

Presidents Report – Richard Halliday, May 2016

Great to see Shearing Contractors Association of Australia (SCAA), Western Australian Shearing Industry Association (WASIA), Australian Wool Innovation (AWI) and WoolProducers create the shearing industry poster which is an excellent conversation starter. The efforts of all people involved should be congratulated.

International Wool and Textile Organisation (IWTO) Congress in April gave WPA a chance to meet with growers, brokers, processors, and manufacturers from 23 separate countries. It was a very interesting conference and great guest speakers. Personally, I found the opportunity to meet and talk with growers from other countries a great chance to speak of many of the shared issues we experience such as biosecurity, predation, and young farmer engagement.

As an organisation, WPA has moved to encourage all growers to take time and fill out the National Wool Declaration to provide our customers with the information they require to meet their needs.

As we move into the autumn lambing season, we also encourage all producers to make decisions that give them the best outcomes for their livestock, in particular continue the strong voluntary uptake of pain relief as this is a huge success story for industry.