

Hope you all had a really great Christmas & New Year and are now refreshed and ready to start 2019 with renewed energy. This Newsletter is to let you know of some upcoming events, Workshops, Shows and some general information.

SHOWS & EVENTS:

1. 24th February 2019 – Seminar & Meeting – Bedrock Alpaca Stud. Seminar to start at 9.00am and Meeting at 1.00pm. Cover cost \$20.00 Lunch & Refreshments provided. Speakers: Chris Ravenhill – Importing Alpacas from interstate. Ron Reid – Show Etiquette, from entrant to Steward. Dr Kylie Munyard – Greys, genetic research update. RSVP Jane 0432 643 099.
2. 16th March 2019 – Short Fleece Alpaca Show – Warren Districts Agricultural Society Manjimup Alpaca Show. Entries are now open for this show through e-Alpaca. If you have any questions/queries please contact Greg Smith – Futura Alpacas Tel: 0484 232 757.
3. 23rd March 2019 – Social Event – Quizzame – Swan Valley Alpaca Stud. 2 Quiz Masters – loads of fun. Keep this date free – more information to follow.

ALPACA YOUTH:

There will be “Junior Judging” this year at the following WA Shows: Colourbration Show Gidgegannup Show & Sale, Perth Royal Show and Albany Show. The Royal Agricultural Society already conduct Junior Judging which involves all animals however, this year, they will include Alpacas for the first time. To comply with the Junior Judging guidelines, there should be at least 8 participants and should be 15 years of age or above. So, if you know of any young people that fit the requirements and would be interested please contact Louise Holbrook, Whistlepipe Alpacas – Tel: 0434 886 796.

FUNDRAISING & EXPENDITURE:

During 2018 several fundraising events were held ending with the Raffle & Auction at the Region’s Christmas Party where a profit of \$2096.50 was made. **A big thank you to all of you who helped with these events and who donated items for the Raffle & Auction.** All profits made from these events have been returned to the Region in the form of:

- a) All Seminars, Workshops & the Christmas Party were funded by the Region and were free to members.
- b) Purchases made – 3 6x3 Marque/Shade Shelters and a replacement PA Speaker & Stand. These items have already been used at recent shows.
- c) Expenditure authorized - Purchase of a microphone headset compatible with current PA System and a small Generator. Both of these items will be available for use at all Shows, Workshops etc.

If you have any queries regarding the above please contact the Committee.

Gail Williams - Secretary