



The Smart Choice

Dohne Merino Matters

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Australian Sheep and Wool Show

We are still buzzing with excitement from the recent Australian Sheep and Wool Show.

The Dohne Marquee was a sight to behold at our new site location, with eight studs from three different states showcasing their finest exhibits.

We are very grateful for the fantastic support the ADBA received over the three days, too many people to mention. All parties were presented with a thank you gift bag.

We would also like to express our gratitude to the esteemed judges who presided over the event;

Nutrien Ag Solutions Agent and ADBA Approved Classer Stephen Chalmers, Glenaroua Dohne Stud Alistair Greenshields and former Victorian ADBA President Murray Rogerson. They did a remarkable job in evaluating the exhibits.

A special mention goes out to all our guest speakers, these "Tech Talks " were a great hit.

Shearwell - Daniel Roe

Fox & Lillie Rural - Eamon Timms

AWI - Holly Byrne

Fleece Demonstration - Vicky Staikopoulos Woven Optics and Heiniger Australia Ben Mulraney

Commercial Breeders - Click on link to watch YouTube video

Barry Hutton, Benalla Vic - [Click Here](#)

Rod Baker, Dingee Vic - [Click Here](#)

Darryl Jensen, Diggora West Vic - [Click Here](#)

Presentation - Australian Merino Exports - "Commercial grower's idea sparks new collaboration with AME focused on future marketing and traceability for Dohne wool" - [Click Here](#)

Fashion Parade - Ethical Outback Wool - [Click Here](#)

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Aside from the show itself, the weekend was a great chance to catch up with friends, meet other Dohne breeders and immerse ourselves in all things Dohne. The camaraderie and passion within our community are truly inspiring and events like these only strengthen our bonds.

The Show Committee would also like to take the opportunity to acknowledge and thank our sponsors this year; Elders, Shearwell, Sapien Technology, Nutrien Ag Solutions, Riverina Wool Testers, Quality Wool, Australian Merino Exports, Australian Community Media, Fox & Lillie Rural, Ethical Outback Wool and the Hotel Shamrock.

It was great to have Longerenong Agricultural College students back once again participate in our education program.

Lastly, we would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to all winners and place getters, including Calga for Grand Champion Ram and Supreme Dohne Exhibit and Macquarie for Grand Champion Ewe and Most Successful Breeder.

The Australian Sheep and Wool Show has become a highlight on our calendars and we can't wait to come together once again to celebrate the remarkable Dohne breed.

Until then, stay connected, keep breeding and continue to strive for excellence.

Best regards,

Darren Gurnett Convenor, ADBA Show and Education Committee

Education Program – Longerenong College



AWI Industry Relations Officer, Bendigo, Holly Byrne, Longerenong College students, Craig Mackley, Longerenong College and Mikayla Quinn, Nutrien Ag Solutions, Bendigo.

Australian Sheep and Wool Show (continued)

Most Successful Fleece & Sheep Exhibitor – Macquarie



Most Successful Breeder Macquarie Dohne Stud John Nadin, with sponsor and judges Fox & Lillie Rural Alister Carr and Gen Butler.

GRAND Champion Ram & SUPREME Dohne Exhibit – Calga



John Nadin, Macquarie Dohne Stud, Tim Armstrong, Shearwell, Sandy Pye, Calga Dohne Stud and Jason Southwell, with the Supreme Dohne Exhibit.

Australian Sheep and Wool Show (continued)

Judges, Steward, Penciller/Recorder, MC



Steward Neville Triplett, Judge Alistair Greenshields, ADBA Penciller/Recorder Kaye Butler, Judges Murray Rogerson and Stephen Chamlers, and MC Holly Byrne, (Tegan Falkner was also our MC on the day).

The Dohne Merino Calendar is out now! - [Click Here](#)

Thank you to all members who have supported this publication.



AMSEA Sire Evaluation
Quantifies the Dohne Dual
Purpose Advantage

Dohne-Cross Lambs SHATTER
Records at Bendigo Sales
– Unstoppable Surge!

Profitable Dohne Genetics:
Enhancing Wool Yield in
Composite Ewe Flocks

World Dohne Merino Conference, South Africa

The Dohne Merino Society of SA is excited to host the World Dohne Merino Conference in 2026. This event will be in collaboration with the 60th year of existence of the Dohne Merino Society of South Africa.

The launched the official website for the conference is now up: <https://conference.dohnemerino.com>

Bookings can be made directly on the website and they will be posting more information as the time passes.

The Dohne Merino World Conference, to be held from **18 – 24 October 2026**, at the Arabella Hotel, in Hermanus, South Africa. This prestigious event promises to bring together Dohne Merino breeders, industry experts, and enthusiasts from across the globe, fostering collaboration, innovation, and excellence in our shared passion.

The week after the conference (**26 to 31 October 2026**), we are planning a post-conference tour to the central and eastern parts of South Africa.

Dohne Merino Ram Sales

Dohne Merino ram started this month in South Australia, then move to Western Australia at the start of September, for more details on these sales see details below:

- Tuesday 5 August – Babirra Inspection Day, Stansbury SA – [Click Here](#)
- Tuesday 12 August – Babirra Dohne Ram Auction, Stansbury SA – [Click Here](#)
- Friday 15 August – Hill View On Property Ram Sale, Streaky Bay SA – [Click Here](#)
- Wednesday 27 August – Clover Downs Private Selection Day, Barabba, SA – [Click Here](#)
- Thursday 28 August – Uloloo On Property Ram Sale, Hallett SA – [Click Here](#)

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