

**Western Division
DAMARA SHEEP BREEDERS SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA INC**



DAMARA GROWERS STAND MINGENEW EXPO SEPT 2011

WELCOME DAMARA SHEEP GROWERS OF WA

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EDITORIAL

Firstly I must apologise that I have not published a newsletter during 2011 this was due to a family illness and my moving location with my job

Since the last newsletter the Murchison sheep meat growers held a field day at Nalbarra station near Mt Magnet Oct 2010 this was a successful day and well attended by like minded growers

In Sept 2011 members had a stand at the Mingenew expo with Michael Trant and Gemma Cripps kindly exhibiting some of there pure Damaras and some Damara x sheep over the 2 days
At the AGM in March it was decided to purchase a banner for the group and this was used for the first time at Mingenew
There was a lot of interest with many people asking questions about the breed there were growers who had the breed or there crosses and there were potential growers interested who did not want to go into woolly sheep it made us realise that we need to perhaps increase the profile of the breed and its attributes

AGM

The AGM was held in Koorda WA 26th March 2011 1pm

The following office bearers were elected

President Matthew Young 0408652028mob
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Cleanskins conference

The clean skins sheep conference was held again in Adelaide in Feb 2011 and was well attended unfortunately there were no Damara sheep present but there were plenty of composites which had various amounts of Damara in there breeding it was pointed

out by the President Matthew Young to many growers at the conference without the Damara there would be no composites

There will be another conference again in March 2012 in Adelaide I encourage anybody to attend as it is very worthwhile to be amongst fellow non wool growing sheep breeders from all states of Australia

Markets

The markets are remaining strong with demand from the live trade very good recently a consignment to the Middle East included 14,500 Damara type sheep from the Gascoyne area

There has been an enquiry from a major NT cattle company about running Damara type sheep on there stations outside the blue tongue area due to the concerns about the live cattle trade to Indonesia

There has been some contact from overseas and interstate regarding females in particular

Recipes (le Damara Rack)



So what happens to the fat tail from the Damara sheep in Uzbekistan in Central Asia they use it for there national dish called PLOV a grower in NSW has had an enquiry about sourcing fat tails for this purpose

Have look on the web fxcuisine.com and see the very nice dish

**ALL THE BEST FOR 2012 MAY YOU ALL HAVE A GREAT
SEASON**