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Western Region News

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Hope it turns out to be a great one for Dorpers and White Dorpers! ... and for your own businesses and personal lives as well.

Western Region Facebook page – use it!!

Kyle has constructed a facebook page for us. Thanks Kyle!

See <https://www.facebook.com/dorpersheepsocietyofaustraliawesternregion>

It's there to use – to paste comments or photos or ideas or whatever. SO USE IT!! A great way to share what we are up to and to give everyone in the society a voice.

Wagin Woolorama – and show - and DSSA meeting: 6th & 7th March

Wagin Woolorama will be on Friday and Saturday 6th & 7th March. Collin has asked for the judge to be GT (GT Ferreira from NSW) but we haven't heard yet. The deadline for sites is this week so be quick. See <http://www.woolorama.com.au/trade-fair/prospectus/>

If you want to enter sheep in the show section ... the schedule doesn't appear to be available yet but should be very soon. Entries usually close about 4 weeks beforehand ... so have a think about it and get ready!

There will be a WA DSSA meeting on the Saturday ... details are yet to be finalised, but Collin or Kyle will let us know soon.

Tips on showing

Collin has prepared some tips to help people who are new to showing sheep – the doc is attached to the email accompanying this newsletter.

Perth Royal Show – Dorper judging will probably be Saturday 26th September

ARE YOU INTERESTED in SHOWING???

Collin is expecting the Perth Show to contact him soon re how many entries we will have and who we want as judge. **Last year we had VERY FEW entries ... especially in the whites (only one!) ...we need more if we are going to continue to be a Breed at this event and justify the expense of judges, stewards, prizes etc.**

PLEASE CONTACT COLLIN IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SHOWING AT THE PERTH ROYAL THIS YEAR SO THAT HE CAN ASSESS THE AMOUNT OF INTEREST AND DECIDE IF IT IS WORTH CONTINUING.

Ram Select Workshop – Tuesday 17th February near Kulin (at Jilakin Downs)

Meghan Cornelius of DAFWA (Sheep Genetics officer) has organised a "RAM SELECT" workshop on Tuesday 17th February, starting at 9am. At the end of the day there will also some training for producers wanting to get into MSA (Meat Standards Australia accreditation – needed if you want to use the new Dorper logo).

There is a flyer about the workshop attached to this email.

Contact Meghan Cornelius, Meghan.cornelius@agric.wa.gov.au or 0477 748 430 if you want to attend.

Datasmart workshops - end of Feb, Katanning and Narrogin

Learn how to use your software better.

There is an attachment about this on the email – but it is only about Pedigree Master ... whereas the WA workshops are likely to be about BOTH Pedigree Master and Pedigree Wizard.

There are likely to be workshops in Katanning and Narrogin at the end of February.

Meghan needs 5-10 people to be involved in order for them to go ahead so contact Meghan (see contacts above) if you are interested.

Are you interested in a SALE?

Katanning Sheep Expo – end of August – Elite Stud Sire sale is a possibility if enough people are interested

Collin is very keen to pursue the idea of an elite sire sale in conjunction with the Katanning Sheep Expo which is due to be held at the end of August (last year 21st Aug). The “rules” will be discussed at the meeting at Wagin in March. One requirement is likely to be that you take a site at the expo.

And/or a sale to the north of Perth?

Some studs have expressed an interest in staging a joint sale farther north also (eg somewhere between Jurien and Northam). If you are interested in this idea, contact Jill.

Board matters – do you have anything you want to raise??

Tim and Jill will be attending a national Board meeting on 9th & 10th February so if you have any burning issues, or ideas you want discussed, please contact one of us (contacts below).

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