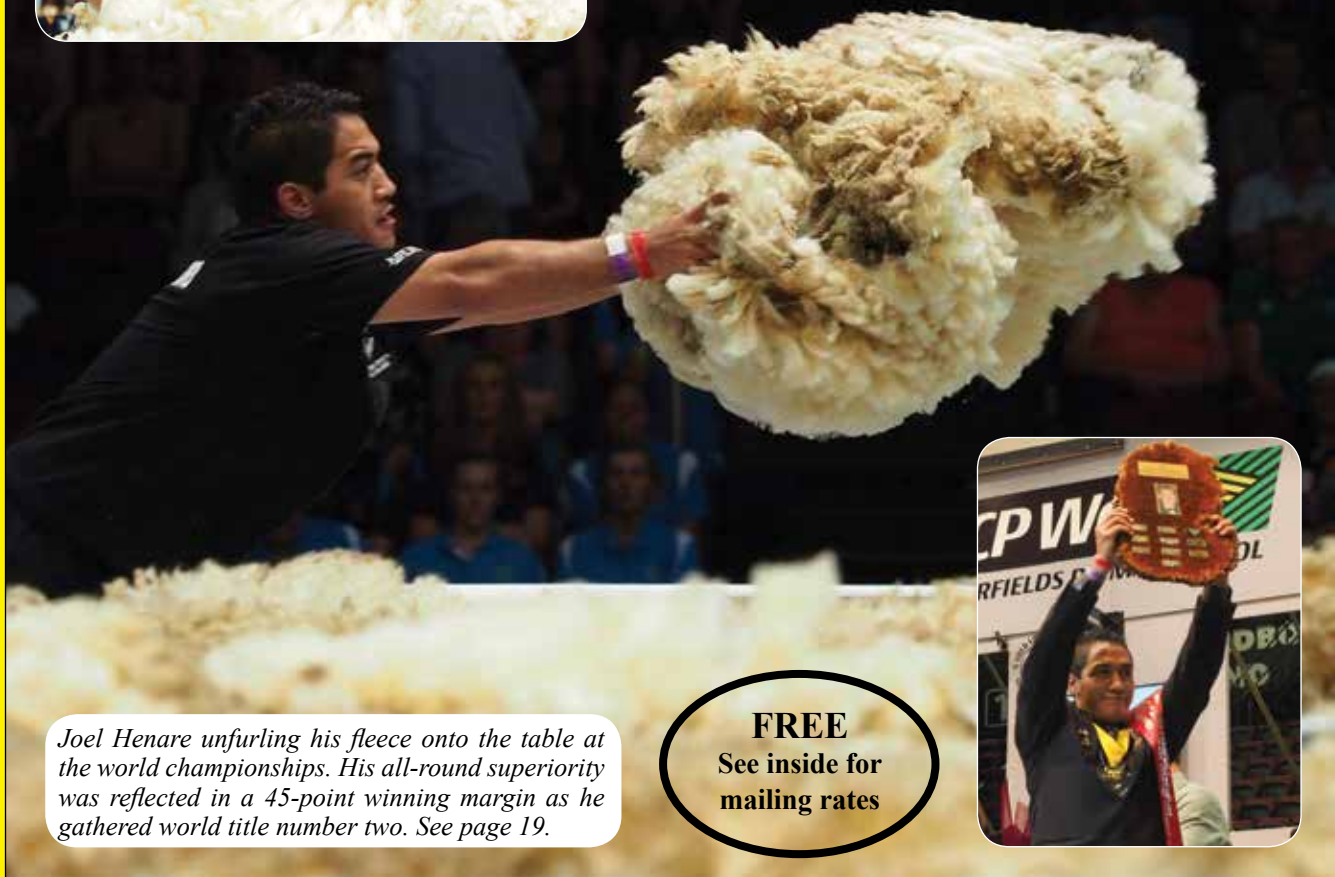


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Joel Henare unfurling his fleece onto the table at the world championships. His all-round superiority was reflected in a 45-point winning margin as he gathered world title number two. See page 19.

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3	Nathan Stratford	New Zealand	63.818
4	Ivan Scott	Ireland	66.530
5	Harrish Mitchell	Scotland	67.688
6	Jack Robinson	Northern Ireland	70.986

2017 All Nations Open Final Event

Rank	Name	Town	Total
1	Rowland Smith	New Zealand	59.629
2	John Kirkpatrick	Napier	61.507
3	Nathan Stratford	Invercargill	62.879
4	Darin Forde	Invercargill	64.090
5	James Fagan	Raglan	64.139
6	Ivan Scott	Ireland	64.627

2017 World Machine Teams Final Event

Rank	Country	Town	Total
1	New Zealand		66.373
2	Scotland		67.083
3	Australia		72.974
4	Northern Ireland		74.183
5	Wales		75.409
6	Ireland		77.273



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Golden Shears Open Shearing Final

John Henson Memorial Trophy for Best Quality points in Final:

Rowland Smith, Hastings 8.75

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1	Rowland Smith	Hastings	77.011
2	John Kirkpatrick	Napier	76.626
3	Nathan Stratford	Invercargill	76.673
4	Tony Coster	Ratika	81.705
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3	Jason Wingfield	Australia	76.071
4	Tony Coster	New Zealand	76.667
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UNDER COVER STORY

Greetings readers and welcome to our April 2017 edition of the magazine. It's probably fair to say this writer is not an avid reader of opinion pieces written by politicians, be they noted or nationally obscure.

But a recent piece by Rodney Hide in the *New Zealand Herald* was hard to ignore. A former National Party MP and later leader of the Act Party, Hide wrote that he had 'fallen for Bill' (English) after seeing him shear a sheep during the world championships at Invercargill.

Our new Prime Minister has been prominent in Government for many years but always preferring to stay in the background in his own laconic, 'aw shucks' style, Rodney commented.

'And then English sheared that sheep. In front of a crowd. On TV. He did it efficiently, effortlessly and fast. There were no bloody nicks. That changed everything. That's a guy we would have a beer with. In that moment English proved himself useful. He can do things. He's a handy man to have about when things need doing.

'... Kiwis who shear sheep, who are handy, and who do things aren't smooth and full of banter. They just get on with the job. Indeed, they are suspicious of those who are smooth and polished.'

All that analysis from shearing one sheep! Well Rodney, many people knew that already. But how nice to hear it from a city politician (albeit one who spent his early years growing up on a small farm in North Canterbury).

Ka kite ano

Des Williams (editor)



Just about to shear, actually. Rt. Hon Bill English and Sir David Fagan follow Tom Wilson onto the world stage for a 'demonstration of Prime Ministerial skills' that impressed a wide audience, including Rodney Hide. (Sir David's ability to half-comb a couple of extra shots on the long blow when it mattered most was pretty impressive, too!)

NZ WOOL CLASSERS ASSOCIATION

Bale weights

Last season there was a very big emphasis on having a maximum weight of 200 kg for wool bales.

It appears the message is not getting through to the people carrying out pressing as there are still large numbers of bales being delivered into wool stores that are over 200 kg. I am led to understand that there has been no decrease in number from the previous season, and with one broker having to handle over 25,000 bales to be repacked.

We have all got to do better this coming season and that not only includes pressers but also farmers, classers, shearing contractors and leading hands. We all can contribute into fixing this problem and cut out the unnecessary time and cost it takes to repack these bales.

While on bale weights – lighter bales (between 100-125 kg) can also cause problems for truck drivers and wool stores. A light bale on a loaded

truck can make the load unstable and a light bale in a stack at the wool store can also cause instability. These bales when compressed in a coring machine can tend to go banana shape and can bend the coring tubes. We can assist both truck drivers and wool store staff by marking these bales on the caps with the wording in large letters ‘**LIGHT**’, thus giving these people the opportunity to place the bales where they are safest.

New Zealand Wool Classers Annual General Meeting & Merit Award Presentations

This is being held at Christchurch on 16 May 2017 at the PGG Wrightson Wool Store on Blenheim Road. In conjunction, a field day is also being held with involvement from wool brokers, wool scours, wool testing and Te Ako Wools. A comprehensive programme is being arranged and further details will be on our web site (www.woolclassers.co.nz) late April



early May. This field day is not only for our members because we also welcome leading shed hands, shearing contractors and farmers to attend.

Additional Field Days

A field day is being held at Gisborne on 27 April (information on our web site) and field days are being investigated for Omakau and Timaru in June. Further information about these two days will be on our web site during May.



Bales stacked up at Ngamatea – every one within the 200kg weight guideline!

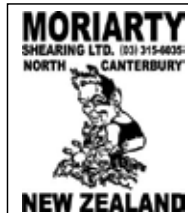


Vivienne Lewis classing the clip at Ngamatea, February 2017



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Getting paid for that holiday?

By Jills Angus Burney

The Minister of Immigration on 23 February 2017 announced new measures to stop employers who breach immigration and employment law from recruiting migrant or other visa based employees. From 1 April 2017, employers that have incurred a penalty for a breach of employment standards will face a set stand-down period preventing them from recruiting migrant labour for six months, one year, 18 months or two years, depending on the severity of the breach.

Immigration New Zealand and the Labour Inspectorate are working through the implementation of these changes. The primary component of this will be a list of non-compliant employers, provided by the Labour Inspectorate to Immigration NZ. The exploitation of workers – such as wrongly paying holiday entitlements, or paying less than the minimum wage or making people work excessive hours – is totally unacceptable and breaches New Zealand law.

The Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment (MBIE) recognises that temporary visa or migrant workers are a particularly vulnerable section of the workforce. While they have the same employment rights as all other workers in New Zealand, they are less likely to be aware of their rights and entitlements than New Zealand workers.

Shearing contractors are no strangers to rules. But when it comes to the law, New Zealand Shearing Contractors' Association (NZSCA) President Jamie McConachie says often the (folk) lore of the shearing industry takes precedence.

'Because we pay by using production-based piece rate wages for the shearers, we like to think we're special, but in fact the rules apply to us, too.'

When in August 2016 Waikato MBIE Labour Inspectors made official visits to seven central North Island shearing contractors, McConachie reports that all but one were 'ill prepared' for these compliance audits.

The audit visits were initiated by a complaint raised about the way a contractor had paid the wages for his staff working on the public holiday of Queen's Birthday in early June 2016. McConachie says a government inquiry into

employment law in 2015 introduced new general obligations after revealing the serious abuse of migrant workers within the horticultural industry. Stronger enforcement resulted in two Hawkes Bay horticultural contractors being jailed, one for ten years, for breaches of immigration law.

The outcome of the government inquiry also saw the introduction from 1 April 2016 of new employment rules including removing 'zero hour' contracts, expansion of parental leave entitlements and increased flexibility, strengthened enforcement standards, tougher standards for breaches and new rules on record keeping and how an employer makes deductions from pay.

In the shearing investigations, last spring six out of seven shearing contractors were issued infringement notices, totalling \$19,000. The infringements were for breaking employment rules, including the widespread lack of the use of employment agreements, inadequate timekeeping records and the improper application of the Holidays Act 2003 where annual holiday pay was incorrectly paid on a 'pay as you go' basis for permanent workers and public holiday pay was incorrectly paid on a 'pay as you go' basis.

Labour Inspectorate regional manager Natalie Gardiner says the employers in this case were fortunate not to be taken to the Employment Relations Authority (ERA), where they could've faced penalties of \$50,000 as an individual, or \$100,000 as a company.

'If these kinds of breaches continue it's likely some shearing companies will find themselves in front of the ERA, where the Labour Inspectorate will not hesitate to pursue penalties and hold those running the company personally liable – both in the courts, and in the media.'

McConachie says the impact of the investigations by MBIE is 'fairly serious'. 'This is the most important employment change to the industry since national awards were removed by government in 1993. It's not so much a law change as properly following payroll rules as employment agreements have been compulsory since the Employment Relations Act 2000 and the Holiday Act is also well established law.'

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'It should have been no surprise for the shearing contractors to be the target of the Inspectorate's attention. Over the past five years MBIE labour inspectors have investigated employment practices in dairy, beef and sheep farming and also in the horticultural and wine industries.'

In early November 2016, the MBIE labour inspectorate provided NZSCA notice that under the Employment Relations Act 2000 and Holidays Act 2003 the majority of payroll methods in the shearing industry were in breach of those Acts.

Following legal advice, the Association swiftly made significant adjustments to the employment agreements to firstly pass the Immigration New Zealand compliance requirements for temporary migrant workers. NZSCA then conducted initial seminars and training for members on the way that employment and holiday regulations apply to the industry. Several payroll organisations associated with the shearing industry have also been briefing their clients on the new application of the payroll rules.

To meet their legal obligations there is a visible change to the way the NZSCA employment agreements are presented to the shearing industry workers:

All shearing contractors are required to present their workers employment agreements;

All shearing contractors must decide the status of their staff (permanent and

fixed term status), as being on a casual agreement is no longer an option for seasonal or long term workers;

All overseas workers on an immigration visa must be guaranteed 30 hours a week, regardless of whether they work or not.

The impact of that ruling has required shearing industry employers to significantly change the way that they pay annual leave and holiday pay:

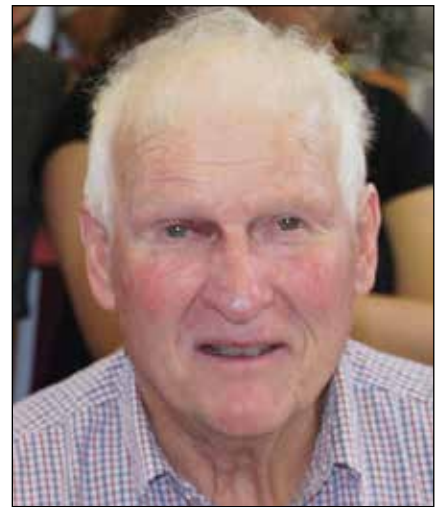
Holiday pay can only be paid in keeping with the law – and separated on the payslip rather than being an inclusive part of the piece rate wages;

Shearing contractors are no longer able to use the Casual (CAE) tax status for their permanent workers, meaning annual holiday pay cannot for most seasonal workers be 'pay as you go';

Public holidays can only be paid when they fall and the 4.25% 'pay as you go' loading is permanently removed from the shearing and hourly rates.

McConachie says that the industry and their advisors have 'stepped up to the mark', with many contractors introducing the changes progressively through main shear.

The Association is holding a half day workshop for members and non-members on these employment and payroll changes at its Queenstown Conference from 1pm on the afternoon of Tuesday 16 May. For more details contact Cheryl at contactus@nzshearing.co.nz.



South Otago farmer Bruce Wilson

(above) was a keen spectator at both the Otago Shears and the world championships during February. A fourth-generation farmer at Glenomaru, (the Wilson family has been in Otago since 1859 and Glenomaru since 1891) Bruce was, along with the likes of Don Moffatt, Dave Copeland, Norm Sanson and Hugh Cameron, an inaugural member of the Otago Shears committee formed in 1962.

Bruce it was who provided the finance for pens and flooring in the Balclutha Hall, which has been the Shears venue since inception. (He eventually got reimbursed by the committee, Bruce is quick to add!)

'It was a small but hard-working committee in those early days, a few of us put it all together for the show and then dismantled it again afterwards.'

The Otago Shears had its origins in the YFC events that were held around Otago and other parts of New Zealand, Bruce recalls. At one such event at Owaka about 1960 or '61 Godfrey Bowen and his wife Mavis had attended as guests and Godfrey did most of the commentary during the day before being entertained to dinner by the organisers.

Bruce admits to getting a lot of pleasure from his involvement with the shearing committee - he can shear a sheep himself but prefers watching others do it. 'I prefer to be the farmer who supplies the sheep to the shearer!'

Bruce also acknowledged the support Otago Shears received in those early days from champions such as George Potae, Murray McSkimming, Snow Quinn and others, whose presence helped establish a major competition.

Bruce is a life-member of the Otago Shears Committee.

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Murray McSkimming obituary

By Des Williams

Murray McSkimming loved telling stories and what this writer loved most about Murray's stories was that they were almost always true.

For instance, he related in a conversation many years ago about the struggles he sometimes had in gaining new sheds to complement the contract run he was developing around Otago and Southland. It was in the late 1950s, before pre-lamb shearing had 'caught on' to the extent it is practised today. Murray hit upon the idea of gaining access to all those sheep at Burwood Station, and went calling on the famous proprietor, race horse owner/trainer and former All Black, WE 'Bill' Hazlett.

'My success as a contractor came through building good relationships between farmers and shearers, so I approached Bill Hazlett at Burwood to see if I could do his shearing. It was a Sunday, the day after a race meeting somewhere. I knocked on the door and heard this voice – "Come in!"

'Bill was lying down, stretched out on a couch, smoking a pipe. I asked him if he was interested in having his sheep shorn by contract. One sentence emanated from the depths of the couch: 'What would you know about shearing sheep, you skinny little @!&*!?"

Murray said he retreated without uttering a word, but then three days later he received a message from the indomitable Hazlett, asking for a meeting at Queenstown so something could be sorted out.

Somewhere during those few days that elapsed between the one-way, Sunday morning conversation and a formal business meeting at Queenstown, Mr Hazlett must have learned about Murray McSkimming what just about everyone else already knew – the skinny little so-and-so knew a great deal about shearing sheep!

That meeting opened the way for a long and enjoyable relationship, though Murray recalled there was one small hiccup that first season at Burwood. He had shearers going on eight stands and all were doing at least 300 a day.

'The local newspaper heard about it and came out to do a story. The figures I gave to the paper added up to 34,000 sheep. "Old Bill" saw the story in the paper and went ape – it seemed there were at least 10,000 sheep on the place the Tax Department had not previously known about!'

McSkimming gangs enjoyed many seasons working at Burwood and Murray came to describe Hazlett as 'hard and rough, very tough but very fair'. Names from the 'Who's who' of New Zealand shearing folklore took their place on the Burwood boards, including Joe Ferguson, Bing Macdonald, Ian Rutherford, Dawson Woodcock, Brian Quinn, Harry Hughes and the Brough brothers, Tom and John.

Mention of John Brough's name brought back a favourite memory for Murray: 'We were shearing lambs one time and John Brough, shearing on stand four, was leaving the wool on the front of the eyes on the last side. Bill demanded that John take it off but John kept on, as before. Bill took John by the ear, screwed it hard and, using some carefully chosen additional words said "Take that wool off the eyes!"

'A couple of days later John was shearing – and taking the wool off the eyes – when old Bill came and stood in front of the catching pen door. John slipped one down the porthole,



Murray McSkimming at his 70th birthday (2001) with family gift – a painting of the man in action during his unofficial world record lamb shearing tally, 1961. (Artist Bill Scott)

went to grab another one but found Bill blocking the way. He said, "Mr Hazlett you have made your million, now get out of the way and let me make mine!"

[John Brough himself reckoned years later Bing Macdonald added that bit to the story a couple of days after the incident, but why ruin a good story, as they say. Murray McSkimming wasn't going to!]

Born at Blackstone Hill in 1931, Murray learned to shear with the blades as a teenager and then when his father Fred started a small shearing run at Clyde, Murray became part of the gang and thus started his life-long career in the shearing industry. Murray eventually took over the run and built it up to one of the largest in New Zealand.

Murray used his own exceptional skill on the handpiece to win New Zealand fine wool championships at Alexandra in 1962 and 1966 and he also shored an unofficial world record 532 lambs at Bob Miller's Riversdale property in 1961, a tally that stood for seven years.

A great Otago rugby man named Charlie Saxton, MBE (1913-2001) advocated three famous 'P's in his sport – Possession, Position and Pace. Murray McSkimming's three 'P's for the wool industry were Preparation, Presentation and Promotion. (Otherwise you end up with three other 'P's – Piss Poor Price!)

Based at Waimate for many years, Murray died peacefully at Timaru Hospital on 18 January 2017, leaving wife Christine, 14 children, 26 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. He was buried at Waimate five days later.

The McSkimming name lives on with the Fred McSkimming Memorial Trophy, symbol of excellence for the multi-breeds national championship [presently sponsored by PGG Wrightson; previously Caltex and DB Draught] involving the Alexandra (fine wool), Waimate (full wool), Christchurch (corriedales), Rangitikei (Marton) (lambs) and Pahiatua (second shear) competitions, with the final at Golden Shears.

(Special thanks to Tom Harding for information supplied.)



Pressing business – Rudy Lewis gang at Ngamatea.



Joe Puna doing the hard yards at Kaikuku.



World class athletes spotted getting in some quiet practice and/or receiving good advice by Cyril Ferguson's property near Orepuki (somewhere near Cosy Nook!) prior to the world championships. Back left: Mayenseke Shweni, Charl Rogers, Isaac Nlongwane, Guillaume Strydom, Bangani Joel, Dwayne Black, Shaun Hamblett and Tommy Caldo. Front left: Jan Rene Juppe, Arsenio Saihueque, Peter Black, Izak Klopper, Elna Kitching, Pablo Barrera and George Mudge.

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France to host next Worlds

By Des Williams

Thirty-two countries registered for the 17th world championships at Invercargill in February – a record. Two of those countries did not arrive in New Zealand. Lesotho's Zingesele Eliot Ntsombo cancelled out because of a death in his immediate family, and the Slovenian pair of Alojz Novak and Andrej Skibin also failed to appear, for reasons unknown to this writer.

So matching that is the challenge now facing France – host nation for the next world championships to be held at the small town of Le Dorat, in the Nouvelle Aquitaine region of western France (370 km south of Paris).

Home town of three past France champions (Jean-Louis Creche 1989, Roland Lachaume 1993 and Christophe Riffaud (2103), Le Dorat will be providing a week of events, starting with a speed shear at Limoges on Monday 1 July 2019 and ending with world championship finals in woolhandling, blade shearing and

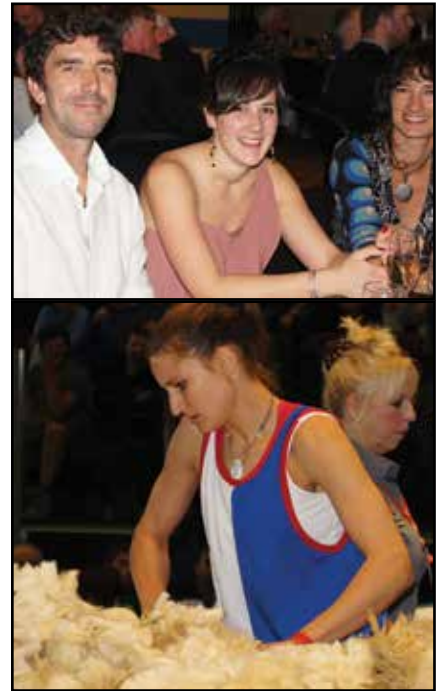


Christophe Riffaud was down to work at Invercargill right after hearing of France's successful bid to host the 2019 world championship. He is the AMTM organising committee chairman.

machine shearing the following Saturday. The world events will (as at Invercargill) be preceded by All-Nations events.

And like the New Zealand Shearing Foundation formed to organise and host the 2017 event, France has similarly formed the *Association pour le Mondial de Tonte de Moutons* (AMTM) under chairmanship of Christophe Riffaud to oversee the planning and implementation of the 18th world championships.

Le Dorat is in the heart of the French livestock farming region and was the venue for a highly successful international competition in 2013 that attracted 150 competitors from all over Europe, with support from 60 sponsors and 140 volunteers and visited by 10,000 spectators over two days. France is also expecting at least 30 nations to attend in 2019.



French team members looking forward to the next world championships. Top: Thimoleon Resneau (shearer), Luci Grancher (woolhandler) and Julie Resneau (manager). Above: Adele Lemercier (woolhandler).



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Shearing:

Open championship (20 s/s sheep): Rowland Smith (Hastings) 54.704 1; John Kirkpatrick (Napier) 55.962 2; David Buick (Pongaroa) 56.665 3; Dion King (Alfredton) 56.829 4; Mark Grainger (Te Kuiti) 57.009 5; Gavin Mutch (Whangamomona) 58.616 6.

New Zealand circuit (15 sheep; 5 merinos, 5 fullwool, 5 lambs): Rowland Smith 74.035 1; Nathan Stratford (Invercargill) 76.112 2; John Kirkpatrick 77.497 3; Jack Fagan (Te Kuiti) 80.125 4; Troy Pyper (Invercargill) 81.375 5; Dig Balme (Te Kuiti) 86.827 6.

North Island Shearer of the Year (20 s/s sheep): Rowland Smith 56.05 1; John Kirkpatrick 57.415 2; Dion King 59.901 3; David Buick 60.248 4; Gavin Mutch 61.301 5; Paerata Abraham (Masterton) 64.611 6.

Open Plate (10 s/s sheep): Nathan Stratford 37.269 1; Aaron Haynes (Feilding) 39.403 2; Troy Pyper 40.841 3; Murray Henderson (Halcombe) 41.978 4; Tama Niania (Gisborne) 42.697 5; James Fagan (Raglan) 44.145 6.

Open Challenger (10 s/s sheep): Turi Edmonds (Raetihi) 39.228 1; Jimmy Samuel (Marton) 40.787 2; Kelvin walker (Taumarunui) 41.732 3; Floyd Neil (Taumarunui) 42.526 4; Delwyn Jones (Te Kuiti) 43.236 5; Jacob Moore (England) 43.772 6.

Senior (12 s/s sheep): Darren Alexander (Whangamomona) 49.829 1; Paraki Puna (Napier) 52.613 2; Conan Te Kene (Taumarunui) 53.558 3; Lionel Taumata (Mataura) 54.439 4; Tegwyn Bradley (Woodville) 54.663 5; Hura Edwards (Taumarunui) 55.757 6.

Intermediate (8 s/s sheep): Sean Gouk (Hamilton) 41.216 1; Mitchell Murray (Amberley) 42.736 2; Laura Bradley (Woodville) 44.202 3; Daniel Seed (Woodville) 44.997 4; Jordan Hart (Blenheim) 45.202 5; Jayden Paul (Taumarunui) 49.397 6.

Junior (5 s/s sheep): Mark Ferguson (Kahunaraki) 33.931 1; Liam Norrie (Cheviot) 36.497 2; Keith Swann (Wairoa) 38.213 3; Steve Hakaraia (Napier) 39.78 4; Reuben Alabaster (Taihape) 40.536 5; Cory Barrowcliffe (Piopio) 43.161 6.

Top left: newcomer in the open woolhandling ranks, Erimiha Neho of Dannevirke, third in the New Zealand open. Opposite: Catherine Mulooly, senior shearing semifinalist. Top right: It definitely helps to be able to see around corners if you want to be a shearing judge. Ken McPherson (Masterton) and Colin Couchman (Te Kuiti) demonstrate the artform. Above, with a name like his he should be shearing left-handed. But this is David Gower, shearer from Whangamomona, not David Gower former cricketing great from England.

Novice (2 s/s sheep): Ariana Hadfield (Wairoa) 33.596 1; Angelo Mantann (Wairoa) 35.837 2; Leam Pritchard (Pongaroa) 36.443 3; Paiaka Muraahi (Piopio) 41.181 4; Levi King (Motu) 49.305 5; Joseph Pounamu (Te Kuiti) 59.691 6.

Woolhandling:

New Zealand open (6 s/s sheep): Joel Henare (Dunedin) 65.2 1; Sheree Alabaster (Taihape) 105.16 2; Eramiha Neho (Dannevirke) 108.82 3; Hanatia Tipene (Te Kuiti) 111.78 4; Jo Tarrant (Mortlake) 5.

Senior (5 s/s sheep): Brittany Tibble (Gisborne) 69.87 1; Angela Stevens (Napier) 73.56 2; Ash Boyce (Dannevirke) 75.84 3; Raniera Whara (Taumarunui) 84.72 4; Jamie McLean (Napier) 95.93 5.

Junior (4 sheep): Ricci Stevens (Napier) 54.84 1; Darryl Harrison (Dannevirke) 72.97 2; Summer Pritchard (Pongaroa) 73.46 3; Bianca Hawea (Masterton) 81.53 4; Jodie Hogg (Te Kuiti) 111.81 5.

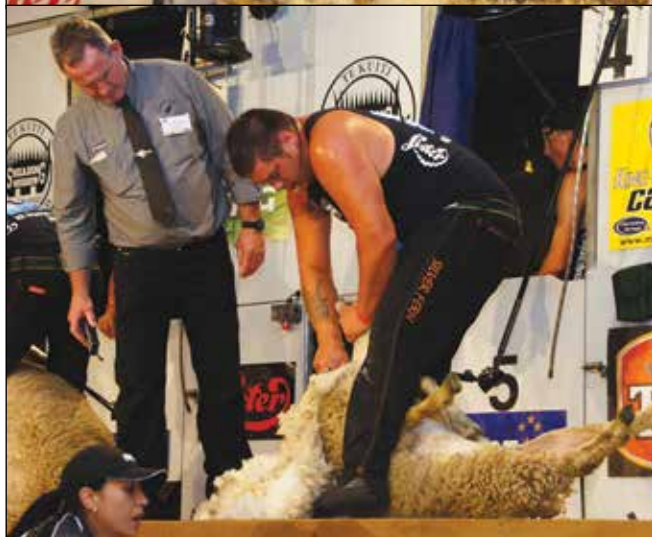
Trans-Tasman challenge (8 sheep; 4 merinos 4 s/s): NZ Shears (Gavin Mutch, David Buick, Conan Te Kene) 190.644 penalties beat Warrnambool Romney Shears (Sam Mackrill, Roger Mifsud, Lee Harris) 218.663.

Inter-Island challenge (6 s/s sheep): North Island (Mark Grainger, John Kirkpatrick, Rowland Smith, Sheree Alabaster, Keryn Herbert, Sue Turner) 229.327 penalties, beat South Island (Andy Mainland, Troy Pyper, Brett Roberts, Joel Henare, Angelique Miller, Monica Potae) 258.224.

Local Contractors relay (10 s/s sheep): Central Shearing (Taumarunui) (Floyd Neil, Hura Edwards, Roger Neil) 44.372 1; Fagan No. 2 (Jack Fagan, Jimmy Haupokia, Delwyn Jones) 47.518 2; CT Shearing (Te Kuiti) (Kelly Brill, Mark Grainger, Sam Murphy) 48.353 3.

Open speedshear: Jack Fagan 20.44 beat Dino Smith 20.82.

Senior speedshear: Conan Te Kene 24.18 beat Hura Edwards 28.32.



Upper left: Dig Balme (sole survivor from the golden age of open finals featuring Fagan/s, MacDonald, Grainger, Avery, Forde, Ball, King, et al ...) in the New Zealand Shears circuit final. He finished sixth in this final which featured another command performance from Rowland Smith. Top: Busy place, uptown Te Kuiti on a Saturday night. Above: The next generation – Open Challenger finalists from left: Jacob Moore, Delwyn Jones, Floyd Neil, Kelvin Walker, Jimmy Samuels, Turi Edmonds and sponsor, Richard Waddell (Lister/Acto Agriculture). Opposite: Judge Kevin McCallum (Golden Shears intermediate champion 1982) keeping close watch on Conan Te Kene of Taumarunui in the New Zealand championships senior final. Conan finished third behind Darren Alexander and Paraki Puna.

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GET THE EDGE, MAKE THE CUT

Time to rethink team selection process?

By Des Williams

The failure of Rowland Smith to make the New Zealand team for the world championships proved to be one of the more contentious topics of conversation during the competition season. Many saw him as the victim of a selection process flawed in its ability to deliver the best two shearers to represent their country at Invercargill.

A qualifying circuit of shows, shearers gaining qualifying points by making finals and then the top six going into a 'winner and runner up' takes all contest at Christchurch. By most pundits' reckoning the circuit delivered up three outstanding contenders – Rowland Smith, John Kirkpatrick and Nathan Stratford. That two of those three would represent New Zealand drew no argument, though most would have picked Rowland Smith first and been happy with either of the other two as his team mate. Had that happened the circuit system would have been hailed as an outstanding success.

But anything can happen on the day. And on the day, at Christchurch, Smith didn't quite measure up, having to settle for third placing. And so the defending champion from Gorey 2014 was unable to defend his title. If you go back to 1980 you'll find the 1977 world champion, Roger Cox was also denied the chance to defend his title. The slight difference was that back then, Roger thought he should have the automatic right to defend his title. In fact he had to win either the Caltex National championship or be top qualifier in the Golden Shears open to earn a place in the New Zealand team that year, and could not manage either. (Though he did go on to win the Golden Shears open that year.)

For Shearing Sports New Zealand, using specific events as the means of selecting teams has become a little-questioned tradition. Those events have usually been the NZ Merino Shears at Alexandra, Golden Shears open and the multi-breeds national at Masterton and the New Zealand championships at Te Kuiti. (There may have been others.)

By and large, the system has worked okay, especially

during the David Fagan era when he was inevitably one of the team members. But not fool-proof by any means. For example, Fagan won representation through that system to the 2005 world championships at Toowoomba, where the requirement was to shear merino and half-breed wool.

But if you'd scoured the country that year to find New Zealand's best fine wool and half breed shearers, David Fagan (with all due respect) might not have been among them. Instead you might have looked to the finalists at Alexandra.

Which leads to the only other possible option for selecting national teams – have a team of selectors! 'Three wise men' as they are known in rugby. Using that 2005 example, would three wise men have looked at NZ Merino Shears finalists around that period and found the likes of Barry Taylor, Tony Coster, Grant Smith, Nathan Stratford, Mana Te Whata, John Emslie, Ken Fergusson, Joe Paewai, James Fagan, Jason Win, Dion Morrell, and chosen a team of two from that list? (And noting that Grant Smith was in fact the other team member that year.). By process of elimination you might get your list down to three or four, and then the hard work begins. But you get the picture.

So for the next world championships in France: would your team of selectors start by looking for shearers that have previously shorn sheep in France, or maybe competed with distinction at the French National Championships, or shorn similar breeds to those on offer in 2019 – start applying the 'horses for courses' approach.

Would such an approach ensure the 'next Rowland Smith' doesn't miss out on going to the world championship while right at the top of his form and with a past track record of success to rely on?

Not necessarily! But it would offer some comfort to those who think the present system is flawed. This suggestion also invites an even more difficult question – where would the three (or one, or two, however many) wise men come from? The writer has some suggestions, but that's another story!



For 25 years or more teams representing Shearing Sports New Zealand at international competitions have been selected on a 'choose themselves' basis, by winning nominated competitions such as Golden Shears, New Zealand championships, the national multi-breeds circuit or by one-off finals following an elimination circuit. Is this still the best way? Discussion around the traps this season raised some doubts.

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Arthur Rundle obituary

By *Bernie Walker*

The world-wide competition shearing fraternity was greatly saddened by the passing on 2 December 2016 of the secretary/treasurer of Golden Shears World Council, Arthur George Rundle. Arthur had taken on this role after the death of Wesley Wilton in 2003.

Arthur was born in December 1942 at Kelly Bray in Cornwall, a welcome brother for his two year old sister Margaret. His parents owned and ran the local butchers and grocery shops in the village, and also farmed at Windsor, Cornwall. His primary schooling was at Callington, before he became a boarder at West Buckland School near Barnstaple in North Devon. Here he discovered rugby which became one of his lifelong passions. He left school aged 17 and returned to Kelly Bray to work in the family business and play rugby for Liskeard-Looe.

He became a member of Callington Young Farmers and began his involvement with the Royal Bath and West show which, as the British home of Golden Shears, led to a life-long association with competition shearing.

When his father died in 1969 Arthur continued to run the family farm and butchers shop. He was also a founder member of the Lions Club in Callington. After he sold the businesses he continued as an active member of his agricultural interests and organisations.

He enjoyed many trips to Spain, and travelled to Scotland, Australia, Norway, Wales, New Zealand and Ireland for world shearing and woolhandling championships.

Arthur became a wonderful carer for his mother May and enjoyed working in and talking to the customers of his sister Margaret's bakery shop. Ten years ago Arthur moved to Meadwell near Lifton.

Arthur was involved at Bath and West for over 40 years, rising to become Wesley Wilton's deputy. They were affectionately known as 'Hinge and Bracket' by competitors and fellow stewards. Arthur succeeded Wesley as chairman and chief steward of the sheep shearing section in 2003 before retiring in 2014. He had joined the Show Council in 2004 and became Vice-President in 2014.

Arthur was also very involved for



Arthur Rundle pictured at the world championships, Toowoomba, 2005.

some years as a representative on the British Isles Shearing Competition Association) and in recent years supervised the scoring at a number of shows in the south-west of England.

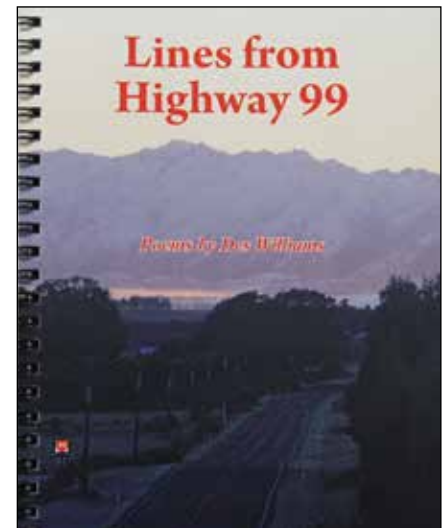
Arthur was absolutely meticulous in his role as Secretary of World Council. He always had his meeting paperwork ready before it was due, and was readily approachable by anyone with a question or a problem. Everyone who knew Arthur would have regarded him as a true gentleman and a good friend who was totally committed, not only to his beloved Bath and West, but also to Golden Shears World Council. It was his diligence, integrity and thoroughness which ensured the continued growth of World Council and the respect it enjoys today.

Lines from Highway 99

Poems by Des Williams

The age of political incorrectness is not completely dead, as many of these poems by Des Williams reveal. This 200-page collection spanning 40 years contains such intriguing titles as *Bring back Buck's Codpiece*, *Flush the David and move on*, *Gender-neutered uniform*, *Our cup got runneth over*, *Only while stocks last*, *The day big Keith was Murdoched*, *Who cares who wins*, *All credit to Fitzy*, *Bad day at the office* and *Wearing my new Chuck Blazer*.

As the book title suggests, many of these verses have a western Southland flavour. This edition also includes *The Ballad of Barry Taylor*, recording 'Munga's' 1998 New Zealand Fine Wool shearing victory at Alexandra.



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Fourth time lucky for JK

By Des Williams

For 15 minutes on an Invercargill Saturday night, it looked like 15 months of scrupulous preparation by the New Zealand Shearing Foundation would end with the title of best machine shearer in the world once again resting on the head of a Scotsman.

Described as the largest crowd ever to watch 'live' a shearing event, many of the 4300 people at Invercargill's ILT Stadium Southland were perhaps hoping for Nathan Stratford to come up trumps as a home-town world champion. But many also wished, both secretly and openly, that Napier's John Kirkpatrick would find himself fourth-time lucky and finally add the one missing laurel to his impressive collection.

Standing in the way of these New Zealand aspirations were Irishmen from the North (Jack Robinson) and South (Ivan Scott) and two from Scotland - 2012 world champion Gavin Mutch and 2008/2014 finalist, Hamish Mitchell.

The luck of the draw had Kirkpatrick and Stratford side by side on stands one and two; Robinson and Scott occupying the middle with Mutch and Mitchell paired on stands five and six. Their task, to each shear six full wool ewes, eight second shear ewes and 6 lambs.

Mutch it was who jumped into the early lead by dropping his first out in 45 seconds and he continued to dominate the pace through until sheep 12, where he lost a little momentum when his sheep kicked and wriggled on him. That allowed Mitchell to gather in a few blows and by the time they went for the first of their lambs (sheep 15) Mitchell was a handpiece change ahead of his countryman and Kirkpatrick next in contention but half a sheep off the pace.

If there was anything perceptibly different between the three leaders at this stage it seemed that Mutch and Mitchell were throwing that steel over the tail and up the undermine (second cuts country) with gay abandon on each animal while Kirkpatrick was taking slightly more care - 20 seconds down on the clock is pretty easily made up out the back when those judges come to assess the quality of the finished job.

And even from 30 rows back (but aided by the camera zoom lens), it seemed to this impartial Kiwi observer (yeah right!) that the lambs disappearing down chutes five and six were a little hairier than those going out one and two. The two Irishmen, meantime were clearly too far behind on the clock to make up anything out the back.

Mitchell buttoned off in 16.50 with Mutch just six seconds behind him. Kirkpatrick (hurry Johnny, hurry!) got there in 17.22. Past history at this point indicated that Mitchell, nearly a point higher on the board, would also be too high out the back to be in contention. That left Mutch and Kirkpatrick (and 4300 spectators) to agonise over who would be first and who would be second. With only a couple of strokes between them on the board, it would all come down to best job out the back.

With the clock close to midnight, announcement of the open championship results provided the perfect ending for New Zealand with 'Johnny' Kirkpatrick receiving the silver salver, 1.353 penalty points fewer than Mutch the 2012 champion. Stratford came in a deserved third after losing some flow on his lambs; Ivan Scott (desperately unlucky to miss the final at Gorey in 2014) probably went home happy with fourth, while Mitchell's speed advantage was enough to counter Robinson's quality to earn him fifth spot.

Blade shearing

What the blade exponents lack in dramatic speed beside the machine shearers they all but make up with the mystery and intrigue of what's unfolding before each snip of the blades. South Africa and Lesotho between them have accounted for the last nine world champions, dating back to Zingesele Elliot Ntsombo at Masterton in 1996. In fact Ntsombo and Zweliwile Elias Hans shared the honours until Mayenseke Shweni broke the mould at Gorey in 2014.

And Shweni it was who entered the 2017 open final as the hottest of favourites though for those who allowed sentiment to rule their judgment, Tony Dobbs of New Zealand was being asked to turn back the clock and repeat his 1988 title-winning success. (To page 19)

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Shweni laid his 'catch-me-if-you-can' cards on the table during the All-Nations blades final, leaving Dobbs 12 points in his wake by gaining a few points on each of the time, board and outside pen scales. Another light shone brightly for New Zealand in this event however, with New Zealand's Phil Oldfield putting five points between himself and the other South African contender, Bongani Joel.

And so those placings played out exactly in the world final, though this time Shweni had just 1.8 penalty points margin to spare over the fast finishing Dobbs, who produced an astonishing score of 12.5 out the back, compared to Shweni's 17.667. Oldfield again headed Joel for pace and produced a tidy job to retain his third ranking. Two Australians completed the six, with Ken French gaining sufficient time advantage to leave compatriot John Dalla in sixth place.

Woolhandling:

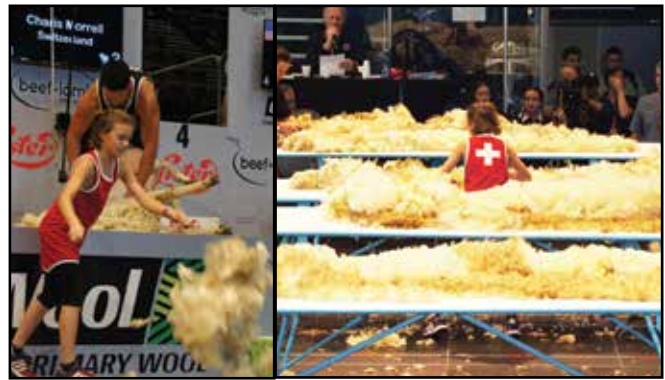
Even after the best part of 30 years watching international and top level woolhandling there is, in this writer's humble opinion, only one clear indicator for the audience observer about who might be 'doing the business', as they say.

With shearing you can sometimes see that tuft of wool left on the rump or on the neck as the sheep disappears down the porthole. Or you can wonder, when that sheep starts kicking, whether the shearer might have nicked off a second cut or two while trying to bring it under control. Sometimes you can even see the judge push the little button on the electronic gizmo and know he or she has found something to penalise. And if you then look up at the screen you might see the second cut column increase by a couple of strokes, sometimes more.

With woolhandling, it never seems so clear though you know when there's part of a fleece overhanging the table the judge is going to calculate its size in sheets of A4 paper and apply the appropriate penalty. Occasionally a skirting might get thrown into the belly bin.

Otherwise, you're guessing and there is only one safe indicator for a woolhandler's performance. And it's not a good word, but 'fluidity' is the key.

Who among those finalists is working seamlessly in sync with the shearer, gathering wool, flicking bits here and there



This contender didn't win any prizes but won plenty of hearts for her gutsy performance in the world woolhandling. Eleven-year-old Charis Morrell competing for Switzerland.

into any one of 12 baskets surrounding the skirting table, all of this without hint of hesitation or confusion?

While watching the world championship final therefore, it seemed that one contestant was closer to poetry in motion than the others, and that's no disrespect to the others. But Joel Henare knew what he was doing and what's more, he looked like he knew what he was doing. As the results would later reveal he was 45 points better than team mate Maryanne Baty and well clear of Tina Elers (Cook Islands) and Sophie Huf (Australia). And who would ever have thought they'd one day see a Cook Islander in a world woolhandling final – even if Tina is from that well-performed Matura wool industry whanau.

But he's been there done that before, Joel Henare. World champion at Masterton 2012 and looking to join the late Joanne Kumeroa as the only other dual world champion.

Only two people have asked this editor what they had to do to get on the cover of *Shearing* magazine. The first followed the advice given and duly graced the November 1998 edition. The second was a precocious teenager, at Balclutha about 10 years ago.

'Win something big and important' were his instructions. Well Joel, winning two world championships is big, and winning multiple Golden Shears and New Zealand championships is important. Cover earned, without doubt.

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Teams Woolhandling: New Zealand (Joel Henare and Maryanne Baty) 99.762 1; Australia (Melanie Morris and Sophie Huf) 141.464 2; Cook Islands (Tina Elers and Maiden Elers) 169.750 3.

All Nations Events

Machine shearing open: Rowland Smith (Hastings) 59.629 1; John Kirkpatrick (Napier) 61.507 2; Nathan Stratford (Invercargill) 62.809 3; Darin Forde (Invercargill) 64.050 4; James Fagan (Raglan) 64.189 5; Ivan Scott (Ireland) 64.627 6.

Blade shearing open: Mayenseke Shweni (South Africa) 71.598 1; Tony Dobbs (New Zealand) 83.629 2; Phil Oldfield (New Zealand) 88.196 3; Bangani Joel (South Africa) 93.124 4; Ken French (Australia) 99.051 5; Allen Gemmell (New Zealand) 100.572 6.

Machine shearing senior: Aaron Bell (Marton/Cook Islands) 45.719 1; Linton Palmer (Dipton) 46.378 2; Paraki Puna (Napier) 47.316 3; Nick Greaves (England) 49.365 4; Ricci Stevens (Napier) 53.832 5; Pagan Karauria (Alexandra) 56.124 6.

Machine shearing intermediate: Mitchell Murray (Amberley) 37.865 1; Brandon Maguire-Ratima (Winton) 38.473 2; John James (Wales) 39.283 3; Jonathan Rees (Wales) 41.527 4; Tom Brewer (Australia) 44.186 5; George Olof (England) 44.889 6.

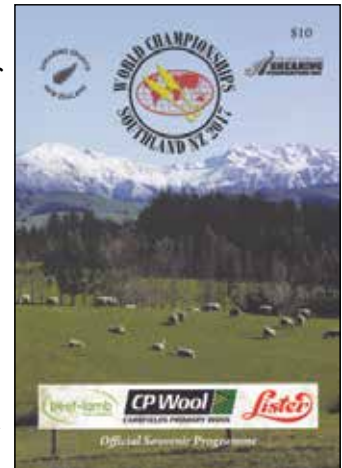
Woolhandling open: Joel Henare (Gisborne) 39.838 1; Pagan Karauria (Alexandra) 45.218 2; Tia Potae (Milton) 46.320 3; Robyn Charlton (Wales) 47.190 4; Angeliq Miller (Southland) 54.354 5; Dallas Mihaere (Alexandra) 58.090 6.

Woolhandling senior: Angela Stevens (Napier) 47.880 1; Ebony Turipa (Gore) 52.370 2; Lashara Anderson (Winton) 58.250 3; Emma-Kate Rabbidge (Wyndham) 60.690 4; Nova Kumeroa-Elers (Mataura) 64.970 5; Krystal Gulliver (Gore) 98.330.

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Top left: World championships venue Stadium Southland ready to roll into action with the All Nations intermediate shearing. Above: Tom Blee ready to press every strand of wool that comes his way. Opposite: Young Seb Stratford leaving no doubt about who he's supporting at his home town venue. Below left: World Blade finalists, Tony Dobbs, Mayenseke Shweni, Phil Oldfield, Bangani Joel, Ken French, John Dalla. Below right: Joel Henare and Maryanne Baty with the teams woolhandling trophy.



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Rheinallt Hughes (Wales) dispensing good advice during the world championships at Invercargill. He competed in the All-Nations blades.

Eddie enjoying the payback years

By Des Williams

Like most people who have made a living with the aid of a handpiece, Eddie Reidy agrees there's truth in that old ditty about shearers going through hell on earth at some stage of their lives.

But such thoughts could not be further from the mind as Eddie sits beneath blue sky and blazing afternoon sun at his Thames Coast home, gazing out over Tikapa Moana. Native bush at his back, gentle little rollers lapping the sand not 50 metres away, the tang of salt sea air in the nostrils and sea birds squawking overhead.

The place named 'Te Tiro' (The View) opposite Te Puru school is aptly described for it inspires enjoying the here and now as well as extending an invitation to look back on a career that contained many highlights.

But what has provided both Eddie and Barbara Reidy with so much enjoyment in their 'retirement years' is the frequency with which people from the past turn up to renew acquaintance and offer thanks for the opportunities they were given when first getting their chance to work in an Eddie Reidy gang.

Like the (now) merchant banker who came to thank Eddie for the work ethic instilled by his time in the sheds - the job where 'you've already done the equivalent of a full day's work before breakfast.' Or the youngster who could have run off the rails onto the wrong side of the law like his brothers, but who instead learned to shear. And who turned up after a 30-year absence to reveal he has been running his own highly successful business in Australia for the past 10 years, using the management methods (including having a learner's stand in each shed) he'd learned from Eddie.

Or even the following generation of legends such as Keith Wilson, who took the time to let Eddie know how much inspiration he had taken from his attitudes and achievements in seeking to do the best, and be the best he possibly could, in his own career: 'People like that just stop and call in to say hello - we regard it as just such a tremendous payback for the time invested in those young people all those years ago,' Eddie and Barbara agree with obvious satisfaction.

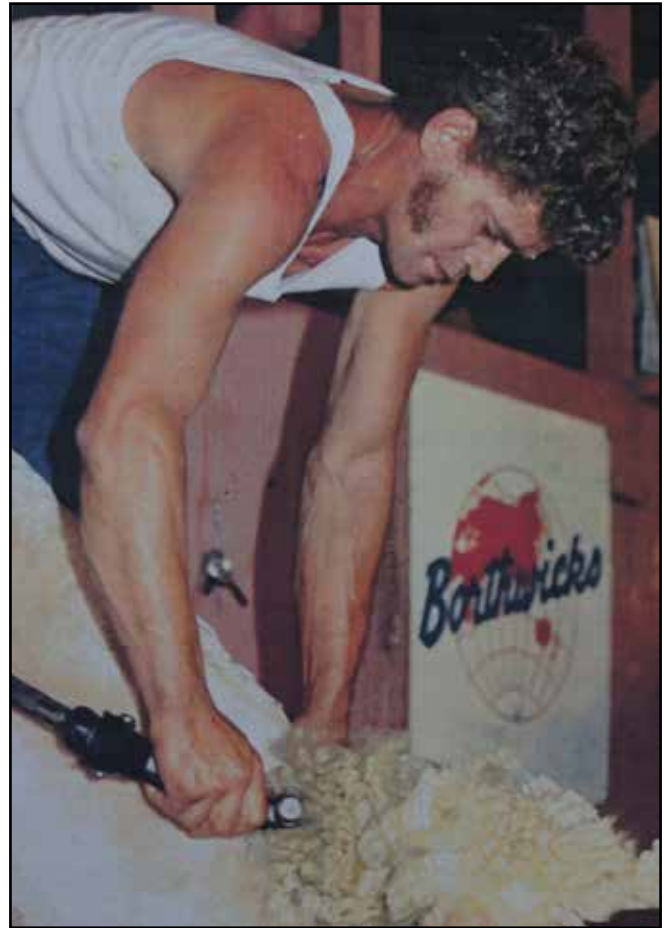
It's 44 years since Eddie enjoyed his great moments on the stage at Golden Shears. He won the invitation lamb shear and the open championship in 1973 (and appeared in four other open finals); won the Caltex National in 1974, the second year of its existence, and made the final again in 1976.

But as much as those events stay in the memory, so too does his record in the fabled Maori-Pakeha event. Teaming with Brian 'Snow' Quinn for the first time in 1965, they finished second. Victory was theirs in 1967, 1968 and 1970.

Then Eddie joined with Kerry Johnstone in 1972 and Dick Bibby in 1973 to make his personal tally five for that event. He still recalls how pleased Dick had been that night to actually win a title at Golden Shears.

In addition to what he learned from Ivan Bowen, Eddie owed quite a lot to a farm water pump for the style and method he developed as a shearer. He was watching the pump pushing out a big load of water and noted the lightning speed with which the arm 'returned' to push forward again.

'So I would fill the comb at the start of the blow, push through to the end and then draw the hand back at speed



Eddie Reidy at Golden Shears – champion of the last side.

before filling and pushing forward again. While the forward stroke itself looked slow, the return blow more than made up for it and that way I was able to keep up with the pace on most occasions. I also noted a lot of shearers had a full comb at the end of their blow, but not so often at the start of the blow.'

Some innovative thinking also worked to Eddie's benefit the night he won the Caltex National. There was an 'unspoken rule' that shearers would do their merinos first, followed by second shear and lambs. (To p25)

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But Eddie was already trailing fine wool gun Don Morrison by seven points going into the final (qualifying points were not zeroed back then) so he arranged to have his lambs and second shear sheep first. By the time he got onto his merinos he was well into his rhythm, had made up the deficit via the crossbreds and went on to take victory by 2.5 points. He recalls the rules were changed the following year, making it mandatory to shear the merinos first!

Even the briefest yarn about Eddie Reidy would not be complete without mentioning how he thought he had beaten Snow Quinn in 1971 (but didn't) and thought he didn't win in 1973 (but did!). The margin of Quinn's victory was 0.1350 of a point (fairly close!) and Eddie had less than half a point to spare over Danny Holland in claiming his purple ribbon.

Adding to the confusion, Eddie recalls, was the fact that his (1971) cheque for second place had Quinn's name entered first, but that was crossed out and Eddie's name entered above it. (But then, as 'Snow' would later comment, his winner's cheque didn't have Eddie Reidy's name on it!)

Against Holland two years later, Eddie knew from past experience he had to gain some time points advantage in order to beat the Pahiatua man. He chased hard all the way through his 20 sheep, only to hear Danny switch off 16 seconds ahead of him. He thought, results-wise, 'that was that.' Surprise, surprise, he had held his quality together well enough to beat Danny when it counted most!

One could add many things to Eddie Reidy's list of songs; the 1977 Golden Shears quarter-final when his board points showed five 'duck-eggs' and three single strokes over eight sheep; his involvement in starting long-running competitions at Red Fox, Mangakino and Kopu; shearing on Great Mercury Island, being involved with record tallies, including the famous 10-stand at Poronui in 1979, and being named as one of the original Master Shearers.

And beneath the summer sun, whether he is gazing out over the Firth or looking back down the years, thinking about many of those achievements and successes might bring a quiet and deserving smile to Eddie's face.

Recalling that distant Saturday night at Masterton in 1973 when he was crowned Golden Shears open champion might do it, too.



Ngongotaha's annual Agrodome Shears on 29 January 2017 provided opportunities for overseas competitors to 'get their eye in' on New Zealand sheep before heading down to Invercargill. Top: Irish team member Stanley Allingham shearing in the open heats (with judge Edwin Perry). Above: Jordan Hart (Blenheim, left) and Pakau Barrett (Taumarunui, right) with Spanish team members, shearers Joseba Ugalde Olabarri and Luis Sorrisol Postigo.



Irishman Mark McGeown celebrated his 'PB' (635 lambs shorn at Robertsons Wairio property on 4 February 2017) with help from his wife Eileen (left) and Irish friends Eileen Coffey (secretary Irish Sheep Shearers' Association), Hazel Morahan and Marie Walsh, while Highway 99 Cafe & Bar proprietor, Murray Dowling (at back) can also claim a fair degree of Irish heritage. McGeown was working for Tuatapere contractor, Barrett Shearing. It was Mark's fourth season of shearing in New Zealand.

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Dave Turner obituary

By Tom Harding and Des Williams

Noted Scotland-based shearing identity and judge Dave Turner died on 17 December 2016 after a lengthy period of illness. He had spent his last year in a care home after suffering a brain haemorrhage in mid-2015. He was 72.

Dave was born at Halifax, Yorkshire in 1944 and received his initial education there. He then worked on farms before going to Askham Bryan Agricultural College at York in 1963-64. From there he went to Ramsden Technical College at Huddersfield, where his desire to become a teacher emerged. After receiving his Full Technical Certificate there he went on to Wolverhampton University to complete his teaching certificate in 1968/69.

In August 1969 Dave moved to Linlithgow, just west of Edinburgh, for a teaching job at Oatridge Agricultural College. He and his wife Jeanne were married two weeks after the move to Oatridge. They had met some years earlier at a Young Farmers dance in Huddersfield (Dave was always immaculately dressed in collar and tie!) and the move to Scotland was to be for four years. The stay at Oatridge extended to more than four decades,



Dave Turner, 1944-2016

during which time Dave progressed to Head Lecturer and Head of Land-Based Studies at the college.

Specialising in livestock, Dave also taught practical shearing to students at the college. By the early 1970s he was an instructor for the British Wool Marketing Board and in 1974 gave a shearing demonstration for HRH Prince Phillip during his visit to the College.

Other passions of Dave's included singing and rugby, where he was apparently well respected by opposing players! He played first grade rugby for Linlithgow for years and his deeper involvement in the world of shearing and competitions started when his rugby playing days finished.

Dave would shear sheep in the evenings and weekends, juggling the extra work around his teaching commitments. He became a highly respected judge in the United Kingdom, judging at most shows, including the Royal Highland (where he also served on the organising committee), as well as Royal Bath & West and Devon County. Dave was one of those judges that everybody knew, even if only by sight. He served two years as chairman of BISCA.

During his term as chairman Dave managed the 2008 UK team to New Zealand for its four-test series and said at the time he had come with the intention of establishing stronger links with Shearing Sports New Zealand, and to cement the future of international competition between teams representing the respective national administrations.

Dave had earlier taken delight in seeing Oatridge College [now part of Scotland's Rural College] used as an 'Olympic Village' for the 2003 world shearing and woolhandling championships.

'At previous world championships all the teams, judges and administrators had been accommodated at different locations. My idea in using the College as a central base was to keep everyone together and make the most of opportunities for teams from other countries to meet and have some fun together,' he told *Shearing* magazine during his time in New Zealand. 'I think that worked very well and the world championships were memorable because of it.'

Dave's good friend Wallace Boyd says he will be missed both as a judge and committee member.

'David Turner and I were good friends for many years as we both shared a history and passion for sheep shearing and have shared many great experiences together.

'Dave's expertise and experience helped to provide a good grounding that he has passed on through education and practical knowledge.

'But it is mostly as a great laugh and decent man that he will be missed greatly by all who knew him throughout the world.'

Indeed they will. RIP, Dave Turner.

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The value of competitions

By Gabriela Schmidt-Morrell

Some of us just like to compete, we want to be the best, we want to improve, we want to measure ourselves against our mates, we want some action. Some of us live a happy life without it. At this years World Champs we saw a whole industry involved in an international event, the Olympics of shearing and woolhandling really.

Competitions bring us together as an industry. It sets and lifts the standard for the sheds. It develops skills. It creates connection between participants and between different areas of the country or even the world. It breaks the routine of daily life. It creates communication and fun. It gets people out of their comfort zone.

As a competitor reading this: Do you encourage your work mates to give it a go? Are you helping them to get started? Are you including new competitors to your group of mates?

As a non competitor: Are you involved in the organising of your local event? Do you put your hand up and say, yes, I will help with the setting up? The canteen? The clean-up? Being the second? The wool handler for the shearers or the shearer for the wool handler?

To be involved in some way gives everybody a buzz, it may be a long day, but there is so much fun to be had. No matter what your involvement is: just be part of it. It will give you a sense of belonging.

The world champs this year showcased just that. Everybody working or competing or both were talking and joking and working together. Our industry was in every newspaper and on every radio and TV station. What a fantastic advertisement for wool and sheep.

Thirty countries were here, learning about New Zealand, loving it, wanting to come again, to improve on their skill, to travel, to work.

There was a dinner for all country teams with beautiful

local kai, creating a platform for all of us sharing the same passion to come together and have a meal and a chat.

During dinner entertainment some of our international visitors commented they would have liked to see more of our culture and diversity displayed, especially considering around 80% of the shearing industry are of Maori descent and about 50% are female.

However, the event was extraordinary, and very professionally organised. Hopefully we all create similar buzzes for our smaller local shows throughout the country.



International competitors at Spylaw, receiving some pre-world champs tuition from Dion Morrell. People in the photo include Paul Astin and Simon Lenord behind the pens. From right to left standing: Rhett Parry, Luc Peters, James Russell, Blake O'keefe, Steve Russell, Ben Price. Sitting is Nathan Haynes. Obsured Stu Gavin, Franky Atkinson, Bryce Drew, Dan Wilkie and Matt Cumming.

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More world records

By Doug Laing and Des Williams

It's been another busy season on the world shearing records calendar, with three successful attempts involving single stand ewes, three-stand lambs and three-stand ewes.

Single stand, eight-hour ewe tally

Leon Samuels of Invercargill made all his supporters and organisers wait until a couple of minutes to 5pm before achieving his target in the single stand, eight hour, strong wool ewes category at Argyle Station on 20 February.

Chasing Stacey Te Huia's 603 from 2010, Samuels finished his trying day with 605. Needing to average 151 a run, Samuels was two down at breakfast (149) but all square at lunch with what proved to be his best effort for the day, 153. Then the afternoon runs produced 151 and 152 and Leon, whose plans to do the tally 12 months earlier had to be postponed, had his name in the record books for the second time. In 2013 he was part of the four-stand team at Centre Hill (with John Kirkpatrick, Eru Weeds and James Mack) who together shored 2556 lambs in eight hours.

Event organiser Brendon Potae said it would have been preferable to have gone for the tally a week or so earlier, with the wool weight of 3.3kg well above the minimum (3kg) required by world record rules. With the world championships at Invercargill dominating the shearing scene earlier in February it had not been possible to go earlier without a clash of dates.

'Leon has achieved the goal he set for himself two years ago but he might be thinking another 10 or 15 could have been possible in more favourable conditions.

Three-stand, eight-hour ewe tally

Shearing at Waitara Station, northwest of Napier, on 17 January 2017, Luke Mullins from Te Awamutu, Eru Weeds from Roxburgh, and James Mack from Weber shored 1611 strongwool ewes in eight-hours, adding 264 sheep to the previous best tally (1347), established 13 months earlier by Shelford Wilcox (Gisborne), Errol Chrystal from Napier and Kalin Chrystal, also from Napier.

While it might have been regarded as one of the most 'gettable' of all the World Sheep Shearing Records Society

categories, the combination of the heat and pumice in the longer wool were expected to severely challenge the trio who had had limited experience in the conditions.

But, while coarse and dusty pumice meant cutter changes were needed about every 10 minutes – far more frequently than in most other conditions and probably costing at least another 20 sheep in time, the challengers overcame the odds and were on top from the time the first of the four two-hour runs started at 6am.

Their 358 in the first put them 40 up, and with 804 out by the early lunch at 10.30am, the wishful target of 1600 was clearly on. In the end 35-year-old Mullins topped the individual tallies with runs of 138, 139, 139, and 138 for a total of 554, more than 70 better than his previous best in eight hours.

He later told of 'seeing the devil' as the stamina started to cave in the last hour, with the record in the bag, but responded to the urging of Rowland Smith in his 'corner' to show everyone what he was made of.

Eru Weeds (aged 38) shored runs of 134, 133, 136, and 136 for a total of 539, and Mack (43) shored 518, having at one stage the misfortune to break one of the eight combs he had prepared for the event.

Judging convenor Peter Black, Hastings-born but having lived in West Australia for many years, said the quality was well within required standards.

While it was the first such experience for Mullins, who had dreamed of doing a record since the age of 15, it was the second record for Weeds and Mack, who helped set a four-stand lamb shearing record in Southland in 2013.

The temperature hit just under 30 in the woolshed at over 550m altitude, where it was the third record set using the ewes of farmer and property owner Lloyd Holloway.

Three-stand, eight-hour lamb tally

Two Welshmen became the first from their country break a world shearing record in New Zealand. Te Kuiti-based Delwyn Jones and Matthew Evans, who arrived in New Zealand the previous month to prepare for the record bid, joined Ryan Miller from Gore, in breaking the three-stand eight hours record for strong wool lambs.

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Luke Mullins at Waitara Station, heading into unknown territory with 554 ewes under world record conditions in eight hours, part of a new three-stand tally of 1611.

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Shearing at Mangapehi, off State Highway 30 between Te Kuiti and Benneydale, they shore 1825, adding 41 to the record, previously set at 1784 18 years ago by King Country shearers Dig Balme, Roger Neil and Dean Ball.

The record bid of four two-hour runs began at 7am and ended at 5pm, with all three achieving the milestone of 600 lambs, despite five lambs being rejected by the World Sheep Shearing Records Society judges during the day.

Evans, from Swansea, topped the tallies with runs of 156, 154, 151 and 153 for a total of 614. Miller had runs of 157, 152, 149 and 151 for a total of 609 and Jones, from Corwen, shore 602 with runs of 150, 151, 150 and 151.

Needing an average of just over 446 a run, the trio had the record bid under control from an early stage and needed just 415 in the final run starting at 3pm. The only other Northern Hemisphere shearer to have broken a shearing record in New Zealand is Ivan Scott, from Ireland.

Two-stand eight-hour ewe tally

Shearing at Te Hape Station near Benneydale on 10 January 2017, Cole L'Huillier of Te Akau and Kelvin Walker of Taumarunui on 10 January 2017 shore 1068 to beat the two-stand, eight-hour strongwool ewes record of 1066 set by brothers Rowland and Doug Smith on 11 January 2011 at Waitara Station. L'Huillier, who in 2013 helped set a five-stand lamb shearing record, shore successive two-hour runs of 134, 133, 135 and 135 for a total of 537, while record-attempt newcomer Walker shore 134, 130, 133 and 134 for a total of 531.

The record bid started with rain falling outside at 7am, but it got finer and warmer as the day stretched into the afternoon. The pair needed a combined 268 in the last run from afternoon smoko, matching the 268s of the first and third runs, and supporters stood in applause as the pair each hit the pens for their last crucial catches moments before the clock struck 5pm.

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The last shear at Neville and Bernadette Leslie's Hillend property, near Balclutha, which was recently sold for future life as a deer farm. Shearers at back, Shannon Warnest, Matt Tumohe and Shane Casserly. At front woolhandlers Jessie Bennett, Stacey Lyall and Amber Casserly.

Northern Ireland – Royal Show now four days

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Unnecessary intervention?

A presser with 25 years experience in the industry has written to *Shearing*, seeking feedback on the health and safety-inspired decision that wool bales are no longer stacked in the woolsheds. Instead they are just stood up on their ends. While the risks involved in lifting 180-200kg bales on top of each other are acknowledged, our correspondent would like to know what others think. A fair call or unnecessary interventionism?

Apology

In our November 2016 edition story entitled 'Casso wasn't there in 1977' we mention (page 6) a 'John Gillespie' among the 1988 blades finalists at Masterton. Of course, we meant John Kennedy. Dave Gillespie was correctly named among the other finalists. Apologies JK. Let the record show ...

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Ray Anderson always did it well

By Bernie Walker

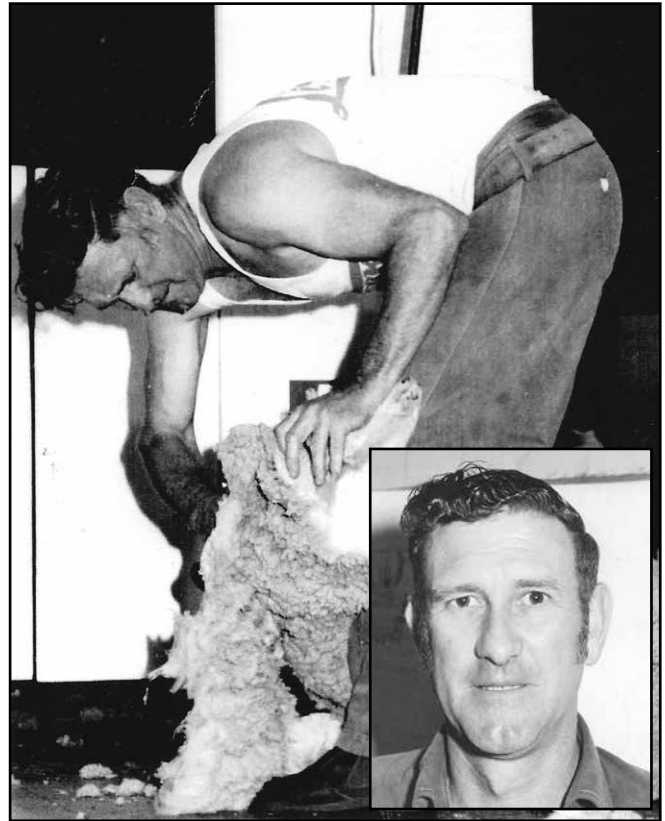
Ned Miller's *Do what you do do well* was not only Ray Anderson's favourite song, it was the maxim by which he lived his life.

Respected as an outstanding shearer, Ray, a quiet and humble man, passed away in the Crookwell District Hospital NSW on 17 November 2016. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Nola, son Wayne and daughters Louise and Kathryn. Aged 80, Ray was the loved Pop (grandfather) of 13 and great-grandfather of 11.

Ray was born at Goulburn NSW in 1936 and was the third in a family of 3 boys and 2 girls. He grew up on a Crookwell property and attended St Mary's primary school and St Patrick's College in Goulburn. His first job was at Crookwell Post Office, aged 15, but it didn't meet his expectations, so at 16 he and brother Max became full time shearers, their brother Ron joining them later. Able to shear a sheep when only 8, Ray achieved a best tally of 297 ewes at 'Bolagamy' Station, Weethalle, NSW.

After Ray and Nola married in 1957, they lived on 'Killarney' Station at Crookwell for 10 years. 'Killarney' woolshed was unique as Ray's grandfather Ned first shored there in 1894, his father Jimmy in 1914, Ray in 1956, son Wayne in 1974, grandsons Shane 2000 and Jason 2003, which led one observer to remark "That shed has seen some bloody good shearers".

Ray's focus on quality shearing led him to over 150 Open



Former Australian champion, Ray Anderson

titles. He competed in every State except WA and in 1980 won 8 consecutive Open events including the Australian Strongwool Championship to gain a place in the Australian Team to New Zealand.

Ray won the 'Jackie Howe' Invitation event at Canberra in 1980, 1986 and 1991. These wins took him to Denver in Colorado, USA, where he was third in 1981, second in 1987 and seventh in 1992.

When Ray 'retired' from shearing he began contracting local sheds he had worked in for 45 years. But some days he was known to shear a few, pen up, shear a few, fire up the BBQ, turn the sausages, shear a few more, then organise smoko. On their camp out sheds Nola joined the team as cook. Ray was a Life Member of the Shearing Competition Federation of Australia. He was, I believe, a better shearer than many realised. He was both tough and determined, very much in the mould of South Australia's Steve Pittaway, but always with outstanding quality workmanship.

Ray loved to spend time with the young family members, teaching them how to fish, safely use a gun, start a fire and cook a meal, or just having a yarn with them. A wonderful family man Ray will be greatly missed by them, the people of Crookwell and his many friends in the shearing world. The following poem appeared on his funeral Order of Service –

*Wrap me up with my combs and cutters
And bury me deep down below
Where the cooks and the rousies won't be at me
Down where all guns and good shearers go.*

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Your local Rural Support Trust – 0800 787 254 (0800 RURAL HELP)

Alcohol Drug Helpline (open 24/7) – 0800 787 797. You can also text 8691 for free.

For further information, contact the Mental Health Foundation's free Resource and Information Service (09 623 4812).

Aussie Hall of Fame inductees

By *Bernie Walker*

The five new 2017 Inductees to the Shearers Hall of Fame at Shear Outback, Hay, NSW, have now been selected. They will come from Queensland, Victoria and Western Australia.

They include Ron 'Tolly' Bowden, a widely known shearing contractor from Longreach. He is a legendary figure in the shearing industry of the Central West of Queensland where he has been shearing and contracting from his Longreach base for over 50 years. He has shorn a top tally of 326 with the narrow gear and was one of the initiators of the famous Diamond Shears.

There will be three representatives from Victoria including another shearing contractor. John Conlan from Kyneton will join his brother, former World Champion Mark (deceased), in the Hall of Fame. This will be a unique occasion as it is the first time two brothers have been inducted.

John has been involved in many aspects of the industry for over 48 years and continues to be today. John also formed the 'Shearwool' company which specialises in the development and marketing of a proven line of woollen clothing for shearers and woolhandlers.

Another Victorian, Robert 'Bob' Cuttler from Geelong will be inducted posthumously. He shored for 56 years with a best day of 292 ewes at 'Maryvale Station' in South Australia. Bob was granted Life Membership

of the AWU for his services to the shearing industry during which he shored in excess of 1,000,000 sheep using only the narrow gear. Bob was one of the old expedition shearers who could be away from home for many months at a time.

The third Victorian will be Peter Kelly, also deceased, from Mt. Bute near Ballarat. He won the Australian Championship three times and some 70 other competitions. He was a member of the Australian Shearing team in 1963 and in 1978. Peter had his own farm where he ran approximately 2000 Corriedale sheep.

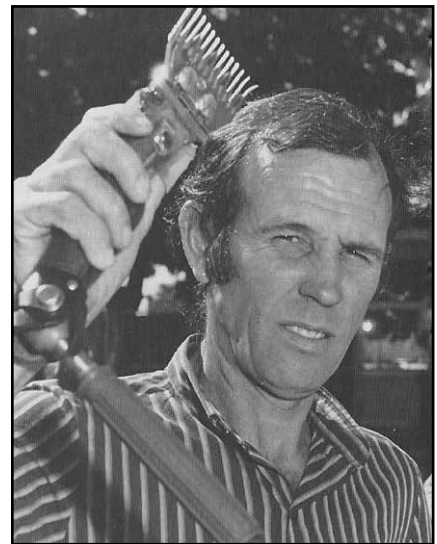
Graeme Tyers (deceased) will join fellow West Australians Ron Niven, Maurie Doyle and Kevin Gellatly in the

Hall of Fame. He was born in Kojonup and from the age of 14 did the northern run on the shearing trucks for the next 18 years. He shored a season in New Zealand in 1956-57. In 1968 he joined the Australian Wool Corporation and was Senior Shearing Instructor for 22 years. Graeme travelled throughout Australia as a shearing instructor and is remembered with great respect by all who knew or worked with him.

The Induction ceremony will take place during Easter 2017 as part of the Festival of the Blades at Shear Outback, Hay, NSW. For further information contact Kathy Finn at Shear Outback, phone (02) 6993 4000, email info@shearoutback.com.au.



John Conlan joins his brother Mark (deceased) in the Australian Hall of Fame



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Phil Garland, QSM 1942-2017

New Zealand's pre-eminent folksinger, folklorist, balladeer, composer, author (*Faces in the Firelight*) and musicologist Phil Garland never shored a sheep in his life but he deserves acknowledgement in this magazine for his work in recording the early history of our industry in song and verse.

Phil died at Waikato Hospital on 15 March 2017 after a period of illness. Most of his life had been spent at Christchurch and Culverden prior to a shift north to Te Aroha four years ago.

Phil produced at least 18 albums of New Zealand folksong and that body of work was liberally sprinkled with his songs about sheep, shearing and wool. Many songs were actually poems that he put to music in his inimitable style, for instance his rollicking rendition of George Meek's poem about the *Wool Commandeer* (wartime acquisition of wool by the NZ Government). Other notable titles include *The shearing's coming round*, *Wool away Jack*, *Old Jimmy Possum* and the 'Blue Jeans' classic poem *Down a country road I know* ('When they called me Jim the Ringer down a country road I know.')

A life well lived. RIP Mr Garland.

New Start for Waimate

The 50th anniversary edition of the Waimate Shears will be held on 14 October 2017 in a brand spanking new pavilion being erected in partnership with the Southern Canterbury A&P Association at the showgrounds on the outskirts of Waimate.

Waimate Shears chairman Warren White says the \$700,000 building will contain a six-stand board and the building will be multi-purpose, catering for weddings, 21sts and other community functions.

While that cost just covers the basic building, Warren is hoping funds will be found to install a large television screen in the main hall to allow screening of events as they happen and improve the visual experience.

In more recent years the Waimate Show has been a one-day affair, hosting the New Zealand full wool shearing title. For 40 years it was a two-day show and Warren White says the committee is working on making 2017 a one-and-a-half day show, with woolhandling starting Friday afternoon and an elite speedshear with \$10,000



prize money on the Friday evening.

'At this stage we are planning on providing for the woolhandlers too, with a speed fleece throw. This would involve woolhandlers at a starting point with their fleece, throwing it onto the table and returning to the start. The actual fleece will then be judged according to woolhandling rules for wool overhanging the table.'

The Waimate Shears is the second qualifying round (full wool) for the PGG Wrightson-sponsored national multi-breeds circuit which concludes at Golden Shears each year.



Always ready for the camera, this group! Libby Alabaster, Linda Tarrant, George Hawkins, Bo Paku and Mori Gibbs, woolhandling judges at Rotorua.



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Smith Rolls everything before him

By Des Williams

Well then, who saw that Golden Shears freight train in the guise of Rowland Smith coming along the track? Not I, purred the sleepy cat. That he would win the Golden Shears open with fastest time and best quality? Well yes, every chance. That he would win the PGG Wrightson national multi-breeds championship? Hmm, doubtful. That he would produce best all-round performance and lead New Zealand to victory in the trans-Tasman test? Aah, not likely.

But Rowland Smith did all that, accumulating a bag of trophies that even one of those Goodger boys might have struggled to fit into one fadge.

Remember Smith had won three of the previous four opens – a sequence interrupted by Gavin Mutch in 2015. And Mutch it was who set out to steal the show, just as he had tried to do at Invercargill two weeks earlier, against Kirkpatrick, Stratford and his countryman, Hamish Mitchell.

There are those who argue we no longer need board judges in these big open finals – and this writer has been among them. But with the modern technology telling stories on the screens above each shearer, you get affirmation that board points still very much play a part in the equation that determines winners from losers.

Smith started to hunt Mutch down with six sheep left in his pen. At that stage he had conceded 1.8 on the board to the Scotsman's 3.4, an advantage of 1.6 to counter the time deficit which was by that time less than 20 seconds. You didn't know what was happening out the back but your instincts would suggest Smith is producing the tidier job. (And not forgetting the possibility that a Haynes or a Stratford or a Buick could be trying to sneak through the middle. Henderson too, though he was by this stage a bit further off the pace.)

The timing of the chase is everything, be it horse racing, road cycling, marathon running ... go too early and you risk tying up before the finish. Go too late and ... you lose! Smith timed his run perfectly, taking the lead by a blow on 18 and finishing six shots ahead at the end.

Despite the furious speed with which he shored those last

six sheep, Smith's board points crept out to just 1.95 and as the computer would tell us soon enough, he conceded just 6.8 out the back. Only Henderson went for less on the board and Haynes had the second best job at 7.450.

It's a long time since speed alone won a major shearing championship. And the way Smith operates, it's not likely to happen again any time soon.



So what happens to all that wool from the sheep at Golden Shears? They bring in Maata Ellis, a 'wool recycler'!



'Mate, she did it with her eyes shut!' Commentator Gerald Spain lets Russell Knight into the secret technique employed by French ambassador, Florence Jeanblanc-Risler, who was at Masterton to gain an understanding of what her country will need to do in hosting the next world championships.

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Shortly after the Golden Shears open semifinals are completed the six finalists draw for pens containing 22 sheep. Sorting the sheep and selecting the two chuckouts is a time-honoured ritual. Above: Defending champion Rowland Smith enlists help with this important task from 2005/2007 open champion, Paul Avery. The pair did well, for several hours later Rowland was again crowned champion.

Pressers reckon they are the hardest working bodies in the shearing shed on a daily basis and watching this pair on Saturday night at Masterton did nothing to dispel that claim. Vinnie Goodger (left) and Conan Gray all sweat and Mona Lisa smiles after the men's pressing final. Vinnie took the individual title (adding his family name to the Honours Board for the 36th time) and the duo earlier won the pairs final, beating rookie team Jimmy Samuels and Ricci Stevens.

RESULTS 57th GOLDEN SHEARS, 2-4 MARCH 2017: International:

Lister Shearing Trans-Tasman Shearing Test (12 sheep – 6 merinos, 3 long wools, 3 lambs): New Zealand (Rowland Smith, Nathan Stratford, Tony Coster) 225.3534 penalty points beat Australia (Shannon Warnest, Daniel McIntyre, Jason Wingfield) 237.969. Godfrey Bowen Trophy (best quality points): Rowland Smith.
CP Wool Trans-Tasman Woolhandling test: New Zealand (Sheree Alabaster, Joel Henare) 298.4pts beat Australia (Sophie Huf, Mel Morris) 468.48.

Shearing:

Golden Shears Open final (20 sheep): Rowland Smith (Hastings) 60.703 1; Aaron Haynes (Feilding) 64.028 2; Nathan Stratford (Invercargill) 64.043 3; David Buick (Pongaroa) 64.235 4; Murray Henderson (Halcombe) 67.79 5; Gavin Mutch (Scotland) 68.144 6.
PGG Wrightson National Championship final (15 sheep – 3 merinos, 3 corriedales, 3 longwools, 3 second-shear, 3 lambs): Rowland Smith, 77.01 1; John Kirkpatrick (Napier) 78.628 2; Nathan Stratford, 79.873 3; Tony Coster (Rakaia) 81.705 4; Paerata Abraham (Masterton) 83.536 5; Murray Henderson, 86.199 6.

Golden Shears Senior final (12 sheep): Darren Alexander (Whangamomona) 51.451 1; Tegwyn Bradley (Woodville) 52.280 2; Aaron Bell (Waipawa) 52.738 3; Nicholas Greaves (England) 56.561 4; Lionel Taumata (Mataura) 57.358 5; Conan Te Kene (Taumarunui) 59.509 6.

Golden Shears Intermediate final (eight sheep): Connor Puha (Kimbolton) 45.453 1; Brandon Maguire-Ratima (Winton) 47.024 2; Laura Bradley (Woodville) 49.301 3; Tom Brewer (Australia) 53.431 4; Josh Harding (Hunterville) 56.754 5; Neil Bryant (Levin) 57.021 6.
Golden Shears Junior final (five sheep): Mark Ferguson (Kahuranaki) 35.334 1; Brodie Horrell (Gore) 35.373 2; Liam Norrie (Cheviot) 38.339pts, 3; Steve Hakaraia (Napier) 38.867 4; Anne-Lise Humstad (Norway) 40.125 5; Keith Swann (Wairoa) 44.985 6.

Golden Shears Novice final (2 sheep): Mark Baxter (Pongaroa) 31.999 1; Richmond Ngarangione (Gisborne) 35.593 2; Ariana Hadfield (Wairoa) 37.061 3; Leam Pritchard (Pongaroa) 39.359 4; Flynn Harvey (Kaitaia) 40.448 5; Andrew Baxter (Pongaroa) 42.133 6.
Maori-Pakeha Teams Event: Jack Fagan (Te Kuiti) and Turi Edmonds (Raetihi) 73.036 1; Axle Reid (Taihape) and Ringakaha Paewai (Gore) 75.117 2; Kelvin Walker (Taumarunui) and Floyd Neil (Taumarunui) 78.64 3.

Tui Encouragement Invitation (6 sheep): Tama Niania (Gisborne) 30.127 1; Tipene Te Whata (Tautoro) 32.565 2; Brett Roberts

(Mataura) 32.726 3; Jimmy Samuels (Marton) 32.984 4; Hemi Braddick (Eketahuna) 33.271 5; Jordan Boyes (Owaka) 33.527 6.

Woolhandling:

Golden Shears Open final: Joel Henare (Gisborne) 160.85 1; Sheree Alabaster (Taihape) 218.228 2; Pagan Kararua (Alexandra) 220.228 3; Anne Maree Kahukura (Omakau) 289.22 4.

Golden Shears Senior final: Jamie McLean (Taihape) 133.7 1; Erana Smith (Ruatoria) 153.71 2; Ebony Turipa (Gore) 168.1 3; Ash Boyce (Dannevirke) 212.94 4.

Golden Shears Junior final: Ricci Stevens (Napier) 180.48 1; Tameka Hema (Gisborne) 192.98 2; Sarah Davis (Rerewhakaaitu) 193.286 3; Bianca Hawea (Masterton) 194.038 4.

Golden Shears Novice final: Aromia Ngarangione (Gisborne) 46.2 1; Georgia Oliver (Masterton) 59.6 2; Midz Peneha (Masterton) 73.4 3; Shyla Karaitiana (Masterton) 91.4 4.

North Island Circuit Open final: Maryanne Baty (Gisborne) 127.38 1; Sheree Alabaster (Taihape) 137.664 2; Carmen Smith (Pongaroa) 162.864 3; Keryn Herbert (Te Awamutu/Te Kuiti) 170.85 4.

Woolpressing:

Men's Final: Vinnie Goodger (Masterton) 56.7pts, 1; Conan Gray (Masterton) 76.6pts, 2.

Women's final: Christine Wolland (Eketahuna) 54.2pts, 1; Carmen Smith (Pongaroa) 104.95pts, 2.

Pairs final: Vinnie Goodger and Conan Gray (Masterton) 46.45pts, 1; Jimmy Samuels (Marton) and Ricci Stevens (Napier) 103.75pts, 2.

Young Farmers Clubs:

Blue Ribbon Open Shearing Championship (six sheep): Jack Fagan (Te Kuiti) 26.763 1; Mark Grainger (Te Kuiti) 30.29 2; Linton Palmer (Dipton) 34.907 3; Jacob Moore (Marton) 34.978 4; Aaron Bell (Waipawa) 35.213 5; Tegwyn Bradley (Woodville) 35.693 6.

Shearing and Woolhandling teams event: Wairarapa (shearers Aaron Bell, Mark Grainger; woolhandlers Sam Gordon, Sarah Higgins) 219.512 1; Marton (shearers Jimmy Samuels, Jacob Moore; woolhandlers Cortez Ostler, Logan Kumura) 248.616 2; Ballance (shearers Tegwyn Bradley, Laura Bradley; woolhandlers Summer Pritchard, Samantha Pritchard) 288.513 3.

Triathlon (combined points from shearing, woolhandling and pressing heats): Ricci Stevens (Napier) 173.227 1; Carmen Smith (Pongaroa) 186.376 2; Jono Hicks (Marton) 203.88 3; Jimmy Samuels (Marton) 221.659 4; Linton Palmer (Dipton) 230.609 5.

Te Ako Joins 400 Club

By the end of 2016 Te Ako Wools had achieved its target of having 200 new trainees enrolled in Primary ITO wool harvesting training programmes. That number continued to rise, and there are now over 400, said Te Ako General Manager, Martin Eadie. 'We are on track to achieving our target of 600 trainees in 2017.'

The 400 has been achieved by the efforts of Te Ako's team of permanent and casual trainers, stated Operations Manager Jock Martin.

'Wayne Roore has taken over from the excellent start Chas Tohiariki made on the permanent team in the south with Robyne Murray. In March Jerome McCrea joined Cheryl Traill in the North Island as Dean Te Huia moved into a casual trainer role after great work on the permanent team in the north. And Cheryl, Te Ako's North Island woolhandling trainer, was especially pleased to see 10 of the new trainees competing at the New Zealand Champs with great success.'

'This is a massive response from contractors across New Zealand, with over 70 contractors engaging new trainees with Te Ako since we started in July 2016,' Jock Martin said.

Te Ako is owned and operated by the New Zealand Shearing Contractors' Association and Martin Eadie also acknowledged the significant support provided by both Beef + Lamb and the Primary ITO, in getting the new organisation up and running. 'Their support is allowing us to develop the infrastructure needed to achieve NZSCA's vision of Te Ako becoming world leaders in wool harvesting training.'

'Getting the trainees is one thing though – delivering quality training services is another,' said Martin. 'Te Ako Trainer workshops have been held to identify and develop new training resources.'

A key part of Jerome McCrea's role with Te Ako is to develop and pilot specialist training solutions. Jerome has 24 years of experience in the industry and was one of Te Ako's casual trainers in 2016.

Jerome, along with other coaches in Wanganui, has seen the benefits of capturing and analysing video footage for training purposes in a rugby context. He has used video from games and training at club and representative levels and earlier this year had the opportunity to put the new skills from rugby coaching to test in the shed.



Te Ako Wools training specialist, Jerome McCrea

'We are testing our new training approaches in pilot workshops in the North and South Islands now,' said Jerome, 'and so far the feedback from trainees and contractors is really positive.'

'Using video as a training tool in shearing and wool handling is not new but the technology and ease of use and transfer are rapidly evolving. We're designing ways for regular interaction between our trainees and trainers.'

Jock Martin made the observation that many of the organisation's trainees are younger, with 70 per cent under 30 years-of-age, and they are online day and night.

'Te Ako needs to be online for them with new and innovative training options. We still need to be face to face on courses and in the shed but there is so much more we can provide our trainees.'

'Our aim is that trainees and contractors are fully supported throughout their 1 year and 2 year training programmes. We are clear on what our owners are expecting of us. Our job is to deliver on that,' said Martin Eadie.

Te Ako will be sharing new ideas and services on line from their new website from late April. The Te Ako team will be at the New Zealand Shearing Contractors Association Conference in Queenstown on May 17th to present and discuss new training services.



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Ash Boyce from Dannevirke (above) during the Golden Shears senior woolhandling final, and (opposite) doing the paperwork for a new bale on cut-out day at Ngamatea.



Shearing Sport's New Zealand's media man Doug Laing under attack from the Australian team manager at the world championships. For something he didn't say, perhaps?



Above: Joe Puna and his gang shearing lambs at Kaikuku, near Hastings on 1 March 2017. From left: Ardy Taunoa, Jim Taunoa, Randy Watson, Joe Puna, Meareana Lewis and Willie Lambert (in front). Opposite: Jim Taunoa removes the belly from another woolly beast. Missing from the gang was Paraki Puna (pictured above at Golden Shears (with Australian judge, Kevin Lawrence)).





The above images are from the inaugural North Island Speedshear championship, hosted by the Waitete Rugby Football Club, Te Kuiti, on 14 January 2017. The classy line up of competitors included early arrivals for the world championships, including Jack Robinson (Northern Ireland) and Thimoleon Resneau (France) as well as local favourites. Across top: Arwyn Jones (Wales), Colin Quinn (shearing his first sheep in six years) and Wales team manager, Martyn David. Middle, Waitete club member Bud Snowden renews acquaintance with Nicky Beynon (Wales); three icons – Mr Tui, Sir Colin Meads and our Shearing Knight, Sir David Fagan. Bottom left: Sir Colin and his brother Stan are the

most famous names on the Waitete Honours Board. But there are some other notables listed there, too! Oh, and Rowland Smith (above) won the speedshear!

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