



## Australian Alpaca Association Victorian Eastern Region

### Annual Trophies and Awards

#### Background:

The Victorian Eastern Region of the Australian Alpaca Association annual trophies commenced as follows:

- Alpaca of the Year Huacaya commenced in 1995
- Alpaca of the Year Suri commenced in 2004.
- Annual Fleece Huacaya commenced in 1995
- Annual Fleece Suri commenced in 2002
- Best New Breeders Award commenced in 2013
- Best of Colour Awards commenced 2023

A full listing of recipients of these awards can be found on the VER website:

<https://ver.alpaca.asn.au/about/about-our-region/perpetual-trophies/>

#### Policy:

The VER is committed to recognition of its alpacas, fleece and alpaca studs that achieve prominence through:

- Alpaca of the Year (AOTY)
- Best of Colour
- Annual Fleece Competition
- Best New Breeder
- Ensuring the recognition is consistent across the VER
- Creating recognition that is meaningful and valued by recipients

The annual awards should be used as an opportunity by the regional committee to recognise and promote those in the region who strive to be involved and breed to the Breed Standards.

#### The Awards

Award	Trophy/Sash
AOTY Huacaya	Lyla Fisher Memorial Trophy
AOTY Suri	Keith Turner Memorial Trophy
Best of Colour	Best of Colour Sash
Champion Huacaya Fleece	Bill Plunkett Memorial Trophy
Champion Suri Fleece	Suri Fleece Trophy
Best New Breeders Award	Dianne Condon Memorial Trophy

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## Perpetual Trophies

### **Lyla Fisher Memorial Trophy – Alpaca of the Year Huacaya**

Inaugurated in May 2002.

Lyla was a foundation member of the Region and from the early '90s to her untimely passing in 2002, was totally committed to the Region and to the Alpaca Industry, serving the Region in every possible capacity – a highly reputed alpaca breeder; show organiser and programmer; a dedicated committee member, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-President and President. Her legacy lives on with us, through this award.

### **Keith Turner Memorial Trophy – Alpaca of the Year Suri**

Inaugurated in April 2010.

Keith, a product of Dookie College, with cattle and dairy farm origins that began in South Gippsland, traversed into Queensland and returned to South Gippsland where he and his wife Glenda established Mawbanna Alpacas. Keith's animal husbandry background together with Glenda's alpaca fibre processing skills created a successful venture into quality Suri breeding. Together the couple travelled Australia to learn of the processing of alpaca fleece and further develop their involvement in specialised alpaca handcrafts.

An outdoors man, an ambassador for the alpaca industry, Keith passed away in 2009.

### **Bill Plunkett Memorial Trophy – Champion Fleece**

Inaugurated in April 2007.

Affectionately known as "The Godfather", Bill passed away in 2006. A long serving committeeman, a Vice- President and President of the Region and Chairman of the Regional Showing Sub-committee, Bill was the force behind the Show rules and protocols we adhere to today. The consummate Chief Steward, his workshops throughout Australia and NZ stand as testimony to his skill. His unique love of natural fibres lives on through this award.

### **Dianne Condon Memorial Trophy – Best New Breeder**

Inaugurated July 2012

Dianne loved alpacas and the Industry with a passion.

A long standing member of the Region, Dianne served extensively at both regional and national committee level. In co-ownership with her husband Ron, their highly successful Shanbrooke Alpaca Stud gained early world-wide recognition. A national and international Show judge, Dianne was accorded an AAA Life Membership for her service to the Industry. Dianne, who passed away on 12th January 2012, is remembered with great affection.

### The Trophy guidelines:

- **Lyla Fisher and Keith Turner Memorial Trophy engraving example:**

2019/2020  
Chakana Blue Chemistry  
Exhibited by  
J. Blake



**Keith Turner**



**Lyla Fisher**

- **Dianne Condon Memorial Trophy engraving example**

2019/2020  
Lynne & Tieran Kimber  
Talpacka



**Dianne Condon**

- **Bill Plunkett Memorial Trophy and Suri Champion Fleece Trophy**

2017  
Alternative View  
Mahatma  
Exhibited by B & K Kat



**Suri Fleece**



**Bill Plunket**



- **Retained trophies form part of these awards and are to be presented and retained by the recipients at the time of announcement. Engraving examples:**

AAA  
Victorian Eastern Region  
Best New Breeder  
Dianne Condon Memorial  
Trophy – 2019/20  
**Lynne & Tieran Kimber**  
Talpacka

AAA  
Victorian Eastern Region  
Alpaca of the Year  
Lyla Fisher Memorial  
Trophy - 2018/19  
**Auravale Lucian**  
Lynda & Nicholas Holdsworth

AAA  
Victorian Eastern Region  
Huacaya Champion Fleece  
Bill Plunkett Memorial  
Trophy - 2017  
**Alternative View**  
**Mahatma**  
Brigette & Keith Kat

**Various designs of the retained trophies have been presented over time.**



**215mm**



- **Perpetual trophies to be engraved and awarded to recipients at awards function or shortly thereafter. Retained trophies to be presented at the same time**
- **Best of Colour – to be awarded a sash**

### **Eligibility:**

Being a VER Member and participating in the various events as listed in the award guidelines:

- VER Alpaca of the Year Competition Rules, see Attachment A
- VER New Breeders Award Competition Rules, see Attachment B
- Champion Fleece Award - Entry to the Annual Fleece Competition

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# **Attachment A**

## **VER Alpaca Of The Year and Best of Colour**

### **Competition Rules**

#### **Qualifying Shows:**

Lardner Alpaca Show  
Sale Alpaca Show  
Berwick Ag Show  
Red Hill Ag Show

#### **1. Rules**

(a) The Victorian Eastern Region Alpaca of the Year (AOTY) and Best of Colour awards for both Huacaya and Suri Alpacas will only be achievable by members of the Victorian Eastern Region (VER) of the Australian Alpaca Association (AAA). In order to achieve these awards, eligible exhibits have the opportunity to be judged at four Victorian Eastern Region Shows (excluding any show that do not run). These are deemed as ‘Qualifying’ shows.

(b) AOTY - Huacaya and Suri will each receive an award for their respective breed:

(i) ‘VER Huacaya Alpaca of the Year’

- The winner of ‘Huacaya Alpaca of the Year’ will receive the Huacaya Alpaca of the Year Sash, the Lyla Fisher Memorial Trophy and Replica Trophy.

(ii) VER Suri Alpaca of the Year’

- The winner of ‘Suri Alpaca of the Year’ will receive the Suri Alpaca of the Year Sash, the Keith Turner Memorial Trophy and Replica Trophy.

(c) Best of Colour - Huacaya and Suri will each receive awards for their respective breed:

(i) Best of Colour – White, Light Fawn, Med/Dark Fawn, Brown, Roan, Grey, Black, Fancy



(d) At the conclusion of the ‘Qualifying’ shows during the respective financial year, the eligible Huacaya and Suri exhibits with the highest number of points accumulated at their best three shows, will be deemed the winner of the AOTY breed’s award and eligible Huacaya and Suri exhibits with the highest number of accumulated points in each colour class will be deemed the winners of the Best of Colour competitions.

(i) Under special circumstances, the number of qualifying shows may be reduced to allow for the competition to proceed (eg. the cancellation of two or more qualifying shows within one competition year).

## **2. Eligibility Criteria**

(a) Exhibits must be registered with the Australian Alpaca Association.

(b) Points will only be awarded to exhibits that are owned by Financial Members of the Victorian Eastern Region as at the time of the ‘Qualifying’ shows.

(i) An animal exhibited by a member of another AAA Region cannot accrue points towards the awards.

(ii) An animal purchased by a VER member that has previously been shown by a member of another AAA Region will only be eligible to earn points towards the award(s) from the date at which the animal was transferred to the VER member on eAlpaca.

(c) Exhibits must be owned by a current Financial Member of the Victorian Eastern Region of the Australian Alpaca Association.

(d) An Alpaca must be exhibited at a minimum of three of the qualifying shows; an alpaca not shown at three qualifying shows will not be eligible for the award, except under special circumstance pertaining to Rule 1 (d) (i).

(e) In the event of a draw:

(i) AOTY - will be awarded to both eligible exhibits

(ii) Best of Colour – a count back will be conducted, and the successful exhibitor will be the alpaca with the most competition during the three eligible shows.



### **3. Point Allocation System for both AOTY and Best of Colour Competitions**

Point allocations for Age and Colour Shows are as follows:

**(a) Age Champion Show**

<b>Age Championship Awards</b>	<b>Points Allocated</b>
Supreme Champion	7
Age Champion	6
Age Reserve Champion	5
Best in Colour	4
1st	3
2nd	2
3rd	1

**(b) Colour Championship Show**

<b>Colour Championship Awards</b>	<b>Points Allocated</b>
Supreme Colour	7
Colour Champion (Male or Female)	6
Colour Reserve Champion (Male or Female)	5
1st	3
2nd	2
3rd	1



## Attachment B

# Best New Breeder Award Competition Rules

## *The Dianne Condon Memorial Trophy*

The AAA Victorian Eastern Region (VER.) is proud and privileged to make available this annual award for Best New Breeder, in acknowledgement and commemoration of the significant contribution to the Alpaca Industry made by Dianne Condon.

Dianne loved alpacas and the Industry with a passion. A long-standing member of the Region, Dianne served extensively at both regional and national committee level. In co-ownership with her husband Ron, their highly successful Shanbrooke Alpaca Stud gained early worldwide recognition. A national and international Show judge, Dianne was accorded a AAA Life Membership for her service to the Industry. Dianne, who passed away on 12th January 2012, is remembered with great affection.

### **Intention**

The Best New Breeder Award is designed to encourage and support the involvement of new members and new breeders who are new to Alpaca farming. Its aim is to have new members and new breeders enter and show animals and fleeces at regional events. The award is only open to VER members.

### **Eligibility**

To be eligible for the award, the participating New Breeder

- must be a current member of VER.
- must have been a member of the Australian Alpaca Association Ltd (AAA) for a period of not more than five years, effective 1st July of the current award year
- must not be a spouse or partner of a member of a registered stud who have been in the industry longer than the five years, effective 1<sup>st</sup> July of the current award year
- must not have been a member of a registered stud who have been in the industry longer than the five years.
- must exhibit alpaca(s) and/or fleece(s) under their own stud prefix, at one or more of the VER. participating shows, as listed,

### **Note**

Winners of this award are **INELIGIBLE** to participate for the award, in subsequent years. The VER executive has the right to Veto any application that it does not believe is in the spirit of the award.

### **Qualifying Alpaca**

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Any alpaca, owned and bred by an eligible breeder and registered under the stud prefix of that eligible breeder, may earn points for this award

### **Qualifying Fleece**

Any fleece, shorn from an alpaca owned and bred by an eligible breeder and registered under the stud prefix of that eligible breeder, may earn points for this award

### **Competition Rules**

This annual award is based on show results arising from participation in the following V.E.R. shows:

Lardner Alpaca Show  
Sale Alpaca Show  
Berwick Ag Alpaca Show  
Red Hill Ag Alpaca show

1. At any one show, a maximum of five qualifying alpacas and/or five qualifying fleeces per eligible breeder will be considered in the assessment of points. If more than five qualifying animals and/or five qualifying fleeces are entered by an eligible breeder, only the five highest scoring animals and/or the five highest scoring fleeces will be included in the assessment of points
2. Points will be awarded as follows:

<b>Qualifying Alpacas</b>		<b>Qualifying Fleeces</b>	
1st in class	3 points	1st in class	3 points
2nd in class	2 points	2nd in class	2 points
3rd in class	1 point	3rd in class	1 point
Age Champion	6 points	Champion	4 points
Colour Champion	4 points	Supreme	5 points
Reserve Champion	5 points		
Supreme Champion	7 points		

3. At the conclusion of the Show Season, the V.E.R. Committee will assess show results and the eligible breeder with the highest aggregate score will be declared the winner. In the event of a tie, a count-back system will apply. The Committee's decision will be final.
4. The winner will be awarded the perpetual Dianne Condon Memorial Trophy, a memento trophy and a sash. The announcement and presentation of the BEST NEW BREEDER award will be made at the end of the show season.