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VER e-Newsletter

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Welcome to the VER e-Newsletter

Newsletters can be a great way to stay in touch by letting others know what you are doing during this times of physical distancing. We would love to hear from you with anything you would like to share -photos, stories, marketing your product or service, anything at all that is alpaca related in the Victorian Eastern Region.

Please send any proposed content to Lynda Holdsworth via the VER Secretary or directly to queries@auravalealpacas.com.au

Skin Condition Treatment

Skin conditions in alpacas can be difficult to treat but here is a suggestion that had terrific results for this particular alpaca, see images below—only 6 days apart.

This animal was treated with the following mixture which was applied daily:-

Vaseline (Petroleum Jelly)

Mix in insecticide (a horse product called Brute was used in this instance)

A stick of zinc

Sunscreen

Thoroughly mash and stir so all ingredients are well mixed together, then put the mixture into the freezer.

The cooled mixture is then applied to the affected area daily. The applied mixture softens the skin dramatically and stays on for longer than most topical ointments, allowing the other ingredients to work. The mixture may have to be applied for longer depending on the severity of the skin condition. It was suggested to apply for two weeks then take a week break and repeat if necessary.

Permission to share from Shahrizai Alpacas.



Skin conditions can be challenging in alpacas! Run out of options! Give this treatment a go.

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Drought Fodder

Tagasaste (Lucerne Tree) is a small evergreen tree that grows 3-6m high, depending on soil type. It is well known as a great source of feed for alpacas especially during the hot, dry summer months. Tagasaste grows well in a range of environments and once established, handles climates ranging from hot to cool. Small plants can be frost sensitive. It is adapted to a range of soil types but does not like to be water logged soils. Click here to read more about Tagasaste [AGFACTS –NSW Agriculture](#) .

Tagasaste can be grown as a tree or protected and grown as a hedge for protection from those who eat too much and love to rub!



Tagasaste left to grow freely



Tagasaste hedged—the foreground has not been grazed for a few weeks whereas alpacas have access behind the fence and have eaten everything they can get to!!!

Looking for some extra reading?



Alpaca AGSKILLS

A basic guide to some of the skills and practices of alpaca production. The book contains step-by-step instructions, diagrams, and full colour pictures.

Table of contents:

- Condition scoring
- Shearing
- Eyecare
- Mating and birthing
- Care of cria
- Vaccinating and drenching
- Trimming nails
- Trimming teeth
- Risk management
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Alpacas
make it into
the
Peninsula
Wide
magazine.

Red Hill Show

The 92nd Red Hill Show attracted a record 12,000 visitors to experience the best of a true agricultural show including fine produce, live music, horse and cattle judging, working dog demonstrations, woodchopping, sheep shearing and so much more!



Peninsula Wide is a quarterly publication of the Mornington Peninsula Shire

Pacca Product Promotion

Over the next several weeks we will be highlighting the wonderful alpaca products we have available in our region. Some of the producers featured so far include:

Joma Alpacas with their beanies, kids toys, scarves, pashminas and throws

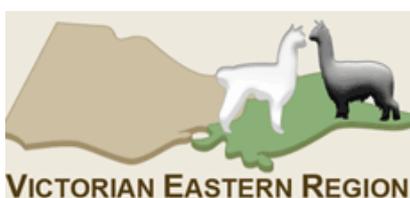
Mayland Alpacas with their giftware and Zephyr halters

Clifden Alpacas with their socks, kids books, activity sets, toys and gifts.

For further information on all these products with more to come visit the [VER Regional Website](#)



Clifden Alpacas
#rainbowconnection
Humphrey Law socks



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Love a Word Find!

Thanks Rosemark Alpacas for these two all about alpacas.



Alpacas

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ALPACA

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HEMBRA

PEDIGREE

STAPLE

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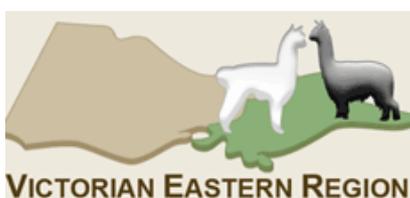
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One for the kids too!



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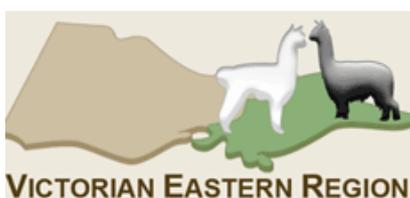
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April 20th, 2020



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VER President's Message

Dear VER Members

Well that's been the most unusual four weeks I have ever experienced in my lifetime, it has however seen me tackling some of those chores I have been putting to one side for years, eg unblocking drains and pruning overhanging trees that have needed my attention. So although a bit isolating it's been very productive. From all reports we are flattening the Curve and now we just need to sit tight for a bit longer so we can work our way back to a degree of normality. In saying that I think our world has probably changed for ever.

On the Alpaca front we are very close to being able to announce the 2019/20 Alpaca of the Year awards, our immediate past president is just putting the final calculations together to gain a result. We would also like to congratulate and thank Tim Blake for putting his hand up to fill the vacant position on the committee, Tim we welcome you to the VER Committee and look forward to your input.

Once we get some more guidance from the State Government we will announce dates and venues for the ORM and various planned workshops for 2020—in the pipeline we have our Dental Work Shop and Alpaca 101 Work Shop. We also look forward to confirming dates (and go-aheads) for the Lardner and Sale shows, pending State Government advice.

Stay Safe, enjoy watching this season's cria pronking around your wet and green paddocks. If you get a sunny day don't forget to get on top of that capeweed, now's the time.

Regards

Nic Holdsworth

VER President

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