



The Winner of the 2004 “Win Jack the pup” competition

Was
Glen Arnott
South Grafton

This dog was happily accepted by its new owner Glen, and will be used primarily for working cattle. Winona was very pleased that Jack went to a relatively youthful owner who was excited about his win.



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Great Excitement

Colin Seis, co-principal of Winona, was awarded the prestigious “**Central West Conservation Farmer of the Year**”. This award was judged against farmers ranging from Yass in the south, Nyngan in the west and Coonabarabran in the north.

This hotly contested title is the result of many years of trailing innovative farming and grazing methods. Colin’s land management methods have attracted much attention from such groups as the CSIRO, CMA and DPINR as the methods used have gone a long way towards drought proofing the Winona property.

Colin Seis receiving the award



Dogs will be for sale at the Annual Winona Ram Sale



Nicholas Seis with “Jim” - a dog for the auction

At this November’s Winona Annual Ram Sale, we will have a selection of eight fully trained Winona kelpie working dogs available by auction. These dogs range from one to two years of age and will be a mixture of “all round”, “yard” and “paddock” as well as dogs suitable for cattle work.

Don’t miss the sale, it will be a beauty.

Pasture Cropping Workshops.

As part of an initiative and funded by Grain and Graze, over 350 landholders have attended a series of informal workshops on Pasture Cropping.

These workshops have detailed the land management techniques used by Colin Seis in the organisation of Winona. These techniques have gone a long way to “drought proofing” Winona as well as allowing an increased stock carrying capacity.

Over 1,000 farmer/graziers are now implementing these techniques with more about to do the same as a result of the workshops.

These pasture cropping techniques have also been adopted for use in some parts of the USA and Scandinavia. Sort of cuts through the old objection of “Might work on your country but wont work on mine” !!!!!

Pasture Cropping, simply put, is a method of combining cropping into pastures without destroying the pasture. It also involves controlled grazing at specific times of the pasture growth.

The techniques are designed to very much replicate the way pastures grew in Australia before the European settlers arrived.

It was the existing lush grasslands that originally attracted so many settlers to various parts of Australia, including great great grandfather Nicholas Seis in 1868 in the Gulgong area. .

Field Days around NSW

As part of the on-going promotions, Winona attends as many regional field days. This gives an opportunity to meet with as many land holders as possible to discuss dogs as well as sheep and wool.

So far this year we have attended Hungerford (SW QLD) and will be attending Mudgee, Agquip Gunnedah, National field Day Orange. We will have a range of pups for sale at each of these venues.



Ram and Dog Sale

Following the successes of the last few previous years, Winona will again hold an annual ram sale in November.

The actual date in early November is not yet finalised, however, it will be a good sale. The rams are looking very good despite the dry times and becoming very well grown.

The pups, well, dog trainer Nicholas Seis has taken a particular pride in training up the dogs that are for sale. These are some very special dogs indeed. More details later.

Winona On-Property Ram and Dog Sale— November 2005



Pasture Cropping—Observations on its effect of Stock.

Now that Winona is fifteen years into the changed land management techniques, some quite unique responses are being observed with the stock (which is solely sheep at present).

Much of the changes involved smaller paddocks and larger numbers of sheep per mob. The sheep are moved from paddock to paddock more often and therefore are handled more frequently.

Where possible the sheep are handled using low stress manner that involves a press and release method. That is apply a pressure to the mob to get them to move and then releasing the pressure giving the stock time think about their next move.

The practical side is the sheep are generally heading towards the paddock gate by the time the stock handler gets to the tail of the mob. The mob calmly moves to the next paddock. This carries through to such events as shearing where the animals are noticeably easier to shear.

Rams for Sale at the Winona Ram On Property Auction.

This year we will be offering approximately 40 rams.

The rams are March 2005 shorn and will be micron tested in September 2005. All these rams are of the type for which Winona has become recognized Australia wide. That is **bold crimping heavy cutting fine wools.**

We have been breeding towards even bigger framed animals to give an even more increased carcass size as well as the obvious benefit of a heavier wool cut per animal.

Prior to the sale the rams will be singly penned and on display. The dogs offered for sale will have their stock working abilities demonstrated prior to them being auctioned. As previously stated, these are some of the better bred and better trained dogs. They have a mixture of working type characteristics (eg yard as against paddock etc).



Don't forget the Ram and Dog Sale — Early November 2005