

# The National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia Inc

# **NEWSLETTER**

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

- Australian wool market finishes 2017 on a high
- Australian wool prices in first half of 2017/18
- New Australian wool production forecast
- ABARES outlook
- Upcoming events



### Sample article

## Australian wool prices hit highs

It has been a wonderful first half of the 2017/18 season for wool prices in Australia, particularly coming after the strong rise over the 2016/17 season. The EMI has risen by 235 Ac/kg in the first six months. In US\$ terms, the EMI is 181 UScents higher. All Micron Price Guides recorded increases in the first six months of the year. The largest increase was for Merino Cardings, increasing by 26% over the six months. And this was from a high starting point! All Merino wools have recorded very good increases of between 9% and 21%. Crossbred wools have seen more moderate rises, although the 25 micron price guide was up by 13% in both A\$ and US\$.

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#### **INDUSTRY EVENTS**

**IWTO 2018 Congress** will be held in Hong Kong on 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

THE AUSTRALIAN WOOL MARKET IS IN RECESS FOR THREE WEEKS OVER CHRISTMAS.

SALES RESUME IN THE WEEK BEGINNING 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018.



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