

**President's Report**  
**Damara Sheep Breeders Society of Australia Inc**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**30<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

2010 marks the thirteenth year since the Society was incorporated. The Society was incorporated in Western Australia on the 10<sup>th</sup> July 1997.

The Inaugural meeting was held at the Westcorp International Boardroom in Fremantle on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1997. Attendees were: Tim Coakley, David Thorn, Des Coakley, Bruce Cullam, Geoff Crabb, Alexia Zaza and Rodney Boys.

The minutes reported that there was 170 lambs in Australia from the first implants in May 1996. Wombat Grazing (David Thorn) had 40 lambs, 10 lambs to Geoff Crabb and the balance to SAABCO Pty Ltd, excluding those that were sold as pregnancies (10).

The balance of the inventory was sold or implanted to Joint Venture arrangements by January 1997 and all lambs were expected to born before the end of June 1997. (Thirteen years ago). This would have been the second lot of implants. SAABCO Joint Venture lambs were to be 225 Damaras and the balance of approximately 100, were for all over Australia.

David Thorn agreed to be the President. Alexia Zaza agreed to be the Secretary and the postal address of the Society was PO Box 345 Fremantle, WA, 6160. Mr Rodney Boys agreed to act as Treasurer. The others at the meeting agreed to be on the committee. They were also considered foundation members.

The books of the Society were taken to the Rural Services Section of the Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Society of South Australia around 2002.

The Society was also registered in South Australia on the 27<sup>th</sup> October 2005.

The Society's website was developed in conjunction with Sue Piggott of BizBoost. The website went live at 2:05 pm Central Standard Time on the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2007.

This has become the premier Damara website in the whole world. The highest number of hits was recorded in March this year. There was on average 262 hits per day and 8129 for the month. The hits were from Australia 47 %, Unknown 24%, US Commercial 11%, Russian Federation 1%, Brazil 1%, Mexico 1%, Italy 1%, and Saudi Arabia 1%.

Gerry Pauley acquired the Avonlea Damara stud from John Hullett from Toodyay. The stud is now in Gabbin and going well.

A number of sheep are being registered at the Society's Stud book. Some overseas importers are demanding that the stock must be registered.

A meat sheep group is currently being formed in the pastoral areas in WA.

Recently an exporter has been actively pursuing ram lambs for air freighting out of Perth live. The offer of \$80 to \$90 is not matching what can be obtained in the Muchea Sale yards. 35 kgs Damara ram lambs have been getting upward of \$103 per head.

The Society has survived 13 years, having caught up, to where we are now.  
The Society looks forward to your continued support.

Kind regards  
Len Cargeeg  
Sunday, June 27, 2010