediate 4	Steve Toghill
14.00	Conformation	Novice 1	Donald Cochran & Zarah Squiers
14.00	Heiniger	Novice 2	Kevin Gellatly
14.00	Ring Craft	Intermediate 3	Sussan Ogle & Brendan Lamont
14.45	Afternoon Tea	ALL	Jo Gelmi
15.00	Biosecurity + Activity	ALL Intermediate & Seniors 3 Groups	Will Janson & Andrew Longbottom
15.00	Junior Biosecurity/ Behaviour/ Getting to Know Eve	Novice 1 & 2 2 Groups	Peter Gelmi & Jo Gelmi
16.00	Conformation	Novice 2	Donald cochran & Zarah Squiers
16.00	Behaviour	Novice 1	Steve Toghill
16.00	Behaviour	Intermediate 3	Wayne Laird
16.00	Ring Craft	Intermediate 4	Sussan Ogle & Brendan Lamont
16.00	Heiniger	Senior 5	Kevin Gellatly
16.45	Feed + Water Check	ALL	Team Leader
17.00	Final Announcement	ALL	Peter Gelmi

**PROGRAM:**  
**DAY 2 FRIDAY 11 JULY 2025**

Multi-Group	Novice 1	Intermediate 3
Senior 5	Novice 2	Intermediate 4

TIME	ACTIVITY	GROUP	PRESENTER
9.00	Feed + Water Check	ALL	Team Leaders
9.15	Nutrition	Intermediate & Senior	Elizabeth Owens - Milne
9.15	Nutrition	Novice 1 & 2	Peter Gelmi
10.00	Morning Tea	ALL	Jo Gelmi
10.15	Wool	Novice 1	Robert Carter
10.15	Getting to Know Ewe	Novice 2	Team Leaders
10.15	Showmanship	Intermediate 3	Sussan Ogle & Brendan Lamont
10.15	Show Preparation	Intermediate 4	Peter Gelmi
10.15	Judging	Senior 5	Donald Cochrane & Zarah Squiers
11.00	Showmanship	Senior 5	Sussan Ogle & Brendan Lamont
11.00	Getting to Know Ewe	Intermediate 4	Team Leaders
11.00	Wool	Intermediate 3	Robert Carter
11.00	Judging	Novice 1	Donald Cochrane & Zarah Squiers
11.00	Show Preparation	Novice 2	Peter Gelmi
11.45	Lunch	ALL	Jo Gelmi
12.15	Harvesting Wool	ALL	Tennille Norrish
13.15	Show Preparation	Intermediate 3	Peter Gelmi
13.15	Getting to Know Ewe	Novice 1	Team Leaders
13.15	Judging	Novice 2	Donald Cochrane & Zarah Squiers
13.15	Wool	Senior 5	Robert Carter
13.15	showmanship	Intermediate 4	Sussan Ogle & Brendan Lamont
14.00	Judging	Intermediate 3	Donald Cochrane & Zarah Squiers
14.00	Getting to Know Ewe	Senior 5	Team Leaders
14.00	Show Preparation	Novice 1	Peter Gelmi
14.00	Showmanship	Novice 2	Sussan Ogle & Brendan Lamont
14.00	Wool	Intermediate 4	Robert Carter
14.45	Afternoon Tea	ALL	Jo Gelmi
15.00	Getting to Know Ewe	Novice 1 & 2	Team Leaders
15.00	Scanning & ASBV's	Intermediate & Senior	Michael O'Neill - Stockmart
15.45	Showmanship	Novice 1	Sussan Ogle & Brendan Lamont
15.45	Getting to Know Ewe	Intermediate 3	Team Leaders
15.45	Wool	Novice 2	Robert Carter
15.45	Judging	Intermediate 4	Donald Cochrane & Zarah Squirers
15.45	Show Preparation	Senior 5	Peter Gelmi
16.30	Feed Up/Water/Bedding	ALL	Team Leaders & Breeders
17.00	Finish	ALL	

**PROGRAM:**  
**DAY 3 SATURDAY 12 JULY 2025**

Multi-Group	Novice 1	Intermediate 3
Senior 5	Novice 2	Intermediate 4

TIME	ACTIVITY	GROUP	PRESENTER
8.30	Feed + Water Check + Pen Clean	ALL	Team Leaders
9.00	Handling Alpacas	ALL	Louise Holbrook
9.30	Wool Craft	ALL ALL	Spinning, Weaving, Felting & Knitting Demo
10.00	Morning Tea	ALL	
10.15	Wool Craft	ALL	Several wool activities to choose from, stay at one or move around
11.45	Lunch	ALL	Jo Gelmi
12.15	Speaking	Senior & Intermediate	David Prince - Rostrum (WA)
12.15	Handlers Competition	Novice 1 & 2 (last novice event)	Brendan Lamont - Steward Anna Darke - Judge
13.00	Handlers Competition	Intermediate	Peter Gelmi - Steward Anna Darke - Judge
13.30	Handlers Competition	Senior	Steve Toghill - Steward Anna Darke - Judge
14.00	Judging Competition	Intermediate 2x Teams 4x Sheeo Novice handlers to hold sheep	Zarah Squiers - Steward Aaron Foster - Judge
14.45	Judging Competition	Seniors 2x Teams 4x Sheeo Novice handlers to hold sheep	Donald Cochrane - Steward Aaron Foster - Judge
15.15	Afternoon Tea & Raffle	ALL	Jo Gelmi
15.30	Presentations	ALL	John Snowball & Malcom Seymour
16.00	Clean Up, Pens, Load Sheeps	ALL	Breeders and Team Leaders



# PARTICIPANT GROUPS

NOVICE GROUP 1 - LIGHT GREEN			
TEAM LEADERS : Nicki Lawrence, Sarina Laurin			
EXHIBITOR NAME	GROUP	PEN	BREED
Laurin, Ember	1	1	Lincoln
Ives, Remy	1	2	Lincoln
Ghilarducci, Adelle	1	3	Lincoln
Woods, Oliver	1	4	Wiltipoll
Smith, Macy	1	5	Wiltipoll
Allerton, Lucy	1	6	Wiltipoll
Dingle, Mila	1	7	Wiltipoll
Dingle, Seth	1	8	Shropshire
Fazio-Smith, Hamish	1	9	Shropshire
Loohuys, Alexander	1	10	Shropshire
Loohuys, Sebastian	1	11	English Leicester
Kelliher, John	1	12	English Leicester

INTERMEDIATE GROUP 3 - LIGHT BLUE			
TEAM LEADERS : Stephen Ryan, Rob Mocerino			
EXHIBITOR NAME	GROUP	PEN	BREED
Harvey, Bronte	3	25	Wiltipoll
Armstrong, Phoebe	3	26	Poll Dorset
Day, Tyeson	3	27	Poll Dorset
Sutherland, Lachlan	3	28	Poll Dorset
Hughes-Odgers, Riley	3	29	Australian White
Picton, Paige	3	30	Australian White
Groenewald, Jessika	3	31	Merino
Burgess, Luke	3	32	Merino
Slobe, Rachel	3	33	White Suffolk
Pollard, Charlie	3	34	White Suffolk
Sutherland, Summer	3	35	Border Leicester
May, Flynn	3	36	Wiltipoll

SENIOR GROUP 5 - YELLOW			
TEAM LEADERS : Willow Hammond, William Barber			
EXHIBITOR NAME	GROUP	PEN	BREED
Bunter, Kira	5	49	Hampshire Downs
Adams, Emily	5	50	Hampshire Downs
Start, Jaylyn	5	51	Ile de France
Vlemmix, Mikayla	5	52	Ile de France
Osborne, Andi	5	53	South Suffolk
Ghilarducci, Ella	5	54	Australian White
Ghilarducci, Emily	5	55	Australian White
Criddle, Scott	5	56	Dorset Horn
Lawerence, Max	5	57	Merino
Seth, Brooklyn	5	58	Suffolk
Henderson, Grace	5	59	South Suffolk
Singh, Nardiah	5	60	South Suffolk

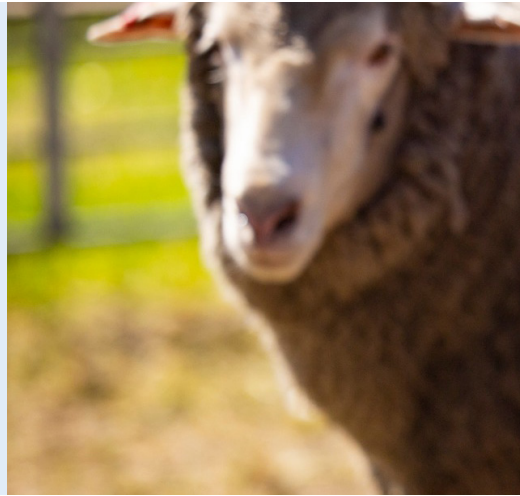
NOVICE GROUP 2 - DARK GREEN			
TEAM LEADERS : Arlia Deadman, Sandi Karasek			
EXHIBITOR NAME	GROUP	PEN	BREED
Fricker, Ashleigh	2	13	Border Leicester
Agnew, Emily	2	14	Border Leicester
Lemon, Chelsea	2	15	White Suffolk
Johansen, Quailin	2	16	White Suffolk
Negus, Kobi	2	17	White Suffolk
Funnell, Cody	2	18	Suffolk
Wilkinson, Oakley	2	19	Suffolk
Firms, Ryan	2	20	Suffolk
Fazio-Smith, Reuben	2	21	English Leicester
Wolf, Tyler	2	22	Hampshire Down
Soeters, Riley	2	23	Hampshire Down
Smith, Keely	2	24	Wiltipoll

INTERMEDIATE GROUP 4 - DARK BLUE			
TEAM LEADERS : Stephen Abbott, Peter McKenzie			
EXHIBITOR NAME	GROUP	PEN	BREED
Lawerence, Tim	4	37	Australian White
Ives, Jesse	4	38	Australian White
Philipps, Jake	4	39	Charolais
Philipps, Zach	4	40	Merino
Deadman, Lincoln	4	41	Border Leicester
Brice, Anastatia	4	42	Ile de France
James, Felicity	4	43	Ile de France
Sander, Kaylee	4	44	Charolais
Slobe, Kelvin	4	45	Border Leicester
Mitchell, Tinesha	4	46	Wiltipoll
Wilkie, Blake	4	47	Border Leicester
Kelliher, Lucille	4	48	South Suffolk

## MEET OUR PRESENTERS

Thank you to all the presenters who have generously contributed their time to join us at the 2025 Sheep Expo, sharing their extensive knowledge and expertise in the field.

We encourage participants to actively engage by asking questions throughout the sessions, which are designed to be interactive and educational. A notebook has been provided for your convenience, and we recommend you take notes.



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### PETER GELMI SHEEP COORDINATOR

My interest in sheep began in 1977 when Jo and I married and Jo's first teaching job was in a school at Cascades, a new land development area in South-East Western Australia.

I started working on a large station as a stockman and soon came to appreciate the role of sheep in mixed farming practices.

After completing an Agribusiness Degree at Muresk in 1982 I turned to teaching Agriculture, firstly at Narrogin Agricultural College, then a 22-year stint at Esperance and finally at Harvey Agricultural College, where I retired in 2021. I spent 1990 teaching at Oatridge Agricultural College in Scotland and was exposed to the rich history of sheep breeding that saw so many British breeds spread out across the world.

After coming back from Scotland I convinced the school to buy a Border Leicester stud and with many a willing student, began breeding and showing Borders. An opportunity came up to save a heritage breed stud from being dispersed and the school bought a small Shropshire stud.

After I transferred from Esperance the school decided to sell the Shropshire's, so I purchased them for a friend who has continued to support the breed.

In 2008 Jo and I settled on a small property at Burekup, and I became a Counsellor of the Royal Agricultural Society of WA. It was not long before they asked me to look after the sheep section for the Perth Royal Show. While the sheep section had great support from the commercial sheep breeds the heritage breeds lacked a presence.

In 2012 I managed to find six of the ten heritage breeds and put together a display for the show. Jo and I then decided the only way we would see Lincolns and English Leicester's back in WA was to import breeding stock from the East. We have been breeding Longwools since 2013. Our small, enthusiastic group of breeders formed the Heritage Sheep of WA, and we attend various shows to promote the importance of preserving the heritage breeds.



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## **DONALD COCHRANE** **CONFORMATION / JUDGING**

My father was very passionate about merinos and wool, as well as trees and grasses and later had Border Leicester and Poll Shorthorn cattle studs. It was through him and my travels overseas that my knowledge of sheep breeds expanded. In 1985, I spent a year travelling abroad visiting many farms and observing various sheep breeds particularly in Britain including notable farms such as: Cotswold Park, Chillingham Park and Dishley Grange, the property of Robert Bakewell, the pioneer of dedicated sheep and cattle breeding.

Having always used Suffolk rams, I started the GlenCraig Suffolk stud in 1996 and later established a Border Leicester stud.

I have always believed that rural communities were disenfranchised by isolation and the responsibility of owning animals prevented them in most instances from leaving the farm. This precluded access to research technology in a form that they could understand.

In 1999, I was awarded a Churchill Fellowship in the form of a scholarship to investigate tree breeding genetics and extension of research technology to rural people.

This opportunity allowed me to spend two months in South Africa, Zimbabwe and Kenya, one month in Britain and America. Everywhere I travelled, I observed sheep breeds adapted to their environments and saw opportunities for farmers to understand the symbiotic relationship between plants and animals at an accessible manner.

I hope that the WA Young Sheep Handling Expo offers young sheep enthusiasts similar experiences.

I have enjoyed many years involved with the Perth Royal Show and Australian Stud Sheep Breeders Association and junior judging. Since selling my property and Suffolk stud in 2016 I have visited and classed Suffolk sheep in Inner Mongolia.

I recommend that all participants in the Sheep Handlers Expo embrace the opportunity to learn from hands on presenters, ask questions and seek out the great opportunities available in the sheep and cattle industries.

Remember, there is no right way or wrong way to suit all environments, you will develop your own way, but there is always a better way.

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## **ELIZABETH OWENS B SC AGRIC (HONS) NUTRITION PRESENTER**



Elizabeth has been employed as an animal nutritionist throughout Australia for over 30 years. After completing an honours degree in Agricultural Science at the University of Western Australia, Elizabeth embarked on a career as an animal nutritionist providing least cost feed formulations and technical support with leading animal health and premix companies firstly in WA and then in NSW, Victoria and Qld.

Elizabeth further expanded her knowledge base by serving for 17 yrs. as a senior manager within Australia's largest independent laboratory providing

analytical services and quality solutions to the meat, stockfeed and livestock industries. During this time Elizabeth's expertise was called upon to serve in an advisory capacity within RIRDC, Standards Australia, Equestrian Australia and as a lecturer in nutrition at the University of Queensland.

Elizabeth is now pleased to have returned to her home state of WA and a position as nutritionist with Milne AgriGroup where she hopes to contribute to the further development of this leading animal feed company.

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## **SUE OGLE RING CRAFT /SHOWMANSHIP**



I grew up in the Wheatbelt town of Nyabing, on a livestock and cropping farm. It was here my passion for the livestock industry started.

My rural career pathway/ experience has included Wool Classing, Commercial Merino Production, Suffolk and White Suffolk Sheep Stud, Rural Retail Branch Manager and now Livestock Identification and Animal Health Territory Sales Manager.

I have competed successfully and Judged at many shows including Wagin Woolorama and Perth Royal Show.

I get a personal buzz out of the finished product from preparing livestock for the show ring and I hope to pass on that knowledge and sense of pride to new handlers.



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## **ZARA SQUIERS** **CONFORMATION/JUDGING**

My name is Zarah Squiers, and I've had the privilege of growing up on my family's mixed sheep and cropping farm in Quairading, a small-town east of Perth. Working alongside my dad, pop, and uncle—something I'm incredibly proud of.

Our family runs several stud operations, including two Poll Dorset studs—Dongadilling and Shirlee Downs—as well as a White Suffolk stud and a SAMM stud, in addition to our commercial breeding programs. Being raised in and around the livestock industry has shaped who I am and sparked a deep passion for agriculture.

I've always taken every opportunity to be involved in the showing and judging side of the industry. These experiences have allowed me to build my knowledge, connect with others in the field, and open doors for future opportunities.

Thanks to our family's involvement in showing our studs, I've been fortunate to attend a number of regional and state shows, including Wagin Woolorama, the Williams Gateway Expo, and the Perth Royal Show also representing WA in Tasmania and Melbourne for Meat sheep judging. My time at the WA College of Agriculture in Cunderdin further fuelled my dedication to the industry and gave me hands-on experience in both livestock and cropping.

As I continue my journey in agriculture, I'm passionate about not only continuing to learn but also sharing my experiences and knowledge with others. I believe education is key to growing a stronger industry, and I'm committed to encouraging and inspiring the next generation to get involved in agriculture—especially in regional communities like mine.

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## **KEVIN GELLATLY** **HEINIGER PRESENTER**

My name is Kevin Gellatly and I have dedicated my life to the Australian wool industry. I began my shearing career as a young man and was fortunate to shear all over the country, gaining a deep appreciation for the people, places, and practices that make this industry so unique. I was honoured to be inducted into the Shearers Hall of Fame and to receive the Wool Medal in recognition of my contribution to the trade.

Based in Perenjori, I established a successful shearing contracting business that has supported local woolgrowers for many years. Alongside my hands-on experience, I spent 24 years working with Heiniger as a Territory Manager, where I built strong relationships with shearers and provided practical support and tools to help them succeed in the shed.



In the past 18 years, I've been privileged to work with Australian Wool Innovation, where my focus has been on training and mentoring the next generation of shearers. Teaching young people the skills, discipline, and pride that come with working in this industry is something I feel passionate about. It's my way of giving back to a profession that has given so much to me.

I'm looking forward to the Young Sheep Handlers Expo and to spending time with enthusiastic learners who are keen to develop their skills in sheep handling, shearing, and wool preparation. It's always inspiring to see fresh faces entering the industry with energy and determination.

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## **GAVIN CRIDDLE BUTCHER**



I was born in Bassendean and lived there 49 years. In 2022 I bought a property in Hopeland to breed and produce cattle and sheep.

Butchering is in my blood as my grandfather worked at Midland Abattoir and my father was a butcher all his life. So, I have been around the industry since a very young age.

I have been a butcher myself now for 36 years and owned my butcher shop for 12 years.

I am fascinated about the whole process of animal production from birth, growing out to slaughter, butchering and then selling to the consumer.

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## **ANDREW LONGBOTTOM ELECTRONIC IDENTIFICATION DEVICES (EID) - SHEEP & GOATS**



Department of  
Primary Industries and  
Regional Development

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) is overseeing Western Australia's transition from current mob-based movements to mandatory individual electronic identification of sheep and goats. Rapid identification is key to an effective and efficient response to emergency animal disease, residue or food safety incidents.

The rollout follows the cattle industry move to eID in 2005. The recent threat of Foot & Mouth Disease and Lumpy Skin Disease from Indonesia heightening concerns for Australia's livestock industry. The Australian Agricultural Ministers agreeing to a National Implementation plan for individual identification for sheep and goats in September 2002. Individual identification of livestock speeds up the tracing process by showing the movement history of each animal.

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## **WILL JANSON FIELD VETERINARY OFFICER**

Will has been with the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development for 2 years. Will grew up and studied as a veterinarian in Africa and has a passion for animal welfare and biosecurity. When Will is not in his office, you will generally find him out on farming properties investigating illness or unusual deaths in livestock,

or in the postmortem room examining deceased animals and taking samples for analysis. Will's job is incredibly important, from an animal welfare perspective and to identify diseases which can potentially spread from animal to animal.

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## **ROBERT CARTER** **WOOL PRESENTER**



I have been involved in the wool industry and teaching / training for all my working life, spending 26 years actively Shearing, Wool Handling, Pressing and Wool Classing.

During that time, I also ran a shearing contracting business for 22 years and have spent the last 18 years teaching/training for TAFE in the wool harvesting sector.

I was very fortunate to be awarded the Inaugural Australian Wool Industry medal in 2017 for exceptional contributions made to the Australian Wool Industry.

I was also fortunate enough to be awarded the Western Australian Curtin University teaching excellence award in 2013 for my contributions to Wool Harvesting teaching and training.

I have represented the Western Australia Competition Shearing Association as a state team member since 2014 and represented Sports Shear Association Australia as a National Wool Handling judge at the 2019 Golden Shears in Masterton NZ.

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## **TENNILLE NORRISH** **HARVESTING WOOL PRESENTER**



From an early age, sheep have been my passion. After attending Cunderdin Agricultural College (WACOAC), I've had many roles within the agricultural scene, with most of them having one common denominator – you guessed it; sheep.

My husband and I have brought up our family in beautiful Kojoonup. We are stud merino breeders, with terminal sires taking up a small proportion of lamb production, plus cereal production to fill the silos for feed during summer and autumn.

In May 2024 I began my role as the AWI | TWC Industry Relations Officer for Western Australia - promoting the wool industry and sharing my passion & knowledge of our amazing fibre. I build relationships with every stakeholder in the wool pipeline - from the farm to the shearing industry,

to the wool brokers and wool buyers, and I also enjoy sharing knowledge with students, educators, trainers and the general public through field days and shows.

I am a wool grower, and I am working on behalf of woolgrowers. I share information with woolgrowers and stakeholders on what research is being conducted, what the latest developments, innovations and marketing projects are. Plus making sure that knowledge is reciprocated back to company from a WA (feet on the ground) perspective. AWI is funded both through the wool levy from wool sold and from the government through research undertaken on behalf of wool growers. TWC is owned by Australian Woolgrowers – it is the world's best known textile fibre quality brand.

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## **MICHAEL O'NEILL** **BIO SCANNING & ASBV'S** **PRESENTER**

I have had the privilege of being involved in the sheep industry all my life.

I left school in 1981 to return to my family's farm in Southern Brook, where we focused on broad-acre cropping, a self-replacing merino flock, a piggery

with 30 sows, and a small cattle feedlot. From 1983 to 2006 I also did seasonal shearing.

In 1980, at the age of 15, I established a Suffolk Stud. In 2010, we expanded by adding a White Suffolk Stud. Currently, we also have a Border Leicester

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## **BRENDAN LAMONT** **RING CRAFT/SHOWMANSHIP**

I've grown up all my life on our fourth generation family farm in Tambellup. When I was little, I was always fascinated by how people prepared their animals for shows. This became a lot clearer when I went to Agricultural College, and I got involved with the schools stud sheep and my teacher Colin Batt told us about the junior judging events and helped us with training on presentation, terminology, speaking to a judge and the public.

After I finished three years at Ag College, I started an Ile De France sheep stud of my own on the family farm, to continue the enjoyment I got from doing it with the College stud. Career wise, I've nearly completed certificate 3 in heavy welder/fabricator

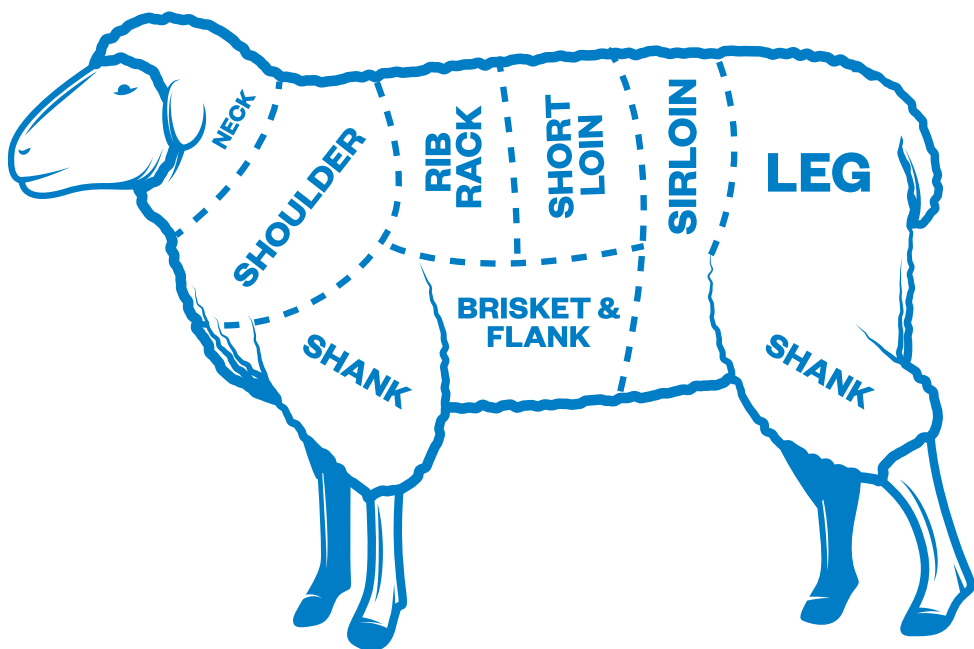
and in the future I hope to take over the family farm from my father.

In 2019 won first place in the state meat breed junior judging, third place in the state wool junior judging, and one of my ewes came second place in her class. In 2021, I was the WA finalist at the Agricultural Shows Australia National Young Judges finals held at the Royal Queensland Show.

In 2024 I won the WA Junior Meat Judging Competition at the Perth Royal Show and will represent WA at the National Finals at the Adelaide Royal Show in August 2025.



## CUTS OF LAMB



Sheep breeds in Australia have been imported or more recently developed by cross-breeding to produce either wool, meat or milk, that is consumed in Australia or is part of the \$8.1 billion export market.

Each breed plays a role in the sheep industry. Some of the breeds at this expo are on the Rare Breeds watchlist because their breeding numbers have fallen below 1,500 ewes. The Shropshire and Lincoln breeds have just over 500 registered breeding ewes.

### AUSTRALIAN WHITE

The Australian White – also known as the “Aussie White” is a relatively new breed developed to suit Australian conditions and modern Australian lamb market demands. It is a haired breed and was developed using four breeds – Poll Dorset, Texel, White Dorper and Van Rooy in 2011.

**BREEDER: Stephen Abbott, Moodi Whites**



### KEY CHARACTERISTICS

- **RAM:** Long with straight top line, deep body with a good string of ribs. Weight 112-120kg.
- **EWE:** Showing good length, depth & width. Feminine type. Weight 70-80kg.

### CHAROLLAIS

The Charolais sheep breed was developed in central France in the same region as Charollais cattle

In 2005 Dr Ian McDougal set about taking delivery of imported embryos from 18 unrelated ewes and 4 unrelated rams. These were delivered to a property on Eyer Penninsular in South Australia and established the first Charollais in Australia.

**BREEDER: William Barber, Barber Stud**



### KEY CHARACTERISTICS

The breed is renowned for its exceptional growth, double muscle pattern, ease of lambing and good mothering ability. It has adapted well to Australia's

variable weather conditions and with an open face, good head pigment and black toenails is ideal for broad scale farming. In Australia it is generally used as a terminal sire.

### BORDER LEICESTER

The Border Leicester was developed around the Scottish and English border. It was recognised as a breed in 1767 and was created by combining the genes of Robert Bakewell's Dishley Leicesters which in turn were genetics from Lincolnshire and general Leicester type sheep from the region. Over the next decade farmers from either side of the border developed two different types, one being more Roman nosed to push heather and heath aside for ease of eating lichen and grasses. The other strain had a more flattened nose, more adaptable to grazing better pasture.

**BREEDER: Wendy Cochrane, Rob Ivey, Mosshill Farm. Owner, Kelmscott Senior High School farm.**



The breed was brought to Australia in 1871 and by 1881 stud breeding was well established. Today the Border Leicester mated to the Australian Merino produces the famous first cross ewe. The first cross is mated to terminal sires from meat breeds. It is estimated that 75% of lamb eaten in Australia comes from a Border Leicester Merino cross ewe.

### KEY CHARACTERISTICS

- A good long stapled fleece, muscled carcass and exceptional milking ability.

### DORSET HORN

The Dorset Horn was imported from England in 1895 and is an Australian Heritage breed. The Australian Poll Dorset evolved from the Dorset Horn to be more popular due to the absence of horns. The Dorset Horn is a downs wool sheep, producing fast growing, fleshy prime lambs.

**BREEDER: Donald Cochrane, Ola-Umba.**



### KEY CHARACTERISTICS

Rams - Head of great beauty with strong horns growing from the head, well apart on the crown in a straight line with each other and coming downwards or forwards in graceful curves or curls close to the

face, but allowing at maturity, unimpaired vision. A distance of two centimetres from the face is desirable. Ewes - The horns much smaller and more delicate than in the ram with nice curves.

## SHEEP BREEDS

### HAMPSHIRE DOWN

The Hampshire Down are a part of the Heritage sheep breeds and have been officially recognised as a breed since 1861 when it was imported from England. The breed not only produces a springy, medium staple wool, but was bred for its fast growing/maturity prime lambs. It makes a strong reliable dual purpose breed.

**BREEDER:** Rod, Brendon & Shaun Simpson,  
The Valley Hampshire Downs Stud



### HEAD

Face and ears are a rich dark brown, approaching black. Clear passage in front of eyes is essential. Ears well set on, fairly long and slightly curved.

### NECK & SHOULDERS

Neck of strong muscular growth, not too long.

### CARCASS

Deep and symmetrical with the ribs well sprung, broad straight back, flat loins, full dock, wide rump, deep and heavily developed legs of mutton and breast.

### LEGS & FEET

Strong jointed and powerful legs of the same colour as the face, set well apart, the hocks and knees not bending towards each other, Feet sound and short in the hoof.

### WOOL

White, moderate length, close and fine texture, extending over the forehead and belly.

### IL DE FRANCE

The Il de France was imported from South Africa but originated in France. It is a large, smooth-bodied, polled mutton sheep. It produces strong white wool of acceptable quality, free from coloured fibres.

**BREEDER:** Brendan Lamont, Monteray Stud



### MEAT

Early maturity ensures a slaughter lamb ready for market at an early age which produces a quality carcass at 100 days.

### WOOL

Strong white wool, free of kemp and coloured fibres.

### CROSSBRED LAMBS

Used a sire line for cross breeding. Crossbred lambs are heavier with a better fat distribution.



## LINCOLN

The Lincoln breed was imported from England and is a Heritage breed in Australia. It is a beautiful, large animal that produces a long, strong wool staple. They produce the heaviest and longest stapled fleece of any other breed with a dense broad crimp, which is lustrous, due to the light reflecting on the large variations on the fibre.

**BREEDER: Peter and Jo Gelmi,  
Caesia Longwools**



## KEY CHARACTERISTICS

They are a slow maturing breed with rams reaching maturity at 2 years of age and ewes around 1.5 years.

They are low maintenance and are resistant to many common sheep parasites and diseases.

The fleece grows about twelve inches per year, and each sheep produces 12-16lbs.

In Australia they were extensively used in early days for crossing with Merino, the resulting half breed being inbred and becoming the Corriedale.

## MERINO

Merino sheep developed in Spain and were highly prized for their fine wool. Although these sheep have already evolved a fine fibre, with further selective breeding from Australian farmers in a variety of environments, soon produced the authentic Australian Merino with its even finer wool. The four basic strains of are Peppin, South Australian, Saxon and Spanish merinos. The Booroola strain was also developed to increase the rates of twins and triplets in the breed.

**BREEDER: Grantley & Elise Mullan, Eastville Park Stud. Prepared by Kiara College**



## ULTRAFINE WOOL

The finest wool fibre micron range 16.1-17.5.

## SUPERFINE WOOL

17.6-18.5 microns.

## FINE-MEDIUM WOOL

19.6 -20.5 microns.

## MEDIUM WOOL

20.6-22.5 microns.

## STRONG WOOL

Heavy cutting fleece of around 100mm staple length, 22.6 microns and up.

## SHEEP BREEDS

### POLL DORSET

A breed developed in Australia using the template of the Dorset Horn body and shape without horns. In 1937 Mr WJ Dawkins from the 'Newbold' Dorset Horn stud at Gawler in South Australia crossed his stud ewes with a Corriedale ram to genetically remove the horns. During the next 5 years two other Dorset Horn studs in Tasmania and Howlong in New South Wales used Ryeland rams to breed horns off the Dorset Horns. Together they exchanged genetics and the Poll Dorset was created.

**BREEDER: Zara Squiers, Shirley Downs Stud**



### KEY CHARACTERISTICS

The breed is renowned as a terminal sire producing lambs with growth, fertility and muscled carcasses. Widely used in Australia to breed with Border

Leicester cross Merino ewes to produce exceptional lambs. The wool is generally 25 to 32 micron

### SHROPSHIRE

Shropshire sheep were imported from England and are classified as a Heritage Breed in Australia. They have been here for over 100 years and were a key component of meat production, today they are classified as a 'prime lamb' producer with downy wool and are popular with orchardists because they don't damage the trees.

**BREEDER: Ross and Alex Robertson, Hazeldean Ferguson Shropshire Stud**



### KEY CHARACTERISTICS

- Polled breed with dense wool all over with little or none on the face.
- Soft black face, eyes showing and clear of wool.
- Short and thick ears, short muzzle.
- The hind quarters are square with good full, fleshy leg and broad tail set level with the back. Its short legs are a soft black colour.

### **SOUTH SUFFOLK**

The South Suffolk breed was developed in New Zealand in the mid 1930's. Mr George Gould, who had a Southdown stud and later imported the first Suffolk, saw merit in crossing the two breeds. After much line breeding the new breed started their own Society and Flock Book.

The breed was introduced to Australia in 1946 by Mr CH Kennedy who established Yooraling Stud at Cunderdin in Western Australia

**BREEDER: Rod, Brenton & Shuan Simpson.  
Pettison Park**



### **KEY CHARACTERISTIC**

The breed excels in carcass conformation, early maturity, high fertility and adaptability to a wide range of environments.

### **SUFFOLK**

The Suffolk is a truly pure and unique breed that has been proven for over 200 years. The Suffolk was imported from England. The uniformity and the hardiness of this breed maximizes the hybrid vigour of the progeny. The Suffolk breed is the most recognised breed worldwide. The black hard feet make sure that the Suffolk are built to go the distance. The early maturing lambs increase profits for prime lamb producers.

**BREEDER: Hillside Farm, Kelmscott Senior High School**



### **ADAPTABILITY**

For all environments, the breed thrives in wet conditions with its hard black feet. They are also great in dry areas where the high fertility rams work well in hot summer conditions.

### **QUALITY CARCASE**

The Suffolk carcass is full of choice and LEAN meat.

### **EASE OF LAMBING**

Lambs are born with narrow heads and smooth shoulders, they are very strong at birth, minimising problems.

### WHITE SUFFOLK

The White Suffolk Australian sheep breed developed for Australian conditions. White Suffolks are versatile performers and well noted for their functional shape, mobility and fertility. The breed's performance and productivity are also backed confidently by objective selectin and science.

**BREEDER: Kiara College, Kiara White Suffolks**



### KEY CHARACTERISTICS

- High fertility
- Ease of lambing
- Good temperament and longevity
- Excellent mothering ability
- Superior meat quality
- Early maturing
- Adaptability to a wide range of environments.
- Clean points resulting in minimal grass seed problems
- High quality downs-type wool and skins

### WILTIPOLL

The Wiltipoll sheep is an Australian breed, derived from the Wiltshire Horn, a very old British breed. They are polled, large framed, lean well-muscled cleanskin meat sheep developed in the early 1900's using reliable wool shedding and polled genetics.

**BREEDER: Rose and Stuart Young, Abasha Wiltipolls and Sarina Lauren, Mirrawee Stud**



### LOW MAINTENANCE

Fleece is shed annually, no need for shearing, crutching or mulesing and the incidence of flystrike and lice is minimal.

### ABSENCE OF HORNS

Makes handling easier and eliminated the possibility of sheep getting caught in fences or causing injury.

### QUALITY MEAT

To produce prime lamb or mutton.

### HIGH FERTILITY RATE

Multiple births are frequent.

### EFFICIENCY

Great converters of feed to meat, even on poor quality pasture.

### GRASS SEED RESISTANT

They have generally shed their fleece by the time grass seeds are at their worst.

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HANDLER COMPETITION (plus ribbons)			
	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
Junior	T&R Voucher \$150	Milwaukee Jumper	Cap + Protein Shaker
Intermediate	T&R Voucher \$200	Milwaukee Hoodie	Cap + Blue Coffee Travel Cup
Senior	T&R Voucher \$200	Milwaukee Hoodie	Cap + Blue Coffee Travel Cup

JUDGING COMPETITION (plus ribbons)			
	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
Intermediate	RM Williams Lorne Case	Milwaukee Beanie + Safety Glasses	Cap + Blue Coffee Travel Cup
Senior	RM Williams Lorne Case	Milwaukee Beanie + Safety Glasses	Cap + Blue Coffee Travel Cup

KNOWLEDGE QUIZZES			
	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
Junior	\$50 Australian Suffolk Association	\$30 Australian Suffolk Association	Green Protein Shaker Bottles
Intermediate	\$50 Australian Suffolk Association	\$30 Australian Suffolk Association	Green Protein Shaker Bottles
Senior	\$50 Australian Suffolk Association	\$30 Australian Suffolk Association	Green Protein Shaker Bottles

OVERALL (plus ribbons)		
	FIRST	RUNNER-UP
Junior	RM Williams Farrier Card Holder \$100 SMBA WA	Alemcube LED Workshop Light - Rob Mocerino \$50 SMBA WA
Intermediate	RM Williams Farrier Card Holder \$100 SMBA WA	Alemcube LED Workshop Light - Rob Mocerino \$50 SMBA WA
Senior	RM Williams Farrier Card Holder \$100 SMBA WA	Milwaukee 1 x 86-Piece Shockwave - Rob Mocerino \$50 SMBA WA

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE (plus ribbons)	
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