

# A belated March 2021 Bonnibelt Newsletter 😊

Hi All,

There are a few reasons this newsletter is late, the first being my computer would not behave itself for me to do the newsletter and it was just as well, as the second reason was, that we got caught up with saying “Hi” to our first Grandchild.



**We would like to welcome our first grandchild  
Roland Henry Kreher  
Born 1st April, 2021** 

Both parents are doing very well, although a bit sleep deprived 😊 and in true Ronnie and Elyssa style, Roland went to his first music concert in Penneshaw at 2 days of age and slept through it 😊

We hope you all had a pleasant, relaxed Easter break and received a nice surprise, like we did.

***A sign of the times:*** As of the 20<sup>th</sup> April, we will no longer have a landline number but will be contactable via my mobile number (which most of you have anyway 😊) which is 0421 365 197.

***Lamb weights and related information:*** The average lamb weights of our last lot of 11 to 12 old lambs was 24.1 kgs. Their average weight is lighter due to the introduction of a new full blood Damara Ram and we for see this to be the trend for the future. We may have dropped a few kgs but they are proving to be cleaner on the hair/wool side of things.

We got the first lot of lambs back from the new processors late in March and whilst there were some major delivery teething issues that were beyond our control, we think we now have it all sorted for the next round. I sincerely apologise for the inconvenience it caused some of our clients and I thank you very much for your patience. From the feedback that we have received, our clients are happy with how it has been processed and packed – which is great as I have been stressing and hoping I have made the right decisions.

The April lot of Lambs and Mutton are all spoken for and we have been able to keep them at \$10 and \$9 a kg respectively. Our next lots of Lamb and Mutton are due to go off in October and November, however, there will be a price rise on them, how much, I cannot say at the moment.

**Beef related information:** Due to our downsizing of the cattle, we have very, very limited beef this year with that lot going off in July/August. I will be contacting clients around the end of May, early June to confirm with you. There will be a few more going off in January 2022 and I will try to spread it out over those 2 rounds. We need to increase the cost of the beef to \$10.50 a kg dressed weights for Sides and \$10.70 a kg dressed weights for Mixed Quarters. Plus the butcher will be charging a bit extra for Corning, Crumbing and Sausages – which would be Gluten Free. I can't confirm the prices apart from them being a lot less than what Strath were charging. Prepacking is about 50 cents a tray.

I will also be having a chat with another breeder, who has bought a number of our stock and not far away, to see if he plans on doing any paddock to plate packages in the future.

**Our future:** As some of you are already aware and can gather from our downsizing, our ultimate aim is to get out of the livestock altogether so that we can have more time on our hands to be able to travel and be able to see not only our grandson more often, but our children more often, who are unfortunately spaced about 2,700 kms apart, so we can't just easily catch up with them overnight 😊 Whilst our beef numbers will be down, unless someone comes in to buy our whole breeding flock – we will have lambs and mutton for a little while longer. I can hear quite a few of you saying “Oh thank goodness for that!” We do apologize for any inconvenience this may cause but we are starting to think of what we need to do to be able to really relax.

Kind Regards,



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