

Jamestown AH&F Show Society & Sports Shear Australia

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**SHEARING AND WOOL HANDLING
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**



OCTOBER 25 - 26, 2025

@ THE JAMESTOWN
SHEARER TRAINING CENTRE
VIC PARK SHOWGROUNDS,
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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

On behalf of the Jamestown A.H & F Society and our Nationals sub-committee, it's with great pleasure that we welcome you all back to Jamestown for the 2025 National Shearing & Wool Handling Championships.

We were thrilled with the way 2023 went and when the opportunity was put forward to be back in 2025, our committee couldn't wait. I would really like to thank Sports Shear Australia and South Australia for their support in coming back to Jamestown.

I would like to welcome all the competitors from all around the country and New Zealand here to Jamestown and South Australia. It is a great pleasure to see us hosting this event in South Australia, I hope you all enjoy your time and I wish you all the best over the weekend.

The support and guidance from David, Tammy, Raelene and the team at Sports Shear Australia along with Trevor, David, Steph and the team in South Australia has been invaluable throughout this process once again.

Finally, I would like to thank my committee for their hard work and dedication. Once again we have spent many late nights together, either working on more shed improvements or in planning meetings and it has been a great pleasure to work with you all and see this come together. I am very proud of our team and the facilities we have all put together now to host these events and the ability they have to take everything in their stride and get the job done.

I hope you all enjoy the weekend.

Matthew Scharkie

Chair, Nationals Sub-Committee of Jamestown A H & F Show Society



Jamestown Nationals Committee Chair Matthew Scharkie (right) with Claire Wilks from EDF Renewables (centre) and Secretary Steph Lunn (left), on the new wool handling board.

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Welcome to Jamestown 2025. A big thank you to Matt Scharkie, Jenni-lee Case, Steph Lunn and all the Jamestown committee who have worked tirelessly to bring Australia together for the 2025 Australian National Shearing and Wool handling Championships. The past two dry seasons have put pressure on the committee to provide sheep suitable for a first-class event, so thanks for your dedication and commitment. This year we will see a brand-new wool handling board providing three stands for competitors.

Thank you to all the sponsors who have made this happen. Thank you to AWI for assisting all states to compete over the weekend. Thank you also to Stockowners Shearing who have supported SSAA for many years.

Welcome to the New Zealand and Australian teams who will compete in the first leg of the Trans-Tasman. This will be an exciting event with the best competitors from the two countries.

This year there will be selections for the Golden Shears World competition next year in Masterton NZ. The two best shearers, wool handlers and blade shearers will be taking on the world.

No event would be successful without all the helpers assisting to make it all happen; the local country communities that come together to make it all happen.

Make sure you take the opportunity this weekend to enjoy the warm hospitality, catch up with friends or sit and watch a world class event.

David Lawrence

Chairman – Sports Shear Australia Association



Australian Wool Innovation (AWI)

WELCOME

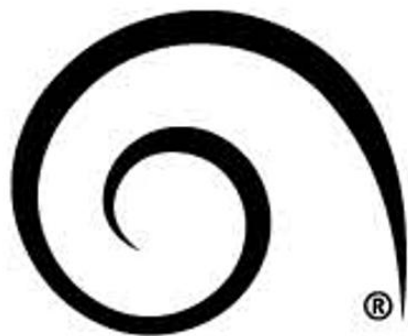
AWI is proud to support and sponsor Sports Shear Australia. We wish all competitors a successful event at Jamestown.

AWI recognises the great work and commitment from participants, team managers, judges, timekeepers and all the volunteers that make this event so successful. I am very much looking forward to Jamestown and being involved with industry and the sports shear and wool handling competition.

Craig French

National Manager, Wool Harvesting

Training & Careers Development



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SCHEDULE

Friday 24 October – Victoria Park

8:00 – 8.30 am	Team Managers Meeting
8.30 – 8.50 am	State Wool Team Briefing - Western Australia - South Australia
8.55 – 9.15am	State Wool Team Briefing - Victoria - New South Wales
9.20 – 9.40am	State Wool Team Briefing - Tasmania - Queensland (including Australia) - New Zealand
8.30 – 9.00am	State Shearing Team Meeting
9.00 – 10.00am	State Team Practice - Western Australia - South Australia
9.15 – 10.15am	State Team Practice - Victoria - New South Wales
10.05 – 11.05am	State Team Practice - Tasmania - Queensland (including Australia) - New Zealand
11:05 – 11:40am	AWI & Shearer wool training compulsory development training hosted by Shannon Warnest, Glenn Haynes and Stuart Grigg
10.00 – 10.40am	Wool Judges Briefing Shearing Judges Briefing
11.30am	SSAA AGM followed by ECOM General Meeting – JPFNC Rooms



WELCOME DINNER

5:30pm for 6pm SSAA National Welcome Dinner – **Jamestown Table Tennis Centre**

SCHEDULE

Saturday 25th October – Jamestown Championships

8:00AM - MAIN BOARD

Novice Shearing Heat
Blade Shearing Heat
Intermediate Shearing Heat
Senior Shearing Heat
Open Shearing Heat
Novice Shearing Final
Blade Shearing Final
Open Shearing Semi Final
Intermediate Shearing Final
Senior Shearing Final
Open Wool Handling Final
Open Shearing Final

Sports Shear Australia Trans-Tasman Blade Test

AWI Trans-Tasman Wool Handling Test

Stockowners Trans-Tasman Shearing Test

8:00AM - WOOL HANDLING BOARD

Novice Wool Handling Heat
Senior Wool Handling Heat
Open Wool Handling Heat
Novice Wool Handling Final
Open Wool Handling Semi Final
Senior Wool Handling Final



SCHEDULE

Sunday 26th October – National Shearing and Wool Handling Championships

8:30AM MAIN BOARD

National Teams Heats	Sports Shear Australia
Development Novice Shearing Heats	AWI
Development Intermediate Shearing Heats	Sports Shear Australia
Development Senior Shearing Heats	Parkdale SRS Poll Merino Stud
National Open Shearing Heats Round 1	Stockowners
National Blade Shearing Heats	Sports Shear Australia
Development Novice Shearing Final	AWI
National Open Shearing Heats Round 2	Stockowners
National Open Wool Semi Final	AWI
Development Intermediate Shearing Final	Sports Shear Australia
National Teams Final	Sports Shear Australia
Development Senior Shearing Final	Parkdale SRS Poll Merino Stud
National Blade Shearing Final	Sports Shear Australia
National Open Wool Handling Final	AWI
National Open Shearing Final	Stockowners

8:30AM WOOL HANDLING BOARD

Development Novice Wool Handling Heats	AWI Alexander Schoff
Development Senior Wool Handling Heats	Fox and Lillie
National Open Wool Handling Heats	AWI
Development Novice Wool Handling Final	AWI Alexander Schoff
Development Senior Wool Handling Final	Fox and Lillie

SSAA

NATIONAL CHAIRPERSON David Lawrence

NATIONAL SECRETARY Tammy Mudford

TREASURER Raelene Laidlaw

Chief shearing judge

Daryl Wallace

Around ten years ago I attended a judges workshop at Jim Robinsons wool shed and I have been judging ever since. Starting off the first year a couple shows and then growing that list to include more shows and State Titles. Vic shearing judge at Bendigo and Perth Nationals and Aust shearing judge to Masterton and Worlds in Edinburgh



Chief wool handling judge

Marion Kelly

I began competing in 1992 and represented Vic at state level. Competed at National level several times winning the Australian National title in 1997 which lead to representing and competing at World level in Ireland in 1998. I have been a wool judge for Victoria and wool judge at numerous Nationals. I am the current National Head Wool Judge. In 2017 I was the Australian team wool judge to Masterton. I run a farming enterprise with husband Tom and 3 daughters at Kilmore.



SPORTS SHEAR AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION DISPUTES COMMITTEE

JAMESTOWN 2025

Shearing: Daryl Wallace, Paul Myers, Matt Scharkie

Wool Handling: Marion Kelly, Matt Stasinowsky, Evelyn Archer

13 DISPUTES COMMITTEE

- a) A disputes committee will be appointed and the member's names displayed during the competition. This committee will include the referee, another experienced judge, and an experienced committee member with knowledge of the rules.
- b) In the event of a dispute or an appeal that in any way relates to the procedure adopted for the judging or staging of the event, the matter will be handled expeditiously by the Dispute Committee.
- c) A person seeking clarification under 4f may request the referee to raise the matter with the Disputes Committee
- d) An appeal to the Disputes Committee
 - (i) Must be in writing with reference to the relevant rule
 - (ii) Will be accompanied by a \$50 fee.
 - (iii) Must be made within 30 minutes of becoming aware of the need for such appeal.
- e) Person/s appealing may speak of their appeal before the Disputes Committee. Other persons will not enter discussion unless requested or invited to do so by the referee.
- f) In all cases, and in any matters not covered by the rules, the decision of the Disputes Committee will be finding and binding on competitors
- g) If appeal is upheld, \$50 fee will be refunded.
- h) Video/photographic will not be admissible in disputes (Wool Handling)

TEAM PROFILES

AUSTRALIA

Machine Shearers

Daniel McIntrye

Age 42 Lives in Glen Innes New South Wales with wife Jammie and two sons Ryan and Jayden. He has represented New South Wales at national level 15 times and has six national titles to his name he has also been A member of the Australian team eight times. Still working as a Shearer part time farmer and AWI Shearing coach.



Jamie Boothman

30yrs old from Crookwell NSW. Has been shearing and competing for 16yrs. Currently part time shearing, whilst running his farm. Jamie has represented NSW at National level 3 times. This will be Jamies first time representing Australia and couldn't be more privileged. Jamie agrees he couldn't have come this far without his fellow representatives.



Nathan Meaney

From Kapunda SA. In the industry for 18yrs and competing for 18yrs. Represented Australia has been a highlight of career and watching my daughter's grow up around the industry.



Blade Shearers

John Dalla

John was originally born and raised in Warooka on the Yorke peninsula with recently moving to Nhill, Victoria. He is a 5th generation farmer with a heavy background of farming and sheep work. John is the stud master to the well-known Sheep stud 'Orrie Cowie' running Merino and Sheepmasters. John first made the Australian team in 2008 at the ripe age of 18 and since then he has shorn in 6 world championships. Placing 1st in Australia 13 times for blade shearing, currently 5th place for the world championships and 4th in the teams' events (Scotland 2023).



Andrew Murray

I have represented NSW multiple times, the first time as a novice machine shearer. From Gilgandra NSW. Currently living in WA.



Wool Handlers

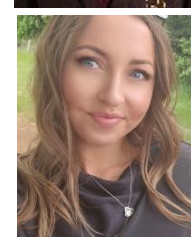
Alexander Schoff

Has been competing in Wool Handling competitions since 2016. Alexander has been working in the industry for the last seven years working and competing in nearly every state in Australia. In the last 2 yrs has represented QLD in the Open Wool Handling at Nationals.



Tiffany Collins

Been in the industry for 8yrs, have been competing for 7yrs. Biggest achievements are winning a state title in Tasmania and making the Tasmanian State team making the Australian team at Nationals in Katanning WA.



TEAM PROFILES

NEW ZEALAND

Machine Shearers

David Buick

From Pongaroa, North Wairarapa, bounced back from severe injuries in a farm accident in 2021 to win 2024 NZ Shears Open in Te Kuiti and five finals last summer, and finish 2nd Golden Shears Open this year in Masterton. Named Tararua District Supreme Sports Award winner this year. Has had 39 Open final wins, including Australian Romney Shears at Warrnambool 2014 and 2015. Has shorn 20 tests for NZ.



Angus Moore

A shearing contractor from Ward, in Marlborough, was Golden Shears Senior champion in 2010, won the New Zealand National Shearing Circuit in 2012, 2020 and 2023 and was runner-up last season, thus this will be his fourth Trans-Tasman series, making him one of the most successful multibreed shearers in New Zealand competition history.



Chris Vickers

From Shag Point in North Otago, a fine wool specialist in his third Trans-Tasman series, as runner-up NZ Merino final in 2012 to Australian legend Damien Boyle, winner in 2024, and now runner up in 2025 to another Aussie, Jamie Boothman. Has worked many seasons in West Australia over the last 38 years.



Blade Shearers

Tony Dobbs

The only shearer in the World to have won more than 100 Open blades shearing title – in a competition career spanning 46 years. Won also World teams title in France in 2019. Won the Katanning Open Blades title when the tests took place in West Australia last year. Has shorn the last 14 tests since 2014. A farmer and farmstay operator near Fairlie in South Canterbury.



Scott McKay

Lives at Clarence, 220km north of Christchurch, started bladeshearing aged 18, and, after 23 years, sheared for NZ for the first time in the test in Waimate two weeks ago. Shearing infrequently, now with three children, including two-year-old twins, has had one Open blades win, at Reefton, on the South Island west coast, in 2019. Runner-up last year to Tony Dobbs in Golden Blades in Christchurch. Also machine shears.



Wool Handlers

Joel Henare

World's most successful competition wool handler, approaching 150 Open titles since his first as a 14-year-old. Won World individual and pairs titles 2012 and 2017, both in NZ, has contested 14 tests. Earned place in NZ teams as winner of NZ Merino title for a 5th time, on October 4. Has won in Australia, most-recently Dubbo 2024. From Gisborne, grew-up in the woolsheds of Central Otago, and lives now in Motueka.



Ngaio Hanson

Represented NZ at 2023 World Championships in Scotland, after finishing second in a team selection series, and despite having never won an Open final. Also in last year's trans Tasman team, and finally achieved first Open win at Dannevirke in Southern Hawke's Bay this year. Claimed place in this team as runner-up and first eligible for the team in North Island Wool handling Circuit final at Golden Shears 2025.



TEAM PROFILES

JUDGES

Team Manager Australia

Stuart Grigg

Lifetime involvement in competitions as a judge and competitor. Committee member and now current National protocols committee. Vic judge rep at 2012, 2022, 2024 nationals. Te Kuiti Warrnambool team manager. Shearer wool handler trainer since 1998. Principal instructor SCAA SWTI for 10 yrs. Farmer and keen fisho.



Shearing Judge Australia

Tom Kelly

Immediate past Chair Sports Shear Australia. Represented Australia as World Shearing judge in Masterton 2012 and Australian Team Manager in 2023. Shearer Trainer and Farm with wife and 3 daughters at Kilmore.



Wool Handling Judge Australia

Fluff Hodge

I have been in the shearing & wool industry for over 25yrs enjoying a number of roles over most Australian states & a couple of other countries, including; rousying, penner, presser, classing, cook, & competitive wool handling. To more recently a wool rep and sheep classer/ram buyer. I now work this passion in with my full-time position at Hodge Transport and chilling with my terrific little family.



Team Manager and Shearing Judge New Zealand

Gordon “Flash” Duxfield

From Woodville, 80km north of Masterton, Flash Duxfield sheared sheep for about 35 years. He wasn't a competition shearer and took to administration more than 20 years ago, as a committee member for the Pahiatua Shears, the last blast for shearers before the Golden Shears each year. He has been a competition judge for more than 20 years, and among other interests he is a volunteer firefighter.



Wool Handling Judge New Zealand

Dawn Ratima

Like many in the New Zealand industry, Dawn has two homes – Whanganui in the north, and Waimate in the south. Competed for 17 years, the best season in 1999-2000 winning four Senior finals, including the first at Wairarapa Pre-Shears Woolhandling. Has been judging 13 years, including all competitions in the South Island, at Golden Shears, NZ Shears and Great Raihania Shears.



TEAM PROFILES

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Open Shearing

Brandon Waters

Based Minnipa. Currently working for myself. 11 years shearing. Mentors are Julian Post, Glen Haynes, Shannon Warnest & Klynt Correll. Career highlight: "Shearing around Australia and the world."

Sam Bacon

Based in Jamestown. Currently working for myself. 10 years in the industry. Mentors are Shannon Warnest & Nathan Meaney. Career highlight: "So many memorable moments but probably just travelling shearing and meeting new people."

Nathan Meaney

Based in Kapunda. Currently working for Meaney Shearing. 22 years in the industry. Mentors are Shannon Warnest, Daniel McIntyre, Darryl Andriske & Grub Johnson. Career highlight: "representing Australia."

Senior Shearing

Jack Kitschke

Based in Kapunda. Currently working for Meaney Shearing. 5 years in the industry. Mentors are Sam Bacon, Pat Clarke & Nathan Meaney. Career highlight: "making the team for this year's Nationals."

Daniel Mitchelmore

Based in Yorketown. Currently working for Integrated Shearing. 5 years in the industry. Mentors are Klynt Correll & Cody Waihape. Career highlight: "shearing in New Zealand."

Intermediate Shearing

George Jacka

Based in Jamestown. Currently working for Sam Bacon, Darryl Growden and Chris Lang. 3 years in the industry. Mentors are Sam Bacon, Beau Growden, Brandon Waters & Nathan Meaney. Career highlights: "getting picked for Nationals team this year."

Ben Hams

Based in Jamestown. Currently working for myself and helping Trevor Bertrum in my spare time. 4 years in the industry. Mentors are my dad and brother (Tom and Leon Hams), Rick Chilcott. Career highlights: "at the start of my career, I shore my first 200 alongside my younger brother, who shore his first 300 on the same day."

Novice shearing

Ryan McKay

Based in Jamestown. "I am currently in year 11 at school and find work locally when I have a free day. I started doing small jobs in the industry 3 years ago." Mentors are Sam Bacon & Beau Growden. Career highlights: "Making the South Australian Development Squad."

Riley Henke

Based in Kapunda. Currently working for Meaney Shearing. 1 year in the industry. Mentors are Nathan Meaney & Isaac long. Career highlights: "competing in sports shears all across South Australia."

Blade Shearing

John Dalla

Open Wool Handling

Toni Agnew

Based in Karoonda. Currently working for Erickson Shearing. 7 years in the industry, 3 years competing. Mentor is Janise Hebbberman. Career highlights: “becoming a classer and making the state team in open grade.”

Sarah Haynes

Based in Jamestown. Currently working for Bacon Shearing. 6 years in the industry. Mentors are Kursha Oster & Alie Tuinder. Career highlights: “travelling around Australia and NZ.”

Sian Bacon

Currently working for Erickson Shearing. Based in Wellington.

Senior Wool Handling

Sarah Chamberlain

Currently based in Lucindale. Currently working as a classer for GB shearing. 9 years in the industry. Mentors are Doug Millhouse, Alie Tuinder & Tracey Lynch. Career highlights: “Travelling across Australia wool classing and wool handling and representing SA in the Nationals for 2025!”

Caitlin Mitchell

Based in Karoonda. Currently working for Rowan Zadow. 5 years in the industry. Mentors are Claudia Loretta & Emma Hansel. Career highlights are “being able to help others and watch them grow in the industry.”

Novice Wool Handling

Chloe Menzies

Based in Jamestown. Currently working for Sam Bacon, Chris Lang and Darryl Growden. 2 years in the industry. Mentors are Sarah Haynes & Tracey Lynch. Career highlights are “starting my classing course and getting to travel around and see new places.”

Ella Harvey

Based on Yorke Peninsula. Currently working for Paul Oster - Integrated shearing. 3 years in the industry. Mentors are Katrina Whittaker & Tracey Lynch. Career highlights are “working in New Zealand and going to the Golden Shears.”

Team Manager

Beau Growden

Beau is from Jamestown and has been in the industry for 10 years. His career highlight was winning the 2022 State Championship. His mentors are Daryl Growden, Shannon Warnest and Glenn Haynes.

Shearing Judges

Tony Bray

Daryl Growden

Daryl comes from Jamestown in South Australia. He has been involved with the industry for 40 years. He has been an organiser for 25 years and has done competition judging for 18 years. His career highlights have been judging at the National level.

Wool Handling Judges

Daryl Deuter

Matt Stasinowski

Matt comes from Loxton, South Australia. He has been 30 years in the industry. A career highlight for Matt was judging at the World comps in Scotland.

TEAM PROFILES

VICTORIA

Open Shearing

Sam Mackrill

Sam shears most of the year. He runs a farming operation alongside his partner Kimberley and their children Dusty and Gemma, where they run Merino sheep and a small cropping operation.

Phillip Edwards

Phil has been shearing 17 years. This is his second time representing Victoria. Phil is really looking forward to representing again and a chance to make the Australian team in a World's this year.

Paul Robertson

Paul has been shearing for 13 years. Paul enjoys competing, working on his farm and running his Sheep Scanning Business.

Senior Shearing

Jonathan Smith

Jonathan is a third-generation shearer, He's been shearing intermittently for 20 years. He took a break from shearing to pursue other careers, but shearing has always been number 1 and picked up the hand piece again 5 years ago. He's passionate about helping the younger generations learn and grow their skills and would love to pursue a training role for this in the future. Outside the shearing shed he loves spending time with his family, going fishing, and camping.

Joseph Knoll

Joseph is a shearer from the West Wimmera. He has been shearing for the past 4 years and competing in Sports Shear competitions for 3 years. Joseph is also a keen church musician on multiple instruments and a hockey player across two associations.

Intermediate Shearing

Anthony Free

Anthony or Ant for short has been shearing for around 9 years. This year has been his first year of competing and he has really enjoyed it! Outside of shearing, Ant enjoys fishing, camping, travelling and playing football.

Keenan Fox

Keenan has been in the wool industry most of his life. His great grandparents had a merino farm at St Arnaud. Keenan started in the sheds when he was 15 as a rousey then took up crutching and at 22 started shearing full time. Keenan is excited to be part of the Victorian Developmental team.

Novice shearing

Travis Wilkinson

Travis Wilkinson 20 from the southwest in Purnim. Started first shearing school in 2023, went crutching for 2 years while completing my Rist shearing course but never shored till the start of 2025 as a learner with Roger Mifsud, my passion is to travel and work, see the outback and new places, meet new people along the way.

Jacob Sanderson

Jacob grew up on a hobby farm. Whilst still at school studying VCE he started to learn how to shear because his school's 20 or so sheep needed shearing. Since then, he has completed a few shearing schools and a few summer holidays shearing. Jacob enjoys going to the show shears because everyone is very encouraging, and there is a lot of emphasis put on shearing clean. A couple of goals I have are... ● I would love to eventually have my own farm and breed prime lambs. ● I love welding and making things out of steel, so I'd like to run a fabrication business on the side

Blade Shearing

Daniel Rogers

Daniel resides and works on his family's farm Mount Yulong, which has Poll Merino and Border Leicester studs as well as a commercial operation. Dan started blade shearing about 10 years ago and now has a good run shearing rams for a lot of Victorian studs in March and August.

Mal Griffiths

Mal is a farmer from in the Wimmera region of Victoria. He shears part time and blade shears roughly 100 rams a year. He is once again thrilled to be representing Victoria.

Open Wool Handling

Marlene Whittle

Marlene started competing in Wool handling at the Northern Shears in 2017. She started in the senior wool and is now a Victorian Representative in the Open Wool handling. Marlene has had a long career in the sheds starting at the age of 12. Marlene still works in the sheds and now works alongside her daughters as well. She has also begun training and really enjoys teaching the next generation of wool handlers.

Kirsty Bone

Kirsty has been in the sheds and competing for 10 years, she was previously a hairdresser and now new Mum. Her Biggest achievement was winning the teams event in 2023. She enjoys the friendships and the travel that competing bring to her life.

Mark Purcell

Mark has been a part of the industry as a classer and shedhand for 36years. Residing in Macarthur in the south west of Victoria, Mark's true passion is wool. He is a current trainer with RIST, coaching in sheds as well as at shearing schools. He has been competing in wool handling competitions for 27 years now and still loves it. Mark also runs a stock contracting business.

Senior Wool Handling

Aleisha Rintoule

Aleisha is from Gymbowen and started her wool handling competition journey last year. Her biggest achievement thus far has been representing her state in New Zealand this year as a part of the SCAA Ambassador program in addition to competing at the national graduate wool classing competition at the Sydney royal show, placing third. From this she has continued to work in the industry as a wool classer wool handler and has started wool handling training for SCAA. She is truly grateful to have been blessed with so many opportunities within the industry she loves and is so passionate about.

Anna Lowe

Anna has been in and around the sheds all her life and has being working in the sheds for the past 7 years. Anna was the SCAA ambassador in 2022 when she first started competing in the wool handling competitions. Anna has also completed her wool classing certificate. She now is a stay at home mum to a daughter living on a small sheep farm with her partner.

Novice Wool Handling

Layla Maguire

Layla is from the South West of Victoria, Layla has always loved visiting her dad in the shearing sheds and started competing in shows at just 10 years old. She hopes to be able to travel around within the wool industry.

Ally Tamblyn

Ally is 21 and from a small town called Lockington, she has been working in the shearing sheds for four years and is currently studying to become a wool classer. She's only competed four times and loves being part of the industry. Outside of work, Ally enjoys relaxing, shopping and spending time with friends and family.

Team Manager

Holly Byrne

Holly has been in industry for over a decade, spending most of that as a wool classer, she loves all things wool and sheep. She also helps run her family farm just outside Bendigo. When it's not sheep or wool (or sometimes even when it is) Holly enjoys time with her daughter, riding horses and being a trainer at her local football club. She is very grateful to be a part of the Victorian Team in 2025.

Shearing Judges

Tom Kelly

Tom resides in Kilmore with his wife Marion and 3 daughters. He has represented Victoria as a judge many times and enjoys it and is thrilled to be a current Australian shearing judge as well. He was also an Australian shearing judge at the worlds in 2012.

Stuart Grigg

Stuart lives near Edenhope Victoria on his farm with his wife Jodie. One of his favourite highlights was being team manager for the Australian Team in 2024 at Masterton, NZ. Stuart has been a state representative for Victoria on numerous occasions but feels privileged to once again be joining the Victorian Team.

Wool Handling Judges

Fluff Hodge

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Claire Lowe

Claire is a Master Classer, working in the industry for the past 29 years in Central Victoria. She has been a wool handling judge for the past three years, last year representing Victoria as a developmental judge. Claire and her husband run a mixed farming enterprise at Timmering where they reside.



TEAM PROFILES

NEW SOUTH WALES

Open Shearing

Daniel McIntyre

One of NSW's most decorated competitors, having represented the state 17 times, claiming 7 national titles along the way. A 24-time Australian team member, he added another highlight to his career by taking out the top individual in the Trans-tasman at the Golden Shears 2025. When he's not on the board, Daniel juggles life as a shearer, AWI Shearing coach, part time farmer - and a professional fisherman.

Jeremy Newberry

With 20 years of shearing under his belt, Jeremy runs his own operation, Newberry Shearing, based around the Guyra region. A long time contributor to the sport - former Chairman of SSNSW for two years. This will be Jeremy's fourth time representing NSW colours.

Zac Mallise

From Barraba, with 11 years on the handpiece and 9 years of on and off competing. Known for his dry sense of humour and constant cheek, he keeps the team laughing wherever he goes. This marks his third time representing NSW - and he'll likely remind you of that with a grin.

Senior Shearing

Tyler O'Hara

From Wellington. Shearing for nearly 9 years. First year competing. Proud to be representing NSW for the first time.

Jaread Jessep

Based in Uralla, originally from Kingston, Jaread is proud to be making his debut for NSW in Jamestown

Intermediate Shearing

Blake Duff

From Tooraweenah, Blake has previously represented NSW in the Novice 2 years ago. Proud to be representing again.

Jacob Carmody

From Boorowa. Jacob has been shearing for 9 years, 2025 marks his first time representing. Proud to take the next step in his shearing journey.

Novice shearing

Charlie Stugiss

From Koorawatha, one of the young guns on the scene. In his first year competing, he is proudly representing NSW.

Henry Farley

At just 17, Henry is one of the youngest on the team. He started learning to shear around the age of 10, and has been shearing full time since October 2024. After beginning his competition journey in early 2024, he's now set to represent NSW for the first time!

Blade Shearing

Nikki Guttler

At 30 years old, from Howlong - Nicki has been in the industry for 11 years, shearing for the past 8. This is her 3rd time pulling on the NSW colours - and she's no stranger to big achievements. In December 2024, Nicki smashed the eight-hour Merino lamb shearing record, cementing her name in the history books.

Jake Pilley

At 27, Jake has been machine shearing for 8 years and took up the blades 5 years ago. This is his second year competing in the blade shearing circuit - and his second time proudly representing NSW

Open Wool Handling

Racheal Hutchison

From Gilgrandra, Rach is a twelve-time NSW champ, multiple Australian titles, six-time World Champs - She's one of NSW's most decorated wool handlers and a role model for many. (Give or take - she doesn't keep count). Rach loves travelling with her family to compete. Rach is excited to head to SA to compete, especially alongside her idol and friend Eileen.

Eileen Evans

From Yeoval - A proud wool handler who's represented WA, NSW, and Australia. Last competed for NSW in Perth 2007. Now back in action. Thanks to her son Jack for reigniting the fire!

Tammy Mudford

From Dubbo, Tammy brings 12 years of experience in the industry and 7 years competing under her belt, Tammy is no stranger to the scene. This marks her 4th year proudly representing NSW. Off the board, she keeps things running as the current Secretary of SSA.

Senior Wool Handling

Jack Philipson

From Yeoval, started wool handling in 2020 and competing in 2023. At 19, he's already won in NZ, represented the AWI Team, and claimed the 2025 NSW Senior title. Off to his first Nationals in Jamestown!

Kimberly Ward

From Boorowa. From the sheds to the state stage, this year marks Kimberly's first time representing NSW!

Novice Wool Handling

Tom Lockyer

From Guyra. Been in the sheds 18 months and already making moves, first time competing at state level and second year on the competition circuit.

Jordan Budda-Deen

From Glen Innes. Jordan enjoys time in the sheds and making memories. Passionate about the shearing lifestyle, and good times that come with it!

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Team Manager

Brent Armour

At 42, Brent has spent over two decades on the stand, shearing full-time for 21 years and competing around 25. A long-time supporter and active member of SSNSW, Brent is passionate about both the industry and the competition side of shearing. This marks his second time as part of Team NSW.

Shearing Judges

Nick Hearn

A familiar face around the board, Nick has been NSW's Head Shearing Judge for a total of 4 years, before being re-elected. He's also been a southern shearing judge for 2 years and has judged shearing competitions on and off for many more. A former Open-class competition shearer, Nick brings a wealth of experience and precision to the board.

Mac Laneyrie

Hailing from Dubbo, Mac has been part of the SS scene since 2001, first as a competitor and for the past 8 years as a shearing judge. Off the board, mac is a wool classer and a registered Nurse, often spending her free time at shearing comps across the country.

Wool Handling Judges

Penny Ostini

One of the most experienced members of SSNSW, she's represented NSW as both a wool handling Judge and Manager over the years. A Mum of four - and many more through the teams she supports, Penny brings a wealth of knowledge and guidance wherever she goes. By day, Penny works as an AWI instructor, helping shape the next generation of industry talent.

Brad Pavey

From Forbes, Brad has been in the wool game since he was 18, earning his Master Classer's stencil in 2011. He began judging wool handling competitions in 2012 and hasn't stopped since! With experience judging at multiple National events.

TEAM PROFILES

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Open Shearing

Luke Harding

Luke and his wife, Jess, crop 1300ha of canola, barley, lupins and oats, and have 1200 ewes plus hoggets, and are located 3.5 hours from Perth. They both have a passion for the shearing industry and really enjoy competing. They ran a contract shearing business for five years. Luke and Jess run their local shearing competition and have been involved and competing, starting at the novice level, for 18 years.

Mark Buscumb

Mark (Crackers) is from Quindanning WA, has been shearing all his working life. He began competition shearing as a novice and has been an open competitor for many years. He has been fortunate to represent WA many times and has also represented Australia. Mark and his wife Sarah run shearing teams in WA's great southern, with Mark still shearing. Mark likes to encourage young people to enter the industry and take up competition shearing or wool handling. Mark has his daughter competing with him this year as a Novice Wool Handler.

Murray Burt

Murray is 24 years old and has been selected for the WA team in the open shearing division, having represented WA as a senior shearer in 2023. He lives in a small town north-east of Perth called Calingiri. He has been shearing in competitions for about seven years.

Senior Shearing

Brock Morgan

Brock was born and raised in York, where he still lives and works. He has been shearing for six years, mostly for his father who is a shearing contractor. Brock has had the opportunity to shear in New Zealand and the UK, as well as other parts of WA. He has really enjoyed competition shearing as it is challenging and has improved the quality of his day-to-day work. Brock won the Intermediate shearing division at the Nationals in Katanning last year.

Peter Noakes

Peter is 49 years old and comes from Gnowangerup. Originally a fisherman, Peter didn't enter the shearing industry until his mid 20s. He is a loving father with five children and though he loved his job, had never thought about competing until his middle son asked him to enter a show with him. This has not only helped Peter overcome his social anxiety, he now has had the opportunity to compete in Jamestown at a national level with his son on the team as well.

Intermediate Shearing

Blake McFarlane

Blake McFarlane is 20 years old and is from Mt Barker WA. He helps run his family shearing business, Blake's Shearing Services. He has been involved in farming his whole life. Blake was a WA AWI ambassador for the 2024-2025 season. He became involved in the clean shears competition in 2022 at the Wagin Woolorama. Blake says he is naturally competitive and wanted to give competition shearing a go and he loves the challenge. Blake is thrilled to be a member of the WA team.

Jake Noakes

Jake is 16 years old. He comes from Gnowangerup and lives to shear. He is currently the West Australian Competition Shearing Association's junior shearers representative. Jake took on his first full time stand in August and loves the comradery of the sheds. He has been lucky enough to attend plenty of AWI funded training sessions and when his shearing days are over plans to become a trainer himself. Jake enjoys the competition circuit, partaking in his first show in the 2023-2024 season. Jake quickly progressed into the intermediate where he has found his niche.

Open Wool Handling

Janelle Hauiti

Janelle has been an Australian wool classer for 15 years and in the shearing industry for 25 years. Based in WA, Janelle is a mum, a competitor and deeply passionate about the shearing and wool industry, coming from a proud family of shearers and wool handlers. Janelle is honoured to be part of the WA shearing and wool handling team, representing her state at the Nationals.

Kelly Moir

Kelly lives in Kalgarin with her partner, Aaron and three kids. She works with the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development as a sheep technical officer for the replacement/commercial flocks and provides assistance in research projects including the Yardstick Merino Sire Evaluation program and Genetic Resource Flock at Katanning Research Station. Kelly has been competing since 2004 and has represented WA on numerous occasions.

Lee Gray

Lee lives in Darkan. She works for T&C contracting. Lee has four children and two grandies. She says she was born and bred in the shearing shed. Competing in wool handling competitions is Lee's passion. This will be her second time representing WA at the Nationals.

Senior Wool Handling

Emma Tombleson

Emma has been working in the sheds for six years. She started off in Tasmania and has been travelling around since, working everywhere. Emma started entering the competitions for an interest as she didn't really want to work on weekends. Emma is excited and reckons it's pretty cool to be on the WA team.

Mikayla Reihana

Mikayla grew up in a small town in the Pilbara called Newman. Mikayla found a passion for wool handling at the age of 18 and has worked across New Zealand and WA. Mikayla is a proud mum to Novak and enjoys sharing her passion for wool with others. Mikayla was an AWI ambassador for 2024-2025 and is proud to be representing WA for the second time.

Novice Wool Handling

Matilda King

Matilda feels incredibly lucky to have the opportunity to be selected for the 2025 WA team. She comes from the small wool growing region of Darkan and has been fortunate enough to work in the sheds for Sarah and Mark Buscumb (Crackers Contracting) who have made this journey possible. Matilda is a Year 12 student at West Australian College of Agriculture, Denmark.

Annabelle Buscumb

Annabelle is 12 years old and comes from Quindanning, WA. She began competing in competitions in 2024, making the finals in all shows except two. Annabelle became interested in competing when she was listening to other older teenagers being mentored on competing tips and tricks. She is always keen to have a practice in the sheds and is competitive in the competitions.

Team Manager

Len Simmons

Len is 76 years old and the President of the WA Competition Shearing Association. He has been involved with competitive shearing for 25 years and has been a member of the WA team at least 10 times, as either a judge or team manager. He went with the Australian team to New Zealand in 2011 as team manager and was team manager back in Australia the following year.

Shearing Judges

Wes Baker

Originally from SA, Wes moved to Corrigin, WA in 1961. His father was a champion shearer in both SA and WA competitions. He taught Wes how to shear with Wes shearing around most of the state. Wes ran his Corrigin team for about 10 years and then bought a farm west of Corrigin in 1977. Wes and his wife sold their farm in 2016 and are now enjoying retirement in Busselton. Wes has been involved with competition shearing since 2000, has judged at the Australian championships, and has also been a WA team manager.

Greg Drew

Greg has been in the shearing industry since 1982 and has competed in competition shearing all over Australia and North America since 1989. Greg has judged in four Nationals; being Bendigo 2017, Perth 2018, Bendigo 2022, Jamestown 2023, and been the team manager at Bendigo in 2023. Greg represented Australia at the Golden Shears in 2019 and 2023 as a shearing judge. Greg has organised and run two local shearing competitions for 10 years, ran a successful shearing contract run for 10 years, been a Lister representative and has done many shearing demonstrations at National Field Days.

Wool Handling Judges

Owen Snook

Owen comes from a farming background and has been working in the wool industry for some 60 years. He has been attending shearing and wool handling competitions for the last 10 to 15 years, which has included the 2018 Nationals at the Perth Royal Show. He has also represented WA as wool handling judge at Bendigo and Jamestown, and again in WA at Katanning in 2024. Owen is still training students and lecturing in Wool Clip for TAFE WA.

Wayne Laird

Wayne worked in the sheds for 26 years, before changing direction and started working at the WA College of Agriculture, Cunderdin. He recently decided to retire and is used to the idea and enjoying retirement. Wayne has been involved with competition.

TEAM PROFILES

TASMANIA

Open Shearing

Sam Byers

25 years old from Ross Tas, a third-generation shearer. Been shearing full time for 6 years, my goal is to hopefully make the Australian team one day.

Jack Byers

I am a shearer and shearing contractor. I've been in the industry since I was 16, happy to make the Tasmanian team with my brother Sam Byers and my partner Tiff Collins.

Max Lodge

Senior Shearing

Jake Noble

Jackson Jones

I am from Bothwell Tasmania. I have been shearing for ten years and my mentor is James Spencer.

Intermediate Shearing

Tom Pitchford

Sym Hood

Novice shearing

Tom Jacobson

Ellen McIntosh

I am 30 years old and got into shearing because I love to travel. I have been shearing for almost two years now. I started going to shows to watch the other shearers and see where I can improve. The most influential people on my shearing have been Neno Savich, Ben Barrett & Sam Byers, all have taken the time to help and support me & am grateful for people like them in the industry.

Open Wool Handling

Victoria Lang

Petrisse Leckie

I am from North East Tassie and have been in the industry for 15 years. I am fortunate enough to have represented both NSW in Senior Wool Handling and Tas in Open Wool Handling. I have also been the Wool Handling Manager and a Wool Judge at the National Comp. My biggest achievement is being in a position where I'm able to pass on my passion for the wool industry and encourage and help guide newcomers.

Tiffany Collins

I am from Bothwell Tasmania I'm a wool classer and have been in the sheds for 9 years. Best achievement to date is making the Australian team. My mentors are the ladies and men I compete with every show.

Senior Wool Handling

Erin Lawler

I am located in the Central Highlands of Tasmania and have been in the industry for 3 or 4 years now. I love being able to do what I love every day. This will be my second time representing Tasmania. My biggest achievement is qualifying top spot in both years.

Cally Spangler

I became a wool handler in 2020. Competed in my first sport shear at the end of 2023 and obtained my wool classing stencil shortly afterwards.

Novice Wool Handling

Georgina Viney

I am from Liffey Tasmania and I started working in the industry in 2021. I started competing in Sports Shear shows in 2024 and my biggest achievement is winning the Novice State Final this year and making the Tasmanian Team. My mentors are my mum Carroll Viney and Tiff Collins.

Brianna Ross

I grew up learning and working in the shearing industry alongside my dad. I only started competing more in the last 2 years. My greatest achievement is becoming a mum to my two beautiful boys and making the SSTAS team for nationals in Novice Wool this year. I look up to all wool handlers higher up as mentors.

Team Managers

Scott Jones

Jess Whatley

I live in Western Creek Tasmania with Scott Jones & our 3 children. We own a beef & sheep farm & I also work as a Wool Classer, hoof care practitioner and season work raising calves at a local dairy. I am passionate about all things agricultural and the wool industry. We run two shearing & wool handling comps in Northern Tassie and are always happy to help at other comps. My most recent achievement is winning the Oatlands Show in the open wool handling event, and I have represented Tassie in the state team as an open wool handler many times. Attending and competing in the Golden Shears in New Zealand would be one of my favourite achievements so far. I am proud to be managing the Tassie State Wool team this year and look forward to our competitors giving their best shot at their respective division. Go Tassie!

Shearing Judges

Poppy Bryant

James Spencer

Wool Handling Judges

Evelyn Archer

I have worked in the wool industry for over 30 years and I am the TasTAFE Wool Classing Educator. I have previously represented Tasmania as a wool handling competitor and a wool handling judge. I was the Australian Wool Handling Judge in 2011 & after a break from the National Competitions was keen to return to judge at Katanning in 2024 and now again at Jamestown 2025.

Ashlee McConnon

I'm 23 from Tasmania. I have been wool handling for 5 years. My greatest achievement in the industry is being awarded the highest quality points in wool handling heats award whilst at the Golden Shears 2025 in New Zealand.

TEAM PROFILES

QUEENSLAND

Open Shearing

James Douglas

Been shearing for 17 years with my highest tally being 386. Biggest inspiration is my father Andrew Douglas. And my ultimate shearing team would be Andrew Douglas, Jacob Douglas and Tim Johnson.

Karl Goodman

Been in the industry for many years, originally from Charleville. Has represented QLD on numerous occasions.

Senior Shearing

Robbie McDonald

Started shearing at the age of 15, following in the footsteps of both my father and uncle, who are now retired shearers. I attended my first shearing school in Warwick and quickly developed a passion for the shearing and wool industry. Over the years, I've competed in shearing shows across New South Wales and Queensland, gaining valuable experience and building strong connections within the industry.

Grace Schoff

I've been actively involved in establishing the Tara Sports Shear committee, working alongside a great group of people who share a commitment to promoting the sport. Together, we've successfully organised two shearing shows in Tara, held in 2024 and 2025, helping to promote our town and show the skills and hard work of shearers and wool handlers from across the region.

Intermediate Shearing

Bill Hindmarsh

Been shearing for 7 years. Biggest tally to date is 300. Favourite shed is K Park Coolah. Biggest inspiration Peter Hindmarsh. My Ultimate shearing crew would be James Douglas, Jezza Jessep and Danny White.

Karl Schoff

Choppo is a cheeky young fella from Chinchilla who started shearing 3 years ago. He has competed at sports shears from the very start and a huge highlight was winning the '23 novice grade at the nationals in Jamestown. He hit the 200 milestone in WA last year and is a wonderful young up and coming shearer.

Novice shearing

Jack Hewitt

Jack Hewitt, 16, is a fourth-generation shearer carrying on a proud family tradition. Deciding to leave school after Grade 10, he chose to follow his passion straight into the sheds, now working full-time alongside his uncle Craig Harman as he builds his future in the industry. Inspired and mentored by his grandfather, Robert Harman, Jack was taught the skills and discipline of shearing from an early age. His Pop's guidance and encouragement have been the driving force behind his passion in the shearing industry. At just 14, Jack stepped into the world of shearing competitions. That persistence paid off when he claimed his first victory at the Uralla Show Sports Shear in NSW. Jack is determined to continue developing his skills and make his own mark in the shearing industry.

Rhys Frauenfelder

Been in the industry for 1 year with highest tally being 130. Biggest inspiration is my mother Myra-Lyn. And my ultimate shearing team would be Robbie McDonald, Jarred Jessep and Karl Goodman.

Open Wool Handling

Alexander Schoff

Slim is from Chinchilla and has worked and competed all over Australia in his 8 years of wool handling. He became an Australian Champion in 2023 at the Jamestown Nationals and backed it up last year at Katanning. He works hard and takes immense pride in everything he does.

Michelle Schoff

Michelle has represented QLD on many occasions either competing or judging in the wool handling. She has been involved in Sport Shears from the beginning in the late 1990's, represented QLD for the first time in 2001 at Glen Innes as a wool handler. Then raising a family on an outback sheep property for a few years became a priority. In more recent years Michelle has returned representing QLD competing, judging and supporting her family at competitions.

Senior Wool Handling

Rebecca McGuire

From Miles QLD. With a career in the wool handling industry that began in 2005, I spent ten years honing my skills in the shearing sheds, primarily around the New England and Warwick regions, working with fine wool. During this time, I developed expertise in wool handling and learned the art of shearing. A highlight of my journey was winning the novice shearing title at Goondiwindi in 2011. Following this achievement, I competed in novice wool handling at several shows in Dubbo, NSW, where I proudly placed 3rd for three consecutive years. After a nine-year break from the sheds, I returned to competition in 2024 at the Tara Sports Shear, where I took home 2nd place in novice wool handling. In 2025, I advanced to compete in the senior wool handling category, again achieving a 2nd place finish. My extensive experience in wool handling and shearing has given me a deep appreciation for the industry and its significance in agriculture

Novice Wool Handling

Pippa McDonald

At just 15yrs old, Pippa began her wool handling journey in 2024, making her debut at the Barraba Show where she placed an impressive 5th out from 12 competitors. Since then, she has embraced the competition circuit, participating in numerous shows across NSW and Qld. In 2025, Pippa claimed her first major win at the Warwick Show, taking out the top spot in the novice division. Pippa comes from a proud and deeply rooted shearing and wool handling family both sides of the family have long standing connections to the industry, with active shearers and wool handlers still working in the industry today. Known for her strong work ethic and enthusiasm, Pippa is always up lending a hand at shows – whether she's competing or not. With such a strong heritage and passion for the wool industry, Pippa is making her mark.

Shiann Shorten

I've lived in Charleville for almost 13 years; I have recently moved out to Quilpie on a property. In my spare time I like to opal mine. In 2022 I enrolled in the blue light shearing, it was another way to get QCE points to pass year 10. From there I got a certificate and a job and have been in the industry for 1 and a half years. I have also just started a TAFE course to get my wool classing certificate. I've learnt and heard a lot of helpful information and yet to learn a lot more.

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Team Manager

Terry O'Leary

I come from Karara on the Darling Downs. I grew up on a wool producing sheep property and my father was a shearer. I learnt to shear from a young age as shearing was in the blood. I have represented QLD 5 times shearing. Although I have not been in the industry for 20 years I still enjoy shearing my own sheep and giving back to an industry that has given me so much.

Shearing Judges

Robert Harman

Became a shearing judge travelling around to shearing shows with Grandson (Jack Hewitt) and was asked if I'd like to have a go at judging. Been in the industry for 55 years. Favourite shed is Manfred Downs, Julia Creek. Biggest inspiration is my father Len Harman (1963 Australian Champion Shearer). My ultimate shearing crew would be Len Harman, Donny Rolles and Arty Hauraki.

Peter Hindmarsh

From Dalveen, Peter has been in the industry his whole life as a shearer and a grazier.

Wool Handling Judges

Jamie Waterman

I have been in the industry for 30 years and I believe composure is one of the most important skills a wool handler can have. My biggest inspiration is the one and only Moera Hammonds! My ultimate wool handling team would be my daughter Shania, Tiana Hadfield and Alexander Schoff.

Joel Higgins

Hometown is Cunnamulla and I have 20 yrs experience in the industry.

Tanya King



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