Welcome

Welcome to all Corriedale members and friends. As discussed at our Federal Council meeting in July, the Corriedale Association is planning to produce a number of newsletters leading up to the 16th World Corriedale Congress in July 2018. If anyone has a good short story we could feature in the newsletter, be in current or historical, that would be great. We would like to include ram and ewe sales as well. Please email your information to: corriedalensw@gmail.com

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The 2017 Corriedale judging was once again a great success with just under 200 Corriedales on display. Judging the rams was Darryl McDonald from “Fairburn Corriedales” Porcupine Ridge Victoria and judging the ewes was Chris Kemp from “Merrigal Corriedales” Merriwa NSW.

The Junior Champion Ram from “Sweetfield Corriedales” won the Supreme Exhibit of the show in a close contest from a very productive Senior Champion Ewe from “Gambier View Corriedales”, the ram then went on to win Supreme Interbreed Longwool Exhibit of the Australian Sheep & Wool Show.

Senior Champion Ram went to Loddon Park and Junior Champion Ewe Sweetfield.

The National Performance Weaner was won by Wattle Glen and the National Weaner pair was won by Sweetfield.

Bruce Hamblin “Toolleen Corriedales” is the sponsor of this section, and it is a great initiative to help move the breed forward.

A big thank you goes to all the stewards and helpers that put together the pens and run the Corriedale judging.
Life Membership Award

At the recent Bendigo show, it was with great pleasure that Jim and Brenda Venters were awarded Life Membership of the Australian Corriedale Association.

Jim is the third generation to maintain Liberton Corriedales after his grandfather arrived in Australia in 1965, the year that Jim and Brenda were married. They took a keen interest in sheep through the Corriedale sheep youth schemes. In 1965 they bought their first pair of yearling Corriedale rams and began their first breeding flock at their Liberton property near Shepparton. They have always been heavily involved in the Corriedale youth schemes.

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Jim was Victorian State President in 1991-95, and a Federal Councillor. From 1990-2000 Jim was chairman of the National Wool Week of Australia which staged the National Wool Design Students’ competition, with the winning students gaining experience in top fashion houses in Europe.

Together they attended their first World Congress in Australia in 1990, and attended the New Zealand World Congress in 2006. They have been lifelong friends through these experiences.

For many years Jim and Brenda have promoted their Corriedale wool to knitters, weavers and craft enthusiasts in the Maryland Sheep and Wool Show in the USA, alongside the Ruppert Corriedales (USA) Stud. In both 2002 and 2014, Liberton Fleece won the Grand Champion Fleece at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky. In 2002 at the Ohio State Fair a Liberton ram won the Production Class, judged in the wool, as a shorn sheep and lastly the fleece. This was one of their greatest winning achievements, along with winning the Champion Interbreed Longwool Ewe with Liberton 7C-4-2007, and taking out the Interbreed Longwool Group in 2007. In 2014, they have shown their team at Melbourne Royal, Royal Sydney and Dubbo shows. They have been well known for their successes in many show rings over many years until their final showing at Hamilton Sheepvention in 2015.

Jim and Brenda have put much time and effort into supporting the schools and individual students wherever possible, donating many quality young Corriedales to these fledging studs. They have held work experience days at their home, giving the students the opportunity for hands on experience with weaned lambs and general sheep husbandry. Many of the young people have assisted Jim and Brenda in the show ring and feeding and watering the sheep, a back breaking job on your own.

Jim and Brenda have been heavily involved with the junior judging competitions. The first junior judging event at Bendigo was initiated by Peter Baker and Bruce Hamblin with 7 students participating in one class. Now it has grown to 3 age groups and approximately 160 students taking part under the watchful eye of Jim, Brenda and Bruce. The Venters also assist in the Royal Geelong Show Junior Judging competition.

Jim and Brenda have been strong supporters of each other and of the Australian Corriedale Association for many years, they are always willing to help out in any way and have been a huge influence on many Corriedale youth.

Jim and Brenda Venters!
A closer look at history

100 Years at Quamby Plains 1917-2017

This year is Quamby Plains Corriedales 100th Birthday. The stud was founded by Compton Archer in 1917. The property Quamby Plains was purchased in 1894 with 2 blocks purchased from the famous Quamby Estate totaling 500 acres. The property was bought for Compton by his father Joseph’s two brother’s - Daniel and Charles. This was the start for the Archers at Quamby Plains which now entails 1212 hectares. Even before the stud officially started, Joseph Archer was breeding a Corriedale type of sheep. In 1883 on another property, Joseph mated 200 merino ewes to Lincoln and English Lester Rams.

The stud is very proud of its history and success, but has always had commercial flock profitability as its most important goal. Today Quamby Plains has 3000 commercial ewes and 400 stud ewes. Quamby Plains Stud is a member of LambPlan, concentrating on Number of Lambs weaned, early growth, high muscle to give rams and ewes greater shape and excellent hindquarters, and fine 23-27 micron wool. This year at Auction in June 2017 weaker wool made 1040 cents greasy, and ewe wool made 800-900 cents greasy.

In 1917 the foundation ewes were purchased from Streanshalh and Dalness Studs. It was not long after this that Quamby Plains was able to purchase a ram from Streanshalh Stud. Compton paid 100 guineas for this ram. The ram w as imported from New Zealand from Bushy Park of JA Johnston. This ram turned out to be one of the most influential sires in the stud’s history and Australian Corriedale history. Soon after Quamby Plains purchased two more rams from Bushy Park, the last in 1933. Both these rams have also had an important influence on the Quamby Plains stud.

In 1956 Quamby Plains received Reserve Champion Ram at Melbourne Sheep Show with a ram called Duke. Like his namesake he was a big stylish ram with magnificent head carriage. He turned out to be a highly successful sire for Quamby Plains and a number of other studs that used his progeny.

In 1967 the stud purchased a ram from M Carrol & Sons 447-67, who did a fantastic job. There were rams purchased from other studs as well, but in the later years Quamby Plains has extensively used Artificial Insemination. Sires have been sourced from New Zealand and various Australian studs, including Nayook South, Roseville and Blackwood. Quamby Plains purchased ewe lambs from the Coora dispersal, which have bred on to be great dams.

Quamby Plains has a proud showing record. More importantly however, are the friendships formed within the Corriedale world between families. These friendships are life long, last for generations and are very special and important. Three generations of Archer’s have had the role of being State President and Federal President over time, with Compton, Peter (DC) and Richard.

Campbell Town show has always been important for showing and socializing. Quamby Plains has won half the ram Championships since the stud started showing. Many fleece awards have also been won. In the last nine years since 2008, Quamby Plains has won five Supreme Corriedale Awards at Bendigo Sheep and Wool Show. The very first major Championship was in 1930 at Melbourne Sheep Show.

Quamby Plains rams and semen have been sold to many Countries around the world, including New Zealand, South America and United Kingdom. One ram 134-05 was an outstanding sire and had huge success in Uruguay topping SILL performance Indexes. One of his sons sold for $41,000 US dollars.

Quamby Plains will hold its Annual Sale this year on the 20th November. Following the sale in order to celebrate 100 years, refreshments will be provided as well as a showing of the stud’s history.

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Ram Sales

October 6
Mooraleta Corriedales
Annual Ram Sale
Broadwater VIC

October 13
Roseville Corriedales
3rd Annual Performance Recorded Ram Sale
Kingsvale NSW

November 2
Corriedale Multi-Vendor Sale
Ballarat Showground Ballarat VIC

November 7
Gamblir View & Compton House
Annual Ram Sale 1pm
Derrinallum VIC

10th November
Croydon Corriedale’s
Annual Ram Sale 1:30pm
Condah VIC

November 20
Quamby Plains
Annual Performance Recorded Ram Sale
2:00pm
Hagley TAS

Blackwood Corriedales
Annual Ram Sale 11:00am
80 Performance Recorded Rams on offer
Evandale TAS

Numerous other studs have rams for private sale, please contact: corriedalensw@gmail.com for more information and contact details for these studs.

Ewes for Sale

Merrigal Corriedale Stud
has 78 flock ewe Hoggets for sale. There are selected Corriedale flock rams for sale for these ewes.

The ewes have been running on oats and are in good condition. Merrigal wool is 25-26 micron and are an ideal starter flock for some looking to get into or expand their Corriedale flock.

These ewes are drafted and ready for inspection.

Price $150 + gst

Contact: Chris Kemp on 0428 485 150

Check Corriedale’s for Sale at: www.corriedale.org.au

New Breeders

“Boolina” Flock No. 2444
from Warrnbool NSW owned by Katrina Abbott founded on Rose-Lea & Glen Esk blood.

“Ovelia Park Flock No. 2440
from Frankston VIC owned by Ash Purcell founded on Flinders & Woodleigh blood.

“Chevalier” Flock No. 2441
from Bowral NSW owned by Chevalier College founded on Roseville & Merrigal blood.

“Coolabah” Flock No. 2442
from Sunbury VIC owned by Trent Oats founded on Ballarat Grammar and Bilcor blood.

“Trinity” Flock No. 2443
from Goulburn NSW owned by Trinity College founded on Gundowringa & Billigaboo blood.