

Damara Sheep Breeders Society of Australian Inc
Presidents Report 2015

This is the 19th year since the Society was initially incorporated in Western Australia. In around 2002 the Society's records were taken from WA in a cardboard box and left with the Rural Services branch of the Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Society of South Australia.

Copies of the Inaugural meeting are still available. David Thorn was the first President. Denis Russell assumed the Presidency next. After not renewing his membership, the members were contacted by the Secretary Rob Martin to elect a new President. Len Cargeeg was the only nomination and was declared the President. This was in 2005.

One of the first things completed after the new president's election was the establishment of the Damara Society's website. Much of the data on the website was provided by Elle Hall of Narembeen, WA. This was developed with Sue Piggott's Bizboost business.

The website alerted many Damara breeders to the existence of the Society. The website evolved with the current facilities to register and transfer stock.

The Society has been privileged with Rob Martin's expertise over the years and the Society wishes him all the best in his retirement at the end of this year.

On the last flock registration the number of flocks that have been registered is now 52.

Thanks for Matthew Young for being the President in 2014. Matthew has since retired from the Department of Agriculture and Food, WA. I wish him the best in his endeavours.

Sue Cairns is off to the Royal Melbourne Show with her Damaras. It is good that Sue is attending the show with her stud and spreading the good news about the breed.

Daryl Schaefer is working with Rob Martin and will take over fully in December. The enthusiasm amongst our members is most encouraging.

Work is underway in WA for a niche market.

I wish all the best to our members and our secretariat.

Kind regards

Len Cargeeg

President