

## Red Hill Alpaca Show 2019

A Pre-Show Report to AAA VER Ordinary Regional Meeting - Sunday, 3rd March, 2019.

### RED HILL A & H SOCIETY 91ST ANNUAL SHOW - SATURDAY 9TH MARCH 2019

**Venue:** Red Hill Recreation Reserve, 194 Arthurs Seat Road, RED HILL

#### **Alpaca Section** (Halter Class only)

Judge : Mrs Jillian Holmes.

Head Steward: Mr Bob McLeod

Ring Stewards: Mr Arthur Biri & Mr Alan Steele

#### *Fleece Classes:*

A fleece show is not being held for the first time in 25 years of showing alpacas at Red Hill.

The uncertainty of fleece numbers, following the tapering-off of exhibitor interest in recent years, and the known increase in costs associated with fleece classes at one-day shows (additional judge - accommodation & travel etc), prompted the decision.

A last minute cancellation of the fleece show segment, as happened last year with the Suri, was not of appeal.

On balance, the above factors coupled with the attendant cost savings for both the Region and the Society, suggested that the decision to not schedule fleece classes at Red Hill this year, difficult as it was to make, was in fact a “no brainer”.

#### *Halter Classes:*

Entries at Red Hill 2019 are down some 10% on last year, but there are sufficient numbers to ensure that we have the makings of a great show.

Entries closed on Monday 25th February, the bulk being “last minute”, seemingly awaiting the happenings from the Berwick Show - held on the preceding Saturday, coupled with the ease and efficiency of entry now afforded by eAlpaca.

Final entry details are as follows:

**No of Exhibitors: 19** (Last Year 23)

**No of Entries:**

- **Alpacas: 76** incl 10 Suri. (Last Year 85 incl 10 Suri)

- **Fleeces:** Not scheduled. (Last Year 28 incl Nil Suri)

#### **Australian Alpaca Youth Education.**

A Young Paraders' Competition, now in its 4th Year at Red Hill, is designed exclusively for young people aged between 7 years and less than 22 years. Arrangements for this year's competition are well advanced - entries close at 5.00pm, Monday, 4th March. Good support is anticipated from Donvale College.

Judge: Mrs Louise Lazarus.

Convenor: Mrs Meg Price

The **Introductory Division** of the competition includes a Junior Handler event for those aged 6 to under 15 years, scheduled as part of the Alpaca Section - Halter Classes.

**Information Memo - All Exhibitors:**

A Memo, currently in course of preparation, will be e-mailed to all exhibitors, over the next few days, covering:

Access & exiting of Showgrounds; Traffic Control procedures; Livestock overnight stay arrangements (Friday); Bio-security compliance issues; Power Supply - Non use of fans; and sundry other matters.

**Pen Set-ups:**

Initial set-up is scheduled for tomorrow morning, Sunday, attended by a group of Peninsula based members. A subsequent "fine tune" is planned for the Thursday/Friday ahead of Show Day and is to coincide with the bio-security compliance audit undertaken on the Alpaca pavilion.

**In Closing:**

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and

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Your help has been very much appreciated.

David Daddo

Red Hill Show 2019  
Alpaca Section Convenor

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