



# One Stop Ram Shop



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## Wool Farmers Choice.

This pamphlet spelt out the **objectives in 2003**, for expenditure by a 'New' producer organisation.  
Funding R & D.

To develop new ways of farming, technology and products that will improve long term profitability.  
Benefits to levy payers (from this work).

*Increased wool productivity.*

*Improved wool viability in key markets.*

*New uses for wool will be developed.*

## Information Transfer.

To encourage farmers to take up systems to maximize profitability.

Benefits to levy payers.

*Improved performance with dollar gains.*

## Skills and Education.

To ensure skilled and experienced people enter farming.

To invest in developing industry leadership.

Benefits to levy payers.

*Increased availability of skilled labour and shearers.*

## Supply of Technical Advice.

To ensure competence in processing and manufacturing production.

Benefits to levy payers.

*Providing advice to processors, securing wools market position, showcasing innovation.*

*Making sure government regulations do not impinge adversely upon farming.*

*Providing information to manufacturers and consumers.*

*We will strengthen demand for NZ wool.*

## Other Activities.

Improving industry profile.

Provide an analysis of all aspects of farming.

Provide crisis management in disasters and bio-security lapses.

An advocacy role for trade access.

Provide an organisation lean, sharp and accountable.

Five years later. \$175 million spent. Is there any dollar extra in farmer's pockets?

Vote **NO** to MWNZ's proposal



HB suffered another drought; not Tarata. Green. Maire Hill.  
Tarata, Jan 2009



1977 Hilsons, Alastair, Richard, Jane, Robin and Horse.  
Horse died when 33 years old. We shed a tear. Tarata.



**Black Widow** usually placid and furtive. This stirred-up female is ready to strike. The world's most poisonous spider species.  
San Juanico, June 2009.

**Now to 2009. Its your call.** Pamphlet, 14 July 09.  
What has your levy achieved?

**SIL triples the rate of genetic gain.**

Genetic gain at OSRS has been excellent. SIL is a huge tool but these gains would be made, even if slower, by competent breeders.

Confirmed by Dr Hickford, Lincoln. CW, July.

**Advocacy to save millions.**

Trade negotiations are a government responsibility in the hands of Tim Groser. MWNZ has no role other than to provide statistics. MWNZ is a message boy. Advocacy is not a MWNZ business, it has no mandate.

**Monitor Farm Programme.** A success story at Kaiwera is written-up.

2005, OSRS asked Peterson to establish how many monitor farmers **still farmed**. He promised to do this but has not yet. Many have **left** farming. Why? This programme has provided careers for advisors and outlived much of its usefulness.

**A 60- year knowledge bank.** The Economic Service is a great historical data bank but it does not put money in farmer's pockets. A reference for new agricultural business yes; a stimulus **NO!**

**Training- on farm performance.** OSRS and others have had no success with **Agriculture ITO** (which claimed to **put \$17,000 value annually into every farmer's pocket**; 2007. pers comm). Shearing education is MWNZ business, not the rest.

**Levy with a sting.** Good funding. Levy 'invention' made it possible. 'Investment' surely?

**Getting dairy calves into beef herds.**

A good project but very **late**. Most of those rearing calves had perfected their business years ago. At OSRS we had perfected the job in the 1970's.

**A little glue helps.**

MWNZ's sticky fingers apparently kept major exporting processors from duplicating their commercial efforts. Unbelievable !  
MWNZ should keep out of other people's business.  
Stewart Weston, AFFCO, CEO, Feb, 2009.

**Better pasture.** Levies have helped finance the development of new cultivars, but this is a **subsidy** to companies commercialising the new rye grasses.

**10% more lambs by using teasers ahead of mating.**

Using levy money to qualify the benefit of teasers is good. OSRS farmers have been using teasers for a variety of reasons for twenty years, so now they know just how wise they have been.

**Conclusion:** This is a **sad** list of achievements.

**MWNZ spent \$175 million and farmers have not benefited financially.**

Absent from this pamphlet was all the Nimmo-Bell 'proof' of how invested dollars put money in farmer's pockets. The incredible claims by MWNZ have been received with the scepticism they deserve and articles by Dr Jock Alison (CW), Marianne Aitken (FW) and Terry Brosnanhan (CW) have buried MWNZ credibility.

Peterson's credibility also plummeted by constantly praising the Nimmo-Bell report, but worse by insinuating that a **NO** vote is the end of everything; this is wrong.

**Agriculture Minister David Carter** 'there was adequate time to form a new organisation' CW, July 2009.

With all the latest MWNZ hype, which is almost identical to that published in 2003, can the organisation ever be effective?

MWNZ had five years of opportunity and has **failed**. Five years and \$175 million of farmer's levy money spent and farmers are worse off, \$175 million worse off.

All voters should **vote NO to all proposals**.

**A new organisation is ready to replace MWNZ.**

**MWNZ 2004 is an extravagant clone of the old Wool and Meat Boards.**

**In just 18 years Sheep and Beef producer Boards have spent \$1,015,000,000 of farmer's levy money.**  
**Have you benefited?**

**One billion spent!**



Mike Peterson and Robin Hilson. Mike's willingness to discuss the role of MWNZ is appreciated, but there is little agreement on the effectiveness of the organisation  
Paratu, May



One Stop Ram Shop signs erected on SH2 and SH50 giving a clear message  
July 2009

## Five Liners.

- **NZ.** Everybody wants farmer's money.

WPI---farmer capital is needed to establish the wool cooperative.

SSF---needs \$80 million, i.e. more equity. A 'painless' plan will take money off sheep and beef returns.

MWNZ---needs levies (taxes) to pay for activities which don't benefit farmer's.

Banks---by forcing land sales of properties they helped to purchase.

- **MIAG,** the most successful 'ginger' group in decades is to continue. This group with many wise, pragmatic southern heads has attracted like thinkers in the NI.

*NZ Farming needs MIAG, a watchdog, independent, apolitical.*

"Bring back MIAG". Keith Cooper, FW, May.

- NZ. Sheep flock is 33.9 million, down 12%. A&P shows are in danger of fading away. Dom, 21-1-09

- One in five kiwis have tattoos, most commonly women. NZ may have the world's most tattooed population.

*Bodies have been the tattooist's mobile canvas for every kind of scene, naked body and animal, all in brilliant colour. Most places 'tatt' spiders wander would not happen if they were real.*

- Parliament, March 2009. Minister Richard Worth announced "I do not have a clear **erection**".

*John Key should refer him to the men's clinic because such confessions are not parliamentary business.*

- **Disinformation.** 1080 in the news again.

Writers should growup and learn the facts; this naturally occurring plant poison has saved **NZ's biodiversity**. Also, Dioxin Kills; **it does not**. Science has proved this conclusively. High doses cause acne.

Bob Brockie, Dom Post, 6-7-09

- 7000 people are employed by the Inland Revenue Department, (IRD). China's IRD would have 1.8 million if staffed at the same level.

*IRD make, many mistakes.*

- Keith Cooper (SFF, CEO) is becoming a spokesman for all things meaty. He pushes to consolidate his company and get support from farmers.

*SFF shares being sold to outsiders is a future possibility.* Eion Garden, (SFF) FW, 6-7-09.

*A similar move doomed Richmond*

- Robotic cutting technology launched at Paeroa is exciting. This technology will identify carcass variation between individuals, some of which have 14 ribs, others only 12 and 20% 13. More meat will be cut off the bone without risk to people.

- High-net-worth-individuals; those with US\$1million, beside their home, number 8.6 million worldwide.

- **Shark Attack.** Since 1580. there has been 473 fatal and 1728 non-fatal attacks. The chance of dying from a shark attack is 1 in 210 million. A shark is 30 million times more likely to be eaten by a human than the reverse. Soon there will be no sharks anyway. Reuters

**Ireland, Prawo Jazdy**, a notorious driver notched up dozens of speeding and parking offences. *Officers inspecting Polish driving licenses assumed that Prawo Jazdy written on the top right hand corner was the driver's name. Wrong. Translated it means 'driving licence'.* Times.

- **EU.** Members of the European Parliament get € 92,000 salary, a generous pension funded by the state, € 50,424 annually for a constituency office (many have none), € 298 daily attendance allowance and travel expenses worth 100's per week.

*Tony Blair is to join them.* Economist, May.

- **India.** 20% of the general election candidates of 5500 were facing criminal charges e.g, murder, abduction, and robbery. Some were contesting from prison. 25% of 543 elected MPs have cases pending, half are serious such as murder and rape.

Reuters.

- **New Delhi.** The High Court averages 4 minutes 55 seconds per case. Thousands are pending, over 600 are more than 20 years old

*It could take 466 years to clear the backlog.* AP.

- **Neo-colonialism?** Rich countries have bought vast tracts of poor countries' farm land.

China – 2.8 million ha. South Korea-690,000 ha.

UAE, Saudi Arabia, Qatar 500,000 ha each.

Crops planned are wheat, rice, palm oil. Many owners provide their own workers. Value of these sales US \$ 20-30 billion. Past deals in Mozambique, Indonesia, Philippines and Madagascar have failed.

Economist, July

- **USA, California.** In 2006 the top 1% of earners paid 48% of all income taxes.

**New York.** 20% of the state revenues come from Wall Street. 2007 bonuses were worth US \$32.9 billion; 2008 only US \$18.4 billion.

*Bonuses, capital gains, stock options, i.e. froth.*

- The Federal debt obligation represents a sum of **US \$ 546,668,00 per household.** USA Today May.

US government spending on smoking, alcohol and drug abuse reached **US \$468 billion** in 2005, 10% of total federal, state and local expenditure.

NY Times

## **NZ debt, NZ \$124,285 per household**

- American teenagers sent and received 2272 text messages per month in 2008. Texting offers companionship but school work is suffering. Parents resort to confiscating phones. Teens feel punished for behaviour in which their parents indulge. Parents are 'always' on the i pod.

## NEW ORLEANS.

New Orleans; another big US city but with an enchanting French Quarter. This is the centre of southern jazz which is found at every corner. Pure jazz is a musical delight, totally captivating when played for two hours by a trombonist called 'T Bone Hill', a trumpeter 'Leon Kid Chocolate Brown', piano, double base, banjo to about 50 people in Preservation Hall with seating for only 20. Beautiful music, genuine artists who gleefully played Basin Street Blues for two really moved Kiwis.

*All for US \$ 10 each We'll be back.*

New Orleans is a welfare city, that has been neglected by the Federal Government. It has picked itself up by community initiative. Katrina devastation is vast and sad.

**It will happen again.**

Huge, muddy and swift the Mississippi has been prevented from meandering across this countryside so the soil which it carries is not building US anymore. It flows directly into the Gulf, which gets shallower and pushes seawater over the lowlands. **Every hour an area the size of a football field is lost to the Gulf of Mexico.**

As the hurricane season starts everybody gets nervous. "We hope the good Lord spares us this year" says the restaurant owner whose property flooded 13 times in 30 years.  
USA Today 29-5-09. **It will happen again.**

Bayous formed a natural barrier of foliage to hold back winds, they absorbed immense quantities of water like a blotter, they repulsed the pressure of seawater comfortably. Man is still attacking these huge floodplains, creating farmlands destroying biodiversity and encouraging salinity but worst of all is opening the area to repeated disasters.

Wetland forests are quiet like NZ and Alaskan forests.

Southern manners are delightful. 36 million people live in threatened areas and many would like to leave but the recession has stopped any exodus.

New Orleans will not be out of the news.

To accept globalisation is to accept that what is theirs now, will become yours.

If they have swine flu or sars, --so will you.

If they have more doing your job,--you lose.

If they have terrorists--so will you.

If they have nasty insects--so will you.

Needed; cool heads to ponder each issue and remove some because they are foolish eg. foot and mouth disease (its **not** important, just an artificial trade barrier), emission trading scheme etc.



Pure jazz by vibrant songsters. Joy giving a reward. New Orleans May 2009



Authentic cajun delights and plenty of deep fries keep people huge.



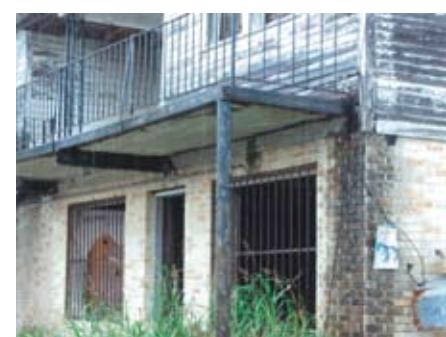
Posh suburbs are best viewed by tram. This driver stopped mid-route for a 15-minute refuel at Subway. Passengers just waited.



Gracious cathedral in the central square, close to the huge, muddy, swirling Mississippi River.



Jazz bands lead colourful wedding processions through the French Quarter to receptions.



Once drowned, mud filled, putrid buildings are abandoned throughout New Orleans. Wrecked.



A cross on the porch wall tells a tale. How many died and the date of the search. Condemned. Years after Katrina.



Crocodiles are back. Protected and feared they are prime predators, second only to man.



These small homes were under 6metres of water. Many have been rebuilt. It will happen again.



Two Masked Kiwis. Nobody took swine flu precautions in New Orleans or USA. Omni Hotel, New Orleans.

## LAS VEGAS.

Las Vegas is growing. People gamble but there are fewer tourists, shops are closed and sales are everywhere.

A luxury item listed at US \$3400 was bought for US \$450, 13.2% of the list price. Shops were understaffed and frantic for business. People are not buying. Eating is expensive but servings huge, easily divided between two Kiwis. Wine ranged from US \$ 8-13 per glass. Service was punctual, unobtrusive and friendly by waiters all 'mature'.

Las Vegas is synonymous with shows and excellent they are. Extravagant, colourful, they hardly titillate, even with masses of bare chests, they move so fast. Not very sexy, but they tried.

An hilarious place; the eighth wonder of the world; a world of illusion inhabited by many huge people.

Vegas is 'aged' friendly, scooters are everywhere. Noise is immense in the casinos and kept at levels to sound crowded when few people are present. People on stools often erupt over the sides grotesquely.

**Vegas is a cheap place to visit if you don't eat or gamble.**



Joy wore a lovely yellow dress; most clothes were dull in vegas.

"Geez – that's a nice dress"      "Perfect" said with gleeful clapping.

"I like your dress"      "I like your dress. It's a design from South."

"I love your yellow dress, it's really beautiful."      "I am very impressed with your style."      A croupier even just gave the 'thumbs-up'.



Albeit the Hoover Dam is spectacular, Lake Mead is a scary 20m (white line) below capacity.



Lamb chop, \$NZ75, with vegetables extra. One serving was big enough to feed two Kiwis.



'The Strip'. Expensive eating. Efficient service from 'mature' waiters



Do girlfriends really enjoy these crude tattoos of naked women?



A pretty Asian tattoo on a muscular leg. What will the fish look like when both are 70 years old?

## All R&D programmes need transparency or else money (Other People's Money) is wasted.

In the 1962 as part of the US natural science programme, the wildlife of Antarctic was studied. The US manager of the projects outlined the activities and results to a group of zoology honours students at Canterbury University, of which I was one. The programme cost a staggering \$US250,000. We were suitably impressed.

Later our lecturer explained that he had undertaken **identical** work which had already been presented in **scientific papers**. He was in-charge of the NZ Antarctic Zoological projects, which cost NZ\$ 20-30,000 annually.

Americans were repeating the work, and spending huge dollars.

*Quality scientific work is the objective not the number of dollars spent.*

*How many levy-funded programmes undertaken on have produced a quality result?*

**Would the R&D expenditure of MWNZ stand scrutiny? NO.**

**Vote No to MWNZ proposals.**

### OSRS information 2008-2009.

- 20% of sales this last season, were to new buyers.
- Strong sales continued for all main lines of rams, with Texel Suffolks, Dorpers and Texels being sold out.
- Continued dryness lead to poor growth and recovery from lucerne. Pasture growth was below average.
- Cash cropping (40 ha), seed peas and malting barley suffered because of the dry. Quality was good, tonnage miserable.
- All surplus stock were fattened to satisfactory weights as often happens in HB droughts. Exceptional management by Peter Kettle and Colin Burlace was responsible for this result.
- Ewes held their body weights and tupped well, Burnside rainfall throughout the tup was very low. March had 28.5 mm; April 46 mm, May 8.75 mm, June 17.25 mm and cold. Climatically another tricky season.

Tarata, in the rain belt, had an excellent season, as usual, and carried extra stock comfortably. It was a great sight to see masses of clover at New Year over the whole farm.

- Log harvesting of 20 ha was again postponed due to the world financial crisis. Frustrating.
- Farm visits took place throughout the whole season, no areas were neglected.
- Weather conditions in the SI made ram sales difficult to coordinate. Ram demand was good and quality pleased farmers. Jeff plans for sales to be more punctual this season.

### ○ Venues with OSRS rams for sale 2009-2010.

- Robert Carter; Kirikau Valley, Taumarunui.  
Robin Hilson; OSRS, 'Patatu', Waipukurau.  
Dennis Meade; Matahiwi, Nelson. (New)  
Blair Gallagher; Mt Somers, Canterbury.  
Guy Bellerby; Gillespe Rd, TeAnau. (New)  
Jeff Moss; Otara-Haldane, Southland.



Two tooth Texels and Finn- Texels,

OSRS, Tarata



Nelson monitor farm of Dennis Meade, also a new 'shop-window' for OSRS ram sales. Matahiwi, May 2009.



Off to New Plymouth, two Finn ewes. Robert & Dawn Mills.

### One Stop Ram Shop.

### Always Innovative

FIRST commercial farm to have Texel, Finn and Oxford sheep in NZ, wayback 22 years ago.

FIRST to recognize the role of Finns and Texels as part of the mix with NZ genetics.

FIRST to sell Finn-Texel rams.

FIRST to arrange supply contracts which rewarded the users of Finn and Texel.

FIRST to market Finn and Texel carcasses large scale to NZ and export markets.

FIRST to market high bulk Texel wool to a processor and provide premiums.

FIRST to market bulky Texel wool to export markets.

FIRST to promote stabilised crossbred sheep with fixed proportions of Finn, Texel and NZ genetics.

FIRST to produce and market Texel-Suffolk rams.

FIRST to have eight months lambing on one farm only.

FIRST to achieve seven natural sheep matings in eighteen months.

FIRST to have an objective of six lambings per year without the aid of chemicals.

FIRST to produce colourful, informative, proactive newsletters regularly.



Dorper ewes and lambs.

Burnside, Feb 2009.