

CURRICULUM VITAE
GARRICK JOHN BATTEN

- PERSONAL** Married with four non-dependent children
- ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS** Diploma Valuation and Farm Management 1957
Professional Accountancy 1967
International Marketing Diploma 1989
Diploma Business Studies (Dispute Resolution) 1995
Diploma Business and Administration 1997
Master Business Studies (Dispute Resolution) 2000 (Dist)
- PROFESSIONAL STANDING** Registered Primary Industry Consultant (resigned)
Accredited Export Consultant
Fellow Arbitrators' and Mediators' Institute of NZ Inc. (retired)
- CURRENT ACTIVITIES**
- Company Director
 - Agribusiness Consultant with current emphasis on goat industry development work and agricultural strategic planning
 - Goat breeding/marketing project based in South Island
 - Technical writing for the goat industry
 - Dispute resolution through conciliation and mediation
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- PROFESSIONAL AGRICULTURAL EXPERIENCE 1959 - Present**
- Company Director of two public and four private companies in the goat, deer and horticultural industry (from 1982)
 - Public Farm management consultant working throughout NZ and overseas primarily in goat industry (1985-present)
 - Agricultural Adviser, MAF, Nelson for hill country pastoral farming district (1982-85)
 - Regional Manager, MAF, Nelson, responsible for activities of 20 professional and technical advisory staff in farm and horticultural industries and associated organisations (1973-82)
 - Agricultural Counsellor, New Zealand High Commission, London, responsible for 2 professional and 3 clerical staff operating the Agriculture Branch for UK Europe. Involved with technical servicing to and from NZ and political/diplomatic activities in agricultural trade and policy areas (1969-73)
 - Farm Adviser, MAF, Thames. Sole charge and training office in hill country sheep and intensive dairy farming district. Involved with land development, development of pasture management systems, specific insect and weed control projects (1958-69)
- SPECIFIC GOAT INDUSTRY QUALIFICATIONS** During the period 1978 – present, held the following honorary goat industry positions:
- Judge, NZ Dairy Goat Breeders Association
 - Inspector, Mohair Producers Association of NZ Inc.
 - Executive Consultant, NZ Goat Council
 - Producer Representative NZ Goat Meat Council
 - Adviser to Agresearch Crown Research Institute on goat industry
 - Technical Adviser Meat NZ Goat Council
 - Secretary Adviser Tasman Dairy Goat Cooperative

During the period 1978 - 1985 whilst employed by Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries

- National Adviser for Meat and Fibre Goats
- Author and Editor of all MAF goat farming advisory publications.
- Represented New Zealand at Australian National Cashmere Research meeting 1984.
- National Training team leader for farmer courses on dairy, fibre and meat goats.
- Manager Goat Weed Control Research.
- Developed goat industry strategic plans for NZ and MAF.
- Developed district Dairy Goat Cooperative Group

During the period 1984 – present commercial goat industry responsibilities have included:

- Executive Officer, Cashmere Producers of NZ Inc, creating and managing the framework for the new cashmere goat industry in NZ (1984-88)
- Director. Woodstock Investments Ltd, a public company farming, breeding and exporting cashmere and angora goats on a large scale, together with horticultural production and processing. (1985-88)
- Director, Argyll Cashmere, a private company farming cashmere goats (1986-88)
- Director, Goatex Group Ltd, a private company breeding and exporting meat goats and products.
- Director, International Goat Ventures Ltd, a private company involved in making money by entrepreneurial action with natural resources (1985-93)
- Director, NZ Mohair Cashmere Warehouse Co. Ltd, warehousing and marketing NZ goat fibres (1991-92)
- General Manager, NZ Mohair Cashmere Warehouse Co. Ltd, for 6 months (1991-92)
- Managing Director, Caprinex Enterprises Ltd, a private company farming goats and assisting goat industry developments in NZ and overseas

As a consultant in the agricultural industry, specialising in goats, significant activities have included:

- Developing the Woodstock Cashmere flock to No.1 position in NZ.
- Selecting and purchasing Australian cashmere goats for import to NZ.
- Selecting and selling cashmere goats for export to USA from NZ.
- Developing the Kiko meat and Kikonui™ pastoral goat breeds in NZ.
- Exporting Kiko goats and semen to PNG, Samoa, Tonga, Niue, Tahiti, Nepal, USA.
- Selecting and purchasing Boer meat goats for USA clients.
- Advising USA producers on meat goat breeding.
- Pioneering import of frozen goat semen and embryos from Australia to NZ.
- Managing large scale embryo transplant programmes in NZ.
- Working as breeding consultant to several leading cashmere flocks in NZ.
- Advising on goat management in Samoa as consultant to ADB project team leader.
- Training Samoan staff in meat goat farming.
- Planning Tongan goat meat production joint venture.
- Planning integrated meat goat breeding, production, meat processing and distribution in UK.
- Market research and development for goat meat products from NZ to Australia, USA, Japan. Malaysia, China, Arabian Gulf countries.
- Advising Colorado State USA on goat meat and fibre development
- Advising on goat meat, fibre and milk production in Slovakia.
- Tutoring Cashmere goat farming courses throughout NZ.
- Planning goat meat market development for a NZ region.
- Planning NZ national goat meat development strategy.
- Developing goat export markets in USA, Jamaica, Nigeria, Australia

**SPECIFIC
FARMING
EXPERIENCES**

As Manager of technical and advisory resources of the MAF Advisory Services Division for Nelson and Golden Bay during a period of 10 years, and Regional Manager for Nelson-Marlborough-West Coast region for periods of up to 3 months during the above 10 years.

- Leadership of diverse staff (up to 40), management of their activities and finances
- Specific responsibility for MAF input in land use planning with other government departments, local bodies and individual producers
- Guidance and co-ordination of staff in these areas
- Planning, organising and overseeing land use development projects in the region including kiwifruit, irrigation, dairy goat farming, animal breeding etc
- Development and oversight of MAF elements of Land Development Encouragement Loan programmes
- Planning, developing, guiding and overseeing agricultural and horticultural enterprise changes and growth on farm district basis
- Chairmanship and involvement with various industry groups such as Development Committees, Disaster Relief Committee, Agricultural Training Council, Horticultural Development Committee, Tobacco Research Committee
- Member of N.Z. Hop Marketing Committee

As Farm Adviser in Thames and Nelson:

- Chaired Thames District Agricultural Development Committee
- Planned and assisted numerous land and farm improvement projects

As MAF representative:

- Regularly participated in Thames Sub Province, Nelson Province Federated Farmers meetings and Nelson Fruitgrowers Assn meetings
- Represented MAF on Hauraki Catchment Board for 6 years and Nelson Catchment Board for 11 years, with specific roles in land and water use
- Young Farmers Club District Secretary for 10 years.

As Agricultural Counsellor, London, responsible for:

- Information gathering on a wide range of technical farm, horticultural and fisheries information, trade and political intelligence, its interpretation and reporting
- Represented NZ Government at international forums including leading delegations at Codex Alimentarius Commission Committee and Annual Meetings, World Rural Extension and Education Conference, and various FAO meetings. NZ representative at OECD Agricultural Committee and Sub-committees for 12 months
- Coordinating visits and learning experiences of NZ agricultural visitors to Europe and UK visitors to NZ
- Agricultural elements of international and bilateral trade negotiations

Consultancy work with individual producers in wide range of agricultural enterprises, in the mid to late 1980s and subsequently such as

- Consultant to international agribusiness investor in New Zealand
- Consultant to agribusiness development in Argentina

Practical farming experience over many years including:

- 8 years commercial berryfruit growing
- 1 year managing commercial dairy farm
- 1 year managing commercial sheep and cattle farm
- 16 years own commercial sheep, cattle and goat farm
- 5 years own sheep stud flock
- Developed unique goat breeds over 35 years - ongoing
- 1 year fat stock buying
- Developing/managing farm scale technological improvements such as AI and ET

AGRICULTURAL PUBLICATIONS

Papers: III Int. Goat Conference 1982 Tucson, USA
IV Int. Goat Conference 1987 Brasilia, Brazil
I Int. Cashmere Conference 1985 Canberra, Australia
8th Int. Wool Textile Conference 1990, Christchurch, NZ
NZ Grasslands Conference 1989
Lincoln Farmers Conference 1985
Numerous farming publications - written, TV, radio (1978 – Present)
Monthly column Nelson Marlborough Farming News (2000-Present)
Goat research paper www.lrrd.org Vol26(9) 2014

Technical Adviser to:

Goat Farming in NZ 1985
Farming of Goats in NZ 1986
Cashmere Management Manual 1987
TOPNZ Fibre Goat Course Text 1987
Rural Dispute Resolution
Lincoln University Farm Technical Manual

Author: SIMPLY GOATS - Making money from meat goats (3rd print 2003)
GOAT CASHMERE - Producing the finest fibre from NZ goats (2003)
WHAT HAPPENED TO HAYSTACKS AND HORSES? (2012)
BIG BUCK\$ FOR PASTORAL FARMERS

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Operating a small merchandising business in the retail area, regionally and nationally
- Developing and operating a tourist accommodation business on Niue
- Chairman regional agricultural planning group
- Small business consultant in range of products.
- Service industry trainer – Advanced Proficiency KiwiHost.
- Property development.
- Substantial voluntary work with local and national agricultural organisations.
- Former Vestry and Synod Member Anglican Church.

OTHER INTERESTS

Travel.
People.
Wood Sculpture.
Tramping.

OVERSEAS EXPERIENCE

- Study travel in Germany, UK, Denmark, Spain, Netherlands, USA, Java, Brazil, Samoa, Tonga,
- Specific work in goat industry in USA, Tonga, Samoa, Australia, South Africa, Argentina, Pakistan.
- Dispute resolution work in USA.
- Tourist travel in Italy, France, Switzerland, New Caledonia, Thailand, Mexico, Caribbean, Indonesia, Australia, Germany.
- Lived in UK 1969-73

AWARDS

- Life Membership Young Farmers Clubs, 1969.
- Cooper Farm Management Award, 1982.
- Life Membership Cashmere Producers Assn. of NZ. 1988.
- W.E. Tompkins Award (arbitration), 1992.