

**Damara Sheep Breeders Society of Australia  
President's Report 2021**

Dear Members

I hope you are well.

It is now 25 years since the Society was incorporated in WA in 1996.

We receive enquiries usually several times a week about the Damara.

The website has been a very valuable asset since it was established.

Members have been able to be contacted by those who are interested in acquiring Damara sheep.

I remember Neil Garnett of Collinsville fame contacting me to ask if the Damara records be the same as the Merinos. Most Merinos don't have records of dams and sires. My friend in Kojonup is in the Merino Tech system. He goes around twice a day to mark the newborn lambs. The lambs have their sire already recorded. My friend records about eight tracts of the ewe. Whether the ewe runs away or stays close etc.

I told Neil that it was up to the various members how they maintain their records. If they wish to keep extensive records that was their prerogative.

Several members run their studs as a side line to their main farming pursuits and tell me they don't have the time to put into records. Most buyers only want flock rams. Some say people are not prepared to pay the necessary costs that go with maintaining pedigrees.

I believe if Damara breeders wish to maintain pedigree records that is very commendable. If they do not wish to then that is okay. Denis Russell told me earlier on that only to register the best rams, not all the rams.

If someone wishes to register their whole stud with the Society that is okay with me. If they only want to be members that is also okay with me.

I look forward to positive feedback. The Society will survive.

Hope to hear from you at the Zoom AGM. The Rural Service have their own account with Zoom. Cameron will be giving out the contact details closer to the meeting.

*Len Cargeeg*

Kind regards

Len Cargeeg

President

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