

The Smart Choice

Dohne Matters

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Vale Bill Mildren

Sheep classer stalwart Bill Mildren passed after a long illness on June 9 aged 81. Although Bill had no official capacity within the ADBA he was a founding advocate of the Dohne and worked with many Dohne studs over a 20 year period including; Uardry , Koonik , Calga , DD, Havelock Park , Stirling , Glenaroua , Kardinia and Macquarie.

Bill gave his lifetime to serving the sheep industry.

Bill's funeral will be held at Glenleigh Chapel, Deniliquin on Wednesday July 14 at 2pm. Live Streaming Link -

https://streaming.naoca.com.au/e/81ddbc15-a53c-41cf-9130-

0e1e658f3cb3?pin=8203

Bill Mildren Looks Back - article by The Land in June 2020 - Click Here





Dates for Diary

ASWS, Bendigo VIC 16 to 18 July

AGM, Bendigo VIC 2pm 18 July

Classers' and Ram Breeders'

Workshop 19 July

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ASWS Report

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Sheep Genetics Top

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Australian Sheep & Wool Show - Dohne Marquee

The Dohne Marquee will be a buzz of activity for sheep breeders and interested visitors with a big showing of first class Dohne genetics all under the one roof.

Friday 16th July

- 8.30 am Fleece judging Tegan Falkiner, Elders
- 9.45 am Tech Talk, Fox & Lillie
- 10 am ASBV explanation Emma McCrabb, Sheep Genetics
- 10.30 am Fleece judging overview Longerenong Ag College
- 11 am Fleece judging Longerenong Ag College
- 12.00 Lunch
- 1 pm Sheep judging overview, Gary Simpson, Arcadian Wool Longerenong Ag College
- 1.30 pm Sheep judging Longerenong Ag College.
- 2.30 pm Tech talk, Sheepmatters
- 2.45 pm Longerenong Ag student judging explanation
- 3.30 pm Awards ceremony Students & Fleeces
- 3.50 pm Tech talk, Schneider Wool
- 4 pm Informal within stud exhibitor judging ADBA classer
- 5.30 pm close

Saturday 17th July

- 9.30 am ASBV explanation and fleece judging overview, Tegan Falkiner Moama Grammar
- 10am Junior Fleece judging Moama Grammar
- 11.15 am Tech talk, Schneider Wool
- 11.30 am Sheep judging overview, Gary Simpson Moama Grammar
- 12.00 Sheep judging Moama Grammar
- 1 pm Lunch
- 1.50 pm Tech talk, Sheepmatters
- 2 pm Moama Grammar student judging explanation 3.30 pm Student awards ceremony
- 3.50 pm Tech talk, Fox & Lillie
- 4 pm Informal within stud exhibitor judging ADBA classer
- 5.30 pm close
- 7 pm Informal member dinner

Australian Sheep & Wool Show - Dohne Marquee

Sunday 18th July

10 am – Informal within stud exhibitor judging – ADBA classer

11.30 am – Tech talk

2 pm – ADBA AGM

4 pm – Close

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Annual General Meeting

The 2020-2021 Annual General Meeting and General Meeting is to be held at the Australian Sheep and Wool Show on 18th July, commencing at 2pm.

The location has been moved from the Dohne Marquee to a meeting room in Regional Events Complex, which is in the bottom shed housing the British Breeds. At the recent Council Meeting, it was decided that all participants to the AGM and General meeting would attend via ZOOM on their own personal devices. This will alleviate the need to hire equipment and technical issues with broadcasting the meetings should be negated.

Members will be sent a link and instructions for joining the meetings via ZOOM, and given this option, it would be great for those of you who can spare an hour, please do so.

It was agreed that if the 2021 ASWS was cancelled, that the AGM be hosted via videoconference at the same notified time and date.

Classers' and Ram Breeders' Workshop

Members will have received a flier on the upcoming Classers' and Ram Breeders' Workshop to be held at the West Wail Stud on 19th July. Any members who are 'willing and able' to attend are encouraged to do so. Bookings: https://www.trybooking.com/BRSFL

This event is free and the link above takes less than a minute to complete.

Regarding Victorian-based events, the Association will update members should COVID-19 management policies prohibit the events from being held.

Dohne Breed Development Officer

The Breed Development Officer (BDO) is a newly created consultative position reporting to the Australian Dohne Breeders' Association's President and Council. The BDO role has been created to encourage Dohne sales by opening up opportunities and building relationships with industry personnel in sectors including; meat processors, commercial producers, and seedstock producers.

Responsibilities will include; reviewing and contributing to the Association's promotional material, networking with wool and sheepmeat industry personnel to advance awareness of the Dohne breed, seek out funding opportunities on behalf of the Association, and other duties that may arise as directed by the ADBA Council.

The following attributes are considered desirable but not mandatory:

- Tertiary-level qualifications in an agricultural science and/or agricultural business discipline.
- Managerial experience or consultative experience in an agricultural enterprise, ideally one with a livestock focus.
- Familiarity and experience with strategic planning including marketing and promotional strategy development.
- Sound knowledge of the Australian sheep industry.

The position is offered in a consultancy role reporting to the ADBA President and Council, with an anticipated 20 days' work per annum. Compensation at industry hourly rates. The BDO will need to cover their own travel and accommodation costs to attend required ADBA events. Applications comprising a cover letter and résumé to be received no later than 29 July 2021 at secretary@dohne.com.au or ADBA, PO Box 108, Goodwood SA 5034.



Sheep Genetics Regional Forums

Council encourages members to attend these events. These one-day workshops are a great way to catch up with our team and the latest information.

- 8th July New member workshop
- 9th 10th August Perth regional forum
- T.B.A Hamilton regional forum
- T.B.A Bendigo regional forum

Ram Sales

Ram selling season starts this month, so it is important to promote your big event. If you haven't already let Tanya Barton know your sale date and details, please email her admin@dohne.com.au
Your sale event will then be promoted on the ADBA website and social media.



Timely Data Submission

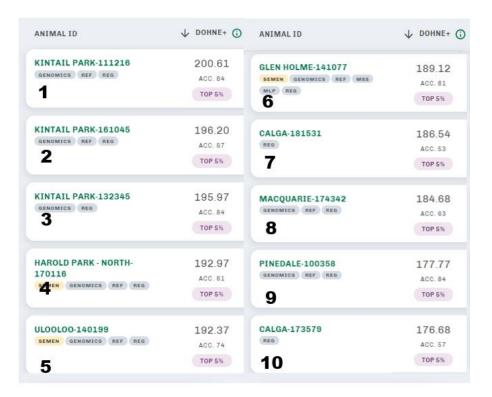
Brett Wilson needs to check all Dohne data before submitting it to Sheep Genetics on the 7th and 21st of each month. To make sure your data runs in the analysis you require, you must have your data to Brett 3 business days before the analysis runs.

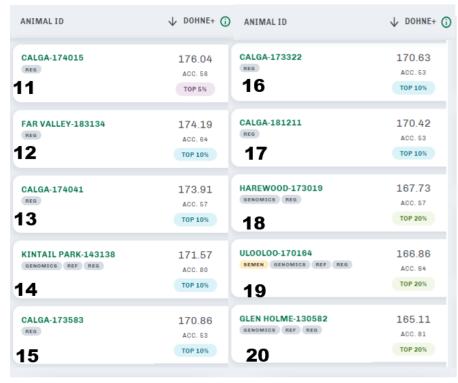
All members are reminded that stud Ewe Mating Lists are to be submitted to the data manager in a timely manner.

Sheep Genetics Dohne Top Sire List

Sheep Genetics Dohne current Top Sire List as of the 1 July 2021. Since the inception Sheep Genetics has displayed a top Dohne sire list. For accuracy and merit, standard requirements (default) are progeny from 2 or more flocks and 15 progeny in the current drop. The search engine enables breeders a wider individual search but the actual top sire list is the default setting.

www.sheepgenetics.org.au/Breeding-services/DOHNE-MERINO-Home





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