

❧ PERENDALE ON THE MOVE ❧

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GREETINGS FROM YOUR NEW PRESIDENT...



Hi everyone

I think most of you will know me by now, but just a little background about me

I live on the family farm just east of Wyndham and I'm the fourth generation to farm here. We have 890 hectares and we farm 5500 Perendale ewes and 170 MA

angus and Angus cross cows plus replacements. We also winter about 750 dairy cows.

My partner Di works as a freelance journalist and helps out on the farm when she can. We have a 3 year old daughter Amelie, and I have 2 other children Tom who is 15 and Tessa nearly 13.

I joined Council as the Southland member in 2012 when Robert Gardyne resigned due to his shift to Central Otago. Since then I have held the position of treasurer and lately vice president. By following dad's footsteps as President I am the first father-son combination to be president of the society.

I think we are entering a very positive time for wool with New Zealand Merino looking to actively source our wool and a small amount of Perendale wool is being spun into yarn for knitting in Australia and being marketed as Perendale Wool. Many other people are also saying to me how we are such a proactive breed and very forward thinking.

We have been very lucky to have had our progeny trial running for the last 10 years and I look at how much we as a breed have gained from this.

Finally, thanks to Mike for his time as President. I certainly have a lot to do to fill his shoes and also thanks to our councillors for having the confidence that I can help take our breed into the future.

If you have anything at all that you want to discuss don't hesitate to contact me or your councillor

Warren Ayers
PRESIDENT

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2018/2019 PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT...

It gives me great pleasure to present my final annual report as President of the Perendale Society. In the four years I've had this role; a lot has changed in the sheep breeding industry.

The past year, the Council has been pro-active in the promotion and development of the breed. The BLGNZ Next Generation Trial run at Smedley in its fourth year, is just starting to gather some interesting data. Being a maternal trial, the maternal trait data is starting to filter through. Though it is disappointing BLGNZ have cut funding for FE, which is one of the important traits in the North Island. Going forward the trial has been very important in keeping our linkages as a breed. We are one of most linked groups in the industry. Huge thanks to Rob and Jen Evans for their work and support of the trial.

On a side note, we are looking at setting up a sire referencing scheme, with the guidance of BLGNZ, which will kick in once the trial winds down in a couple of years. Thanks to Annie O'Connell and the team from BLGNZ for their technical expertise.

After another successful magazine a couple of years ago, delivered with the Country Wide, it was decided to get the magazine out more often, to a wider audience. It was put inside the Farmers Weekly, a smaller version that will be put out bi-annually, reaching 79000 mail boxes. We had extra copies printed for handouts at shows, field days etc.

Hawkes Bay hosted the Royal NZ Show this year, judged by Peter Christie and Julie Wilson. John Spellman won the ram hogget class, Graeme Maxwell the Champion Ewe and Gilbert Timms the Champion Ram and Supreme Champion of the Show.

The Canterbury Show again was well supported by the Southern contingent. The prestigious Golden Sash was won by the McKelvie family for the first time. Champion Ewe was by Tim Anderson. Champion Ram and Supreme Champion were won by Gilbert Timms. Judges were John Henricksen and Roy Veronese. It was also great to catch up for dinner as a group. Thanks to the judges for taking time out of their busy schedules, to make the journey.

The Taihape Ram Fair - 66 rams were sold for an average of \$795. Top price of \$1500 to Russell Proffit. It was the last sale at Taihape due to saleyards being closed down. The sale will be relocated to Te Kuiti.

The South Island Perendale Stud Ram Fair, at Gore, was back a bit, reflecting how competitive the sheep industry is getting. Top price to Pip Wilson \$8200. 29 rams were sold for an average of \$2218. Congratulations to Tim, Sue and Edward Anderson for receiving the Mervyn Ladbrook Trophy.

To my fellow Councillors, thank you for your work, support and friendship. We work together well as a team, manage to get through the agenda at meetings without too many arguments and still can have a drink together at the end of the day.

Christine, your work for the Society is very much appreciated. You are the glue that holds everything together. Your organisational skills are unmatched. Not only do you do the Society work, but also Ram Fair Committee and Secretary for the conference. My role the last four years has been a smoother with your support. Thank you Christine.

Conference last year in Palmerston North, Graeme and Sue Maxwell were awarded Life Membership. It was a complete surprise to them and we as the council had to do some secret service work to keep them from finding out. A well-deserved award as both of them have done countless hours of work for the Society and the breed.

Going forward, I wish Warren all the best as our new President, keeping the Perendale at the forefront of the sheep industry.

Finally, in closing, I have enjoyed the last four years as President. It has been a rewarding experience. Getting to know the Life Members, Breeders and the Associate Members have been an enjoyable part of the role. May our Perendale family continue to prosper.

Thank you

Mike McElrea **Mike McElrea – President**

May 2019

Congratulations to...

➤ **TIM and SUE ANDERSON**



Awarded Life Memberships of the Society at the 2019 Annual Conference Awards Evening Dinner.



➤ **RICHARD and KERRY FRANCE**

Winners of the 2019 Conference Fleece Competition – Narborough Trophy and Cleaver Shield.

➤ **SNOWDON STATION** Champion Perendale Fleece - RAS 2019 Golden Fleece Exhibition



➤ **CHRISTINE ROBERTS**

Recipient of the Struan Trophy for 2019

➤ **ALLAN & LEEANN WOODROW** Winners of The 2019 Ewe Hogget Competition.

EAR TAGS

REMEMBER – You can order your Tags (all animal tags) from **Allflex NZ and Zee Tag** through the Society at a discounted rate

Order forms for these Tags can be downloaded from the website

www.perendalenz.com or

available from Christine

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➤ **CLOTHING ORDERS....**

See Monogram Clothing available through the Perendale Sheep Society.



Changing of the Guard!

SIR GEOFFREY PEREN WINNERS for 2019
TIM AND ANNA HUTCHINSON - DOUBLE HILL STATION

On Friday the 10th of May 2019, Callum Dunnett from the Carrfield's stud stock team, myself PGW Upper SI genetics rep and our coordinator and driver for the day Blair Gallagher, visited four properties in the Canterbury region to judge and select a winner for the Sir Geoffrey Peren Cup. We had to select a winner from the four nominations given to us by their ram breeders. This cup is presented by the hosting region at the conferences annual dinner.

We toured each of the nominated farms and were given an overview of their properties with particular emphasis on what performance they had achieved to date and their objectives going forward. All the farmers visited revealed a real passion for farming and were extremely proud of their farms and the breed.

The winners were finally selected as Tim and Anna Hutchinson from Double Hill Station which is situated in the headwaters of the upper Rakaia river. With their stock manager George Northcote they run 8700 ewes and 2500 hogget's. Most of the ewes are mated on the hill and stay there until scanning in July. What impressed the judges was the scanning results from 160% for 2-tooths through to 197% for the older ewes. The hogget's also scanned at 90%. The overall lambing percentage last year was 135% which included the hogget's. This we thought was an exceptional lambing percentage, a credit to the breed and the ability of the Hutchinson's farming programme. When we visited the property the ewe hogget's were grazing on a mix of Lucerne, plantain and fescue, probably the best quality of feed we had seen in Canterbury for the time of year.

Going forward, Double Hill were looking to increase the scanning percentage of their 2-tooths while lifting the performance from their hogget's, something we believed would be achievable.

As I made mention at the conference dinner the hosting province next year should encourage more commercial farmers to put their flocks up for judging for this special award. As lamb numbers continue to stay static throughout the country the Perendale breed needs to remain at the forefront of other breeds, be it selling into a healthy store market or finishing lambs into the meat processors.

Simon Eddington - Genetics Representative - Upper South Island



CONFERENCE 2019 ATTENDEES - WEST COAST



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2019 Conference

From North Canterbury to the wild West Coast, The Perendale Sheep Society of New Zealand's Annual Conference was action packed from start to finish.

This year's conference, held from May 15 to 19, was attended by about 65 people and hosted by the Canterbury Ward.

The opening dinner on Wednesday night was held at the Commodore Airport Hotel. Guest speaker Nicky Ewing kept everyone intrigued with her career as a female stock agent, in a male-dominated industry, and as a top rugby player who represented New Zealand as a Black Fern.

On Thursday morning delegates boarded the bus to visit Mt Guardian, a two-hour drive north of Christchurch.



First stop was the Cheviot Cricket grounds for morning tea before taking a short tour

around the property that Woody Anderson manages for his parents Tim and Sue Anderson.



It was then on to Mt Guardian at Conway Flat to view the Anderson's perendales and hear a talk from on wool

measurements from PML. A highlight of the day was a visit to Te Mania where delegates had time to look around the sales complex and enjoy a drink in the saloon before lunch which featured Te Mania's own Angus beef.

Attendees then headed back to Christchurch and to Merino New Zealand where they enjoyed some refreshments and a presentation.

The Awards dinner, held on the Thursday night, saw Tim and Sue Anderson receive Life Membership of The Perendale Society of New Zealand for their contribution

to the breed. The winner of the Sir Geoffrey Peren Cup was Tim and Anna Hutchinson from Double Hill Station in the upper Rakaia Gorge. The Struan trophy was presented to secretary Christine Roberts while the Supreme Wool exhibit was won by Richard and Kerry France. Warren Ayers was also elected the new president of The Perendale Society of New Zealand replacing Mike McElrea.

It was an early start on Friday morning as 55 delegates boarded the Tranz Alpine train for Greymouth.

The 4.5 hour scenic trip covering more than 200km was a highlight for many and included a brief stop in



Arthurs Pass. On arriving in Greymouth we headed to the Monteith's Brewery where some of the delegates toured the facility and had the opportunity to taste the various beers on offer.

We then visited George and Carol Coates' sheep and deer farm, about halfway between Greymouth and Punakaiki, before arriving at the Punakaiki Resort as the sun was about to set.

On Saturday morning we stopped to view the spectacular Pancake Rocks and blowholes and then it was back on the buses to the Landcorp-owned



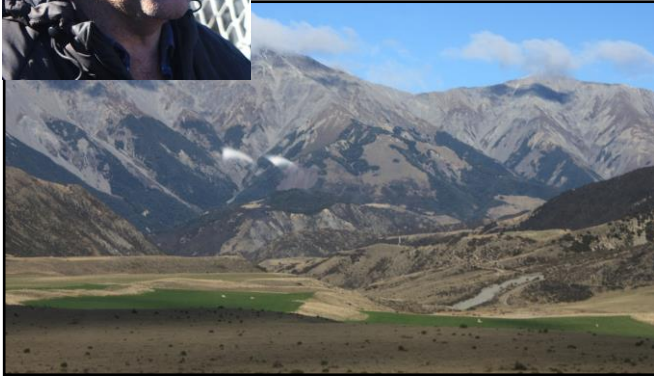
Cape Foulwind Station. Lunch was at Carters Beach and then we were off to visit the Coal Museum at Westport.

It was then back to Charleston where we boarded a small open-air train and took a trip through the rainforest before heading back to Punakaiki for the night.

On Sunday we were homeward bound with a brief stop in Arthurs Pass with a talk from a member of the Department of Conservation.



It was then on to Flock Hill Station at Cass where we enjoyed a tour of the property and a talk by manager Richard Hill, followed by lunch.



After that it was back to Christchurch and homeward bound.

By Diane Bishop

Harcourts



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..... Assn/Society

Property Owner's Name:

Address of Listing:.....

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As the owner, selling the property we would suggest you make contact with RAS Head Office and log your "referral" with us, as well as asking the Harcourts Branch to do the same.

Any further enquiries:

RAS Head Office, PO Box 54, Woodend 7641 |

P: 03 313 1004 E: enquiries@ras.org.nz

CONFERENCE 2020...

The Hawkes Bay-Gisborne Ward are looking forward to hosting the 2020 Conference – more details will be forthcoming in the next few months.



Our youngest Conference Attendee - Amelie



Dates to note on your calendar...

2019

30 June	Final day to file any late Flock Returns
30-31 July	Council Meeting
23-25 October	NZ Royal A&P Show - Hawkes Bay A&P Show –
1-3 November	Waikato A&P Show – Golden Sash
13-15 November	Canterbury A&P Show
	Wednesday 14 November –
	Breeders Meeting 1.30-3.30pm –
	Showgrounds, RDA Meeting Room
	Canty/Nelson Ward Annual Dinner – 6pm
	Venue to be confirmed. All Perendale members welcome. Please RSVP to Judith Pascoe, jcpascoe@xtra.co.nz , 03 318 8260.
Wednesday 20 November	Te Kuiti Sale
End November	All Flock data to be loaded with SIL
Wednesday 4 December	North Island Ram Fair, Feilding
Sunday 8 December	SI Ram Fair Entries close

2020

Monday 13 January	Breeders Meeting – 3pm
Tuesday 14 January	South Island Ram Fair, Gore
February	Council Meeting
Mid-May	2020 Annual Conference and AGM –
	Hosted by Ward 2 – Gisborne-Hawkes Bay

