

## 2017 NZ EWE HOGGET OVERALL WINNER ANNOUNCED



### PRESS RELEASE

Last Thursday evening at a function at Cromwell in front of 130 persons, and after 151,000 ewe hoggets had been assessed throughout New Zealand, the Crossbreed Winners Simon & Allan Paterson from Ranfurly were announced the Overall Winners of this year's NZ Ewe Hogget Competition. They were also winners of the Fine Wools section.

Simon thanked all the sponsors for supporting this competition, and put their success down to “management and genetics and looking after their ewe hoggets in their first few months as being crucial to their lifetime performance”.

Throughout the evening sponsors spoke of the state of the industry, their support of this grassroots competition and referred to it as being a ‘real competition for real farmers’ and spoke of the challenges facing the sheep industry. Many speakers referred to the pioneers of this competition now in its 21<sup>st</sup> year, George Fletcher, Willy Mitchell, and Noel Hamilton, and praised them for their foresight.

The evening's speaker Mr Richard Subtil from Omarama Station spoke about the possible ramifications from artificial meat products now on the market and challenged producers to be more proactive and not to continue being price takers.



### Overall 2017 Winner – Simon & Allan Paterson



#### Finalist Winners

Romney	Richard & Mez Power
Composite	John & Sally Andrews
Crossbred	Simon & Allan Paterson
Perendale	Mike McElrea
Fine Wools	Simon & Allan Paterson
Coopworth	Tom & Richard Whitford

#### Special Awards

Flock Performance	Evans Partnership
Large Flock	Ross & Ruth Richards
Phenotype	Andy & Campbell Denham
Overall Best Quality	
Wool	John & Tania Dowling
Ballance Agri-Nutrients	
Young Achievers	John Harrison

