



## **NSW 2022 AGM**

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2022

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting opened:** 1130am

**Present:** Keryn Burns, Maureen Bates, Fran Haslin, Erin Marsden, Ian Braithwait, Cathi McMullen, Jill Ross, Brian Ross, Cherie McGowan, Diana Rutter, Bev Burns, Jennie Menzies, Roy Menzies, Lyn Dickson, Jennifer Carey

**Apologies:** Julie Bye, Ros Davis, Micheal Davies, Helen Phillips, Sue Tiley, Emma Timmony, Tim Toshack, Ian Burns, Shane Read, Geoff Redelman, Deb Redelman, Rob Harbourne, Sue Cassle, Louise Manwaring, Peter Manwaring, John Hay, Deb Trostian, Steve Trostian, Debra Keane, Deirdre Leslie, Rubey William, Mick Williams

**Absent:**

**Guests:** Scott Marsden, Glen McGowan, Patrick Staples

**Previous minutes:**

- Last ORM held in Singleton with no outstanding items from the that meeting.

**President's report:** (report attached)

- ORMs will now be more out in the different areas of NSW, held at shows if possible and outside of shows where members who don't show can attend to promote networking. Trying to get meetings back to normal and not so many zoom meetings like the last two years.
- President report for the normal year 2022 thanks all the volunteers who organized shows, information days, field days, new breeder workshop. There is a need for more people to put their hands up to organize events, without things can't be held. There are already some events being planned for 2023.

- A list of 2023 events and shows has been sent to the head office to go up on the website.
- Deb Trostian is stepping down from all her current event commitments
- Convenors needed for 4 shows.
- Xmas show was a good show

**Treasurer:** (report attached)

- Most shows showed some profit. The shows that ran behind the committee had committed to wear the costs to get them going, far too important to have the members reconnecting at shows after the last 2 years than to cancel if the shows were going to show a loss.
- 10000 new leaflets printed the kids one and join for \$50 one, as head office is not providing printed materials anymore and it is up to each region to print them.
- The National Board has started to ask how “they” can spend the money in the NSW account

**Events:** (report attached)

- Need a convenors workshop for working with eAlpaca , various convenor’s have requested a workshop on the use of eAlpaca. It is not a user-friendly program to use when planning an event. Showing and Judging committee have previously stated that it is a regional issue.
  - An email to the showing and judging committee to be sent requestion a workshop or at least the materials to hold one
- eAlpaca needs to be updated to make it easier for convenors to use
- Convenors needed for Boorowa, Camden and Christmas in July 2023 shows
- Some 2022 convenors have volunteered again to run shows in 2023. Rosie Frances to run Boorowa Show and train a new convenor, Cherie McGowan to run Bathurst Show, Janet Mollerson to run Winter Wonderland Show
- Don’t know when the national show will be, cannot get anyone to tell us when it will be, so it is hard to organize NSW shows around the national show
- All dates for shows to go up on website shortly and Tanya has been asked to put them up
- Jennie Menzies is organizing a birthing workshop for mid-year to fit in between shows.
  - Keyrn to email a list of show dates
  - An email to be sent to members about providing cria bodies.

### **Assets:** (report attached)

- Question - can surplus money be spent on extenders for pens?  
Extenders for panel trailers except CW trailer, money to be spent to make new pen extenders, another 12 made for each trailer. Price from report
- A lot of work has been completed on trailers to make them legal to tow. All were illegal, so money has been spent fixing tires and tow hooks etc
- New trailers need to be built for CW panels as they need to be a different configuration to trailers in other areas. Currently they can't be moved with a skid so new trailers people will be able to move them has made.
  - Do we have the members go ahead? Forward Keyrn Burns, Motioned - Jennie Carrey, seconded Di Rutter passed by members
- Question raised - as to where the CW panels are, the panels are at Keyrn's
- Need more pins made, a lot of the pins are bent. 150 pins have been made and will be sorted out where they need to go once shows start again.
- Committee had approved previously a new PA system as one had an unsafe issue of the power cord overheating.
- New banners (2 sets) will be redone. One set to be held in Nth NSW and one in Sth NSW. New ones will be ones that can be easily replaced. Office works the best option to have these made
- New form with legal limits to be able to tow trailer panels out now and must be completed and returned to the Assets Officer before collection trailers. This new form will need to be completed so members are covered by insurance
- Question raised - can a convenor hire a suitable car to move panels? If budgeted can do so?

### **Youth:**

- No report
- Up coming youth camp January 2023

### **General Business:**

- Shearer's list on the National AAA website is outdated and incorrect. There are apparently 2 lists, with a list updated in 2021 available on the NSW website

- Does anyone know of a Shearer with insurance that can shear alpacas at Toronga Zoo?
- Committee members

A Change in the constitution about committee members from 2 members from each region to just 10 members. A technicality that needs to be changed, put to the meeting that it just be 10 members from across NSW.

- Motion to have this changed in the constitution first Diana Rutter, second Ian Braithwait passed by members

Four more members are need for the 2023 NSW Region committee. The 2023 committee so far comprises of Keyrn Burns – President, Erin Marsden – Secretary, Tim Toshack – Treasurer, Helen Phillips – Events, Maureen Bates – Assets, Cherie McGowan – Committee.

- NILS tags - A very heated topic was discussed.

Keryn Burns stated she had little information to pass on and that the research by NSW members far outweighed any information she could give.

Cherie McGowan sent an email addressing the nation board to express concerned to them. AAA president Brett Fallon sent a response. (Appendix 1)

Brian Ross also emailed his concerns to the national board, however, did not get a response. Brian also emailed DPI and LLS with questions concerning the need for NILS tags touching on various points. (Appendix 2-5-)

Jennie Menzies expressed concerns about the weight of the round tags which are generally used for cattle and will be too heavy to be out in cria ears.

Noted that the DPI has access to eAlpaca and IAR system so why the need for NILS

Members already fill in Camelid transport forms will this form be replaced with NILS tags? Police can ask to see this waiver form and they are requested at shows for LLS to inspect. If using NILS will be required to lodge online any animal movement.

Most breeders are already using Bio security plans and trace where they sell their animals

LLS are not even interested in alpacas as they are not part of the food chain.

And as far as traceability and export currently there is no open avenues to export alpacas.

Lyn Dickson expressed concern about getting rid of a system that works and that the IAR database was a huge achievement and why can't the IAR system be updated? Use this system in conjunction with eAlpaca to make it more traceable

Jennie Carey raised a question in regard to a response to Cherie's email, where it was stated that the NILS tags would be implemented by a state-by-state basis and does the 'N' not stand for national?

People do not want to get involved with gov dept making it harder for smaller breeders to sell pets and wethers.

Most wethers sold generally don't get registered in the current IAR system using NILS tags won't change this and the traceability of these animals. Also, most alpacas are held on farm as breeding stock so why the need for the NILS tags if they never leave the property.

- Motion Cherie Mc Gowan, seconded Jill Ross to request a report about the new tags. With options for different tags as the ones suggested are inappropriate. It is requested that there be more consultation and justification with members as to why they feel the need for the NILS tags. And can the IAR database not be updated to be more traceable? A Webinar about tags involving representatives from the relevant government departments (DPI, LLS) and the AAA board members as to why this change from the IAR database to NILS is being pushed through.

**Meeting closed** 12.29 pm.

**Next ORM:** TBA

## Appendix 1

### Nlis tags for alpacas

Cherie McGowan <cheriesbkpg@gmail.com>Tue, Nov 22, 2022 at 11:53 AM  
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<nswaaapresident@gmail.com>

Hi there everyone

I am writing this email to all AAA board members, plus the nsw AAA president & another aaa concerned member to express my concerns about the boards decision to push through with changing from iar l'd #'s to nlis l'd #'s. I am concerned for a number of reasons & feel strongly that if there had been a consultation on this issue with all AAA members then alarm bells would be ringing throughout Australia. I will attempt to list my concerns below:

1. Surely as the representative body for all AAA members, this issue should have been discussed at a member level prior to the board proceeding with this.
2. I have spoken to the govt body responsible for nlis tags & they are not the driving force behind this change, it is driven by the AAA board only. The LLS has no plans to introduce alpacas to the nlis tagging system. Nor does Animal Health. They only have 1 issue with all AAA members continuing to use the iar tagging system, & that is that they wish to continue to have access to the AAA ealpaca data base for biosecurity reasons & apparently this is already the case.
3. The costs involved in the introduction of the nlis tagging system will be significantly more than the existing iar system they are an electronic tag, therefore every breeder will need to have a reader, plus all shows will have to have readers to identify each entry. The readers cost between \$400 & \$1,000, dependant on brand. Plus the tags are approx \$4 each plus transport costs which will be added to the tag cost.
4. Currently, there is a delay of 2 to 4 months from date of order to delivery of the nlis tags. This will only worsen if all registered alpacas are added to the system.
5. To the best of my knowledge, there doesn't appear to be any advantage to changing tagging systems to myself, or any other alpaca owners. In fact there will be disadvantages - additional costs, inconvenience of not being able

to readily read the tags, all tags both for male & female go in the same ear, so unable to readily identify animals gender, if owners have a stockpile of iar tags, that expenditure will be a waste. Will the AAA refund members the cost of unused jar tags.

6. If owners aren't exporting alpacas, & aren't transporting alpacas to livestock sales yards, then what is the reason for this change.

7. Perhaps make the tag changes voluntary for those that have the need to use the nlis tag system. All other members to remain on iar tag system.

8. If these changes are driven by concerns for future spread of animal diseases, then the iar tags are as good a system for tracing purposes as any. Plus it is a requirement for anyone with animals to have a PIC # which is sufficient for tracing purposes - every year you are required to submit a return with details of animal breed & numbers of animals on that property. If the concern is that some properties aren't registered with a PIC # then changing to the nlis tag system won't remedy that problem anyway.

9. Goats & sheep are being added to the nlis tagging system, but its not being introduced until 2025. So why is the AAA pushing for this change to come into effect by 2023.

10. There is 1 final issue with this proposed change to the tagging system & that is what role will the AAA play into the future if all alpacas are on the nlis tagging system. What will the AAA be relying on to generate income into the AAA. The AAA will become an association that organises alpaca shows.

11. . On another issue, does the AAA have a complete list/record of all certified males DNA. If not, then why are we being charged \$280 to certify a male animal. What is the rather high fee for.

I feel very disappointed in the actions of the board in pushing forward with this issue without firstly consulting the member body that the AAA purports to represent. I for 1 don't agree with this change & all members that I have discussed this change with are also strongly against it.

So who is the AAA board representing if this is the case? It's certainly not me. I would like answers to all of these questions & an explanation as to why the board has decided to push through with this plan without first consulting its members, who the board is supposed to be representing.

Kind regards

Cherie McGowan

Chergle Alpacas

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Hi Cherie

Thanks for your email.

It is unfortunate that you have been given this impression. It is good to know though as we will have further communications going out soon and your email will provide additional context so that we can assure members when they have been misinformed.

The AAA have been working on this plan for over 10 years. The member consultation has been via a NLIS committee in the early days, and now continues to be via member updates and FB posts. Feedback has always been sort via these mechanisms and never ignored.

The role of the AAA Board is to provide leadership, especially on matters that will impact the viability of our industry and organisation long term. The role of consultation on this issue will continue to be by providing information for the members to understand the decisions and why this direction is imperative.

The initial change over from IAR to NLISID will likely be voluntary, with a phased approach. The state governments have implied that they will likely look to have legislation introduced parallel to the sheep & goat industry's of 2025 but that will be determined by industry feedback over the next 12-18 months.

This is not a fast process and currently remains on a state by state case.

The IAR / ealpaca system does not include traceability. It only tracks the ownership change of registered stock. The NLIS database will include all alpaca movements, in addition to include alpacas owned outside of the member's registered database.

There are animal health and biosecurity imperatives to having better traceability system than currently implored by our AAA members. All of the existing disease tracking systems are very slow, and the introduction of NL-IS will vastly improve response times for traceability and then disease control. This has an animal welfare benefit, and an economic benefit with maintaining the value of alpaca industry and protecting individual herds. There are benefits for other livestock industries to include all FMD susceptible species in the NLIS database.

There are also future market growth opportunities from having improved traceability practices, with NLIS capable of providing one aspect of that.

The proposed NLIS tags will have a visible NLISID. This will be as easily identified by the eye as the IAR tags currently. The tag reader will not be necessary for individual studs.

The additional costs will be approximately \$3/head more than the IAR but insignificant compared to the benefits for the whole industry. The upfront costs of NLIS introduction are minimal per member. The transportation costs will be the same as IAR tags. They are through the same supplier.



Discussions with Allflex have assured that the current delays with tags are not long term, and with good planning our members will have limited impact. Male and female alpacas will continue to be tagged with NLIS tags as IAR tags are currently, in different ears.

NLIS will have no impact on the AAA's relevance. If anything, the AAA will be more relevant to all alpaca producers (members and non-members) as the AAA will be a part of the supply chain for NLIS tags.

The Male Certification process has been unchanged for some time. It has been discussed at Board level several times even within my term. Essentially it is a levy based fee that assists the AAA to reinvest in the industry's future and to date continues to be relevant to be applied at this point, rather than elsewhere in the fee system, as it maintains a slight barrier for registered sires used to ensure that the alpaca industry continues to focus on improving the breed. I hope this has clarified some of your concerns with NLIS tags for alpacas. You are most welcome to give me a call to discuss further or if I have missed anything.

Regards, Brett

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## Appendix 2

Hi Erin

Here's the questions we sent to Brett cc Karen which we never got a response to (and neither did Karen who was surprised!). Also attached is the sheep/goat NLIS timeline that was presented at the webinar on 26/10/2022 where the presenters were Dougal Gordon – DPI livestock manager, Xavier Martin – NSW Farmers president, Pete Arkle – AHA and the state ag. Minister Dugal Saunders. I scanned the notes I took from the webinar and attached it as well. We attended 2 other webinars previous to this one but I didn't take any notes – they both had the federal agriculture minister Murray Watts talking about EID/NLIS tags as well as Xavier Martin and a few others. I had sent in questions to all of them about alpaca tagging and timelines but they weren't mentioned in any of the webinars. The focus on all of them was only for livestock that was either going to abattoirs or live/carcass exports.

The last webinar (26/10/22) was supposed to be posted up on the NSW Farmers website under the Farm Post tab but I'm not a member and couldn't find it when I looked – might be on their app though.

At the ANFD we had long discussions with both the LLS and DPI reps. – the LLS representative sent us back an email with answers to some of our questions to him – ie. Can alpacas actually get FMD and has this been tested/proven; what is the rush for the AAA to implement a tagging system before sheep or goats; and why is a new database required for them when there is already one in place which the DPI informed us they have access to? The other interesting thing from the DPI is that they want to be able to access databases and track animals within a 24 hour timeframe – we told them access to the eAlpaca database takes minutes which they were aware of. So the upshot of all this is we are getting railroaded for no commercial or animal safety reason that cannot be addressed within the current system we have already. And neither the DPI nor LLS had any solutions to the owners of alpacas (or sheep/goats/etc) that were on small holdings less than 10 hectares that don't require a PIC and may not be members of any association nor move their animals between properties.

Cheers

Brian and Jill

### Appendix 3

October 24 2022

Brett Fallon – AAA President

Keryn Burns – NSW President

Dear Brett and Keyrn

I am writing to you both regarding the proposed plan by the AAA to require all alpaca owners to use the EID/NLIS tags for their alpacas. I have discussed the various correspondences seen from the AAA with other breeders and owners and we have some serious concerns and questions about this plan.

I have also had very recent discussions on it with my Local Land Services department and representatives of the DPI in NSW and the information I got from them doesn't quite align with what you have been publishing.

My questions are below in bullet point form to make it easy to respond to and I and the other breeders would appreciate the answers to these to be put out to all AAA members in the form of an email as not all of them are on Facebook.

1. You say it is supposed to increase traceability for alpacas vs the current IAR system – how will adding NLIS tags/database entries do this? The current IAR database provides the following information: breeder/owner, date of birth, colour, tag/identification number, genealogy of the alpaca, current owner, animal status (alive, dead, non-breeding, sold, etc). The only thing the IAR

database doesn't record alpaca movements and that is a task that every owner should be doing as part of their own husbandry/bio security plans.

2. What will the AAA do to replace the income it makes off the current registration/transfer system on eAlpaca – if there is no need for the IAR tags then no one will be registering their alpacas with the AAA – the NLIS database will be the only thing used and that is a state-controlled function.

3. Sheep and goat NLIS tagging is not being implemented until January 2025 at the earliest at the direct information from the DPI – currently only mob – based tracking is used. Why the push for alpacas in 2023?

4. How do you and or the various state – based agriculture departments plan on tracking those alpaca owners who are not members of the AAA and have less than 10 Ha of property that doesn't require them to have a PIC (Property Identification Code?) There is nothing other than the government act (in NSW) that states that anyone owning any livestock must have a PIC and fill out an annual stock return regardless of property size – and who knows where to find the relevant acts and actually reads them?

5. Currently we and many other breeders/owners use some form of additional coloured tag as well as the brass IAR tag to identify our animals – this makes it easy to see at a distance who they are as well as who they belong to (in the case of Agisted animals on the property). It also allows easy identification of an animal in case one of their tags is lost/ripped out as we are all aware that alpacas are masters at losing tags. If the EID tag is lost and for some reason the drop tag is missing or not used then how can you prove the alpacas' origin/status and ownership?

6. Emergency animal disease (EAD) declaration – this is the critical one. As per the DPI, if an EAD is declared in an area, ALL susceptible livestock in that area will be culled regardless of tag status – ie sheep, cattle, goats, deer and for some reason alpacas although they are not cloven-hoofed like the others...). It will make no difference what tag or database the animal is on – the geographic area will be culled of all livestock once an EAD has been identified and traced to that area – as well as all movements in or out of that area halted as per information provided on a webinar hosted by the federal agriculture minister, state agriculture representatives and the various livestock association representatives.

7. Why are alpacas now included in the FMD list – they are a different genus to cattle, sheep, goats, pigs and deer and are not cloven hoofed? I was told by the LLS representative that someone asked that an alpaca be tested in an overseas lab setting for susceptibility to FMD and after being injected with the virus, showed that they can become positive but do NOT carry or transmit the disease. The design and implementation of these experiments was poor

and the conclusions are questionable from the investigations. (link to the article is: Pubmed.com nlm.nih.gov – foot and mouth disease in camelids – a review). Since alpacas are part of the camelid family, that means that camels, llamas, guanacos and vicunas are also in this category and are they being considered for inclusion as well?

8. We are all being told that it is to make us more mainstream in the livestock industry. Currently, no one can ship alpacas to a sale yard for general sale, there are no public abattoirs that accept a truck load for slaughter and there is no commercial market for alpacas as for sheep, cattle, goats, pigs, etc. There are no on-label drenches for alpacas on the market and you are not supposed to mark the males with rings like you can cattle and sheep – how is this going to be rectified with the inclusion on the NLIS database? Can you clearly tell us how the introduction of the NLIS system will change this for us in the near term as we can only see another cost impost on breeders with no discernible advantage. These things need to be addressed first if you want the alpaca industry to become ‘main stream’ instead of a pet or exotic animal market.

9. When were all AAA members canvassed about this plan and when did we get a vote on it as it has huge ramifications on all breeders, owners, and future owners. People who only want a couple of wethers to guard their chickens or eat their grass will now think twice about it as they will have legal requirements to report their ownership to a government department and will either ignore that or find an alternative animal to provide the same function.

10. We as breeders all need to be informed of all the pros and cons of this plan and have a say on it so we can decide whether it will be of any advantage to us as we are the alpaca industry.

Thankyou for your time and I look forward to a response regarding these issues and my concerns.

Jill Ross  
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#### Appendix 4

Hi Brian, Jill,

Sorry for the delay, but just following up from the Australian National Field Days. South African Camelids are not part of the sheep and goat electronic tags. They are under a sperate program being run through Animal Health Australia and there is no time limit set by government for that implementation

at this stage. From what I've heard it looks like they may be using the brass tags, just slightly expanding the database to link with the national NLIS database for tracing purposes.

With respect to the FMD status, our guiding document is the AUSVETPLAN (<https://animalhealthaustralia.com.au/ausvetplan/>). Which states that alpacas are susceptible. The other study I have read on paper from the 1970's found that camelids are very resistant to natural infection but can be infected cohabitating with infected animals. The risk also increases if there is any damage to skin or oral cavity that makes it easier to get virus in the body. I found another study (<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/15301761/>) that states that alpacas can be infected, however they are not likely to transmit FMD. Which means that it is likely that the initial phase alpacas will be managed, but it is possible that after the first week or 2 they will be treated as horses and able to move if they are free from clinical signs of disease. However, this will be up to the Ag ministers and Chief Veterinary Officers to decide when it happens.

Short version of that is that as there is evidence that they can be infected they will be regulated if FMD gets into the country, however there may be a good chance that they can be risk assessed to avoid any significant controls or need for euthanasia. But all of this is decided if we find it in the country and may take a while to progress through the various decision makers.

Hope that helps, If not let me know and I'll see what else I can find.

Regards,

Rhys

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## Appendix 5

Recording SHOW TASKBAR DISPLAY SETTINGS END SLIDE SHOW

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### What are the implementation timeframes?

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Next slide

- Work with industry to develop a NSW & national implementation plan.
- Develop & implement a NSW Council engaged.
- Lock in meetings with relevant sheep & goat processors.
- Finalise Sheep & Goat traceability ref process.
- Ready for all key stakeholder processes.

Importantly, this is a joint industry/ Government

Dougal Gordon

IMPORTANT TO NOTE – The full roll out being completed on 1 January 2027 is contingent upon implementation of other states and territories, noting NSW will need to continue a dual gauge system until this time for interstate transfers, as the system current enables a sheep or goat that its legally and correctly identified in one state, eligible for transfer to another. Albeit noting that processors and saleyards will provide incentives for producers to adopt electronic identification.

Bedding down ie period to resolve

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## Appendix 6

26/10/22

NSW GOVERNMENT SafeWork NSW LET'S TALK SAFETY

Sheep & goat Traceability Webinar

- staged rollout 5 years
- tag-free pathway
- EID only a part of solution
- this is only a starting point - not the final implementation or solution
- Jan - 2025 lambs born on that property that you need to be tagged
- Safement - 90% visual/EID tags at abattoirs

Dougal Gordon - DPI livestock manager

- Tagging won't stop diseases getting in - just a part of preparing for an EAD
- only for selling animals for meat & export (and wool)

recorded in NSW Farmers Farm Post

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# Presidents Report 2022

Well, what a slightly more “normal” year 2022 has been.

Shows have been a huge success with all shows being very well attended and we even managed to finally get a show up and running in the Hunter. The Singleton show was a fantastic day and hopefully will continue in 2023.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank, on everyone’s behalf and in particular a huge thank you from me personally, to Deb Trostian and her husband Steve. Deb has been a huge part of setting up and running wonderful shows for members over many years and has always done a brilliant job. She has devoted many many hours, to the industry and for now needs to step aside from her many convening roles to devote that time to Steve as he fights his battles ahead. Thank you, Deb we all appreciate your efforts, over the years and please remember, and this goes for everyone, if there is anything we, the committee and other members can do to help, don’t hesitate to reach out.

Alongside shows, Field days were back in full swing as well. Tocal, Mudgee, and the National Field days all were very well attended by the public, with alpacas drawing lots of attention as usual. The problem we seem to be having everywhere be it, shows or field days, are the volunteers to help. We can only run these events if we have the people to be present on the day.

New Breeder Seminars also made a comeback this year with more planned for 2023 along with a few other educational days as well. If you would like to hold an event at your property for members, please, get in touch with the committee and we will help you get it off the ground.

A list of events for the first half of 2023 will be out shortly so you can all start filling in those diaries

For those battling flood water and sodden paddocks, our thoughts are with you. For better or worse, the old adage of “you can only break a drought with a flood” has certainly come true this year and with it has begun the health problems with livestock. All we can do is try to stay on top of the drenching and testing as best we can.

I would like to thank the outgoing committee of Emma Timmony VP, Tim Toshack Treasurer, Erin Marsden Secretary, Maureen Bates Assets, Helen Philips Events, Julie Bye, Ros Davis, Fran Haslin, and Sue Tiley for all their help and support throughout the year. And I hope everyone has a safe and happy Christmas

*Keryn Burns*

**NSW Region AAA Ltd**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**Treasurer's Report as at 31 October 2022**

Following is a summary of financial activity for the NSW Region over the 12 months from 1 November 2021 to 31 October 2022.

<b>BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES at 31 October 2022</b>			
	<b>NSW Region</b>	<b>Sydney Royal</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Opening balance 01/11/21	\$53,851	\$13,405	\$67,256
Closing balance 31/10/22	\$50,137	-	<b>\$50,137</b>
	<b>Cash movement</b>		<b>- \$17,119</b>

During the year it was agreed that the funds held in the Sydney Royal bank account could be transferred to the NSW Region bank account as all transactions are processed through the AAA Head Office and can be accounted for using separate costing codes which would reduce the administrative work involved in maintaining 2 bank accounts.

The AAA Head Office now process all Alpaca Show transactions through the main national bank account and when each Show is complete a reconciliation is agreed between the Region and the Head Office with a net surplus or deficit amount transferred to the NSW Region bank account.

During the year there were 5 alpaca shows run as part of an Agricultural Society show – Canberra, Boorowa, Bathurst, Moss Vale and Hawkesbury. Traditionally these Shows are run at no cost to the NSW Region as the Agricultural Societies provide the venue and resources to conduct the Show. This was the case in 2022 but with the Hawkesbury Show able to return a net surplus to the region of \$2,576 through the staging of a successful Silent Auction.

The Sydney Royal Easter Show returned a deficit of \$7,064 to the Region's account in 2022 with some additional printing costs required by the RAS for celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Year Show. However, this year's deficit included costs of ribbons purchased for the cancelled 2020 Show and used in 2021, but not accounted for until this year for \$4,140. So these costs should be attributed to the surplus of \$9,733 reported last year.

The NSW Region conducted 4 Alpaca Shows in 2022, being Christmas in July Colourbration Show at Goulburn, Winter Wonderland Show at Mudgee, Charles Ledger Show at Goulburn and a new show, the Hunter Valley Spring Show held at Singleton. Following are the financial results for these Shows:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>RESULT</b>
Christmas in July	7,961	7,606	+ 355
Winter Wonderland	3,208	3,568	-360
Charles Ledger	8,215	9,395	-680
Hunter Valley Spring	5,887	4,029	+ 1,858
<b>TOTAL for NSW REGION SHOWS</b>			<b>+ 1,173</b>



Note: The Hunter Valley Spring Show had the benefit of using a local judge, whereas other shows had interstate judges with travel and accommodation costs of up to \$1,500.

The main administrative expenses relate to the 5 regional trailers for their registration, insurance and repairs totalling \$4,603. Repairs included the purchase of new tyres, new jockey wheels and chains to make them safe to use.

Other purchases included:

- Printing of new advertising brochures for \$1,700
- new artificial turf for use at regional events for \$1,050

An outstanding invoice from a contractor who provided straw for the 2019 Colourbration Show at Goulburn had to be paid recently for \$1,155.

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**Profit & Loss**  
**1 November 2020 – 31 October 2021**

		<b>Credit</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Show Income	\$	44,812
WF Insurance Commission	\$	318
Meeting income	\$	291
Sale of lights	\$	182
Sundry income	\$	9
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>45,612</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
	<b>Debit</b>	
Show expenses	\$	33,408
Trailer Registrations	\$	1,038
Trailer Insurances	\$	732
Trailer Repairs	\$	1,968
Meeting expenses	\$	273
Bank fees	\$	120
Depreciation	\$	815
Website	\$	136
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>38,490</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,122</b>

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# Assets Report

## Maureen Bates

During 2022, we have updated all the trailers to conform to NSW Vehicle regulations.

The changes made are:

- All trailers have been fitted with 2 chains and 2 D shackles.
- 3 of the Trailers have been fitted with new jockey wheels.
- 3 of the trailers have been fitted with 5 new light truck tyres.

We are also having 6 extenders made for each trailer, for animals who jump out of the pens during shows.

The requirement for towing these trailers is your vehicle must have a towing capacity of over 2 tonne. The trailers will not be released if you do not have the vehicle with the required towing capacity as it voids our insurance.

We have also purchased new Astro Turf for the show rings along with new lights.

We are in the process of purchasing a new PA system as well.

We have had a requested a quote for 2 new panel trailers for the Central West Panels. As the panels are higher than the other panels we have, the new trailers will have to be built differently. At present the trailers can only be transported by truck and forklift.

These trailers will house the panels in an upright position. The trailers will have to be made the weight specifications to enable to carry 60 panels each.

The quote for both trailers is \$17,270.00. This includes:

Supply & manufacture tandem trailers to suit panels as per drawing supplied. 2000kg Rated. Override brakes on one axle. Trailer to have new rims & tyres with spare, Clip up jockey wheel. LED lights, Powder coated finish- Standard colour range of choice. Blue slipped ready for Registration.

This decision will be put to members for approval given the cost of the trailers.

We have also disposed of the gazebos 3x3 and 6x6, as they have been wet and have gone mouldy and smelly and are not safe to use anymore.



## **NSW Events Report – November 2022**

After a precarious year of dodging COVID in 2021, 2022 was rearing to go with a return for most shows. Alas the weather was our reason for cancellations this year! We would like to thank all the convenors and volunteers, who helped to make every show a success. Without these wonderful volunteers there would be no shows.

With the cancellation of Gunning due to covid and Camden due to flooding, it was starting to look like our list of shows was dwindling. Thanks to all the convenors who dug in and did their best in some very challenging weather conditions.

Amazing to say, we had a remarkable list of successful shows:

Canberra Royal Show - convenors: Lyn Dickson, Paul & Fran Haslen

Boorowa Show - convenor: Rosie Francis

Moss Vale Show - convenor: Sharon Dawson

Sydney Royal Show - convenor: Keryn Burns

Royal Bathurst Show - convenor: Cherie McGowan

Hawkesbury Show - convenor: John Hay

Christmas Carnival of Colour - convenor: Deb Trostian

Winter Wonderland - convenor: Janet Mollerson

Charles Ledger - convenor: Maureen Bates

And the return of the Hunter Valley Spring Show - convenor: Nigel Thompson

We would just like to mention a couple of our retiring convenors.

Firstly, Lyn Dickson, Paul and Fran Haslen, who have all worked tirelessly over the years to support the AAA and always seem to be at shows giving their time and experience. We will all miss you but hopefully we will continue to see you around the show circuit. Wishing you well on your new endeavours.

Secondly, Deb Trostian has had to step back from her voluntary position as convenor.

Nothing was too much trouble for Deb, and she always had a smile on her face. Her enthusiasm would spread throughout the show. Her time is now needed tending to Steve and we hope that Steve will continue to improve with Deb's constant care. Thinking of you both.

Unfortunately, Rosie Francis is winding down her alpacas and is wanting to step down from convening Boorowa and is looking for someone to take on this role.

Similarly, as Deb is stepping down, we are also looking for convenors for Camden and Christmas in July.

We will be in contact with all convenors of shows to confirm dates, and checking that they are on track with everything required, and offering help if needed.

The Region was also represented at Field Days in the NSW area including: Tocal, Mudgee, and Australian National Field Day. Thanks to all the breeders that volunteered their time to represent the AAA and supplied valuable information for potential buyers. Hopefully, Murrumbateman will be back on the list next year.

An Introduction to Alpacas was offered at Lillyfield Alpacas. Thanks to Carolyn Austin for offering her farm and allowing her weanlings to be handled constantly throughout the day. Though the numbers were low, everyone enjoyed the experience, and many questions were asked. Thanks also to the breeders that volunteered their day to assisting us.

Next year, we will be running more Introduction to Alpacas courses. Already in the pipeline is a showing and a birthing workshop. We will provide any updates regarding workshops, shows or just general alpaca business on our NSW Facebook page and via EDM messages direct to your inbox, for those that do not have social media.

We have had a lot of interest in having alpacas at local shows, either by having a display or running a halter show. The following have sent enquiries:

Maitland Show	display 17-19 Feb 2023	maybe halter show 2024
Orange Show	display 13-14 May 2023	27-28 April 2024
Morrisset Show	display 21-22 October 2023	19-20 October 2024
Parkes Show	display 28-30 August 2023	26-28 August 2024

If anyone is interested in assisting in any of these displays, please contact me.

Once again, we would like to acknowledge our convenors and volunteers and appreciate their hard work in these difficult times. The committee is excited to be able to hold shows and workshops and continue to keep the region informed. Thank you for everything you do.

Here's looking forward to a bigger and better 2023. We are looking forward to catching up with everyone as soon as we can.

Helen Phillips  
NSW Events