



# The National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia Inc

## NEWSLETTER

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### From the desk of Chris Wilcox, Executive Director

- EMI and Merino Cardings hit new records
- Non-Mulesed wool lifts 44% in Australia; wool with an NWD now has a 2/3 share
- AWTA wool tests up 8.7% in October, from a low base
- Australian wool exports lift, driven by higher exports to China and Italy
- IWTO Round Table in Port Elizabeth, South Africa
- Seasonal conditions and outlook
- Upcoming events



### Sample article

#### Supplies of non-mulesed wool from Australia up 44%

The latest data from AWEX on mulesing status from the National Wool Declaration (NWD) confirms the sharp rise in the volume of wool with an NWD, and in particular the large increase in the volume of wool declared as Non-Mulesed and as Pain Relief (PR). For the month, NM-declared wool increased by 82% year-on-year, PR-declared wool increased by 81%, while there was a 52% increase in wool declared as Ceased Mulesed (CM). Overall, there was a 61% jump in wool with an NWD for October compared with October 2016. The changes for the year-to-date are impressive: there was 40%+ lift in wool declared as NM or PR in the first four months of 2017/18, while there was a 19% lift in the total number of bales. Wool with CM, NM or PR now accounts for 44% of the total offering and wool with an NWD now accounts for almost two-thirds of all first-hand wool offered in Australia in the first four months.

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#### INDUSTRY EVENTS

The **AWI Annual General Meeting** will be held in Sydney on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

The **AWEX Annual General Meeting** will be held in Sydney on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

**IWTO Roundtable in Cape Town**, South Africa, 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

#### WOOL SALES WEEK BEGINNING 6<sup>th</sup> NOV 2017 – week 19 (roster as at 2/11/2017)

##### Sydney

Wed, 8<sup>th</sup> Nov; Thurs, 9<sup>th</sup> Nov 11,052 bales

##### Melbourne

Wed, 8<sup>th</sup> Nov; Thurs, 9<sup>th</sup> Nov 21,821 bales

##### Fremantle

Wed, 8<sup>th</sup> Nov; Thurs, 9<sup>th</sup> Nov 9,849 bales

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