

## **New Leader for Merino Breeders**

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A third-generation Merino breeder from the State's central west, Robert Lindsay of Cora Lynn Merino Stud, Peak Hill, has been appointed to head the NSW Stud Merino Breeders' Association (SMBA), the body which represents the State's registered Merino ram breeders.

"Cora Lynn", which has been in the Lindsay family for 106 years is in a mixed farming area, 30km west of Peak Hill.

Mr Lindsay was elected unopposed at the association's AGM held at the conclusion of the recent Sydney Sheep Show at the Sydney Royal Easter Show. He succeeds Kim Henderson, Grogansworth Merino Stud, Bowning, whose three-year term concluded at this meeting.

A councillor of the SMBA since 1993, Mr Lindsay has served his apprenticeship as vice president under three previous presidents, Ross Wells, John McLaren and more recently, Mr Henderson, and has served on and chaired various committees within the SMBA. During this time he has been one of the SMBA's two delegates to the Australian Association of Stud Merino Breeders' (AASMB) giving him a solid grounding in the business and policy of the two associations.

"It has been a privilege to serve on the AASMB for several years which has enabled me to meet many State delegates and establish a good working relationship," he said. In his vision for the coming three years of his presidency, Mr Lindsay said, "I see the stud industry as being the most important link between the commercial grower and the wearers of woollen apparel as we stud producers manage the genetics to provide the best wool available in the world.

"I will endeavour to have this link further acknowledged and to build relationships within the wool chain from producer to end user."

He also said, "I believe that the perfect sheep has never been bred and never will be, so there is room for all breeding technologies to co-exist and for Merino breeders to learn from each other."

The two vice presidents elected at the same meeting were outgoing president Kim Henderson who is joined by Lou Armstrong, Pemcaw stud, Dunedoo. Re-confirmed in their positions were SMBA secretary, Mrs Carol King and treasurers, Stuart Beveridge, Armatree and Peter Vickery, Bellata.