

☞ PERENDALE ON THE MOVE ☞

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GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT...



Another season has flown by.

We had another great conference hosted by the Manawatu/ Wairarapa Ward, based in Palmerston North. Many sheep were viewed, and the scenery was fantastic. A lot of ground was covered, in fact 630km by bus. Of the ward member's farms we visited, they ran 31500 sheep and 2990 cattle between them.

Smedley Station was visited, the site where our trial is running with BLGNZ. Neville Jopsen gave us an informed run down on the trial. Also, a good discussion was had on survival and adult weight. Finally, I think everyone is on the same page. It was good to see first-hand where the Trial is running on such a well-managed operation. Thanks to Rob and Jen Evans for sharing their passion for farming.

With improved returns from sheep, the ram selling season has been a good one. We can't rest on our laurels though and must keep promoting the breed.

The Council is well underway with the next Perendale publication, which will be in the form of a supplement in the Farmers Weekly, having a circulation of 70,000 plus readers, compared to 6000 for the last publication. If you want a part of this contact Christine.

Winter is well and truly here, showing its bite, after such an amazing autumn.

Keep warm and enjoy some leisure time in the quieter months.

Mike

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2017/2018 PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT...

It has been a busy and challenging year. We have increasing competition from other breeds, particular corporate type breeds.

The Perendale Council endeavour to promote our breed, and keep the Perendale at the forefront of the sheep industry, but our resources are limited. We have to be smarter to keep our breed up there in the sheep industry.

Our magazine has been well received, as many copies have been spread around the country. It was great to have it in with the Country Wide. Also breeders have handed out many magazines at shows, field days. As a Council, I think that we need to look at other options in producing another magazine or a pull-out in a farming publication. Possibly producing it bi-annually, to reach more of an audience.

The website has been updated and is now online. Also, Facebook is about to go live. The trick with these forms of media is input from everyone. We as a Council welcome your input, photos, stories, sale and show results.

Probably our biggest shop window is the next generation trial at Smedley Station run with BLGNZ. Apart from finding out some interesting maternal data, we are also exposing the breed to the next generation of sheep farmers. A huge thanks to Smedley Farm Manager, Rob Evans for his work and support of the trial. Russell Proffit, Graeme Maxwell and Kerry France - thanks for all you do for the trial. We look forward to some positive results from Annie (BLGNZ).

The Royal Show was in the Hawkes Bay. Thanks to Tim and Woody Anderson for making the trip up to judge. John Henricksen took out the Golden Sash with a very tidy ram, receiving the Mt Guardian cup.

A great catch up was had by all at the Canterbury show. Proceedings ran smoothly, thanks to Ivan's organised team. Thanks to judges Phil Oldfield and Adam Thacker. Christie-Wilson partnership won the Ram Hogget class and Rae Mitchell winning champion Perendale with a classy ewe hogget.

The South Island Perendale stud ram fair at Gore, continues to be our premium sale. It was quite fitting that Peter Christie was awarded The Mervyn Ladbrook trophy. Top price to Howie Gardiner of \$8600. 39 rams were sold for an average of \$2686. A \$300 higher average than last year (though there were a few pass-ins), a brilliant result.

The Taihape ram fair saw 58 rams sold for an average of \$905.60, a lift of \$100. Top price of \$1800 to John Spellman.

Christine, without your tireless work for the Society as Secretary, we would really struggle, so thank you for all your hard work.

Thanks to all the Councillors for your hard work, support, advice and friendship throughout the year. Last year we welcomed John Henricksen onto the Council. John was quiet at first, but when he spoke, all listened as he has a lot of wisdom. Thanks to Warren for keeping an eye on the finances and sorting the Perendale logo clothing. Annabel for work with SIL, across flock and her passion for the bettering of the breed. Russell for his knowledge of the trial, and FE, and anything technical. Graeme, the elder statesman of the group, a very wise man - thank you for your input into the trial and keeping the rest of us on the level. Finally, Kerry France, our co-opted member, for her work finding rams for CPT and the trial and all the follow up work that is required. Kerry is very thorough.

I would like to acknowledge Paul Evans, who is still helping out at Smedley, and I know he has still has a soft spot for Perendales.

At last year's Conference, Robert Gardyne was awarded a Life membership, which was well deserved award as Robert has done countless hours work for the Society.

Congratulations to Melissa Jebson who was recognised with a Queens Service Award (QSM) in the New Year's Honours List for services to the Community and Agriculture.

Finally, it has been another rewarding year, that has gone very quickly. We need to keep working together as a breed, to forge ahead and make sure we stay at the forefront of the sheep industry.

Thank you

Mike McElrea **Mike McElrea – President**

May 2018



Congratulations to...

➤ **GRAEME and SUE MAXWELL**

Awarded Life Memberships of the Society at the 2018 Annual Conference Dinner.



➤ **DON BUCHANAN and CHERIE RICHES**

Recipients of the Struan Trophy for 2018. This trophy is presented annually to the



person(s) who in the opinion of Society has contributed the most to the Society and breed.

➤ **RICHARD and KERRY FRANCE**

Winning the Royal Agricultural Society Medal of Excellence in the ROYAL EVENT Perendale Section (Feature Show) at Oxford's 113th Annual Show on 31 March 2018.

Richard and Kerry were also winners of the Cleaver Shield for 2018



➤ **MELISSA JEBSON**

Recipient of a 2018 Queens Service Medal presented to Melissa recently by the Governor General, Dame Patsy Reddy.



➤ **ALLAN & LEEANN WOODROW**

The 2018 Ewe Hogget competition presentation was held on 14 June at the Chateau on the Park, Christchurch.

There were two finalists in the Perendale section this year - Dougal & Jess Turnbull, Kaikoura, and Allan & Leeann Woodrow, from Gore.

The Perendale section winners for 2018 were Allan & Leeann Woodrow, who took out the Breed Award plus a product voucher from Boehringer Ingelheim. It was very nice to hear that on Woodrow's property, 7 and 8 year old commercial ewes were still going strong. It means Perendales last - which needs to be pushed in future advertising – longevity.

Dougal & Jess Turnbull, from the Inland Road, Kaikoura took out a Special Award, the Young Achievers Award.

The Ewe Hogget entries came from across all the country from areas that receive 400 mls of rain a year to areas that received over 3000 mls of rain a year. The country was very varied and from a wide variety of elevations and farm sizes. A great evening.

The overall winner was Richard and Mez Power from Hawarden who won the Romney Section. Woodrow's finished a very creditable fifth on points.

➤ **PETER CHRISTIE**

Winning line up of two tooth rams at 2017 Canterbury A&P Show.

L-R 1st Peter Christie, 2nd Andrew Laing, 3rd Julie Wilson (Rae Mitchell holding ram), 4th John Jebson, 5th Tom & John Burrows.



SMEDLEY PERENDALE TRIAL 2018 REPORT

Another 23 ram lambs were used at Smedley Station in the Maternal Hill trial which Beef Lamb NZ is running. These ram lambs came from the following studs – Otoi, Longview, Dolomite, Gowan Braes, Snowden and Newhaven. We were able to get 2 two tooth rams and a four tooth ram to be used as link sires and the following sires were also used in the Central Hub trial as well – Dolomite 608/15, Hautere 597/16 with Mt Guardian 713/16 being the third link at Smedley.

This season will be the first year where the maternal traits will really start to kick in with the first years' trial progeny having been mated with Perendales.

During our NZ Perendale conference we had the privilege of spending 5 hours at Smedley and saw this seasons' ram lambs that our breeders had supplied for mating and had a wonderful tour out to the back blocks of the station with viewing of stock on the way. After which we toured the buildings where the students do their learning or butchery skills and stables.

This trial gives us very good connections within the SIL program. If you are keen to find out more we will be looking for another team for next year. It is very important to be able to have a good linkage and this is great way to tap into this by using semen or one of the sires mentioned in the same year.

Kerry France - NZ Perendale Liaison



**Hautere 597/16 –
John Henricksen's CPT and Smedley link ram**

SIR GEOFFREY PEREN WINNERS for 2018 BRUCE DILLON & CHRISTINE THOMPSON

Abridged – full report in 2018 Perendale NZ Magazine

By Kate Taylor (Edited version printed with permission of Stuff/NZ Farmer)

Bruce Dillon was 19 years old with a 'Kingswood' ute, a team of dogs, a couple of horses and probably a rifle" when he went into partnership with his parents in his first farm. That first farm, Totara Hills, was to be his home and livelihood for the next four decades and he says he has a "good few years" to go. It has changed in size and shape over those years, but two things have remained constant – Dillon's enjoyment of farming in the Pongaroa district and his enjoyment of farming perendale sheep.

"I've had perendales here for nearly 44 years. I like their ease of movement – they're freer, they get around a lot easier and it's quicker to do anything with them – and I like the way they handle change to the dry. They're good foragers and cover the country well. We also get the growth rates we want. I grow some tremendous lambs here."

Perendale rams have been bought from local stud breeder John Henricksen's Hautere Perendale Stud for 34 years. "He's extremely dedicated to what he does, he's handy and I get good results."

Ewe hoggets are not mated and are grown out where they're born. "They stay where they are to the winter crutch then I type them up and they go into the higher country for the winter." The rams go out on 20 March with lambing starting at the end of August. The bulk of lambs are usually all gone by the middle of April at 18-20kg carcass weight.

Wool weights are 4-5kg for each ewe and one kilogram for lambs, which are shorn in mid-December.

"All lambs are shorn. Nothing is drafted into wool."



2018 Conference

DAY ONE...

Thursday 10th May forecast was for cloudy and warm conditions. Gilbert mustered everyone on to the bus at 8am and we were off to Judy and Robyn Harding's stud. Judy's family run a unit pass Woodville off State Highway 2 and inland near Maharahara.

We passed some impressive windmills as we climbed in to the valley and Gilbert pointed out a new fence on the roadside that had been created by his son and asked us all to take notice of how superior it was to South Island fences (of course most fences in this Ward are made using the wooden battens between posts – this is not often seen in SI fences).

We stopped to look at Judy's Angus calves before we reached the historic woolshed to see a good line up of Perendale sheep – also some Southdown Suffolk Cross and even a few Black Sheep (owned by Robyn) – all big sound easy care sheep.

The Kerrydale farm runs 240 Angus cows and 6000 ewes that include Perendales, Romneys, Romdales,



Southdowns, and South Suffolk. Their terrain includes steep hills and gorges to some flats for finishing lambs.

Judy also has an impressive collection of hens and roosters of all colours and shapes who have free range in and around some historic tractors and machinery. We were able to get some good photos of animals and scenery in this beautiful part of NZ.

Up over the hills again, back to State Highway 2, then onto Highway 50 near Takapau towards Tikokino where we turned off to the Smedley Farm Cadet Station.

Josiah Howard, who on his death in 1919 passed this farm on to the Crown to be used to provide agricultural training to the young farmers of NZ. The first agricultural training course was opened in 1931 and since then more than 600 young farmers have successfully graduated. Eleven trainees are accepted each year for a 2year course, meaning there are 22 attending at any one time.



Teamwork and camaraderie are as important as the skills they learn – such as breaking in, riding and shoeing horses; all types of stock work involving cattle, sheep, and deer; working with and maintaining machinery; as well as routine tasks such as killing dog tucker and muttens, doing their own cooking (at times), mowing lawns, their own washing and some housework. They are also expected to break in their own dogs, and operate a small dairy. Overall a very impressive well-run training unit which allows a balance of the cadets working hard to gain life long skills, rewards and qualification, but yet slotting in time for sport, hunting or time out at a 'man cave'.

Some of us thought it would have been a great place to have been to ourselves, at some stage of our lives or to have sent our children or grandchildren to.

Speakers at Smedley included Neville Jopson and Ken Elliott.

As a visitor to this area, some things stood out...

1. The Totara trees left scattered among the rolling paddocks of Smedley;
2. On the journey from Dannevirke to Tikokino, the small amount of baleage or winter crops needed
3. Few sheep;
4. Dwellings and homes made mostly of weatherboard - very few brick buildings.

By Margaret McKelvie

DAY TWO...

Day 2 took us through the Northern Wairarapa and some rugged hill country to our first stop, the Robbie Family's Otapawa Station, with Donald Robbie providing commentary along the way.

Richard France certainly perked up and set aside his bus sickness for a moment when Donald pointed out a nice pair of breasts, only to be disappointed when it became apparent the breasts in question were a set of rounded hills way over on the horizon.

At Otapawa we viewed stud Perendale ewes and sires, ram lambs and Poll Dorset ram lambs. The highlight for me were the quality Hereford bulls for their upcoming on farm sale.



After lunch we headed to the Sir Geoffrey Peren Cup winners, Bruce Dillon and Christine Thompson. Bruce and Christine showed us a tidy line of breeding ewes and some exceptional ewe lambs and two toothies. Their operation is based on simple systems, focusing on the basics of regular fertilizer, good genetics and stockmanship and judging by the stock on show is working very well for them.

From here we journeyed north to John and Carey Henricksen's Hautere Stud. John had made a big effort to get all his mating mobs and sires in for us to look at and they were good sheep.

Our evening meal was at Pahiatua followed by an auction, capped off a long but very interesting day.

By Philip Mitchell

DAY THREE...

Another 8am start on the bus to view the Timms's operation. Thanks to their neighbours who metaled the road to the top of the hill, we were able to get 4WD vehicles to the top of their hill block.

1500 ewes and some MA cows and heifer calves, plus the odd wild deer! They have had a dry summer, so grass was green but a little short for this time of year.

Tremendous views over the plains. Very steep side hill which opened out on tops, though they receive a lot of wind, or is that from Gilbert!

Onwards to their house block at Shannon, where we viewed some well bred Perendales, Cheviots, Southdowns, Romneys, and Hereford Yearling Bulls.

A very knowledgeable commentary from Clive Akers along the way, on his family history of the area, description of the land in the past, the number of flaxmills along the river, and the swampy land.

We then arrived at Warren D'Aths where the fleece competition wool entries were displayed.

John Henricksen being the over winner with his ewe blend 2nd shear. Warren had 4 pens of ram hoggets from 4 different sires on view, as well as a pen of ewes with their matting sire. The ram hoggets were of good size – a credit to Warren.

By Kerry France



OTAGO PERENDALE BREEDERS CLUB

Once again, our Otago Perendale Club ventured to the Wanaka Show on 9th and 10th March, to promote the breed.

We are really lucky to have one of the better sites opposite the sheep pens.

On display we have two 2th rams and ten woolly ewe lambs, with a competition on each day, with guess the weight of the rams, and then guess the weight of the wool on the ewe lambs. There were a lot of entries for both and some were very close.

We have a quick shear on the Saturday afternoon so we could weigh the fleeces. David McKelvie came out the winner. All shearers were a little slow due to the late night out previously!

We had 20 entries in the show sheep pens with Annabel Tripp judging. Champion Ewe and Ram went to the France's. Both of those sheep were put in the All Breeds and came 3rd and 2nd respectively, but believe it or not the Australian Merino Judge in his speech gave very good comments on the Perendales. Amazing! A great weekend in all.

Kerry France

NZ SHEARING CHAMPIONSHIPS...

The NZ Shearing Championships, an annual event held on 5th, 6th, 7th April in Te Kuiti, "Shearing Capital of NZ".

This year The Central & Northern Perendale Breeders have opted to sponsor one of the events in a bid to promote the breed. The event sponsored was a Trans-Tasman Challenge between a NZ Shears team & a team from Warrnabool Australia, each shearing 4 Merinos & 4, 2nd shear Ewes. This event was held on the Friday evening in the Les Monroe Centre where we

were invited to a show & sit-down dinner, & musical entertainment from students attending Te Kuiti High School. After a delicious 2 course meal & before the main event of the evening we were entertained by the “Battle of the Airwaves” Two very well-known radio hosts namely Hamish McKay from Rural Exchange & Jamie Mackay from The Country (no relation) in fact they have never met. Together the pair were facing off in a “Spectacular show down”. They each shored 2 sheep, it had been many years since either of them had picked up a handpiece, so may the best man win, & he did, Jamie romped home the winner along with some cheeky repartee from both of them along the way. I don’t think either of them will be walking upright for the next day or two.



The evening ended with the Perendale sponsored event which was well supported with about a dozen of our stud breeders. Both teams were wearing vests & towels carrying the Perendale logo & name, we were impressed by other advertising around the hall & entrance to the event. First on the board were the Merinos, & the Aussie team took the lead, but when the 2nd shear ewes came on the NZ boys came into their own & romped home to win the challenge with much cheering from a table of enthusiastic

Perendale breeders. At the prizegiving at the end of the evening our ward president was then invited up on stage, he thanked the organising committee for allowing us to become part of the NZ Shears, & then presented the teams with their medals along with more enthusiastic applause from our small group of “Proud Perendale People”.

A successful & entertaining evening was enjoyed by one & all.

Audrey Brandon

CONFERENCE 2019...

The Canterbury Ward are looking forward to hosting the 2019 conference, with plans underway to visit the Anderson’s Mt Guardian stud followed by a trip to the West Coast on the inland scenic railway. The conference will initially be based at the Commodore hotel in Christchurch followed by two nights on the West coast. More details will be forthcoming in the next few months.

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Dates to note on your calendar...

2018

30 June	Final day to file any late Flock Returns
Wed 25/Thurs 26 July	Council Meeting
Thurs 18/Fri 19 October	Hawkes Bay A&P Show – NZ Royal A&P Show
Wed 14-Fri 16 Nov	Canterbury A&P Show – Golden Sash Comp.
Wed 14 November - 1.30-3.30pm	Breeders Meeting, RDA Meeting Room Canterbury Showgrounds
– 6pm	Canty/Nelson Ward Annual Dinner Venue to be confirmed. All Perendale members welcome. Please reply to Judith Pascoe, jcpascoe@xtra.co.nz , 03 318 8260 if you wish to attend.
Wednesday 14 November (TBC)	Taihape Sale
End November	All Flock data to be loaded with SIL
Wednesday 5 December (TBC)	North Island Ram Fair, Feilding
Friday 7 December	SI Ram Fair Entries close

2019

Tuesday 15 January	South Island Ram Fair, Gore
February	Council Meeting
Mid-May	2019 Annual Conference and AGM – Hosted by Ward 4 – Canterbury/Nelson

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