

# NZAGA Newsletter

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Tutukinoa HoneyBee  
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## Why a Newsletter?

Hi all. Now that our numbers have grown, it is timely to formalize communication among the owners of Arapawa goats around NZ. I will put something together on a quarterly basis and invite you to send stories, photos and snippets of news relating to your Arapawa goats. In this way, the animals listed on the registry will become more than just a number.

## Is the Arapawa Goat still 'critically endangered'?

In 2011, when we first began a register for the NZ Arapawa goats, only 26 live 'purebred' animals were identified living in domestication. Today there are 182 live, pedigree Arapawa goats listed on the NZ registry (124 does and 58 bucks). Despite the increase in breeding stock numbers, the American Livestock Conservancy continue to list the Arapawa goat as being 'critical'. According to the criteria for endangered species, 'critically endangered' status means an animal is at extremely high level of extinction in the immediate future. A goal for us, as a group, is to get the number of healthy adults, with a diverse genetic pool, over 250. The NZ Arapawa goats will then meet the criteria to be on the 'endangered' list, i.e. where they face a very high risk of extinction in the near, as opposed to the immediate, future.

*Extinction is  
Forever. When the  
last members of a  
species die, that  
species becomes  
extinct. ... Each  
day about 137  
different species of  
animal and plant  
are lost forever.*

*(J Burkitt, 2005)*



## Rare Breeds Auction & Heritage Lifestyle Day

The Rare Breeds Conservation Society of New Zealand – Canterbury Branch - are holding a Rare Breeds Auction & Heritage Lifestyle Day on **Sunday, 8 March 2015**, at Willowbank Wildlife Reserve, 60 Hussey Road, **Christchurch**. It opens at 10 am. The Auction starts at 1.00 pm.

**Jo Buckner** is interested in taking a stall for \$25 to publicise the Arapawa goats – and would like to get in touch with NZAGA members who might like to participate. Her contact details are

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### BREEDER PROFILE – ALISON SUTHERLAND

Ok, I'll go first, but expect to be shoulder tapped for upcoming newsletters. Alan (hubby) and Alison have been interested in Arapawa goats since reading Betty Rowe's book 'Arapawa—once upon an Island' in 2009. Having a 9 acre lifestyle block in Masterton, they purchased Maana (AG001) and Dobby (AG002) from David Hughes as their first breeding pair, and currently have a tribe of 9 does, 1 buck and 1 buckling (Sultan - his mother was rescued from Arapawa Island in 2013; he will provide much needed new genes to the Arapawa goat lineage). Having a background in research, probing for the 'truth' about the origins of the NZ Arapawa goat, Alison put together the timeline that is published on the arapawagoats.com website. Convinced of the goats' genetic uniqueness, she recognised the need to establish a pedigree for NZ Arapawa goats in domestication. The NZ Arapawa Goat Association and registry was formed and Alison continues to keep the registry up to date. The Sutherland's breeding prefix — Millard Farm — is based on the name of the street they live on.



Tutukino Maana (AG001)  
and Alison

## GOAT PROFILE – TUTUKINOA DOBBY

**Dobby (NZAGA Reg, No. 002)** was born in March 2010 to Tutukinoa Holly (AG003) and an unidentified sire (there were several contenders, all of which were guaranteed purebred ‘Arapawa’). Bred by David Hughes, Dobby was transported to the North Island by Alison and Alan Sutherland as a paddock pet and future stud buck. He takes his role very seriously and has sired kids spread from Nelson to North Auckland. As Dobby matured he developed an uncanny resemblance to the goat in Mavor’s (1797) painting of ‘Old Will’, the Old English goat on Cook’s ship - Resolution - in 1773. This inspired the children’s picture book ‘Old Will. The first Arapawa goat’.



Tutukinoa Dobby, 2/2/2015



Comparing  
Mavor’s Old Will  
to a younger  
Dobby

This newsletter has been sent to people on my email list who have expressed an interest in the Arapawa goats. If you do not want to receive the newsletter and would like to have your name removed from the members list, please let me know. If you know of anyone who would like to be a member of the NZ Arapawa Goat Association (NZAGA), please send me their name and contact details. There is no membership cost, nor is there a charge for registering purebred Arapawa goats or yourself as a breeder (all costs are covered by proceeds from the sale of ‘Old Will. The first Arapawa goat’).

The registry of the NZ Arapawa goats (accessible via the [www.arapawagoats.com](http://www.arapawagoats.com) website) is only as accurate as the information you send me. Please let me know of any changes or amendments. All communications are very welcome.

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