



"RASWA president Ivan Solomon, centre, greets five Texel rams on the main arena, with the help of Texel breeder Rob Wood, of Te Rakau Texels, Bindi Bindi, and automotive restorer Lyndsay Hill, of Beaconsfield, with his restored Model T Ford ute loaded with near a tonne of rams from three Texel studs including Te Rakau, Jimjan and Tanalan."

Texels The 'Model' Breed

Get a load of this production line, was the thought of RASWA president Ivan Solomon, when he greeted the Perth Royal Show feature sheep breed, Texels, on the main arena.

Henry Ford would never have guessed one of his 1920s Model Ts would have delivered such a cargo.

Five 'model Texel' rams, including the champion Texel ram made an impressive entrance while showgoers could make a

closer inspection on the big screen.

Public announcer Angus Lane said that earlier in the day the Texel breed won the champion carcass on the hook with an entry from Jim and Jan Glover's Jimjan stud, of Boyup Brook.

(Kind acknowledgement to Bob Garnant, WA Countryman)

Federal Council Meeting

Items from the Federal Council meeting on July 17, 2005

Olsson's Sponsorship

D. Bottcher was thanked for arranging the additional

\$2000 Olssons sponsorship of the 2005 Flock Register.

Flock Register Photographs

Decided to use the photographs of the champion ram and ewe from the Texel National Show at the ASBA Bendigo, and to change the photographs each year if the new ones were deemed suitable.

ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS:

President:

P. Matus

Vice-President:

M. Wood

Treasurer:

P. Matus

Finance Committee:

H. Fergusson, P. Matus, M. Wood,

**Promotion/Media/Journal
/Internet Committee**

*C. Baldock, H. Fergusson,
S. Parker, M. Wood*

**National Show &
Administration/Planning
Committee**

*K. Agnew, D. Bottcher, T.
Buckland, P. Russell*

*D. Bottcher said Peter
Russell (Tent Captain) had
arrived on Penning Day
with a workman and two
neighbours as well.*

Resolved to write to P.
Russell and thank him for
his efforts.

**Flock Register/Flock
Registration/Regulations
Committee**

P. Matus and Secretary

**Lambplan Liaison
Committee**

S. Parker

**Australian Interior Textile
and Carpet Wool Council**

J. Gubbins

**Public Officer and
Secretary**

P. Weston

**Statement by Members of
the Council**

The Secretary reported that
Consumer Affairs Victoria
had introduced a
“Statement by Members of
the Council” whereby the
Secretary signed a
statement in the audited
financial report on behalf
of the Council.

The main clause states that
in the opinion of the
Council, at the date of this
statement, there are
reasonable grounds to
believe that the ATSB

Inc. will be able to pay its
debts as and when they fall
due.

Resolved that the
Secretary could sign the
statement on behalf of
Council.

**Promotion/Media/Journal
/Internet Committee**

The WA Region has a
sponsor in Cydectin/Fort
Dodge who had provided a
4-6 m Texel banner at a
cost of \$500 for the ASBA
Show Bendigo and
possibly Hamilton
Sheepvention before it is
returned for the WA
shows.

A new livestock marketing
company in WA has also
come on board for the WA
Region with a possible
sponsorship of \$2000.

The printed promotion
posters in the Texel
marquee were available at
\$59 each.

ASBA Promotion Display

Congratulations were
extended to Karen Agnew,
Maria Wood and Felicity
Muir for the ASBA
promotional display.

Information Pack

K. Agnew and M. Wood
will report in February
2006 with a design for an
information pack for new
members.

**National Stud Sheep
Breeders Association**

NSSBA Past President, T.
Buckland, said the AGM
on 15/7/05 had approved
the following notices of
motion.

That the NSSBA be held in
abeyance.

That the accumulated
funds be divided between
the five current member
associations after the
settlement of outstanding
accounts, on a pro-rata
basis in proportion to the
fees received from each
member for the year ended
31/12/04.

The NSSBA resolved that
the Secretary be
empowered to call a
meeting of the Federal
Presidents of each Beed
Member, or their nominee,
if the need arises. Also
that Breed Members be
responsible for reasonable
out-of-pocket
administration expenses.

**Flock Registration
Committee**

New Flocks since 19/20th
February 2005

*(F.427) – Frank & Jenny
Nazar, “Nine Mile”, Box
105, Brookton, WA, 6306.*

Flocks re-registered for
Volume 12 included
*Catholic Agricultural
College (F.177) and J.M.
& L.O. Barnes (F.307).*

*Jan Glover joined as an
associate member.*

Late re-registrations were
*Pascoe Pastoral Co.
(F.202) on 14/6/05 and Vic
Gorring (F.401) on
29/6/05.*

*S. Clements and N.
Selesnew, “Brydon Farm”,
RMB 1382, Porongurup
Rd., Mt Barker, WA, 6324,
had bought Flock 202 of
Pascoe Pastoral Co. and
been allocated Flock No.
202 on 12/7/05, subject to*

Council's final approval.

Resolved to accept the Report and approve the new members.

Nominations to Federal/State Panels of Judges/Inspectors

Resolved to defer to the next meeting the following suggestions:

- Revise both Panels.
- Consider combining both Panels into an "Official Judges Panel".
- Judges and/or Inspectors.
- Should de-registered members be on the Panels. Some on the Panels are not Texel Breeders.

Texel Young Sires Programme

There were 10 members and five sires were used in the last A.I. programme. Perhaps a NZ sire could be used next year.

Lambplan Liaison Committee

Agreed the ATSBAs is against the proposed privatisation of Lambplan and also that owners should own their information/data.

National Show & Administration Planning Committee

- D. Bottcher and Secretary had liaised with Olsson's.
- S. Parker contacted Paton Sheetmetal and Coprice Feeds.
- Secretary wrote 2/3/05

to Tim Knight re his Supreme Texel prize.

- Secretary wrote 2/3/05 to Stock & Land and later spoke to G. Rodda who agreed to two advertising vouchers of \$250 each.
- W. Close had organised the Helmsman Sale and later reported that vendor sales had been:
 - A/c Tattykeel \$3000
 - A/c Laani \$1000 and \$1000
 - A/c D. Bottcher \$700

Agreed that the Secretary should collect the 2% commission and rebate 1% to the ASBA.

Microphthalmia

Agreed to include a reminder in the next Newsletter of members obligations under the Trade Practices Act and they were risking litigation if they did not advise purchasers accordingly.

Members finishing up with sheep "at risk" after DNA profiling must notify prospective buyers.

Also to write to Ovita to advise that the ATSBAs Council considers the results of the tests are the property of the owner and should not be divulged to anyone else.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

Resolved the next meeting be held in February 2006.

The social aspect of a members weekend was emphasised.

It was suggested that four speakers could address members and Councillors on the Saturday morning, followed by a tour of tourist attractions or wineries, and a dinner at night.

Council could meet on the Sunday morning.

Tattooing

The recommendation from the AGM was noted.

Following a discussion and considering that some members might still wish to tattoo their sheep, it was resolved that tattooing be optional.

The Secretary said he would report to the February meeting with a draft regulation.

Resolved to alter the word "must" to "may" in the first line of Regulation 29 (5) – Upgrading to Pure Bred.

Shearers Singlets

Noted that Sewgraphic Embroidery was the official supplier of Texel merchandise and the only manufacturer licensed to use the Texel super muscle red tick logo© .

This was an agreement that could be terminated at any time by the ATSBAs.

The shearers singlets obtained by Andy Roberts from Top Gun did not use the red tick logo and it was agreed that members could order direct if they wished.

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MURRAY DOWNS TEXEL & MURRAY GREY STUD

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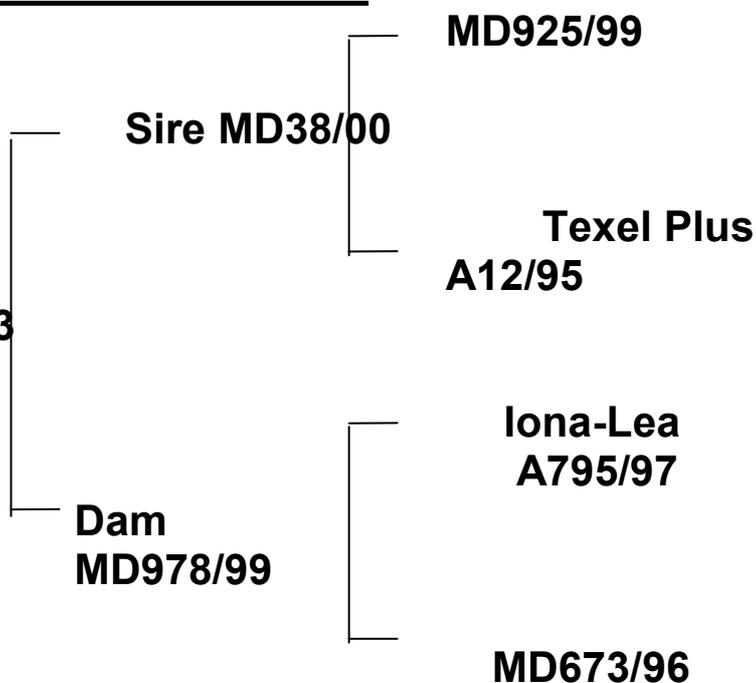
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Introducing Murray Downs Ram 110/03



Murray Downs 110/03



**In Canterbury Texel Club progeny test, 7 sires tested-
 Murray Downs 110/03 ranked 1st for carcass weight, 1st for leg
 yield, 1st for loin yield and 1st for shoulder yield.**

-microphthalmia i-scan clear – proven fertility and yield

-already ranked 90/410 (SIL sire summary May 2005)



Order form:

Murray Downs 110/03

Please dispatchsemen straws@ \$30 per straw
ex Farmtech, Rangiora, New Zealand.

Murray Downs 994/99

Semen straws still available for this top producing sire.
Sons now ranked 54/410 and 57/410 SIL sire summary May
2005.

Murray Downs 994/99

Mainline A795/97

MDB699/96

Please dispatch.....semen straws@ \$20
per straw ex Farmtech, Rangiora, New Zealand.

Place your order directly with Sarah Rodie.
Email s_rodie@xtra.co.nz or Fax 64 3 3148198.

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Brucellosis accreditation Number and OJD Status

The Secretary reported the computer software had been altered so the brucellosis accreditation number could appear in the Flock Register for each member who was accredited and he had added accreditation numbers to the 2005 Texel Flock Register.

Departments of Agriculture apparently required the numbers from purchasers when sheep were bought.

OJD status software was altered so a short comment could be made e.g. MN2V followed by the accreditation number. In the future, credit points could be keyed.

Regulation 33 - DNA Protocol

Agreed to add the word "clear" after "tested" in the first line of Regulation 33 (a) Also that the necessary documentation referred to 33 (a) must include a statutory declaration.

Illabo Show Carcase Competition

The Jindalee stud of Andy Roberts, Cootamundra, NSW was understandably pleased with the results of the Illabo Show carcase competition conducted by the NSW Royal Agricultural Society.

One of their clients, Merribindinyah Pastoral Co., Bethungra entered Texel sired lambs out of Merino ewes to win:

- Champion single carcase
- Champion pen of three carcasses.
- First prize export pen of three carcasses.

Geelong Show

Six Victorian exhibitors entered 39 sheep at the Geelong show on October 14.

Judge was Marylyn Stevens, Hallylulya, Willaura, Vic.

Champion ram and supreme champion Texel exhibit (Aveley Perpetual Trophy) went to Doug and Jacquie Bottcher, Baroa, Euroa, Vic., who also gained the reserve champion ewe award.

The Tullamore Park stud of Peter and Liz Russell, Donald, Vic., exhibited the champion ewe while the reserve champion ram award to Tony and Heather Buckland, Tourello, Lysterfield.

The supreme Texel exhibit of Doug Bottcher's lost the interbreed by just two points to a Border Leicester ram. There were six judges and one of these placed the Texel last.

Ram over 1 ½ years, shorn

A.J. Smith, 1; S. & C. Parker, 2.

Ram under 1 ½ years, woolly

D.C.J. & J.M. Bottcher, 1; A.H. & H.J. Buckland, 2; P.A. & E.A. Russell, 3.

Ram under 1 ½ years, shorn

A.H. & H.J. Buckland, 1; & 3; P.A. & E.A. Russell, 2.

Ram lamb

Leigh Partnership, 1; S. & C. Parker, 2 & 3.

Pair rams under 1 ½ years

A.H. & H.J. Buckland, 1; P.A. & E.A. Russell, 2; Leigh Partnership, 3.

Ewe over 1 ½ years, shorn

Leigh Partnership, 1 & 2.

Ewe under 1 ½ years, woolly

D.C.J. & J.M. Bottcher, 1 & 2; Leigh Partnership, 3.

Ewe under 1 ½ years, shorn

P.A. & E.A. Russell, 1 & 2; A.H. & H.J. Buckland, 3.

Ewe lamb

Leigh Partnership, 1 & 3; S. & C. Parker, 2.

Ewe – lamb at foot

S. & C. Parker, 1; Leigh Partnership, 2 & 3.

Group – 1 ram 2 ewes under 1 ½ years

P.A. & E.A. Russell, 1; D.C.J. & J.M. Bottcher, 2; A.H. & H.J. Buckland, 3.

Champion lamb

Leigh Partnership (ewe lamb)

A plus for the Texel breed was the continued success of Leigh Partnership, Ceres, Vic., whose awards included third on the hoof, first on the hook, champion pen of the Show (Acacia Houseboats prize).



Doug Bottcher (left) with his Coprice Victorian Ram of the Year, Sarah Smith (Coprice Feeds – centre) Jacquie Bottcher (right) at the 2005 Geelong Show, the final leg of the five shows.

Baroa wins Coprice Victorian Ram Award

Doug Bottcher, Baroa, Euroa, Vic., will be able to sleep at night now that his potential top sire has won the award for Coprice Victorian Ram of the Year.

The title was sealed at the Geelong Show when Baroa 2/04 won his class, the ram championship and supreme Texel exhibit award.

Judge Marylyn Stevens told ringside that she had not seen a better Texel ram for some time. Baroa 2/04 is by Tattykeel 89/01, out of Tattykeel 39/00, by Plainview 56/96, a pedigree bristling with outstanding show sheep.

Tattykeel 89/01 was champion ram at the 2003 Sydney Royal, Tattykeel 39/00 was the ASBA Bendigo interbreed champion exhibit, while a half share in Plainview “(Little John)” 56/96 had been purchased privately for \$10,000. The Coprice Ram of the Year had been

champion ram and supreme Texel at the ASBA Show Bendigo, and Geelong, champion at Hamilton Shepvention and reserve champion at the Royal Melbourne Show.

The only blemish on the outstanding show record was a fourth in class at the Horsham Show under Judge, Ralph Speirs.

The prizes for the competition were four nights on the Gold Coast and 4 tonnes of Coprice sheep pellets.



Judge, Marylyn Stevens (left) with Doug Bottcher, 2005 Geelong Show.

Hoof and Hook Win to Plainview

The Plainview stud of Peter and Pene Hood, Pittsworth, Qld., made a clean sweep of the prime lamb competition held in Warwick by winning both the hoof and hook competitions.

There were 57 pens of lambs in the hoof competition and 37 entries in the hook.

Conducted annually by the Warwick Show and Rodeo Society, the hook section attracted 37 entries from throughout the region as far north as Bell but none on the day could compare with those presented by the Hood's.

Carcase judge Greg Carey said every one of the 37 lambs presented was good enough for the premium-grade market, with the best finish on lambs he'd seen since he first judged the competition several years ago.

"Butchers hate having to cut fat off a carcass and lamb producers have learnt that lesson and presented lambs which fit almost exactly what every butcher wants to hang in his front window", he said.

"The reason we hold these competitions is to show producers exactly what we want to buy in the yards and, in that regard, this event can only be described as extremely successful.

"These lambs are a real credit to the producers."

Peter Hood exhibited several pens of lambs both on the hoof and for the carcass section, all suckers running on their mothers, aged between 14 and 17 weeks.

"They're all by the stud Texel ram out of Border Leicester/Merino or East Friesian/Merino ewes and were finished on an irrigated barley crop when we had no rain during winter to bring the pasture along," Mr. Hood said.

"Over the years this competition has been good to us but I've never seen a stronger line-up of lambs than were exhibited this year.

(Acknowledgement – Bush Telegraph)



William Hood (left) standing in for his father, Peter, with the champion carcass in the Warwick Show and Rodeo Society prime lamb competition. Carey Brothers principal, Greg Carey, (right) was the carcass judge.

(Photo – Warwick Newspaper Pty. Ltd)