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Judges School

21st January 2017

A Judges School for members wishing to become a Judge or just to learn more & a Judges Refresher will be held at **131 McGlone Rd, Drouin Saturday 21st January starting at 9.30am.**

Participants wishing or even contemplating about becoming a Judge are required to complete a large assignment as part of the 20 hours pre-exam component

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EDITORIAL

You may be wondering why there are no photos of the Royal Show held at Geelong, perhaps that is because no one took any! If you want show results published and photos you need to supply them to me. Showing is the way we showcase our animals. Next issue I hope to have the Branch Show results included. Getting photos off facebook is alright but I don't know the names of goats, I also am too busy with work and other commitments to chase people up. I am trying to regularly update and add to the website. Happy holidays to you all.

<http://dgsavic.weebly.com>

FOR SALE –Seaweed Meal (kelp)& Salt Licks

The Branch has 20 kg bags of Australian Seaweed meal available for \$108 & the 3 kg Himalayan Salt Licks for \$13

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NO MORE KIDDING AROUND WITH WELFARE

Dairy goat producers now have additional support to ensure the welfare of their animals and, in turn, help maintain market access and improve productivity, with the release of an important national welfare document.

Funded by the Goat Industry Council of Australia (GICA) and developed by Animal Health Australia (AHA) the Australian Industry Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Goats is a voluntary guide providing advice on topics from facilities and equipment to breeding management. Taking 18 months to develop, the Guidelines involved targeted consultation with goat producers at various levels of the supply chain and from different product sectors, state representatives, animal welfare organisations and veterinarians, said AHA's Project Manager Welfare, Kelly Wall.

"This consultation has led to a robust guiding document, allowing dairy goat producers to achieve the best welfare and market outcomes for their animals. Although the document is a voluntary guide, it still has the ability to inform a nationally uniform approach to ensuring goat welfare is adhered to – a significant achievement for all those involved in its development," said Ms Wall.

GICA President, Rick Gates, said that whilst most goat producers would already be familiar with the welfare practices outlined in the Guidelines, the document will still assist those who are a little unclear. "Most owners and producers are already doing the right thing, so for many farmers this document is a confirmation that they're on the right track. However, for those that are unsure about their welfare practices, this document can help them improve their methods," said Mr Gates.

GICA and AHA look forward to continuing their work with the goat industry to ensure robust welfare practices are followed to improve animal health and enhance market access. The Australian Industry Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Goats can be accessed on the Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines website (animalwelfarestandards.net.au/goat). Producers can also obtain a hard copy by emailing publications@animalhealthaustralia.com.au.

About Animal Health Australia

AHA works in partnership with our Members and other stakeholders to keep Australia free of new and emerging diseases and to improve animal health, enhance market access and foster resilience and integrity of the Australian animal health system.



The Minister for Agriculture, Jaala Pulford, announced on 24 August 2016 that Victoria will phase in an electronic NLIS (Sheep & Goats) system starting from 1 January 2017.

Victoria's decision will significantly improve the ability to track sheep and goats in the event of an animal disease emergency or a food safety event, protecting existing and future market access opportunities.

Victoria is currently Australia's largest sheep meat producing state and is one of the world's largest suppliers. Australia's goat meat exports have seen dramatic growth in the last decade and is now the world's largest exporter of goat meat.

From a value for money perspective, the implementation of an electronic identification system is the most practical and cost effective option for Victoria to achieve improvements in its traceability.

Victoria's Chief Veterinary Officer, Dr Charles Milne, said the aim is to make sure the transition to electronic identification over the coming years is as smooth as possible for producers.

"There will be a phased implementation for electronic identification starting with consultation across the sheep and goat industries on how we can make this work practically for all parts of the industry," Dr Milne said.

"Once the standards are confirmed, Agriculture Victoria will run information sessions and workshops to help farmers understand the system and, where appropriate, to use it to enhance on-farm decisions."

What is changing?

Sheep and goats in Victoria must currently be identified with a visual NLIS (Sheep) tag. Sheep and goats born on or after 1 January 2017 must be identified with an electronic NLIS (Sheep) tag before being dispatched to a saleyard, abattoir, knackery, or another property with a different Property Identification Code (PIC).

What hasn't changed?

The requirements to tag ALL sheep, regardless of year of birth, with an NLIS tag, and to accompany their movement with a properly completed National Vendor Declaration (NVD) has not changed.

Why is traceability of sheep and goats important?

Sheep and goats act as vectors in the spread of infectious disease such as foot-and-mouth disease, anthrax and other diseases that have potentially significant market access or human health impacts.

It is essential that sheep and goats of interest are able to be located quickly and accurately to manage and minimise the spread of disease or the impacts of a food safety related emergency, e.g. associated with chemical contamination.

The current system does not meet agreed traceability performance standards for livestock. This has been demonstrated in a number of exercises and trials involving sheep from all states.

How quickly will this change occur?

The phasing in of an electronic system will start on 1 January 2017. In mid-2017, all saleyards and abattoirs will be required to read electronic tags and upload the information to the NLIS database.

Are there benefits to business or is this just another cost?

The adoption of electronic tagging has the potential to drive innovation in the processing sector and on the properties of producers interested in using the technology for flock management and performance recording purposes.

Electronic identification simplifies the recording of production, and by minimising the need to physically handle sheep and goats when reading tags, stress and the risk of injury to animals and staff at all points in the supply chain is reduced.

Electronic identification technology has the potential to provide many producers with the opportunity to better manage their flocks and make improvements to the productivity of their sheep enterprise.

. Implementing mandatory electronic identification of sheep and goats will provide trading partners with increased confidence in the safety and origin of Victorian products, protecting and enhancing access to these markets.

Why is the change necessary?

The introduction of mandatory electronic tagging of sheep and goats is a critical reform that will enable the prompt tracing of animals during disease and food safety emergencies.

The Victorian Sheep and Goats Identification Advisory Committee (SGIAC), a non-statutory committee established to provide advice on matters relating to NLIS (Sheep & Goats), unanimously supports the implementation of an electronic NLIS (Sheep & Goats).

As outlined in the national Decision Regulatory Impact Statement (DRIS), released in December 2014, it is not cost effective for Victoria to implement an enhanced visual system.

In addition, the Victorian Auditor-General's Office (VAGO) recommended implementation of a new electronic traceability system for sheep and goats.

Victoria sheep and wool production is valued at over \$2 billion, with products sold in profitable local and export markets. Implementing mandatory electronic identification of sheep and goats will provide trading partners with increased confidence in the safety and origin of Victorian products, protecting and enhancing access to these markets.

Why is Victoria changing now?

While the NLIS (Sheep & Goats) is a national system, each jurisdiction has a different approach. A meeting of Agriculture Ministers agreed in October 2014 that jurisdictions could transition to electronic NLIS (Sheep & Goats) or enhance the existing visual based system.

The current Victorian visual, mob-based system does not meet nationally agreed traceability standards and enhancements are not practical or cost effective for Victoria. Only an electronic NLIS system will deliver the standards of traceability required to protect our livestock industries and underpin Victoria's reputation for quality.

The Minister will announce a transition package to support the introduction of the new system within the Victorian sheep and goat industries in October.

More information

If you have further questions, more information is on our [Electronic identification for sheep and goats](#) page, by calling 1800 678 779 during business hours or by emailing eid.support@ecodev.vic.gov.au.

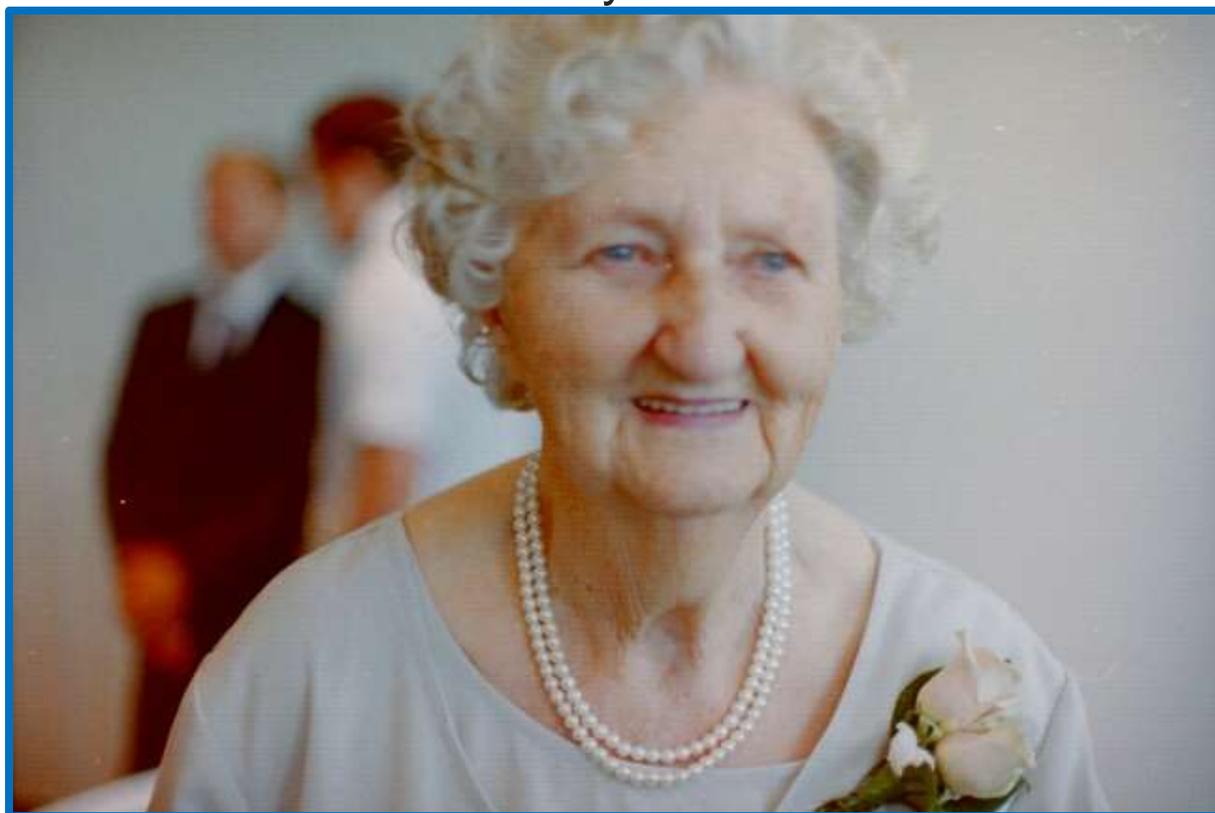
Victoria is the first state to mandate electronic NLIS (Sheep & Goats) to protect our valuable livestock sector.



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Vale – Audrey Louisa Grills



Audrey Grills began her journey into dairy goats with a sickly child. Neville, her youngest son, couldn't tolerate cow's milk and rather than finding someone to sell her goats milk, Audrey simply bought a goat.

The first goat had long horns and a scruffy coat and Bob, her husband, tied it to a steel cart wheel, rolling this from grassy patch to grassy patch. The milk was no more than a few squirts and a challenge to collect with the long horns being swung around at any attempt to milk her.

Eventually in a search to find a better milking option, Bob and Audrey found the Northern Goat Club and people such as Mr Lynch, Don Oldman and the Petersons eventually directed them to much more dairy quality stock. The inevitable love for these animals soon grew and Audrey selected stock from the Jalna stud, the Northhill Stud and even the Honeyvale Studs (we may need to look these up but in my youth, these were stud names to be admired).

Showing stock soon became a passion, special rugs were designed for the goats, impressive feed racks were made and even the new name was stamped onto the wooden 'lead' box – Karinya.

For those who have seen and can boast about having a Karinya line in their herd, the first shows were daunting. With five children in tow, Audrey would carefully prepare her stock and the family would help hold the Karinya does as they propped up the end on any line-up. It was some time before a first ribbon was won and even longer to experience a championship ribbon. With an eye for line breeding and with constant breed selection, Audrey began developing the supreme Saanens of the future.

In the early days, Bob and Audrey began to develop close links with breeders and clubs and breed skills being shared created a dynasty of new animals being bred in the little Lara backyard. Bob earned his stripes as a judge and was often called interstate to judge. More often than not, Bob and Audrey would load up the ute and drive to these destinations, sometimes returning with a kid that they liked.

Vale-Audrey Louise Grills

Stock from Tasmania, New South Wales and South Australia established a strong dairy style and Audrey won many awards for milk production. She always rated these awards as far superior to show awards and would marvel at Q* points and butterfat production.

But her goats also won prizes, lots of prizes. Bob was asked to judge in Queensland and Audrey came back with stories of a new Saanen style that became a new vision for her herd. Wirraminna Regal owned by Dulcie Waldie had cemented a new desire to develop a tall and elegant Saanen. And Dulcie obliged, providing a very healthy buck from 'Regal' called Glen Warri Flagship. He won awards as a buck but it was the effect he had on the Karinya herd that changed a generation of goats for Audrey and Bob.

Dulcie and Audrey remained friends as personal flag wavers for each others achievements and the connection between these herds was shared north and south with stock being passed and bred between them.

Audrey loved a show but as her legs gave way as she aged, she all but stopped showing for many years. One year however, Geelong hosted an "All Breeds Goat Show" and a large dairy goat contingent turned up. Audrey still had a very mature doe (4th lactation) that was last shown as a kid and she decided that she still had one more show in her. At the end of the day Audrey, exhausted, loaded up for the last time and hung the Best Exhibit Ribbon over the back seat.

In the next few years, I'd bundle Audrey into the car and take her to a show that I was judging and on the way home I'd be re-educated on the goats I should have picked rather than the ones that won the day. She'd get home and look up pedigrees of the stock she saw and picked out the lines that she felt had created the style and elegance in the stock. Sometimes she would trace the stock right back to their foundation animals that were imported to Australia. Names such as Kinchley Cavalier, Mostyn bucks and a swathe of State Farm bucks that issued from the Nyngan Experimental Herd. She'd be able to rattle them off and point out their success on the herds.

Audrey Grills was what Dairy Goats needed in the early years, a dedicated studier of the breed. She was exceptional in breed selection and creating line-breeding within the herd. She set her sights on milk production and at one stage developed a small cottage dairy where she sold thousands of litres of bottled milk to dairies and shopping outlets.

She was a winner in the show ring but she freely sold stock to new breeders. She was one of the first to donate stock to export to needy countries. She was a visionary in creating breed style and shared her knowledge with anyone that would listen. She didn't always have outstanding stock but you knew that, given time, she would create champions. She was patient and stayed with Saanens and the Dairy Goat Society for over 50 years.

And she loved her goats. Audrey was never happier than being in her paddock with the goats frolicking around her. Her passion and dedication all came from the absolute joy she received from her herd. She was a true dairy goat breeder in every sense of the word.

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Some lovely new kids from Dairy in Mansfield

BEST EXHIBIT YEA SHOW TALLULAH BELLA



CHAMPION LINE UP TRARALGON SHOW

ROYAL GEELONG A & P SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOWSaturday 15th October 2016JUDGE: Mr Brett Gleeson (NSW)CLASS 001*: Best Udder, any breed, 2 or more lactations.

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| 1. | Banfield Park Alexa | J. Westbury |
| 2. | Elcarim Maia | J. Finnigan |
| 3. | Gheringhaven Wendi | P. & G. Keays |

CLASS 002*: Best Udder, any breed, 1st. lactation.

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| 1. | Gheringhaven Velvyt | P. & G. Keays |
| 2. | Elcarim Juliet | J. Finnigan |
| 3. | Gippy Goats Esti Azi Osna | I. Leeds |

Overall Best Udder. Banfield Park AlexaCLASS 004: Saanen Doe, 2 or more lactations, in milk.

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| 1. | Ashwynd Skyrim | A & A Fogg |
| # | Champion Saanen Milking Doe. | <u>Ashwynd Skyrim</u> |

CLASS 006: Toggenburg Doe, 2 or more lactations, in milk.

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| 1. | Blue Brook Luchesse | B. Appleton |
| # | Champion Toggenburg Milking Doe. | <u>Blue Brook Luchesse</u> |

CLASS 008: British Alpine Doe, 2 or more lactations, in milk.

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| 1. | Gheringhaven Wynne | P. & G. Keays |
| 2. | Gheringhaven Wendi | P. & G. Keays |

CLASS 009: British Alpine Doe, 1st. lactation, in milk.

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| 1. | Gheringhaven Velvyt | P. & G. Keays |
| # | Champion British Alpine Milking Doe. | <u>Gheringhaven Velvyt</u> |

CLASS 010: Anglo Nubian Doe, 2 or more lactations, in milk.

1. Banfield Park Alexa J. Westbury
2. Elcarim Maia J. Finnigan

CLASS 011: Anglo Nubian Doe, 1st. lactation, in milk.

1. Elcarim Juliet J. Finnigan
- # Champion Anglo Nubian Milking Doe. ~~Banfield Park Alexa~~

CLASS 011a: AOV doe, 1st. lactation, in milk.

1. Gippy Goats Esti Azi I. Leeds
2. Gippy Goats Sara Osna I. Leeds

CLASS 012*: Type and Production Q*, second or subsequent lactation

1. Gheringhaven Wynne P. & G. Keays
 2. Gheringhaven Wendi P. & G. Keays
- # Overall Type and Production Q* ~~Gheringhaven Wynne~~

CLASS 014*: Type and Production Herd Recording

1. Banfield Park Alexa J. Westbury
- # Champion Milking Doe. ~~Banfield Park Alexa~~
- # Reserve Champion Milking Doe. ~~Ashwynd Skyrim~~

CLASS 018: British Alpine Goatling.

1. Gheringhaven Ulinda P. & G. Keays
2. Gheringhaven Udelle P. & G. Keays
3. Gippy Goats Tora Rishon Pene I. Leeds

CLASS 019: Anglo Nubian Goatling.

1. Jazzy Naylani J. Westbury
2. Elcarim Rosanna J. Finnigan
3. Elcarim Gloria J. Finnigan

CLASS 019a: Australian Brown Goatling.

1. Gippy Goats Metuka Pene I. Leeds
- # Champion Goatling. ~~Jazzy Naylani~~
- # Reserve Champion Goatling. ~~Gheringhaven Ulinda~~

CLASS 020: Saanen Doe Kid.

1. Ashwynd Doe Kid A & A Fogg

CLASS 021: Toggenburg Doe Kid.

1. Roden Lafayette B. Appleton
2. Roden Miranda B. Appleton

CLASS 022: British Alpine Doe Kid.

1. Gheringhaven Tuppence P. & G. Keays
2. Gheringhaven Talma P. & G. Keays

CLASS 023: Anglo Nubian Doe Kid.

1. Jazzy Oakland J. Westbury
2. Elcarim Elise J. Finnigan
3. Jazzy Oralee J. Westbury

CLASS 023a: La Mancha Doe Kid.

1. Roden RTW Shyann's Legacy B. Appleton

CLASS 023a: Alpine Doe Kid.

1. Gippy Goats Bathsheva I. Leeds
- # Champion Doe Kid. Gheringhaven Tuppence
- # Reserve Champion Doe Kid. Ashwynd Doe Kid.

CLASS 024*: Pair of Does, any age, same sire, different dams.

1. Gheringhaven Pair (Prog of Arcadia Saltation) P. & G. Keays
2. Elcarim Pair (Prog of Toggalong Fitzwilliam) J. Finnigan

CLASS 025*: Doe in milk, daughter dry, any breed.

1. Gheringhaven Velvyt & Gheringhaven Tuppence P. & G. Keays
2. Banfield Park Alexa & Jazzy Oralee J. Westbury
- =3. Elcarim Juliet & Elcarim Cookies n Cream J. Finnigan
- =3. Blue Brook Luchesse & Roden Lafayette B. Appleton

CLASS 027: Buckling, any breed.

1. Jazzy Nox J. Westbury

CLASS 028: Buck Kid, any breed.

1. Roden Tarrant B. Appleton
 2. Anara Teiko J. Westbury
 3. Gippy Goats Orion Uri I. Leeds
- # Champion Buck. Jazzy Nox.....
- # Reserve Champion Buck. Roden Tarrant.....

CLASS 029*: Breeders Group of 3, same prefix, any sex, any age.

1. Elcarim Stud J. Finnigan
2. Roden Stud B. Appleton
3. Gippy Goats Stud I. Leeds

Best Exhibit. Jazzy Nox

TROPHIES

Best Milking Doe - *Banfield Park Alexa*

Trophy donated by the Dairy Goat Society of Australia - Victorian Branch Inc.

Best Goatling - *Jazzy Naylani*

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Best Doe Kid - *Gheringhaven Tuppence*

Trophy donated by the Dairy Goat Society of Australia - Victorian Branch Inc.

Best Buck - *Jazzy Nox*

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JAZZY NOX

NOORAT BRANCH SHOW



BLUE BROOK VITTORIA BEST EXHIBIT NOORAT SHOW



NOORAT BRANCH SHOW



ALEXANDRA SHOW

Best Exhibit Kaleena Park Rapture

Champion Doe Kaleena Park Rapture

Res Doe Tallulah Bella

T&P Herd Recording Tallulah Bella

Q* Tallulah Bella

Best Vessel Kaleena Park Rapture

Champion Goatling Koriella Polly

Champion Doe Kid Sunday Park Lola

Champion Buck Koriella Amarok





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Bella.*Q*3

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