

THE AUSTRALIAN SHEEP AND LAMB INDUSTRY

Roll of Honour

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The Australian Sheep and Lamb Industry Roll of Honour is an initiative of members of the inaugural LambEx2010 Committee. The Roll of Honour is an acknowledgement that the Australian sheep and lamb industry would not be what it is today without a collaboration of people who have invested their time, skills and passion in endeavours that would progress the way we breed, feed, manage and market Australian sheep and lamb. The efforts of these people have directly or indirectly influenced the profitability and success of our sector. We have taken the view it is not for us to decide who has 'done more' and we have made no attempt to categorise or highlight one nominee over another. We are simply drawing your attention to the fact that our industry's success is built on the endeavours of many.

The inaugural roll of honour was formed by fellow members of the sheep industry who took the time to nominate a person, who in their opinion, has fulfilled these criteria. In unveiling this inaugural roll of honour, the facilitators acknowledge that there are numerous others who deserve their place on this roll too.

We encourage those who convene the next LambEx event, to build on this foundation so that over time, we can effectively recognise the many champions of our great industry.

ADAMS DR NORM (dec) | A CSIRO scientist whose research on the mechanisms of clover infertility, staple strength and robustness of the Merino has contributed to lift the performance of the Australian sheep flock

AL HOMAIZI YACOUB | Original chairman and founder of Kuwait Livestock Transport and Trading Company (Australia's largest sheep exporter to this day) and principal investor behind the introduction, development and commercialisation of Awassi genetics

ALLEN DR JEREMY | As DAFWA's Veterinary Toxicologist, made a major contribution to the sheep industries of southern Australia by unraveling the complexities of Lupinosis and Annual Ryegrass Toxicity and possible ways to control these debilitating and often fatal disorders in sheep

ALEXANDER JIM | A great sheep industry advocate and leader, who undertook prominent and influential MLA and WA Farmers directorships

BALL DR ALEX | Recognised for his contribution to lamb genetics research and development and his vision to build MerinoSelect in order to improve the meat attributes of Merinos

BALZARINI EMILIO | A pioneer live sheep exporter who developed the first automated feed and watering, fully-shedded live sheep export facility in Australia

BANKS DR ROB | The force behind the development and adoption of LAMBPLAN and a visionary leader in the field of sheep genetics

BELL DR KEVIN | A highly respected sheep industry consultant, Wellard Professor of Animal Production Systems at Murdoch University and former director of Australian Wool Innovation

BERESFORD PHIL | Pioneered the production of high fibre pellets for live shipment of sheep and the manufacture of the 707 pellet for lot-feeding prime lambs

BESIER DR BROWN | Affectionately known as "Mr Worm", a DAFWA researcher whose work has dramatically changed the way in which the sheep producers of southern Australia control internal parasites

BRADFORD DAWSON | A leader in the application of quantitative genetics with significant contributions to industry, particularly WAMMCO and the Poll Dorset Association

BRIGHTLING DR TONY | The first veterinarian posted full time (1990) to the AMLC office in the Middle East to work with livestock importers following Australian cattle, sheep and goats from unloading through feedlot and slaughter. He was influential in helping importers to recognise well designed facilities and better feeding and handling practices that significantly influenced welfare, livestock performance and productivity

BROAD KEN (dec) | A passionate and well regarded sheep classer of his era, who was instrumental in raising the husbandry standards of many WA flocks

CRABB REG | Recognised for his consistent contribution to the profitability of the sheep enterprise, particularly through the creation of lamb supply chains

DAVIDSON ROB | A person who has played an integral role in prime lamb research at UWA and DAFWA and whose dedication to the position of WAMMCO supply chain coordinator has been to the widespread benefit of WA lamb producers

DAVIES REG (dec) | A passionate lamb industry advocate, considered one of the “founding fathers” of the WA Lamb Board and former WA Farmers meat section chair

DAWS (TOM) VERNON (dec) | A significant contributor to the development of Middle East and South East Asian markets for Australian sheep, whose efforts, amongst other early live sheep export pioneers, set the foundations for the world-leading position the Australian industry enjoys today

DORMAN STAN | Responsible for the importation of new sheep breeds to Australia, which together with his artificial breeding services have contributed to the genetic gain of the Australian sheep flock.

DOYLE DR PETER | An outstanding research scientist in the field of nutrition and pasture-animal interactions who impacted producers’ attitudes towards more intensive grazing systems and management of sheep over summer/autumn

DUFF ALAN | For services to Q-Lamb, the Suffolk breed and the development and commercial adoption of LAMBPLAN

DUNDON PETER & SHARON | The drivers behind the brand value of the Australian livestock industry in the Middle East and advocate of best-practice animal welfare in the live export industry

EASTWOOD TREVOR | Recognised as the person behind the formation of both the Western Australian Livestock Exporters’ Association and subsequently the Australian Livestock Exporters’ Association, which in turn became the peak industry body representing the trade

EDWARD MALCOLM | Instrumental in the early development of Wagin Woolorama, an event dedicated to promoting the Australian sheep and lamb industry and a tireless contributor to industry leadership groups

FRANCIS E. PROF. CLIVE | The scientist who identified the compound in Sub Clover that caused infertility in ewes that in turn led to the development of low-estrogen Sub Clover and a safe pasture base for sheep production in southern Australia

GARDINER BRONTE (dec) | A visionary seed stock producer who was instrumental in the establishment of the Poll Dorset, White Suffolk, Dorper and White Dorper breeds in Western Australia

GARREFFA VINCE | Principal of Mondo Meats in Inglewood and a passionate advocate of Australian lamb

GLADSTONES DR JOHN | The man who bred the Sweet Lupin – the first new grain legume crop in a century in Australia. As a safe, high nutritive value, grain supplement, the feeding of Lupins led to a significant lift in lambing rates.

GOUGH JIM | A pioneer of sheep genetic evaluation who initiated and brokered the first Trans-Tasman genetic evaluation between LAMBPLAN and SIL (NZ), giving seed stock producers a more accurate and comparative gene pool

GREEFF DR JOHAN | A DAFWA sheep geneticist whose dedication and patience has earned the respect of the sheep breeding sector

GRIFFITHS DES | A career meat industry advocate and former CEO of WAMMCO who during his time in this position was responsible for changing the cooperative's business structure from a quantity focus to one based on world-respected quality. He concentrated all processing in Katanning and returned the plant to profit which facilitated dramatically increased returns to WA lamb producers

HALL BOB | A long-time advocate of the wool industry and outspoken rural consultant committed to the profitability of sheep in the farming system

HAMILTON FRED (dec) | Foundation director of the WA Lamb Board, respected industry spokesman and former chair of the WA Meat Commission

HARDIE CAROL | President of the 7th World Merino Conference (2005) and person largely responsible for bringing the “Merino world” to Western Australia in an unprecedented promotion of the Australian Merino

HARRINGTON DAVE, RAY & DOUG | Three brothers who revolutionized the way we handle and manage sheep, through their inventions of labour-saving sheep handling equipment

HARVEY PETER | A highly respected sheep nutritionist, acclaimed for his early involvement in the Prime Merino Lamb Alliance

HEAL ERIC | A life member of the Poll Dorset Society and passionate mentor of young stockmen and women whose priority was the growth and development of the industry. A true gentleman of the industry

HEGGATON CRAIG | An innovative provider of services and genetics to the sheep and wool industries that have been instrumental in genetic and productivity improvement

HERBERT ASHLEY | A long serving sheep industry consultant whose advice has significantly increased the profitability of numerous sheep management systems

HITCHCOCK LES | A Corriedale seed stock producer and dedicated industry worker who played a major role in the formation of the WA Lamb Board and was an active board member of the WA Meat Commission

HOUSE FRED (dec) | A stalwart of the Merino industry whose contribution included gaining international focus on Australian Merino genetics by being the first to commercially export Merino genetics from WA

JARMAN ALAN (dec) | Lamb industry champion, seed stock producer, innovator and joint founder of Q-Lamb

JASPER JOHN | A pioneer of the Poll Dorset breed society in WA and a ready adopter of new breeding technologies that would lead the sheep industry to genetic gain

JOHNSTON LYNNE | A vocal and passionate wool industry advocate whose lobbying work was aimed at creating a more competitive and profitable market place for the Australian wool grower

JOHNSTON BILL | A respected sheep classer who challenged tradition and was responsible for the adoption of on-farm fibre measurement and associated management techniques that would optimize wool returns

JOLLY SAN | A respected sheep nutritionist whose dedication to productivity gains has influenced the viability of sheep flocks throughout Australia

JONES NORM (dec) | A dedicated member and former leader of the Stud Merino Breeders' Association whose commitment to agriculture included many years on the Muresk advisory panel

KAIN DAVID | For his dedicated promotion and leadership of the Dohne breed

KEAMY GLEN | A tireless and dedicated champion of the stud Merino Industry, holding numerous international, national and state leadership roles

LEFROY PETER (dec) | A passionate sheep industry stalwart who founded Cranmore Merino Stud in 1906 – one of Western Australia's oldest surviving Merino studs. He invented the Cranmore Mulsing Cradle and his family's influence remains today having bequeathed funds to UWA specifically to foster research in the sheep industry

LEWIS NORM & MARJERY | Champions of sheep industry research in Western Australia and frequent and selfless collaborators in on-farm research

LEWIS RAY | A controversial yet visionary supporter of the Merino whose commitment to innovative promotion of the industry is relentless

LIGHTFOOT DR JOHN (dec) | A former leader of the Department of Agriculture and Food sheep and wool research activities and an advocate for the importation of Awassi genetics

LINDSAY E. PROF. DAVID (OA) | Recognized for his remarkable national and international contributions to the sheep industry, particularly in the areas of reproduction and the training of scientists and practitioners

LLOYD-DAVIES DR HAYDEN | A CSIRO scientist whose work influenced the way we thought about grazing management and time of lambing and shearing

MARTIN GERALD | An innovative MLA board member who passionately pushed the development of LAMBPLAN

MARTIN PROF GRAEME | A leading UWA researcher and educator recognized for his role as training and nurturing future sheep industry practitioners

MARTIN JIM | Chaired the Sheepmeats Council of Australia during one of the most critical decision-making times for the Australian lamb industry

MCDONALD COLIN | A DAFWA research officer who worked on pre-embarkation feeding behaviour of sheep, which helped define best practice preparation of sheep for live shipment

MCGILL FRANK | A life member of the Stud Merino Breeders Association of WA whose approach to pioneering new technologies and management systems has benefited the sheep industry

MILTON ASSOC PROF JOHN | A highly respected sheep nutritionist, UWA researcher and innovator in feedlot nutrition and management who has influenced the productivity of countless sheep enterprises

MOIR E. PROF. REG (dec) | A UWA Professor, rumen microbiologist and physiologist who trained numerous scientists to serve the sheep industry of southern Australia and who pioneered, among other things, the understanding of protected-protein in ruminant nutrition

MULLAN GRANTLY | Recognised for his leadership as Chairman of the Prime Merino Lamb Alliance while one of the youngest members of the Alliance.

MURRAY JEFF | Inaugural member and later Chairman of the WA Sheepmeats R&D Committee and who, as vice chair of the Sheepmeats Council of Australia, negotiated the tri-lamb agreement on the back of sheepmeat tariffs to the US

NEWMAN JOHN | Former chairman of WAFarmers meat section, former director of the WA Lamb Board and foundation chair of the Sheepmeat Council of Australia

NEWTON-TURNER DR HELEN (dec) | A remarkable pioneer of quantitative sheep genetics, without peer in her era

NIXON GRAHAM | His relentless approach to lamb marketing was instrumental in breaking the lamb single-desk marketing era

NORTON MIKE | A foundation WAMMCO board member, recognized for his contribution to industry as chair of WA Farmers and in particular for his role in sourcing the funding that would facilitate the purchase of Katanning and Linley Valley abattoirs from the Chinese Government

NORRIS DR RICHARD | A DAFWA veterinary officer and researcher who through land-based studies and ship board investigations defined accurate causes of mortality and the risk factors for sheep exported live from Western Australia

OLDHAM DR CHRIS | A multidisciplinary researcher at UWA and DAFWA who has provided the scientific base that has helped advance the sheep industries of southern Australia

PALISKIS RENATA | For her on-going contribution to the effective marketing of sheep and lambs through a range of senior management roles

PARK DALE | For services to the wool industry through his leadership years at WA Farmers

PETHICK PROF DAVID | Acclaimed meat industry scientist at Murdoch University, leading the industry's understanding of eating quality

PICKERING SCOTT | A respected sheep breeder and industry leader, recognised for his work in wild dog control

QUINLIVAN MICK | Recognised for his services to the sheep industry over a great number of years whose roles included a foundation member of WAMMCO; instigator of the Esperance A Sheep Group and a member of the Department of Agriculture and Food WA's Meat Partnership Group

RALSTON PETER | Recognised for his work as chair of the Australian Merino Sire Evaluation scheme and for his numerous industry leadership and lobbying roles

REYNOLDS IAN | A selfless and long-serving seed stock producer and industry contributor

ROBERTS DAVID (dec) | Former PGA representative on Sheep Meats Council of Australia and inaugural member of the WA Sheepmeats R&D Committee. A selfless collaborator in on-farm research for the WA prime lamb industry

ROBERTS DENNIS (dec) | For his significant contribution to the red meat industry, particularly for his development of fellmongering processes that has subsequently been adopted by industry to realize a greater value for skins

ROBERTS JOHN (dec) | A visionary and an altruistic supporter of the wool industry exemplified by his remarkable investment in super-fine genetics and preservation of Merino history

ROBERTSON IAN | Heads up the home of “Merinotech” and whose ability to bring farmers together with scientists has brought about significant genetic progress in Merinotech WA flock as well as sheep flocks throughout WA.

ROBINSON E. PROF TERRY (dec) | Sydney university researcher who invented the intravaginal sponge for controlling the time of oestrus, making AI a realistic management tool.

ROSS IAN (dec) | A visionary lamb researcher and marketer who generously shared his knowledge of the Australian lamb industry supply chain, from on-farm, processing and retailing, who later became a respected Australian representative in the Middle East and African market place. He devoted his life to the continued development of a professional and profitable lamb industry

ROSSITER DR REG | The man who was to Sub Clover what Gladstones was to the Lupin. A visionary agronomist whose work with Sub Clover was of great benefit to the sheep flocks of southern Australia

RYAN JOHN & JENET | Selfless collaborators in on-farm research for off-season production of prime lambs, and to lift the number of lambs weaned from Merino ewes.

SANDILANDS BILL | An early-adopter of objective measurement in the stud Merino breeding philosophy and a leader in the field of farmer/researcher collaboration

SEYMOUR MALCOLM | A tireless contributor to the lamb industry as a seedstock and commercial breeder and more recently for his role as chairman of the Midland Saleyard Relocation Committee

SHEPHERD JIM | Founder of the Australian Merino Society, and a former national president of ASAP whose vision to make a better Merino forged the interaction between farmers and scientists

SKIPWORTH BOB | A much loved Merino officer and career Wesfarmers representative, whose commitment to the effective marketing of stud sheep was tireless

STACEY LES (dec) | A large scale lamb producer and innovator way ahead of his time, most famous for instigating the “Stacey Lamb Train” to bring to fruition his vision of transporting his lambs bred at Quairading, to be processed at Robb’s Jetty and exported to Smithfield in the UK

SOUTHEY IAN | A senior technician in CSIRO who played an important role in the resurrection of the Australian Society of Animal Production in WA. He was awarded life membership of ASAP and RSCPA for services to the sheep industry

SPIKER STEFAN | For tireless service and dedication to ultrasound recording of sheep throughout Australia

SUTHERLAND GRAHAM | An inspirational stockman, recognized for his contribution to breeding, lamb supply chains and marketing

TREFORT DR PETER | A passionate and innovative sheepmeats processor and marketer who co-founded Q-Lamb. An MLA director and international advocate for Australian lamb

UNDERWOOD E. PROF. ERIC (dec) | UWA Professor and Fellow of the Royal Society (FRS) who initiated modern sheep research in Western Australia. He was recognised as an international leader in mineral nutrition of humans and animals. Celebrated for his discovery of teasing and that cobalt is an essential trace element in animal nutrition.

VEITCH ADRIAN | For services to the artificial breeding industry and champion of new sheep breeds

WATTS MAX | For his dedicated representation of the WA wool industry on critical issues impacting the industry’s sustainability

WARDEN HUGH | A respected and influential former manager of Wesfarmers’ livestock department and later, sheep industry consultant and advocate who played a role in developing sheep genetic exports to China

WIESE DR SARAH | An inspirational leader of an active team of prime lamb researchers at DAFWA, whose work included eating quality in relation to dentition. Also editor of the widely-read Ovine Observer

WILLIAMSON REG (dec) | A pioneer of lamb industry advocacy whose early leadership roles required cross-Australia time commitments long before inter-state travel become common place.

WILSON HARRY | Recognised for his pioneering of the commercial use of artificial breeding techniques such as controlled breeding, semen freezing, laparoscopic AI and embryo transfer in the sheep industry.

