

# Alpaca Advocate



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Newsletter of the AAA South Queensland and Northern NSW Region—Region of Many Colours



# Spring has arrived!

# South Queensland & Nth NSW Regional Calendar of Events 2011 -2012

## 2011

- 28 -29th October *Alstonville Show* (Display) Contact: Myrelle Hurst 02 6629 5652
- 18 -19th November *Bangalow Show* (Display)
- 20th November *REGIONAL MEETING*—Big Sky Alpacas 16328 Clarence Way Bean Creek, Old Bonalbo, NSW 2469 Ph 0438 103310

## 2012

- 10th—11th March *Greenbank Agricultural Show* (Regional Display) Contact: Steve Rowley  
Ph 0755463971
- 29th—31st March *Toowoomba Royal Show* (Judging Animal/Fleece Show & Display)  
Contact: Brett Winterbine (07) 3432 9688
- 5th—18th April *Royal Sydney Show* (Judging Animal/Fleece Show & Display)
- 1st—2nd May *Maclean Agricultural Show* (Display) Contact: Bob Coxon 02 6645 9092
- 4th - 5th May *Grafton Show* (Judging Animal/Fleece Show & Display)  
Contact: Jeremy Challacombe 02 6642 3336
- 11th - 13th May *Coffs Harbour Show* (Display) Contact -TBA
- 18th - 20th May *Ipswich Show* (Fleece & Animal Judging Show & Display) Contact: TBA
- Weeks of May **NATIONAL ALPACA WEEKS**
- May** *REGIONAL GENERAL MEETING*
- 16th—18th June *Primex Agricultural Industries Expo Casino* Contact: Bob Coxon 02 6645 9092
- 23rd—24th June *Mudgeeraba Agricultural Show* (Display) Contact Steve Rowley 07 55463971
- July** **ANNUAL REGIONAL MEETING**
- 9th - 18th August *Royal Queensland Show ~ Ekka* (Judging Animal/Fleece Show & Display)  
Contact: Brett Winterbine (07) 3432 9688
- 31st—2nd September *Gold Coast Show* (Display 3rd & Judging Animal 4th )  
Contact: Wendy Summerell 07 5543 0000
- 22nd—23rd September *Nimbin Show* (Display) Contact: TBA
- 18th—20th October *Lismore Agricultural Show* - (Display) Contact: Myrelle Hurst 02 6629 5652
- October **NATIONAL SHOW — Judging & Fleece**

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Dear Members,

The end of another quarterly edition of the Alpaca Advocate. Thankyou to all who have submitted articles, photos and advertised in this our spring edition.

I have just returned from volunteering at the fleece competition at the Nationals. A very educational experience, 273 entries this year! The organisation by the fleece convenor Lyn Dickson and her team was to be commended. I recommend this activity to you.

Shearing is almost over for many in our Region! Now time to work on spring paddocks, weeds, rotation of animals, organise fleece and get ready for next years show season. Please be mindful of hypothermia with our weather which is very unpredictable at this point in time, especially after shearing.

Heading into our traditional wet season we need to be vigilant on worms and ticks. Many tick infestations have been reported.

Thankyou for the contributions to our magazine without you we would not be able to produce a magazine of interest—Many regions are struggling to produce quarter editions. If you have suggestions of additions or changes please email me. Try the lovely soup recipe sent in by Des from Hinchcliffe Alpacas.

In this edition a number of articles of interest:

- ☼ AAA & Regional information.
- ☼ Show time photos and reports.
- ☼ Handy hints around the farm.



Happy Alpacaring! *Pauline*

Big Sky Saving Grace



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