Australian Alpaca Association Ltd 2022 National Alpaca Show Update #20 – August 2022 And the count-down begins! Final call for sponsors ...

It's less than four weeks until I will be saying "Welcome to the Reunion" – yikes there is still so much to do ... !!

Firstly – a huge thank you to all who have entered: alpacas, fleeces, art, product and photography. Without the entries we don't have a show.

Sincere thanks also to the many volunteers who have invested their time, experience and expertise to get us to this point – we are enormously grateful for your contribution.

Thank you also to those who have agreed to sponsor this wonderful event – without you, the budget doesn't balance, and we can't press on.

So you see, it takes the combined efforts of many, to ensure this is a great National Alpaca Show.

We are in the process of finalising the catalogue for the National Alpaca Show – and it's looking good. If you would like to be included by placing an advertisement in the catalogue, or by securing one of the elusive sponsorships that are still available, please contact Prue to "claim your territory" in the catalogue and as part of the Show proceedings. This is the final call for sponsors – so don't miss out ... !! Sponsorship is one way to show your support of the alpaca industry and also provides great exposure for your alpaca enterprise ... (Prue's email is prue@alpaca.asn.au)

When the weather sends you inside, because it's too cold or wet to continue your halter training, don't forget to complete your Camelid Waybill and send an electronic copy to me please. The link is on the AAA website and is also here: <u>South-American-Camelid-Declaration-and-Waybill.pdf (farmbiosecurity.com.au)</u> My email is <u>lee@alpaca.asn.au</u>

The RA&HS of SA will need an electronic copy of your Camelid Waybill before you arrive at the gate. The capacity to track and trace alpaca movements is paramount in the current climate. We will be complying with any and all of the disinfecting and distance recommendations that are provided, but we must also be able to demonstrate where the alpacas have come from, in case they have been exposed to any regions that may be under investigation. As we get closer to the National Alpaca Show, there will be increasing consultation with PIRSA and RA&HS of SA, to ensure all safety and biosecurity recommendations are fulfilled.

Once again, sincere thanks for your support of the upcoming National Alpaca Show – I am looking forward to being able to say, "Welcome to the Reunion, now let The Show begin ...!!"