



The Smart Choice

Dohne Matters

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ADBA Office

Christmas break – The secretary's office will be closed for Christmas holidays starting Wednesday 9 December 2020 and reopening Tuesday 12 January 2021.



2021 Dohne Journal

Thank you to all members who have supported another high-quality journal this year. These journals will be distributed to each state so that they can be promoted at field days and sales. This Dohne Journal will also include a 2021 Sale Calendar, if members would like to promote their Dohne sale on this calendar please email your sale details to admin@dohne.com.au adverts also need to be sent to this email address. Sale details and Adverts need to be submitted no later than **Monday 1 February 2021** the early the better.

Dates for Diary

Coonong Station
Dohne Sire
Evaluation
Commencement in
Jan 2021

Council Face to Face
22 - 24 Feb 2021

Balmoral Lifetime
Productivity Project
Field Day
25-26 Feb 2021
Dohne Progeny on
Display

Next Edition (February 2021)

Coonong Station Dohne Sire Evaluation

Council Face to Face

Dohne Journal

Sheep Genetics Top 20 Sire List

Councils' Year in Review

The heavens opened for much of drought-stricken NSW in early 2020 and continued through winter and spring. However, some areas of NSW, WA, VIC and SA received the break late and many areas of QLD and the North West division of NSW remain in drought conditions.

Members are to be congratulated on their ram sale results off the back of prolonged drought, low wool prices and low national breeding ewe numbers. Council has some exciting projects on the table for 2021. One in particular is the Dohne Sire Evaluation which commences with Artificial Insemination on January 25.

A big thank you is extended to the Holt family for running the trial and providing the ewes, management and staff.

Thank you to those members who have entered a sire, we have a great representation by state, genetics and ASBVs.

The information collected from this evaluation will be invaluable in progressing our breed and, with the changing face of the Australian Sheep Industry, aid in seeing the Dohne flourish in years to come.

Merry Christmas and a Prosperous 2021.

John Nadin – ADBA President



Coonong Station, Sophie, son Thomas and Tom Holt

States' Year in Review - Victoria

2020 saw a very good season for much of Victoria with patches of excellence in the South-West and Northern Tasmania. The arrival of the less common mid-year Adelaide cut-off lows which usually sail down Tasmania's West Coast supplied a green lift to the late starting South-East of South Australia and Tasmania's drier bottom whilst Gippsland emerged triumphantly from serious drought.

On the Store front 1.5 year crossbred ewes engaged extreme demand with the category averaging \$400 at many yardings, whilst one ram breed proved unprocurable.

On the Auction front 135 rams were sold from an offering of 212 in the 4 Sales remaining in the State giving a clearance rate of 64%, down 9% on last year's rate whilst the average price fell to \$1804, a 17% fall on last year.

Both Koonik and West Wail had a top price leap of 130% and 60% respectively, whilst Koonik's \$7500 topped the State with Macquarie second at \$5000.

COVID restrictions delivered firsts with Koonik and Hamilton Run listing on Auction-Plus and Stirling and the Victorian Invitational sales using the ADBA licensed "Flipping Book"

Travel safely and enjoy,

Murray Rogerson, Victoria President.



\$7500 top price and average \$2522 for Victoria – Koonik

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