



**NEW ZEALAND  
SHEEPBREEDERS' ASSOCIATION  
SUFFOLK NZ  
FEBRUARY 2023**

Greetings Again Suffolk Members,

Here's wishing you all a VERY happy & prosperous New Year from the Suffolk Breed Committee.

And what a holiday break it has been. WET...WET...WET... One of our breeders in the upper north has reported 700 mls for January & 110 mls as at Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>. Very tricky getting the sheep shorn, the hay made, the crops harvested & a decent holiday break anywhere warm & dry in the North. Anyway, I hope you have all refreshed yourselves, and are back in the business of marketing the last of your rams & getting your ewes sorted & ready for mating.

Of course, with warm rain & very high humidity happening in the North Island already it is highly likely dreaded Facial Eczema will be on the horizon. Don't forget Website [www.asurequality.com](http://www.asurequality.com) has weekly updates for FE Spore Counts.



Lamb prices –Schedule values plummeted prior to Xmas.

The 2022 lamb schedule in Auckland was \$8.90 Kg. This year its \$7 Kg.

Tuakau Lamb Fair in December, the tops made \$168 down on last year's \$211, & at the January Fair the tops dropped back to \$124.

In the South... Suffolk Perendale x Lambs made excellent values at the annual Rakaia Valley Lamb Fair with tops making \$180-\$178, mediums \$140-150.

<< a lineup of top lambs at Snowdon Station Rakaia Valley, and a crowd to match...

Ewe Prices had been excellent most of the year but have also had a large drop in values. The Ewe schedule in Auckland in 2021-2022 was \$5.90, this year it is down to \$3.70. Chinese demand is slow & Covid hasn't helped in Auckland, with some works only operating 3 days a week due to staff off sick thereby creating a huge backlog at the works.

Most livestock centres have already held their Ewe Fairs with values at reasonable values. In the North...

Tuakau Ewe Fair, held early January, PGGWrightson reported the top 2 tooth's making \$220; Te Kuiti and Wellsford - top 2 tooth's making \$250. In the South- Temuka's top 2 tooth's were reported at \$286.

Ram sales have been chugging along steadily, with several rams selling exceptionally well at Christchurch Elite Fair. Most breeders (in the North) have, or almost, sold out; If you do still have rams available, don't hesitate to use the Ram database to help sell them. Good luck everybody with your Ram Sales....

Debbie ☺

**\*\*RAMS AVAILABLE DATABASE ..... SEE FORM ATTACHED TO BACK PAGE\*\***

**BREED COMMITTEE NEWS:**

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

Happy New Year to all our Suffolk breeders across the country. I hope you all had a happy and safe holiday time with those dearest to you and that the fat man was kind.

If there was a Suffolk highlight to last year for me, personally, it was the resumption of the A&P shows across the country. It was such a pleasure to return to Canterbury for the main show of our own annual program and to catch up with fellow breeders and other friends we only see each year at this event.

Simone and I believe A&P shows are not only an excellent way to showcase your stock and measure your animals' progress against that of your peers, but also an excellent way to re-connect our urban cousins with those of us immersed in the rural world. Current political favour has swung well and truly away from all we do as food producers in this country and anything and everything any of us can do to help people understand why we do what we do and that we have our country and our animals' best interests at heart is something worthy of being part of. A&P Shows fit this bill perfectly.

Even if you are not particularly inclined to show your animals, even attending your local show and showing support for your fellow breeders who do display their animals and talking to urban people can help the understanding flow. If you can attend an A&P show in any form, I encourage you to do so. The shows will disappear without our support.

The committee held an informal dinner at the Canterbury Show as a cover to present two life memberships to two very deserving members: Norm Carr (Omagh) and Annette Millar (Camshorn). Unfortunately, Annette was unable to attend on the night, so her medal was presented at the show itself during a quieter moment between judging with Annette's family present to witness. Thankfully, we were able to gather most of Norm's family at the dinner as a surprise and it was a special moment for them to witness his medal presentation.

I received a lovely email from Annette afterwards: *"I had intended to catch up with you at the ram fair but will not be going now. Just to say a very big thank you for the lovely surprise of getting life membership of the Suffolk Breeders group. I have really enjoyed the friendship of all the breeders. They are a wonderful group and I have appreciated the help and support I have received from them all."*

Continued...



Both breeders have added and contributed much to our breed and their own club, Canterbury, over the years and are to be congratulated for their significant contributions and hours of volunteer labour and effort. Sincere congratulations to you both.

Can I also take a moment to congratulate Eric Ross and Wade Newlands for their record price for a Suffolk at Canterbury Ram Fair last year. A fantastic result from a breeder with excellent bloodlines and animals. Congratulations to you both. All the best to you all for the ram selling season. If you do have any unsold rams or require extra rams, please do use the ram database. It's a great tool and will only be improved by increased use.

All the best for 2023 to you all. Please contact me any time on Ph. 0272554452 with any SuffolkNZ enquiries, comments and observations.

**Symon Howard, Chairman, SUFFOLKNZ**

## **SUFFOLKNZ LIFE MEMBERSHIPS**

At the recent 2022 SuffolkNZ Breed Committee meeting, it was decided to award two SuffolkNZ Life Memberships.

### **Norman Carr, Omagh Stud, Flock 336**

*Norm Carr receiving the SUFFOLKNZ Life Membership badge from Chris Hampton, Breed Committee Rep.*



At a dinner held in West Melton, November 2022, Norm Carr was awarded his Suffolk NZ Life Membership. This award is in recognition of his long service to the Suffolk Breed in NZ.

Norm Carr is a staunch supporter of the Suffolk Breed.

He has been involved with the Canterbury Club and a valued Breed Committee member for many years. He spent 8 years on the Suffolk NZ Breed Committee where he held the position of Vice Chairman. He always had a level head especially when some discussions got exciting!

He is a doer, and is always happy to help, both at shows and guide new breeders with advice from setting up their stud, to relating many Suffolk breed points.

Norm is a very good breeder of Suffolk Sheep with a good eye for quality. He, along with wife Margaret, have been very successful in the Show pen and Ram Fairs. Most Flocks in NZ would have used at least one Omagh ram. His sheep are a great example of if you have good genetics and you feed them well, they will perform very well. This was not the only case with his Suffolk's, but also when he used to farm exceptional commercial ewes (4000) with which he and Margaret were finalists in the National Ewe Hogget contest on many occasions with both Romney and Border Romney. They went on to win both sections on different occasions.

The Carrs' have not only won the Suffolk ewe hogget class at the Christchurch show many times, but their ewe hoggets have also gone on to win the 'Miss Canterbury' contest champion ewe hogget, (two or three times from memory).

In 2020, Norm was awarded the Suffolk NZ Ambassador of the Year for his services to the Suffolk breed and the NZ Sheep industry.

In the spring last year, 2022, Norm and Margaret sold their Omagh Stud to James & Sally Carr. James commented at the dinner where Norm was awarded his Suffolk NZ Life Membership, how easy the transfer of ownership was, as in true Norm and Margaret style, they introduced James and family to the Suffolk community and helped the new generation of Carrs' take the Omagh Suffolks to the next level. This life membership is in recognition of the long service by Norm Carr to the Suffolk Breed.

**Chris Hampton, Breed Committee Rep. SuffolkNZ**

### **Annette Millar, Camshorn Stud, Flock 530**

*Annette Millar receiving the SUFFOLKNZ Life Membership badge from Debbie Holmes, Breed Committee Rep.*



SUFFOLKNZ awarded Life Membership to Annette Millar at the 2022 Christchurch Show in recognition of her years of service to not only the NSISBC but also to the Suffolk Breed nationally.

Annette, along with husband Michael, established the Camshorn Suffolk Sheep Stud flock 530 in 1982. Within four years she had purchased almost 100 Suffolk ewes from well-known Canterbury Studs, which was a good foundation for the Camshorn Suffolk Stud. 'Peak Hill' up the Rakaia Gorge was a great testing ground for her sheep which you could buy with confidence.

Very quickly Annette became involved in the local Breeders Club and by 1989 she became secretary, a position she held for four years. It was never a problem for her to travel down the gorge to a meeting and then home again. She stepped up again in 2016 when the club was again looking for a secretary.

Annette helped organise many National Tours even when she was unable to attend them herself.

Along with Lesley Seaton, Annette organised the popular vote prior to the Canterbury Ram sale for as long as I can remember. She didn't have to be asked, she just turned up with her ice cream container and voting cards.

The year after Canterbury A & P moved to the new grounds, Annette, Lesley & Elizabeth Bedford started writing up the show tickets and have done ever since. This year Annette handed the reins over to Elizabeth Hampton, and even though she has dispersed her Stud, she still showed up to help write up the cards at the show with Elizabeth & also showed her how to organise the popular vote at the Ram sale.

Annette is a very well organised, friendly woman who is always in the back making sure things are running smoothly. She is a very deserving recipient of SuffolkNZ Life Membership. Congratulations Annette Millar.

**Chris Hampton, Breed Committee Rep. SuffolkNZ**





# 2022 SUFFOLK NZ NATIONAL TOUR

It will be held in the  
South Canterbury/North Otago area.

**18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> May**

**From Oamaru**

Details to follow shortly....

## 2022 SUFFOLKNZ AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR



*(Left) SuffolkNZ Chairman, Symon Howard presenting the Trophy to Eric at the 2022 Canterbury Stud Ram Fair. With them is Eric's son in law, Wade Newlands, also part of the Collie Hills stud team.*

Eric Ross of the Collie Hills Suffolk Stud, Flock 528 was awarded the Suffolk NZ Ambassador of the Year 2022.

This was in recognition of the high standard of rams Collie Hills Stud has produced over the years, especially in

recent times. The award was presented prior to the Suffolk rams being sold at the Fair. At that stage Collie Hills rams had gained the top price for a Suffolk ram at the previous 3 Canterbury Stud Ram Fairs. Within 20 minutes of Eric being presented the award, Collie Hills 81/21 went under the hammer to gain the top price for a Suffolk, \$17,000 and broke the Canterbury Suffolk record and gain top price of all breeds for the day. I'm not sure if anyone has gained the top Suffolk Ram price at the Canterbury Fair for 4 years running.

Eric established the Collie Hills Suffolk Flock in 1981, which is now run in partnership with his son-in-law, Wade Newlands. Currently, the Stud has a flock of 266 ewes. The Stud is part of a large commercial sheep operation at Kurow in the Hakataramea Valley, South Canterbury.

Eric soon developed a reputation for producing meaty, hardy, structurally sound sheep, and has been at or near the forefront of the Suffolk breed ever since. At the National tour five years ago, based in Otago, it was a privilege to see a line of over 250 ewes at Collie Hills. They were a very even line of very good ewes, so you could see why Collie Hills sheep are so sought after.

Eric is recognised as a very good sheep judge of not only Suffolks, as he is a NZ Sheepbreeders Master Judge and has judged sheep at shows all over New Zealand.

Eric is a worthy recipient of the 2022 Suffolk Ambassador of the Year.

*Chris Hampton, Breed Committee Rep. SuffolkNZ*



## WELCOME TO NEW FLOCKS:

As part of the youth initiative scheme, we welcome:  
Flk. 1050, 'Five Oaks', Michaela Keach, Balclutha

## ACROSS FLOCK & TRIAL REPORT

I am pleased to report the Suffolk NZ Across Flock group is very well linked with nineteen breeders now part of our group.

Suffolk NZ has renewed and revised our contract with Genetic Gains.

They will only generate 2 reports, one mid-June and the other mid-November. This will reduce our costs by 50%.

The June report will be circulated to all Across Flock Members, the report will include: -

1 Sire Summary, showing the top50% ranked Sires on NZTW index.

2 Ram Selection List showing the top 500 ranked ram hoggets on NZTW index.

3 Genetic trends graph showing where Suffolk NZ is compared to industry average.

4 Linkage/connectedness chart showing how each flock is connected to the rest of our group.

There are a lot of Suffolk NZ breeders recording their Suffolks on SIL but not part of our Suffolk NZ Across Flock, and not linking (using one or more Sires in conjunction with at least one other SIL recorded Flock).

These unlinked flocks have generally low NZTW indexes so the best way to improve your indexes (to where they should be) is simply to use a ram in conjunction with another SIL recorded Suffolk flock.

Suffolk NZ was unable to obtain a space in the 2023 CPT Trial, which is very disappointing. Beef & Lamb's reasoning for not granting us a space was the Suffolk NZ Across Flock group was very well linked and we have had a ram involved in the trial every year for many years.

We will reapply for a ram in the 2024 CPT Trial as this is the only way we can stay linked to the rest of the sheep industry.

We have also applied to enter five hoggets in the Duncraigen Eating Quality Trial. This is at a cost of \$1000 per ram hogget. The Suffolk NZ breed committee is subsidising \$200 each ram and the balance is being covered by the individual breeders. Suffolk rams appear to be doing well in the Trial.

If you wish to discuss any items in the article or wish to become part of the Suffolk NZ Across Flock, please contact me on 0272025679.

*Chris Hampton, SuffolkNZ Across Flock Co-ordinator*



## CANTERBURY A & P SHOW, NOVEMBER 2022

The Christchurch show was again a credit to the Cantabs... ALWAYS A FANTASTIC SHOW... The Suffolk animals on show were spectacular as usual. This year the Rams were judged by Eric Ross, assisted by James Gardiner, Charles Miller-Brown and Millie Adams.

### **PHOEBE RAM SCOOPED THE POOL AT CANTY...**



Grant & Di Beckett were absolutely elated when their Suffolk Ram Phoebe 160/21 Tw won several classes he was entered in, at the recent Canterbury A & P Show. Phoebe 160/21's achievements:

1st Suffolk Ram Hogget, Champion Suffolk Ram Supreme Champion Suffolk, Best Suffolk Carcase, 3rd Meat Breeds Best Ram hogget. The Beckett's also had a ram 3rd

Liz Maslin from Waikato judged the Ewes with Penni Loffhagen & Anabelle Cameron.



*Girls Brigade...*

James and Sally Carr, won the Ewe under 18months. Their ewe then went on to win 'Miss Canterbury', an awesome feat for first time entrants. They have taken over the Omagh stud from Norm & Margaret Carr.



*'Miss Canterbury'*



Symon Howard won the Ewe over 30months & Lambs, then when on to win All Breeds 'SuperEwe' below



*Decisions... Decisions... Top six ram Hoggets*





Sale Results from Canterbury Ram Sale, NOVEMBER 2022					
Run	Lot	No	Stud	Vendor	\$\$\$\$
3rd	69	81/21 Tw	Collie Hills	Collie Hills P/Ship	17,000
2nd	58	946/21 Tw	Limavady	C & E Miller-Brown	8,500
1	63c	15/21.	Punchbowl	D & J Brown	6,500
1	44	399/21	Collie Hills	Collie Hills P/Ship	5,500
2	77a	186/21 Tw	Mornish	G & D Abbott	5,500
1	55	1/21 Tw	Taronga	SW Howard	4,000
1	63b	173/21 Tw	Mornish	G & D Abbott	3,000
1	47	65/21	Stoneylea	A & J Adams	2,500
1st	53	160/21 Tw	Phoebe	G & D Beckett	2,400
2	74	145/21 Tw	Hillside	M & D Irvine	2,400
1	48	127/21	Stoneylea	A & J Adams	2,200
1	63a	185/21 Tw	Mornish	G & D Abbott	2,000
1	65	438/21 REP	Brooklands	A & P McIlraith	2,000
2	76	80/21 Tw	Limavady	C & E Miller-Brown	2,000
1	64	391/21 Tw	Brooklands	A & P McIlraith	1,300
1	52	58/21 REP	Phoebe	G & D Beckett	1,200
1	49	127/21	Hillside	M & D Irvine	1,000
1	56	37/21 Tw	Burrows	Burrows Genetics	1,000
1	59	828/21	Limavady	C & E Miller-Brown	1,000
1	67	42/21 REP	Pine Grove	J Gardiner	1,000
2	75	137/21	Phoebe	G & D Beckett	900
1	57	21/21.	Burrows	Burrows Genetics	800
2	71	39/21 Tw	Stoneylea	A & J Adams	800
2	72	36/21 Trp	Stoneylea	A & J Adams	800
2	77b	200/21 Tw	Mornish	G & D Abbott	800
2	77d	148/21	Punchbowl	D & J Brown	800
26 OUT OF 42 ENTERED WERE SOLD = 61.9%				AVERAGE \$	2,958

### CHRISTCHURCH RAM FAIR PEOPLE'S CHOICE.... PRETTY BOYZZZ...



1<sup>st</sup> Lot 53 Phoebe 160/21 Tw (R)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lot 58 Limavady 946/21 Tw (L)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Lot 69 Collie Hills 81/21 Tw (middle)

### CHRISTCHURCH RAM & EWE SALE, 2022

#### SALE SUMMARY:

The Christchurch Stud Ram & Ewe Fair was held on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022 & comprised 42 Stud Suffolk Rams. Four Companies were selling this year PGGWrightson, Carrfields, Rural Livestock & Hazlett Rural.

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, pertains to people's choice for most popular ram.



Top price of \$17,000 went to Lot 69, Collie Hills 81/21 Tw.

(It was also 3<sup>rd</sup> in the people's choice) & was purchased by the Waterton, Dry Creek & Karendale studs.

In my opinion, presentation was good, and having less numbers made for a good sale. Bidding was spirited in parts, and it appeared again that SIL figures played a part \$\$-wise in some of the top priced rams.

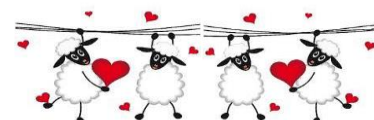
11 rams were transferred.

25 out of 42 entries sold (59.5%) with the average being \$2958.

11 entries were passed in & 5 entries were scratched.

No ewes were entered this year.

*DISCLAIMER: These results were compiled by me at time of the Auction... Some further sales may have taken place post Auction. I took every care to ensure accuracy, but I accept no responsibility for any error that might be contained in them. Debbie Holmes*



### FEILDING RAM & EWE FAIR December 2022

This Fair was cancelled due to lack of entries.

## Sale Results from Gore Ram Sale, JANUARY 2023

Run	Lot	No	Stud	Vendor	\$\$\$\$
1	153	51/21 Tw	Torresdale	A & J Lindsay	4500
1	154	197/21	Torresdale	A & J Lindsay	2600
1	149	36/21	Dry Creek	A Gibson	2000
1	151	209/21 Tw	Mt. Annan	AR & T McCall	1500
1	160	98/21	Taronga	SW Howard	1500
1	163	839/21 Tw	Limavady	C & E Miller-Brown	1500
1	161	108/21 Tw	Phoebe	G & D Beckett	1400
1	164	854/21 REP	Limavady	C & E Miller-Brown	1300
1	165	30/21 Tw	Calluragh	K & R Dwyer	1300
1	155	63/21	Punchbowl	D & J Brown	1200
1	162	114/21 REP	Phoebe	G & D Beckett	1000
2	169	228/21 REP	Torresdale	A & J Lindsay	1000
1	158	40/21 Tw	Punchbowl	D & J Brown	900
13 OUT OF 24 ENTERED SOLD = 54% AVERAGE					\$1,669

## NORTHERN SOUTH ISLAND SUFFOLK FEATURE SHOW

This will be held at the Mackenzie Highland A&P Show on Easter Monday 10 April 2023, in Fairlie.

The Mackenzie Show been granted Royal Sheep Status by the RAS.

The feature classes are Ram Lamb and Ewe Lamb, and Ross McCall is the judge. The Supreme Champion Suffolk will not only receive a RAS Tri colour ribbon, but also a Mackenzie Tartan Scarf.

There is a new section for young breeders, sponsored by the NZ Sheep Breeders Association.

NEW ZEALAND SHEEPBREEDERS YOUTH CLASSES ALL REGISTERED BREEDS.

To be judged at 1.30pm No entry fee. Prize money: First \$30.00 and a tartan scarf, Second \$20.00, Third \$15.00. Exhibitors must be under 25 years of age, own their own Stud or have their own sheep in their family's Stud. To be eligible for this section, they must also be entered in the Breed classes.

Class 125 Ram Lamb

Class 126 Ewe Lamb

Class 127 Ewe, 1-shear and over

There is also a Sire of the Future class well worth entering.

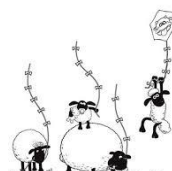
Mackenzie Show has a great array of craft and trade displays, live music, entertainment, and food. Something for everyone.

Chris Hampton is President of the show and he and the official party will be wearing the Mackenzie Tartan Kilts.

Entry forms and more information can be downloaded from [www.showday.online](http://www.showday.online) Everyone is welcome. *Chris Hampton*



Next generation of  
Glenwood Suffolk Breeders...  
Hudson (3), Flynn (6) & Grace Howie (7)  
in the top pen of Suffolk x lambs  
at Warwick & Jane Howie's Lamb sale  
at Waitahuna, 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023



## GORE RAM FAIR

**GORE SALE SUMMARY:** The Gore Stud Ram Fair was held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023 & comprised 24 Stud Suffolk Rams. The highest price went to Lot 153, A & J Lindsay's Torresdale 51/21 Tw, reaching \$4500. Although a few rams sold reasonably well, bidding was a little disappointing in parts. Four rams were transferred, 13 out of 24 entries were sold, 9 passed & 2 scratched, with this year's average being \$1669, far back on last year's average of \$2729.

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## UPCOMING DISPERSAL SALE

For breeders wanting to purchase extra Ewes & Ewe lambs, Hillside Stud is having a Dispersal Sale shortly.

### HILLSIDE STUD

Fik 543,

M & D Irvine,

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February,

2023. 12.30pm

Viewing from 11am

Brightwater Saleyards,  
Nelson

75 MA Suffolk Ewes

45 2th Suffolk Ewes

40 Suffolk Ewe Lambs

This sale run by PGGW  
will be viewable on BidR

Please contact

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## **BREEDER PROFILE:**

### **'DRY CREEK', Anton & Will Gibson, Flk. 1001**

'Dry Creek' Suffolks Stud is owned and operated by the Gibson Family who purchased 'Foulden Hill' a dryland Otago Hill Country property 8km east of Middlesmarch in 2009. The Middlesmarch area has seen a run of tough seasons, with 2023 looking like its following suit. 2022 saw us only just get over 400mm of rain for the year.

The 'Dry Creek' Suffolk stud was formed by the purchase of 6 ewes in 2006 from Cheryl MacDonald.

The stud mates approx. 150 Suffolk ewes including hoggets a year, with some ewes being mated to a Texel to produce a few 1<sup>st</sup> cross rams.

Most rams sold get mated to Merino or Halfbred ewes. Lambs are September born, weaning around 175% focusing on muscle scanning early to give us a good ability to put pressure on genuine early growth in a hard environment. With reproduction being reasonably consistent we have a top line of 2<sup>nd</sup> cut ewe lambs available every year.

The flock is fully recorded on SIL, all animals alive get a weaning weight, dag scored, and muscle scanned prior to any culling.

*Anton Gibson showing 2016 National Suffolk Tour group his*

*rams.*

In 2020 a Suffolk ram, Sayla Park 180111, was seen in Australia that impressed. We made the decision to purchase some semen from him and AI a line of ewes. This has given us a full outcross sire that has bred a very typey line that have performed well on property and on paper. 5 sons were sold to stud in 21/22 sale season averaging just over 5K. 2023 will see an exciting mix of sires in use, which will include the \$17,000 Collie Hills ram bought in syndicate with Waterton and Karendale Studs, a new AI sire from Sayla Park alongside home bred rams, and a very exciting full brother to the ram Andrew Adams purchased at Gore looks to be breeding well.



The Suffolk Stud runs alongside a Merino ewe flock producing fibre down to 12 micron and averaging around 15 microns.

Two cattle studs are also run on the property, Hereford and Santa Gertrudis: We will be having a combined Bull sale with a local Angus stud in late May.

These ewe lambs (left) are fully recorded on SIL, have been EMA scanned & some are progeny of Aussie genetics. They are for sale. Please contact me if interested.

**Will Gibson, Ph.0274360237**

**'Dry Creek' Suffolks, Middlesmarch, Otago, NZ**

## **AUSTALIAN SEMEN AVAILABLE IN NZ.**



# **GLENCRAIG SUFFOLK**

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### **Jusak 7085 / 17 'Ambassador'**

*is one of the leading  
sires in Australia  
for desirable  
economic Traits.  
\$35 per ewe dose*



### **Glencraig 140276 'Brigg'**

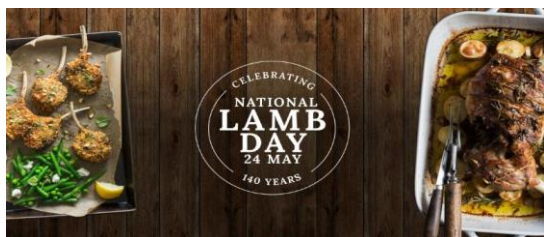
*is a well-muscled long  
ram that breeds progeny  
with these  
characteristics.  
He sired the Reserve  
Champion Suffolk Ewe  
at the 2017 Perth  
Royal Show.  
\$30 per ewe dose*

Semen is held at Xcell Breeding Services, Woodend.

## NATIONAL PROMOTION

The committee this year has again implemented its national promotion campaign to make the Suffolk breed visible in the marketplace. Three ads were run in November and December in the Farmers Weekly highlighting the benefits of the breed and then referring interested readers to the Suffolk NZ website that has all the breeders contact details. The ads will be run again in March. The ads are made possible by funding from the advertising levy that each member pays. **Stu Morton**

## NATIONAL LAMB DAY



Celebration events will be held on 24 May to mark National Lamb Day, the anniversary of the first shipment of frozen New Zealand lamb arriving in the UK in 1882.

For more lamb recipes, go to Beef+ Lamb website.

<https://www.beeflambnz.co.nz/>



## NANNY'S SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME



<https://www.ourkidthings.com/fingerprint-sheep-craft/>

*If you have any other topics that you wish to discuss,  
News, Updates or anything interesting pertaining to the  
Suffolk Breed in general, please send to me at:*

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## HAPPY MATING

## LAMB PASTA PIE

*recipes.co.nz*

*Allyson Gofton*

*Serves 4*

*Prep Time 15 mins*

*Cook Time 30 mins*



A creamy, pasta pie made with leftover lamb. This makes it perfect to slice for a light lunch, pop into a lunchbox, or take on a picnic.

### LAMB

**2 cups** leftover roast Quality Mark lamb diced

**1 onion** finely chopped

**1 garlic clove** finely chopped

**400g** chopped tomatoes

**1/4 cup** sundried tomato paste

**1/2 cup** basil leaves chopped

### TOPPING

**2 cups** grated Cheddar cheese

**1/2 cup** cream

**2 tbsp** pine nuts

**1 tsp** cornflour

### METHOD

1. Pre-heat the oven to 180°C.

Cook the onion and garlic in a dash of oil until tender.

2. Stir in the diced lamb, cooked pasta, tomatoes, tomato paste and basil and transfer to a 6 cup-capacity ovenproof dish.

3. Mix the topping ingredients together and spread on top.

4. Bake in the pre-heated oven for 20 minutes.

5. Serve with chutney and salad.

**\*\* To make this from uncooked lamb mince..**

Brown 350g mince & set aside.

Cook the onion & garlic & then return to the pan & continue as above.



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**For any information  
required from NZSBA,  
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**Don't forget you can download forms at  
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# SUFFOLKNZ

## Rams Available Database



This is a selling initiative that aims to link unsold Suffolk rams in the autumn with prospective purchasers by regularly letting key people in the industry know what rams are still available in their area.

Each of the four Suffolk areas has a database of key people where details of unsold rams will be sent to in the middle of February/March and April.

Breeders will supply the following information **by the dates below** preferably by email but can also be done by fax or mail to NZ Sheep Breeders. The breeder must nominate which area they would like targeted – Northern, Central, Mid Southern and Southern.

Name

Address

Stud Name

Contact Number

Number of rams available for sale

Brief description (no more than 10 words)

NZ Sheep Breeders will then send out this information with a covering letter.

### Key Dates.

Please notify Sheep Breeders before:

NZSBA to Send out:

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

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NZ Sheepbreeders Assn, PO Box 20094, Christchurch, 8543	
Name	
Address	
Stud Name	
Contact Number	
Target Area	
Number of rams available for sale	
Brief description	