

From the President



P.J. MATUS

At long last it appears the drought is breaking. Many areas have had sufficient rain to renew confidence, and now we await substantial runoff rains to start filling waterways and dams.

July is an important month for Texel breeders, especially for those who exhibit sheep at our national show at the Australian Sheep and Wool Show, Bendigo. It provides an opportunity to display the best of last years lambs and to compare breeding progress being made, and it also

provides an opportunity to purchase new sires. For many it is the start of the next lambing season with the excitement and anticipation that it offers.

I would encourage members and friends of Texels to attend the National Show and to take the opportunity to catch up and to renew friendships. A reminder that Jacquie Bottcher and Liz Russell are organizing nibblies and drinks after judging and the presentation of trophies. A Helmsman auction of stud rams will also occur immediately after the completion of the Texel judging.

On the Friday night the Annual General Meeting will take place at the National Motor Inn. Members will have the opportunity to vote on three special resolutions. Resolution 1 is a simple rule change, Resolutions 2 and 3 are to allow for an additional councillor for Western Australia. Membership numbers are relatively strong in WA and warrant an additional councillor.

I recommend you support all three resolutions. Proxy forms and details of the resolutions were sent out on the 8th of June and are available from Peter Weston.

Rob Hartwich and Jacqui Beaumont (Product Manager Norbrook Laboratories) will briefly address the meeting and be available to meet with members to discuss the relationship that has been entered into between our Association and Norbrook. This relationship will involve Norbrook supplying funding and assistance with editorials and placement in rural press about Texel successes. In return we would offer Norbrook product extension and promotion/endorsement opportunities. Norbrook is a major international animal veterinary and chemical supply company. Jacqui Beaumont has written an article which appears in this newsletter.

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If you would like a copy of the Texel newsletters to be sent to your commercial ram clients please supply their name and address to Peter Weston. The list will remain strictly confidential.

Our Association will suffer a great loss with the retirement of Doug Bottcher from Council. Doug has been an ATSBA councillor since 1997 and was president in 1999-2001. Doug has been a tireless worker for the Association and a very successful breeder. His involvement as a member of the Australian Sheep Breeders Association and as a recent president of that organisation, has assisted the smooth organization of the National Texel Show. Doug's replacement on ATSBA Council is John Raymond and we welcome him.

As this will be my last newsletter report as President I would like to thank Peter Weston on his very capable and efficient management of the day to day running of our Association. I have valued his considered advice. We are indeed fortunate to have a secretary of the ability and experience of Peter. I also thank the members of ATSBA Council for the contribution they have made to the progress of our breed and to the smooth operation of Council.

- PETER MATUS

***Global Quality,
Local Focus from
Norbrook***

It is with great pleasure that I introduce myself, Jacqui Beaumont, and Norbrook Laboratories Australia to the members of the ATSBA.

I will be working as the Head Office liaison between Norbrook and the ATSBA, ensuring that we maximise our combined areas of expertise; work together to maximise all opportunities to further the Texel breed and Norbrook, and to market our successes in the best possible way to our potential clients and the Australian rural public.

Norbrook Laboratories are proud to be the major partner company to the ATSBA, and we look forward to an exciting and mutually beneficial relationship in the years ahead.

Since its foundation in 1968, Norbrook Laboratories Limited has grown to be a leading company in the pharmaceutical industry.

With world-class facilities, which are licensed by major governmental regulatory authorities worldwide, Norbrook manufactures a comprehensive range of veterinary and medical pharmaceuticals; contract manufactured products and active pharmaceutical ingredients (API's). It

exports product to over 110 countries.

An international company with facilities worldwide, Norbrook has grown to be a world leader in the pharmaceutical industry and is considered to be the largest producer of sterile veterinary injectables in the world. Norbrook also continues to invest 10 % of turnover back into Research and Development.

This global quality is available with Norbrook's wide range of veterinary pharmaceutical and animal health products, manufactured to suit the Australian and New Zealand markets.

Norbrook adds local focus to our product with specific formulation and packaging designed to meet regional customer needs.

Our team of experienced territory managers, local veterinarians, and a global team of veterinary experts aim to provide our local customers with global quality products.

I invite all ATSBA members to introduce themselves to their local Norbrook Territory manager. We are here to help in any capacity that we can, and are always willing to help out at local events whether it is with handling stock, or just for some extra moral support.

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Many of our territory managers come from rural backgrounds, and all have a thorough understanding of the issues affecting farmers in these somewhat difficult times. Please feel free to call on any of us for information on animal health issues, or any other matter.

Both myself, and Rob Hartwich look forward to introducing ourselves and Norbrook to you at the AGM, and to meeting members at the Bendigo Sheep and Wool Show.

Until then, let's hope for some more good rains across the country!

**(From
Jacqui Beaumont)**

***NZ Breeders Tour
to
UK and Netherlands***

The New Zealand Texel breeders are planning to visit the UK and Netherlands from June 8 to July 3, 2008.

The price is NZ\$ 12,495 pp twin share, single room supplement NZ\$1650.

This wonderful tour includes a wide range of Texel and other farm visits, attractions and tours of the famous cities of London, Edinburgh and Amsterdam.

The Highlands and Royal Shows are included as well as visits to top farms and

farmstays in the Scottish Borders and Wales.

A highlight is likely to be the trip to Texel Island where the breed originated.

Australian breeders wishing to join the Tour should contact:

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***Microphthalmia
Markers***

The NZ Texel Breed Society Newsletter for June 2007 carried an article that another marker for Microphthalmia had been found and sheep that were thought to be clear could well be carriers.

We have asked Catapult Genetics whether Australian DNA already stored at Catapult will be automatically scanned for the second marker.

Wagin Woolorama

The weather was much kinder than usual at Wagin Woolorama on March 11.

Exhibitors arrived to about 40 degrees on the Thursday but overnight the temperature dropped to a pleasant 27 degrees ensuring a much more

enjoyable show than usual for both exhibitors and sheep.

Judge was Tim Shepherd, Narrogin.

Woolorama had a new exhibitor this year with Alan and Tricia Franklin, Alicia, WA, who exhibited Texels for the first time with a team of which we could all be proud. We hope to see them at the Royal Show in Perth.

Braden Lange, Mirovi, Narrogin, achieved a long-time ambition by winning the grand champion Texel exhibit with his young champion ewe.

Major awards were:

Champion ram:

Jimjan

Reserve champion ram:

Jimjan

Champion ewe:

Mirovi

Reserve champion ewe:

Jimjan

Champion Texel:

Mirovi

Detailed results:

Ram, with lamb's teeth

Jimjan, 1; Mirovi, 2;
Alicia, 3.

Ram, with two or more teeth

Mirovi, 1; Jimjan, 2.

Scanned ram, lamb's teeth

Mirovi, 1; Jimjam, 2; Te Rakau, 3.

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Pair of rams, lamb's teeth
Jimjan, 1; Te Rakau, 2;
Mirovi, 3.

Ewe, with lamb's teeth
Mirovi, 1; Jimjan, 2; Te
Rakau, 3.

**Ewe, with two or more
teeth**
Te Rakau, 1 & 3; Mirovi,
2.

Pair of ewes, lamb's teeth
Mirovi, 1; Te Rakau, 2;
Jimjan, 3.

**Group of 1 ram 2 ewes,
lamb's teeth**
Jimjan, 1; Mirovi, 2; Te
Rakau, 3.

**Sires Progeny Group, any
age, any sex**
Jimjan, 1; Mirovi, 2; Te
Rakau, 3.

(From Maria Wood)



Kristy and Jim Glover of Jimjan with champion and reserve champion rams. Standing are judge Tim Shepherd and Brad Hickman of Norbrook.

(Left) Brad Hickman (Norbrook), Braden Lange (centre) and Robert Lange who is holding the Mirovi champion ewe and supreme Texel exhibit. (Photo- courtesy Farm Weekly)



Tricia, Alan and Penny Franklin 'Alicia'; Jim, Kristy and Jan Glover (hidden behind Kristy) 'Jimjan'; Brad Hickman of Norbrook assisting; Robert and Braden Lange 'Mirovi', Maureen Shepherd assisting; Robert Wood 'Te Rakau'.

South West Genetics

Longford Texels

Will be offering the following Rams for sale at ASBA Bendigo



060108 060095 060092

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Sire: Waikite (NZ) 000488 Dam: Longford 010045



Pwwt 7.6 Pfat - 1.0 Pemd 0.5 Carcass + 156
Acc 67 64 69

060095

Sire: Longford 04/54 Dam: Longford 010011



Pwwt 9.0 Pfat - 1.1 Pemd 2.7 Carcass + 181
Acc 68 65 70

060092

Sire: Goldern Terrace (NZ) 040038 Dam: Longford 010047



Pwwt 7.7 Pfat - 1.0 Pemd 0.7 Carcass + 157
Acc 67 64 69

Steve Parker
03 5599 2476
0429 992 476



Chris Parker
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**Sydney Royal Show
2007**

Peter Hood, Plainview, Pittsworth, Qld., judged Texels at the 2007 Sydney Royal Show and was impressed with the very high quality display. Tattykeel's grand champion came from the woolly milk tooth class which also produced the reserve champion, an August drop lamb, for P. & J. Matus, Tara, Rockley, NSW.

The Tattykeel stud from Oberon, NSW, also exhibited the grand champion ewe from the woolly class 1-2 years, which went on to be supreme Texel exhibitor.

Reserve champion ewe from the milk tooth shorn class, was exhibited by P.J. & K. Balcombe Cranbrook, Canowindra, NSW.

Most successful exhibitor was the Tattykeel stud.

**Dubbo Show
2007**

Judge, Graeme Hibbard, Deepdene, Narrandera, NSW, awarded the supreme Texel exhibit at the Dubbo Show in May to P.J. & K. Balcombe, Cranbrook, Canowindra, NSW, with their champion ewe.

Peter Matus, Tara, Rockley, NSW, was kept busy with his duties as a steward and had students from Scots School, Ballarat, parade his team which won the other major prizes.



Lewis Shepherd, Leween, Narrogin, WA, who will judge at the Texel National Show at Bendigo

**UK Imports now at
Te Rakau**

Rob and Maria Wood of Te Rakau have purchased the three rams and two ewes imported from the UK in 2004 as embryos by Dale River Transplants of WA.

All have now been tested Microphthalmia free and carry a double myostatin gene.

The embryos were imported when a never to be repeated window of opportunity presented in 2004 after the UK government established a Scrapie resistant status for UK breeders. To qualify for export to Australia the sire and dam of the imported sheep were flushed for semen and embryos at six years of age then autopsied to establish their Scrapie free status.

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*Champion ram, Tattykeel 3/06, 2007 Sydney Royal Show
(Photo – courtesy Wayne Jenkins)*



*Champion ewe, Tattykeel 206/06, 2007 Sydney Royal Show
(Photo – courtesy Wayne Jenkins)*

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Sire – HMK 95037 PI
(2) Kirtle Banker

Kirtle Banker was bred by Robin Hope, a well-known, respected breeder of Texels in the UK.

Kirtle Banker was champion ram at Lanark 1995 and was purchased at the Lanark sale by Muireisk Flock breeders Bruce and Colin Mair for 12,000 guineas. His sire, Woodmarsh All Gold was purchased at Lanark in 1994 for 13,000 guineas by a consortium of five breeders.

His pedigree includes many of the famous sires such as Glenside You're a Winner, Annan Winner, Annan Undercover, Annan Newsboy, Annan Jazzboy and Turin Union. One of his grandsires was Milton of Noth Sir Alan who

topped the 1988 Lanark sale at £10,500 and went to sire many of the Annan stud's most successful sires.

Kirtle Banker's dam was successive Royal Show Champion in 1993 and 1994. His progeny are sought after and two of his sons sold in 1996 for 4,800gns and 4,000gns with his first 11 sons averaging UK £ 2,000.

Dam – HMK 97095(2)
KIRTLE

HMK 97095 pedigree includes the most influential sires bred up to that time. She was sired by Netherkeir Blaze. Her grandsire was Annan Ygorra, champion of the UK Texel Society's premier sale at Lanark where he sold for 16,000gns, as well as the

1st prize at the Royal Highland and Royal English shows.

Ygorra's sire Annan Won o Won was a major breeder, siring many successful rams and ewes throughout UK and living until ten years of age.

He sired the Lanark champion that sold in 2002 for 27,000 guineas.

HMK's pedigree also includes Baltier Winston, who sold at Lanark in 1992 for 9,000guineas, Milnbank Yesterday, Annan Viking and a number of earlier well known Annan sires.

The Kirtle stud established a reputation for their ewes in the early 90's when they exhibited a number of champion ewes.

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TARA

PERFORMANCE and QUALITY



Tara 'Turbo 7', Champion Ram; **Tara** 553/05, Reserve Champion Ewe Dubbo Show 2007 pictured with Scots School student handlers.

Progeny of Tara 'Marcus' excel in 2007

- **Tara** 617, Reserve Champion Texel Ram Bathurst, Sydney, Dubbo Shows.
- **Tara** 607, Champion Texel Ram Dubbo Show.
- **Tara** 553, Reserve Champion Ewe Dubbo, 1st 1-2 years ewe Bathurst, Sydney, Dubbo Shows.
- Supreme Texel Exhibit Wagin Woolorama, **Meltrac Enterprises** (Robert Lange).



* Tara 'Marcus' ASBA Bendigo 2004
at 11 months Reserve Champion 100 kgs,
45mm emd, 6mm fat

- ASBA Bendigo 2005, 1st Ram 1.5 yrs,
heaviest and best muscled ram in shed,
133kgs, 52emd, 6mm fat

* 13 shows, 7 firsts, 6 seconds. A huge ram with a huge hindquarter and eye muscle and displaying excellent structural correctness.

See our team at ASBA Bendigo

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