

# The Smart Choice

**March 2017** 

# **Council Face to Face Report**

Council's annual face to face was held in Adelaide over three days in February.

Guest speakers were;

**Brett Wilson,** ADBA data manager.

'Dohne Database'

**Ben Swain,** Australian Merino Sire Evaluation Association (AMSEA)

'How can Dohnes best be involved in Central Test Sire Evaluations (CTSE) and Merino Lifetime Productivity (MLP)'.

**Tom Granleese,** Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) 'How can Dohne breeders assist the development of Genomics for genetic evaluation'.

**Daniel Brown,** Sheep Genetics (SG). 'Optimising Dohne genetic evaluation'.

Council was impressed with the information these speakers brought to the table. Information from these presentations will be conveyed to members at the upcoming roadshows.

Council would like to thank Ben Swain, Tom Granleese, Daniel Brown and Brett Wilson for attending our meeting.



Tom Granleese, John Nadin, Ben Swain and Daniel Brown



### **Dates for Diary**

- Council Road Show
- WA 20/21st
   March Muresk
   Institute
- SA 22nd March Adelaide Showgrounds

#### **Next Edition**

- Council Road Show Report
- Social Media
- Lambing
- Brett's Blurb

#### Council

President John Nadin 0427 474 610

**Vice President**Rachel Browne
0408 221 576

Richard Beggs 0429 025 056

During the face to face council had dinner with past secretary Rob Martin. Rob was presented with his Honorary Life Membership plaque.



Dinner with Rob Martin - Rhys Parsons, Richard Beggs, Allan Casey, Rachel Browne, Rob Martin, John Nadin, Allen Kelly and Brett Wilson

# **VALE** - Peter Hyland.

Peter was a founding member establishing Hyland Dohne Stud in 2000 on 'Glenore' Guerie, NSW.

Peter was an astute breeder always believing that the commercial focus of the Dohne was its best asset.

Hyland Dohnes record in producing Champion carcasses and unhoused fleeces is unsurpassed; At the 2008 NSW State Sheep Show they won the Champion pen of lambs on the hook and in 2009 the Champion Pure Dohne Ewe Fleece (18.3 micron). In 2011 competing against six other breeds they won the reserve Champion pen of lambs on the hook and in 2012, 2013 & 2014 the Champion Fleece.

In 2016 they again won the Champion pen of lambs on the hook against 600 pens of many different breeds of lambs.



Peter Hyland at the GDC 2016

By 2015 Peter had lifted his average fleece weight to 5.7kg, average micron of 19.3 and recorded up to 168% lambs.

Peter was the longest serving president of the eastern states committee from 2008 until his untimely passing. Our thoughts are with Karen, Joe and family.

## **International Field Day**

In early December 2016, Gabriel Capurro principal of La Pastoral in Uruguay, held a Dohne Field Day to showcase the Dohne breed.

This was an outstanding success for the Capurro family with more than a hundred producers attending. There was an array of Dohne sheep on display. During the field day there was competitions including picking the ewe with the heaviest fleece, finest fleece and heaviest lamb.

To read full article on this event in Spanish - Click Here



Capurro family - La Pastoral Field Day





La Pastoral Field Day

#### **Council Roadshow March 2017**

Council will be conducting roadshows in WA and SA for Dohne members this month.

The program is;

**Western Australian** - Muresk Institute, Northam **Monday 20th** - Meet and greet social dinner at Riverside Motel Northam.

**Tuesday 21st** - 8am WA AGM followed by council's presentation.

**South Australia** - Royal Adelaide Showgrounds, Goodwood **Wednesday 22nd** - 10am SA AGM followed by council's presentation. 6:30pm social dinner.

#### Victoria and New South Wales - TBA

For more information please contact Tessa Dawes 08 8210 5229 or <a href="mailto:secretary@dohne.com.au">secretary@dohne.com.au</a>.

#### **Timely Data Submission**

Brett Wilson needs to check all Dohne data before submitting it to Sheep Genetics on the 7th and 21st of each month. To make sure your data runs in the analysis you require, you must have you data to Brett 3 days before the analysis runs. For more information on cut off dates - Click Here

# **Identifying culls**

Ensure that a slash is placed in the non-earmark ear to indicate cull status.

This will ensure that cull sheep are not inadvertently sold to other stud breeders.

# **WA State Secretary**

The WA Dohne Breeders Association is seeking a secretary. Please contact Rachel Browne (WA Vice President) if you are interested in taking on this roll.

# **Beyond the Bale Magazine**

On the last page of Beyond the Bale Magazine you can email in interesting photos. It would be great to see some photos of Dohnes submitted. Please send your photo/s to Richard Smith richard.smith@wool.com

To view this magazine Click Here

#### **Council**

Bruce Barnes-Webb 0417 381 039

Allen Kelly 0409 018 943

Graham Coddington 0428 638 129

Rhys Parsons 0427 351 500

#### **Technical Advisor**

Allan Casey 0408 279 719

# **Dohne Data Manager**Brett Wilson 0411 541 034

data@dohne.com.au

#### **Office**

# **Secretary**

Tessa Dawes

PO Box 108 GOODWOOD SA 5034 Australia

P: 08 8210 5229 F: 08 8231 4173

secretary@dohne.com.au

# Website / Social Media Manager

Tanya Barton
M: 0429 208 674
admin@dohne.com.au











