

# Ashford Show Society Inc.

## 42nd Annual Show

Saturday 21st to Sunday 22nd February 2026



Picture provided by Arya Green (11 yrs) – 1<sup>st</sup> place Colouring Competition – 2025 Show

# Wool In Grease

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2026**



**Ashford Show Society is offering you the opportunity to cash in your show fleeces at the show.**

**The fleeces will be judged and given a commercial value. Fleece value is particularly based on estimated micron count and yield as well as other factors and the judge's decision is final. You will then have the option to collect the cash minus 15% which is the industry standard, just like selling at the shed door, or take your fleeces home.**

**Of course we would still love donated fleeces. This really helps keep the show running.**

Any exhibitor wishing to donate their fleece or fleeces may do so. The entry fee for that fleece will be waived. All proceeds from the sale will go to improvements to the grounds.

**The Show Society would like to acknowledge our generous sponsors of the Wool Pavilion.**

- **AWN Squires**
- **Doug and Cherie Beveridge**
- **Gilbert Fitzhannim**
- **Notleys Wool Store**
- **NutrienAg Solutions Inverell**
- **PD and RA Goddard**
- **Inverell Ford**
- **Schute Bell (Inverell)**
- **St Hilary Merinos**
- **Thompson Families**

## Wool In Grease

Steward: Gilbert Fitzhannim 0428195501

Wool to be received at the wool pavilion between 2pm – 5pm on Friday 20th February 2026.

Judging of the wool to commence 8am Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February. The pavilion will be closed during judging.

### Conditions of Entry:

1. Judges decision will be final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
2. All entries, including ram fleeces, to be skirted.
3. All merino flock wool to be grown 2023 - 2024 season by the exhibitor and to be from *unrugged* and *unhoused* sheep.
4. Stud ewe and ram fleece eligible only in stud classes and grown in 2023 - 2024 season.
5. No exhibit will be allowed to compete in more than one class.
6. Exhibitor must attach an entry tag to each fleece, showing name, address, division and class number.
7. Wool will be received and stored at the owner's risk.
8. The judge is empowered to move fleeces which he/she considers are entered in the wrong class.
9. The following scale of points will be awarded in judging:

<b>Trueness to type</b>	10	<b>Evenness</b>	10	<b>Character</b>	10
<b>Length</b>	10	<b>Soundness</b>	10	<b>Softness</b>	8
<b>Density</b>	6	<b>Colour</b>	6	<b>Top &amp; Noil</b>	30

making a total of 100 points

10. Properties that are registered Merino Studs are not eligible for entry in Divisions 1-4. Class 15 not eligible for Grand Champion.

## Merino Wool Classes

Entry fee: \$1.00

Prizes for each Category kindly donated/ provided by the sponsors listed.

Ribbons for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each category.

Category	Sponsor
<b>Grand Champion Fleece of Show</b>	Notley's Wool Store
<b>Champion Fleece (from Classes 1-4)</b>	Doug and Cherie Beveridge
<b>Reserve Champion Fleece (from Classes 1-4)</b>	Schute Bell (Inverell)
<b>Best Local Fleece</b>	PD & RA Goddard
<b>Champion Ram's Fleece (Classes 9-11)</b>	St Hilary Merinos
<b>Champion Ewe's Fleece (Classes 12-14)</b>	AWN Squires
<b>Champion Weaner Fleece</b>	NutrienAg Solutions Inverell
<b>Champion Pair Merino Fleeces (Classes 6-8)</b>	Inverell Ford
<b>Best Donated Fleece</b>	Thompson Family
<b>Most Successful Exhibitor (Classes 1-4)</b>	Gilbert Fitzhannim

### **Merino Flock Sheep Classes 1-4 - to be judged on commercial value.**

1. One merino fleece - super fine
2. One merino fleece – fine
3. One merino fleece – medium
4. One merino fleece – strong
5. Best local fleece- must be grown within 40kms of Ashford

### **Open Classes 6-8 - to be judged on commercial value**

6. Pair of merino fleeces - superfine
7. Pair of merino fleeces - fine
8. Pair of merino fleeces – medium

### **Stud Ewe & Ram Classes**

9. One Merino ram fleece - superfine
10. One merino ram fleece – fine
11. One merino ram fleece – medium
12. One merino ewe fleece – superfine
13. One merino ewe fleece - fine
14. One merino ewe fleece - medium
15. One merino ram fleece not grown on property

### **Merino Weaner Class**

16. Merino weaner fleece, any quality showing lamb tips