



**NEW ZEALAND
SHEEPBREEDERS' ASSOCIATION
SUFFOLK NZ
SEPTEMBER 2024**

Greetings Suffolk Members,

Yes... its lambing time again... Hopefully those of you that have started already haven't got too many orphans in the laundry & the weather had been kind. The north had a great Autumn with small-medium rain all season & we went into winter with good grass. As a result, there has been a huge improvement in store cattle values, and just now improving values for sheep.

A drought was predicted, but sometimes I wonder if the forecasters actually look out the window. I'm sure that each of you has a special weather Ap on your device that forecasts the weather. I have been using YR – a Norwegian Ap that was recommended by a few South Island breeders many years ago. I have found it to be extremely accurate, more so than that on whichever News channel you watch on TV.

In the other extreme, parts of the South particularly North Canterbury & Marlborough have had a huge shortage of rain. Some farmers are in dire straits, and the only moisture they have had arrived with some snow last week. Many have had to quit their cattle & surplus lambs early, with some sending truckloads of store lambs & weaner cattle to the North Island, where there has been HUGE DEMAND for quality lines of all stock.

Values are now gaining momentum & the lamb schedules are starting to rise. With many forward lambs being dispatched early to the works/ saleyards in the South due to the drought, values are now gradually taking off & are reaching some sort of a tolerable \$\$\$ as the supply is becoming short.

It is very pleasing to hear that the Livestock part of the Canterbury show is going to occur this year after a lot of mucking around. No doubt all of you that show your sheep will be busy preening them ready for this event. Be aware that the days have changed for exhibiting... NOW **THURSDAY 14th NOVEMBER & FRIDAY 15th NOVEMBER.**

I have already booked our tickets in anticipation, and I can't wait to see you all & the sheep you are exhibiting.

I hope you have had or will have an easy lambing, and the spring weather stays kind to you all. Stay safe... *Debbie*



BREED COMMITTEE NEWS:

2024 CHAIRMANS ANNUAL REPORT:



A last-minute change of heart meant I remained in the chairman's saddle for this last year, but going forward you will have a new leader and vice chairperson and I wish whomever they are the very best for their governance period.

I sincerely thank the Suffolk NZ committee for their good work, continued support and valued volunteering to enable the progression and betterment of our breed. A thank you also to Charles Miller-Brown, who was co-opted onto the committee late this year.

In particular, I would mention Suffolk stalwart, Debbie Holmes, for her dedicated work compiling our breed newsletter. It's a thankless job and Debbie constantly has to prod us all for contributions. She does a great job and I thank her sincerely.

I would also like to thank Greg, Anne, Nicky and Lyndsay at NZ Sheepbreeders for their continued support over the year. Congratulations to Anne on her retirement this year – well deserved.

My final thoughts as chairman of our breed are that growth rates should be paramount in all our minds.

It is the one trait we have ahead of cross-bred rams and of other breeds. End of the day, our markets are mostly commercial, and we all are paid on growth rates, so to be able to confidently and consistently promote this feature of the breed should be our aim.

A small but enthusiastic group of 14 breeders enjoyed a week in South Australia in May visiting fellow stud breeders and also experiencing the delights of the state. We are all looking forward to the lower north island group tour next year, to be organised by Stewart & Heidi Morton. Like a good Suffolk ram with longevity, I've enjoyed my tenure as chairperson and hope to continue to contribute to the breed and committee in the future.

Symon Howard, Chairman, SUFFOLKNZ 2023-24

BREED COMMITTEE NEWS:

The Breed Committee was finally able to meet via Zoom this year on June 27th.

CHAIRMAN & VICE-CHAIRMAN

Ross McCall was elected as Chairman & James Gardiner was elected as Vice - Chairman.

NUMBER OF BREED COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Breed Committee moved & carried:

'that the Breed Committee has 2 districts, North Island and South Island, with a minimum of 2 representatives in each Island and with a maximum of 8 representatives overall'.

If you have any issues that you would like the Committee to discuss, please don't hesitate to call your Committee Member below.

Ross McCall	0272409611	
James Gardiner	02102692965	
Symon Howard	0272554452	
Chris Hampton	0272025679	036143330
Stu Morton	0274453110	063285772
Debbie Holmes	0274988069	092358776
Rob Tennent	0279321034	068554943
Charles Miller-Brown	0274670953	033149260

ELECTION OF SHEEPBREEDERS ASSN REPS:

Chris Hampton & James Gardiner were re-appointed the NZ Sheepbreeders Assn Council Breed representatives.

ELECTION OF CO-ORDINATORS:

NATIONAL PROMOTION:

Stewart Morton & Rob Tennent were re-appointed to this role, again.

NATIONAL ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN:

Clubs will again be allocated \$30 per member & \$10 per member going to the National advertising programme.

Stu Morton said advertisements were placed in the Farmers Weekly last year. These are going to continue, as the breed needs 'to be seen'. More will be spent on promotion via printed media & Facebook Advertisements.

ACROSS FLOCK & CPT:

Chris Hampton was re-appointed Across Flock and CPT Co-ordinator. There will be more news in the next newsletter.

ACROSS FLOCK SUB-COMMITTEE:

Ross McCall, Rob Tennent & James Gardiner were appointed as Across Floc Sub- Committee.

Please don't hesitate to contact any of the appointed members on the above phone numbers if you require further information.

STUD FAIRS

Suffolk NZ is proposing some changes to the format of the fairs for 2024/25. These include:

- * Ram inspections - this season breeders will be given feedback on any potential issues with their rams.
- * The minimum price is to be raised to \$1000
- * A review of the current transfer price & the inclusion of a transfer price for non-registered breeders Details of the above will be emailed out to all members when finalised.

RAM SALE DATABASE

This has been very successful & is to continue.

Ram sales - it was agreed by the Committee that there was a very good clearance of Suffolk's overall this year.

Clubs are to update their agent lists with NZSBA office.

NEWSLETTERS

These are to continue to keep you all informed of anything happening in the Suffolk world....



BREED LEVY / PROMOTIONAL LEVY

These are to remain the same

Breed levy – \$25 per flock & 30 cents per ewe

Promotional levy – 0-50 ewes \$30 + gst

51-100 ewes \$60 + gst

100 ewes + \$80 + gst

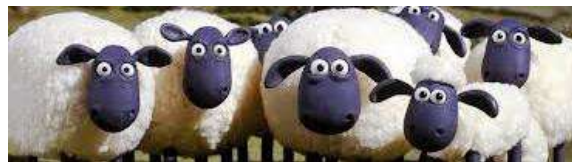
WELCOME TO NEW FLOCKS:

Fk. 1055 'Melton', Ben & Holly Stevenson, Rolleston

SUFFOLK AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR

Suffolk members are asked to please contact your local breed representative if you wish to nominate anyone for this very prestigious award.

NEXT BREED COMMITTEE MEETING is yet to be arranged.



SUFFOLKNZ

BREEDERS TOUR

PLANNED FOR 2025

PALMERSTON NORTH

WATCH THIS SPACE....



SUFFOLK NZ BREEDERS TOUR TO AUSTRALIA



May 2024

The southwest of beautiful South Australia was the destination for Suffolk Tour 24 in May this year.



Fourteen breeders set out from Auckland to Adelaide for a seven-day guided tour to visit other Suffolk breeders in the state and sample all that SA had to offer us in the way of wineries, great food, sightseeing and even a gin tasting.

<<<<<< First stop was a very long & liquid lunch at Penfolds Magill Estate in the hills overlooking Adelaide.

The first night was spent in charming Hahndorf before we set off for our first breeder stop, 'Allendale' in Bordertown, run by Alastair & Jane Day.

Alastair kindly spent his afternoon showing us all his Suffolk and Poll Dorset stock and explained to a raft of questions from us what he sells, when, how and what type of market Suffolks are selling to in South Australia and beyond and to what kind of breeder or enthusiast.

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The next two days were spent in & around Mt Gambier where serious shopping, sightseeing & wine tasting in Penola was done & we visited the historic Glencoe Woolshed.



The woolshed key was procured for a small fee per person from the local shop in a tiny village & it opened an extremely well-conceived woolshed with the sights & sounds of its heyday triggered by motion sensors. Everyone was very impressed & amazed at the scale of the shed & its chequered history.



We enjoyed experiencing the unusual features of Mt Gambier, being built on the top of a crater and featuring many underground limestone caves and sinkholes, the most amazing of which was the Umpherston Sinkhole which can be fully explored and features an amazing garden within.

We travelled to Victor Harbour next, stopping at the pretty seaside town of Robe on the Limestone Coast and spent a great Saturday morning exploring, admiring the generous beach and coastal feel of this town. More shopping was done by some of the party.

Victor Harbour was home for the next two nights and offered us a great foreshore experience with quaint shops and a small but interesting market, a train ride, horse drawn tram and walk to nearby Granite Island and great Italian food and deserts.



Our next breeder encounter was a fantastic day hosted by Monapilla Estate hosted by the Beal family who have a winery as well as a working farm and are passionate commercial Suffolk breeders concentrating heavily on the eating side of the business and sell their meat to a local butcher.



Also present were three other breeders, who kindly bought their sheep to us at Monapilla so we could see 4 breeders in the day, share information and stories, discuss the breed and enjoy Monapilla's woodfired pizzas and hospitality.



This convention of sorts saved us many miles and hours of travel across this large state to visit these breeders and all were very grateful to those who bought their stock and enjoyed the day with us.

From here we headed into Adelaide for more fabulous food, a free day to explore and the excitement of the city.

The gentlemen chose to visit a saleyards about an hour north on this free day to experience the difference of style and practices of a South Australian saleyards on an enormous scale. They all came back with tales of how quick the sales process was and the very different practices in the yards to those in NZ.

We enjoyed each other's company, good food and wine, great conversations and talks and best of all, a long-awaited and much wanted trip. There has been talk of another such trip a few years' time perhaps to a different destination...time will tell!

Simone Budge



CANTERBURY CLUB FEILDAY:

On the 19th of April the NSISC held its club day visiting local studs around Christchurch and Ellesmere.

'STONEYLEA'

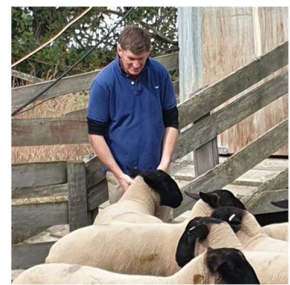
The day started at 'Stoneylea' Stud where we were treated to an impressive lineup of sheep from the stud, there was a lot of interest shown in the ram hoggets and ewes.

Thanks to Andrew, Jacque and George for the having the sheep available and providing the morning tea.



'MORNISH'

The group then travelled to the 'Mornish' Stud of Guy and Denise Abbott where we saw the last of the ewe and ram hoggets, as always, they were of the usual high standards.



'BURTERGILL SOUTH DEVONS'

Following lunch, we then visited the 'Burtergill' South Devon Cattle Stud it was a good break away from the sheep and gave an insight into the breed with docility, evenness and their constitution being a feature in a trying environment.

Congratulations on a fantastic result at your bull sale with all bulls sold with a top price of \$9500.00 thanks very much to Richard and Denise Van Asch for opening their gate to the Suffolk breeders.



'DORIE'

'Dorie' was the next stud visited with a magnificent lineup of mixed age ewes and ewe hoggets they were very even and in fantastic condition and are a credit to Elizabeth and Lyndsay Bedford.



'KARENDALE'

The final stud for the day was the 'Karendale' Stud of Bede and Decima McCloy and like the sheep throughout the day were a brilliant true to type Suffolk with impressive ewes of all ages.



The day concluded with a meal and Guy Abbott receiving his Life Membership for his contribution, continuing support and success in the Suffolk breed.

Thanks very much to those involved in organising the day especially the breeders that had their sheep in, and a special mention to Symon and Debbie for making the effort to be a part of the day.

James Gardiner.



LIFE MEMBERSHIP

GUY ABBOTT
'Mornish' Stud
Flk.488

Life member Annette Millar presenting Guy Abbott with the SuffolkNZ Life Membership Badge



The Mornish Flock is not SIL recorded, but when breeders use a Mornish ram, he normally performs very well on SIL, which is not the case for many non SIL recorded rams, so it is true with Mornish rams, that what you see is what you get.

The first time I saw the Mornish Suffolk was on the National Suffolk Tour in about 1990. I still remember it was a freezing cold day but was very impressed with this large mob of ram lambs, which were very meaty and had real Suffolk black heads.

At the NSISBC Tour and AGM in April, Guy Abbott was awarded a Life Membership of Suffolk NZ. This was in recognition of his long service to the Canterbury Club and the influence Mornish sheep have had on the Suffolk breed for many years. Guy has been an active member of the Canterbury Club in organising Tours, Field days and meetings. Guy and Denise are regular attendees on National Tours.

In 2007, Guy reduced his flock substantially and only retained a handful of his best ewes. These ewes and their progeny have just kept breeding with Guy turning up with a very good team of ram and ewe hoggets, year on year at the Canterbury Show and going onto selling 2-3 Stud rams at the Ram Fair most years. Guy has won the Suffolk Ram and Ewe Hogget classes at the Canterbury Show on numerous occasions and the Supreme Champion Suffolk. Most flocks have used Mornish genetics and if they haven't, most have used progeny of Mornish Rams.



This was the same type as we saw on the Breeders Club Tour this year in April.

Guy has now sold all his ewes and only has his very impressive ram and ewe hogget's left, which I think will be in high demand this year.

Guy Abbott is truly deserving of the honour of being a Life Member of Suffolk NZ.

We hope to see Guy and Denise on many more Suffolk NZ Tours, Field Days and Show to come.

Congratulations Guy Abbott.

Chris Hampton

OBITUARY

JOHN KYLE
'Tyanee' Stud
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2014 SUFFOLKNZ
Chairman, Stewart
Morton presenting
John Kyle with the
SUFFOLKNZ
Ambassador of the
year trophy after
the Canterbury
Sale, Nov. 2014



From SuffolkNZ Newsletter February, 2015

The SUFFOLKNZ Ambassador of the Year trophy is awarded annually to a recipient who has put time and effort into the Suffolk Breed.

The 2014 recipient of the award is John Kyle from Hawkes Bay. John's involvement with the Suffolk breed has been a long one, serving the breed on a local level and national level as a Breed Committee member from 2004- 2011.

He was also the organiser of this year's Suffolk Breed Tour set in the Hawkes Bay, which saw breeders from all over New Zealand view the sights and sheep of the Hawkes Bay and Wairarapa. Anybody that has been on one of these tours knows the amount of work required to make it successful is enormous and so we are fortunate to be able to acknowledge John's contribution with the SuffolkNZ Ambassador of the Year Award for 2014.
Stu Morton 2015 Newsletter

John was awarded a Life membership of Suffolk NZ, however due to ill health and being unable to travel the award was not able to be presented to John in person. Suffolk NZ will present the award to John's family.
Ross McCall 2024

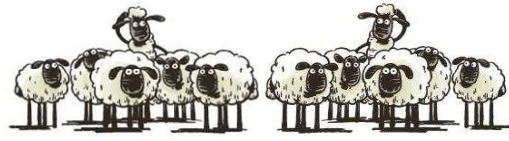
Many who knew John across the farming community held him in high regard. He had an easy-going nature and enjoyed chatting to people from all walks of life.

John's involvement with the Suffolk breed stems back a number of years and was something he enjoyed and put a lot of time and energy into. The Tyanee flock was founded in 1961 and over the years John has worked with other breeders including the Central Suffolk committee at a time when there were over 50 breeders in the area. The early CPT run at Poukawa Hawkes Bay was a great way to show case the Suffolk breed and alongside other Suffolk breeders John entered rams into this progeny test. One highlight for John was the performance of Tyanee 17/02. This ram ranked first for weaning weight in the 2007 CPT across all breeds and was used successfully in other studs.

John served 7 years on the Suffolk NZ board from 2004 to 2011 as a representative of the Central Suffolk ward. In 2014 John organised a very successful national tour covering the Wairarapa and Central Hawkes Bay.

The Tyanee flock is now with John's son Scott, his wife Sarah and their 2 sons who farm near Waipukurau.

Rob & David Tennent



THURSDAY 14th
FRIDAY 15th
NOVEMBER 2024

****Please note the
CHANGE OF DAYS
for exhibiting**



2024/2025
RAM & EWE FAIRS

CANTERBURY

FRIDAY,
NOVEMBER 29th, 2024

GORE

TUESDAY,
JANUARY 21st, 2025

SNIPPETS:

BEEF + LAMB AMBASSADORS

It was great to see that several of the Beef & Lamb Ambassadors won medals at the Olympics.

Congratulations... YOU GO GIRLS!!!!

See them on the link below.

<https://recipes.co.nz/recipes/>

WHY LAMBS DIE

Please click on this link to Facebook below:

A hilarious video...

'Why lambs die novice chase'

Make sure you have the sound on...

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/VNLsSkzoHCofuNuW/?mibextid=YA1HMP>



**WISHING YOU ALL
A HAPPY LAMBING...**



WOOLY THE SHEEP

NEW IDEA FOOD 100+

MAKES 8
PREP: 15 MINS



INGREDIENTS

- 6 small Bananas
- 2 tbsp Lemon Juice
- 16 fresh Blackberries
- 200g packet pikelets (8)
- 1/3 cup smooth Peanut Butter, plus extra for 'glue'
- 16 Candy Eyes

METHOD

1. Thinly slice bananas. Place into a bowl. Add Lemon juice. Toss to coat. Cut 8 blackberries lengthways into quarters.
2. Spread a pikelet with peanut butter. Place on a serving plate. Arrange banana slices over pikelet. Top with another layer of banana slices.
3. Place a whole blackberry in the centre over banana slices for a head. Using 4 quartered blackberries, place two at the bottom of the pikelet for the feet and two remaining around the head for the ears.
4. Using extra peanut butter as glue, attach the Candy eyes as pictured. Repeat the remaining ingredients to make 8 in total.



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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SUFFOLK NZ

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

STATEMENT OF REVENUE & EXPENDITURE AS AT 31/03/2024

	REVENUE			EXPENDITURE
BALANCE 31/03/2023	40436.00			
			CONFERENCE - 2023	8127.38
BREED LEVIES	3315.80		GENETIC GAINS	735
PROMOTIONAL LEVIES	2833.25		AGRIHQ	1980.00
ACROSS FLOCK	735.00		AGRESEARCH-SIGCT	4750.00
CONFERENCE - 2023	2523.25		GERALD HORTON-SIGNS	1475.00
FEILDING RAM SALE	1446.66		HOSEASONS	154.00
SIGCT	2950.00		GENERAL	20.00
				17241.38
			BREED PHOTO/POSTAL	900.00
			WEBSITE HOSTING	90.00
				990.00
				18231.38
			CREDIT BALANCE	36008.58
	54239.96			54239.96

PLEASE PERUSE THE ACCOUNTS AND CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR ANY CLARIFICATION PRIOR TO THE MEETING

SUFFOLK CONFERENCE - 2023			
REGISTRATIONS	7873.97	MARINER SUITES	4565.22
		STAR & GARTER	1017.39
		VELVET BLEND	292.17
		WHITESTONE CHEESE	630.42
		S BUDGE - EXPENSES	547.83
		FRIENDS OF CANNINGTON	563.48
		SNOWDON REFUND	260.87
			7877.38
		CREDIT BALANCE	-3.41
	7873.97		7873.97