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AUSTRALIA'S WOOL CLASSER NEWSLETTER

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The growing demand
for WoolClip

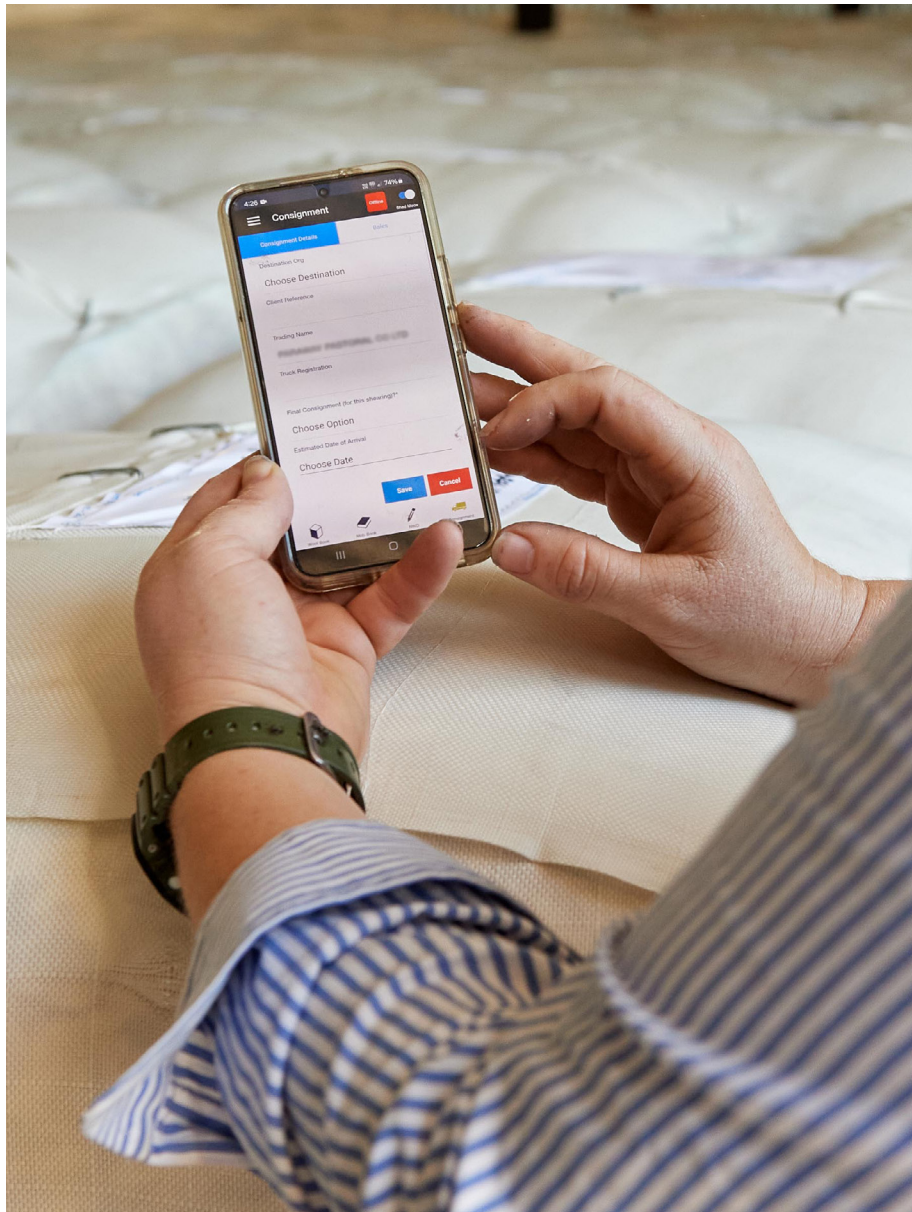
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WoolClip

The tool that's fast becoming the standard across sheds. With new features, tips, and insight into its role in sustainability, we'll show you how WoolClip makes your work easier and more valued by growers and the industry.

The uptake and acceptance of WoolClip has accelerated throughout the 2024 selling season. This growth is supported by Brokers and Private Treaty Merchants, combined with growing interest from Wool Growers and Wool Classers wanting to improve data capture on farm, including the use of eBale. As eBale and ePacks become more visible throughout Australia, it is expected that interest in WoolClip will grow further.



Did you know you can access all your
classing records through WoolClip?

Log into woolclip.com.au



NEW WOOLCLIP FEATURES

AWEX has added three new features to WoolClip to assist Wool Classers.

1 No Service? No Problem – Quick Start Jobs Offline in WoolClip

FAQ “I have no service at the shed and want to start a Job, can I do this using the app?”

YES, in response to this request the WoolClip app now has extra shed functions that do not need any service, including the new Quick Start function. The Wool Classer will only need minimal details to start the Job.

Follow these easy steps to start
a Job in the app with no service:

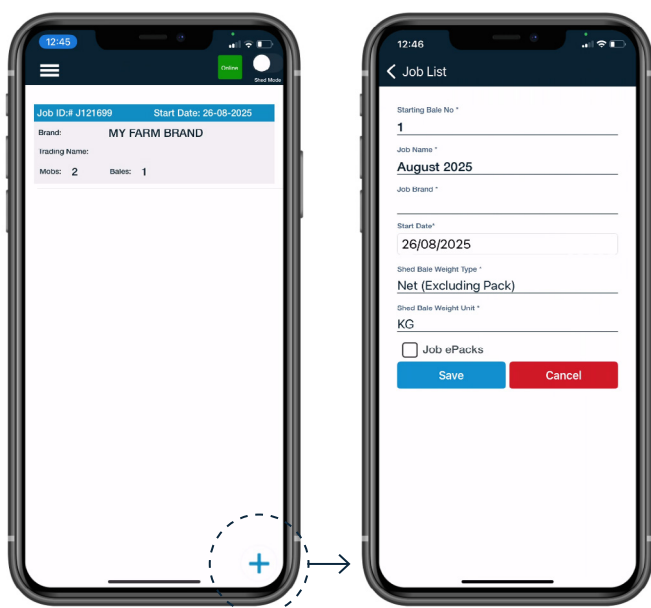


1. Login to the WoolClip app using your username and password.
2. From the Job List menu select the + in the bottom right of the screen.
3. Add the Farm Brand, and mob/s to the Mob Book and you are ready to start scanning and adding bales to the Wool Book.

When in service:



1. Login to the WoolClip website.
2. The new Job will show as a draft. You do not need to start a new job.
3. Complete the draft job details. Save.
4. The Wool Book will sync, and Job Workflow modules will be available.



NEW WOOLCLIP FEATURES (continued)

2 Save Time & Reduce Errors with Mob Requests

This new feature allows the Wool Classifier to request mob details from the Wool Grower.



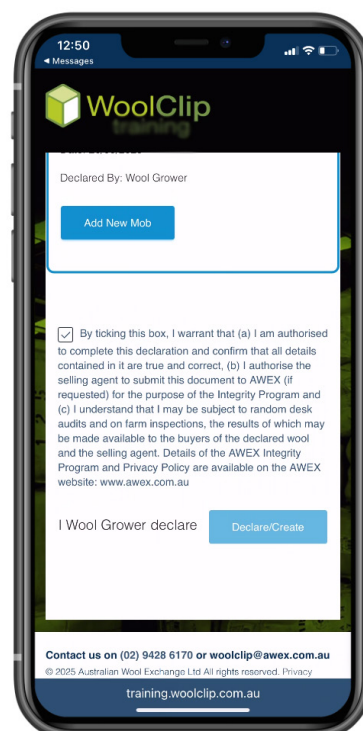
Request Mob Details

From the Mob Book Module in the job select Request Mob Details to send an SMS/email to the Owner/Manager (O/M) in the team. The O/M can also declare the NWD once the mob details are added.

██████████ has invited you to setup mobs and complete an NWD. If you are the Owner/Manager please click the link to complete <https://training.woolclip.com.au/Woolclip/MobRequest/MobRequest?code=HbaV4ecD6kifIEhRFuLY>

Mob Book Request to Owner/Manager

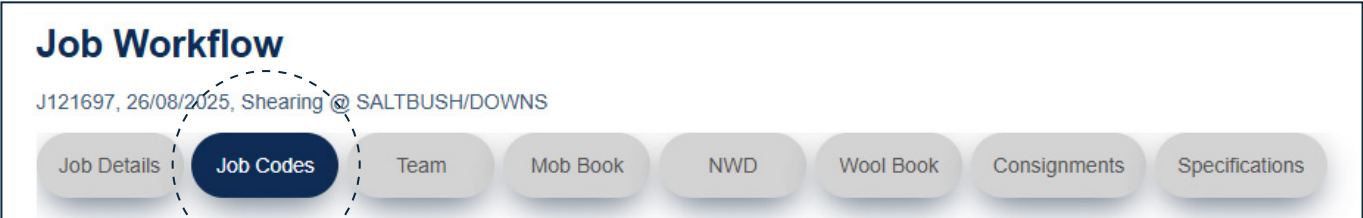
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NEW WOOLCLIP FEATURES (continued)

3 Job Codes Module in the workflow

A new feature Job Codes is now accessible from the Job Workflow in the Web.



Select Job Codes give Users the ability to:

- 1. Set custom Bin Codes and Bale Descriptions to be used in the Job.
- 2. Access Bin Codes created by a User in the Burger Menu function.
- 3. Copy Bin Codes and Bale Descriptions to the Job to allow other Team members access to these codes when adding bale details.
- 4. Allow multiple Users in the Team access a common set of Bin Codes or descriptions.



USER TIPS



Using WoolClip makes checking and editing your work easy!

Once the specification has been built use the Print Draft function to view a PDF copy of the specification before finalising.

Common check items include:

- ✓ Have you included a line comment for all classed lines? Use the speech icon to add a line comment.
- ✓ Are the classed lines listed in the appropriate order? Use the drag arrows to change order.
- ✓ Are lines of more than one mob compatible for mulesing status, age and NWD information. Split if required.
- ✓ Can any single bale or small lines be merged from compatible lines/mobs to increase line size? Use line edit function – Pencil icon.
- ✓ Should larger lines be split? Separate by age groups where applicable.
- ✓ Have matching mob comments been made to assist the broker in merging lines if required? Edit mob comments in Mob Book.
- ✓ Has every mob in the NWD section been declared? If a mob has not been declared resend the declaration to the owner/manager before finalising.

Specification Tip!

It is recommended that lines from Breed groups are listed together, and then the classed lines recorded in the following order: Main Fleece, Weaners Fleece, Cast Fleece, Necks, Backs, Broken, Pieces, Bellies, Lambs, Locks, Crutchings and Cast Lines. Bulk Class bales should be last on the Wool Classer's Specification.



WoolClip, making the NWD easy

NWD declaration rates are on the rise when completed through WoolClip.

98% clips that are completed through WoolClip have a much higher declaration rate than paper-based documentation. Wool Classers and Wool Growers are asked to make sure every mob is declared before finalising each specification.

Print a draft and check that each mob has been declared. Mobs may miss being declared if they have been added to the mob book after the O/M has already declared the NWD.

- Remember the NWD request can and must be sent each time a new mob is added or before the specification is finalised.
- The Owner/Manager with a farm account and/or a WoolClip account can add and declare mobs at any time.

USER TIPS (continued)



Pro tips: Take your WoolClip skills further

Save time and generate line comments automatically.

Use the Bin Code feature to create your own customised Line comments to add to each classed line on the specification.

How to create custom Bin Codes and line descriptions:

- Go to the burger menu on the dashboard. (Top Right corner of the Website).
- Select Bin Code.
- Create a Bin Code using an alpha or numeric code (or symbol) or combination of.
- Enter the Bin Code description/made for – this will be the line comment on the specification. e.g. Main line of mob, Lower strength line, etc.
- Choose a category – What line of wool would you apply this Bin Code.
- Create a Bin Code for all lines including cast lines and Oddments.
- Save.

Add New Bin Code

Bin Code *

Bin Code Description / Made For *

Category *

Choose a category *

Sort Order Number

Save Cancel

- When adding a bale to the wool book enter the Bin Code in the bin code field and select from the list.
- On the completed specification the Made For Classer comment will automatically appear on the draft and official copy sent to the Marketing Organisation and other users. **Note:** Bin codes are internal codes and are not printed in the sale catalogue.

Important! Do not use a description or word/wool fault as a Bin Code. Keep it simple.

HINT: Bin Codes make matching bales on the specification made for the same characteristic easy. Use the bin code filter functions or let auto generate do the work for you where the system will match bales of the same description with the same bin code to a specification line!



WoolClip Support – WoolClip is growing and we are increasing our support team to assist new and existing users where needed. Please call our WoolClip Support Team on 02 9428 6170 or email woolclip.com.au for a quick response.

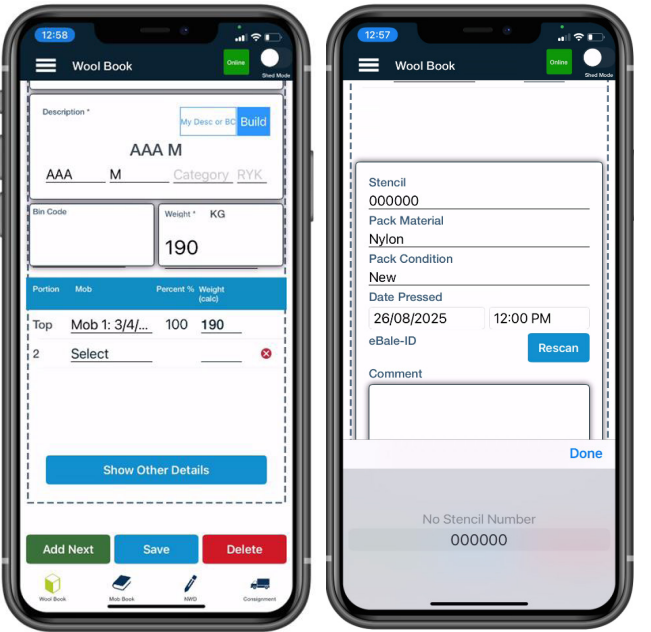
USER TIPS (continued)

Stencils selection when more than one Wool Classer in the Job

When recording Bales where there is more than one person with the role of Wool Classer in the Team, each bale entered will default to **No Stencil**. This is because the Stencil is set at bale level, and the system cannot assume who has classed the bale.

When entering the bale in the App select Show Other Details and choose the stencil number from the menu and save.

NOTE: Bales/lines with No Stencil will be transmitted as D CERT – not classed.

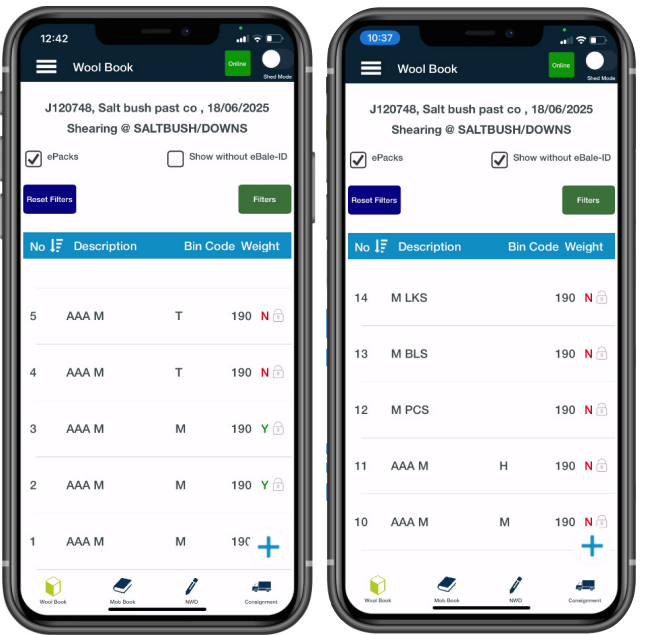


In the App – eBale Y and N?

Check the Wool Book – **Y** or **N** indicates if the bale EBID has been recorded.

Apply the filter in the app Wool Book. Select SHOW WITHOUT EBAL to quickly check for any bales that may have missed being scanned

Not scanned = **N**. Scanned EBID recorded = **Y**.



FAQ: THE WOOL GROWER HAS A WOOL ID, HOW DO I USE IT?



Wool Classers should always ask the Wool Grower if they have a WoolClip farm account and Wool ID.

Wool Growers with a farm account are issued with a Wool ID which is a 6-digit code that is added to the Job module.

How to use the Wool ID

- The Wool Grower or the Wool Classer can initiate the Job and add the Wool ID.
- Where the Wool Classer adds the Wool ID, the Wool Grower needs to approve the use via the SMS message link sent from WoolClip or from the Wool Grower's burger menu.
- When the Wool ID is added to the Job the trading details will automatically populate to every completed specification saving time and reducing errors.

Want to create a Farm Account and generate a Wool ID? Call Woolclip support or login to woolclip.com.au and set up a farm account.

FAQ: WHEN DO I SEND A CONSIGNMENT?



The Consignment module allows the user to record the individual bale numbers on a truck that is loaded at the wool shed and delivered to a destination warehouse.

A Consignment Note is produced for each load as a record of bales leaving the shed.

The distinction between a Wool Classer's specification and a consignment, is the specification is a lotting instruction document and a Consignment Note, is a logistics document.

The Consignment module is useful for sheds with multiple deliveries; however, it should also be used for single deliveries (even though the bales may be the same as on the Wool Classer's Specification).

WoolClip Consignment Notes are immediately released to the warehouse on finalisation, and to the Carrier where details are added.

- ✓ Consignment Notes and Wool Classer's Specifications can be completed separately and independently of each other.
- ✓ By using WoolClip, the destination warehouse will receive the "load" information before the truck/bales arrive, resulting in more efficient handling of bales.

NEW MONTHLY WEBINARS – COMING SOON

**Watch out for your invitation to join
AWEX Wool Classer Registrar in a
NEW series of monthly webinars
for Wool Classers.**

Don't miss this chance to build on your knowledge with
a closer look at the essentials of the Code of Practice.

Examples of topics covered:

- Pressing duties, including bale weights
- Clip inspection reports
- Stencil use and the Wool Classer, P and D Certificates
- Bale descriptions and the Code of Practice.

Invitations to attend will be by email.

DON'T PUSH THE LIMIT

**Overweight bales
are a significant issue
to the industry.**

Bales that weigh more than 204kg
(gross) at store or at sampling are
typically weight adjusted.

Weight indicators on wool
presses can be inaccurate.



Best Practice:

Press to the optimal
weight on farm of
190-195kg. All care
should be taken to manage cut
outs to equalise wool over the
last few bales.



120kg - - - - - 190-195kg - - - 204kg



Optimal Bale Weight

WOOL CLASSERS AT THE HEART OF THE AUSTRALIAN WOOL SUSTAINABILITY SCHEME



As global buyers and brands place more value on certification and traceability, the Australian Wool Sustainability Scheme (AWSS) is growing fast – and registered Wool Classers are at the centre of it.

To meet AWSS certification requirements, every certified wool bale must be:

- Prepared by a registered Wool Classer,
- Accompanied by an e-Specification completed in WoolClip,
- Packed in eBales and scanned in WoolClip,
- Declared through the National Wool Declaration (NWD) in WoolClip.

This makes you – and your WoolClip skills – essential. As the trusted professional in the wool shed, your work connects on-farm practices with the sustainability credentials and traceability buyers and brands demand.

For Owner Classers, this is even more powerful. By completing your wool specification in WoolClip, you're not just recording your clip efficiently – you're meeting the needs of AWSS certification that can add long-term value to your enterprise. For employed Wool Classers, showing confidence in WoolClip demonstrates to growers and contractors that you're ahead of where the industry is heading.

“Growers increasingly ask us about Wool Classers who can help them meet AWSS certification requirements. That answer depends on you – the Wool Classer – and your readiness to complete the job in WoolClip.”

With hundreds of growers already engaged and international brands watching closely, AWSS is only going to grow in scale. Now is the time to make sure your classing is part of the story.

Takeaway: Make WoolClip your standard practice – every job, every consignment, every bale. It's how you ensure your work is recognised in the sustainability market.



**Australian Wool
Sustainability Scheme**

AWEX MASTER CLASSER COURSE

Wool Classing



AWEX has recently concluded its Master Classer course in Melbourne, held in May 2025. This advanced professional development program is aimed at enhancing the participants understanding of the wool industry and the requirements of the customers of classed wool and the Wool Classer.



Course Overview

The Master Classer course is a four-day intensive program that delves into various aspects of wool classing. Participants engage in workshops covering topics such as:

- Quality assurance principles
- Clip analysis and show floor preparation
- Customer requirements from producers to processors
- Strategic thinking and decision support tools
- WoolClip and eBale
- The 2025–2027 Wool Classing Code of Practice



A key component of successful course completion is an open-book examination on the Wool Classing Code of Practice.

Each course is limited to a maximum of 15 participants, selected from industry nominees and Wool Classers identified by AWEX through its performance monitoring. 9 new Master Classers completed the training which included traceability, eBale and WoolClip sessions. A highlight of the course is a leadership and influencing workshop which identifies personal skills in working with people and problem solving.

For more information or to express interest in future Master Classer courses, please contact Fiona Raleigh, Wool Classer Registrar, at woolclasser@awex.com.au

This initiative underscores AWEX's commitment to maintaining high standards in wool classing and supporting the professional development of individuals in the industry.



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facebook.com/woolexchange/ for
Classing tips & technical information.

WHAT USERS ARE SAYING ABOUT WOOLCLIP

Natalie recently completed her first WoolClip job. Here is what she had to say:

“For me, someone that loves her paper specs, and who has been classing for a while, I can honestly say that I prefer to use WoolClip. Once I do it a couple more times, I will be on fire. 100 per cent it is better.”

Natalie Chilcott

Natalie said the Job was made easier by the assistance she received from Brendon Mitchell, shearing contractor, who is studying CERT IV in Wool Classing. He was keen to try WoolClip out following learning about it during his training.



Natalie Chilcott AW Wool Classer of 14 years. Brendon Mitchell Shearing contractor 10 years.

“WoolClip is the future of wool specification and very simple to use and easy to learn. It eliminates a lot of human errors and easy to read specification for brokers, growers and woodstores.”

Brendon Mitchell



Richard Cannon, Wool Grower

It's a very transparent and streamlined process. It's all in a digital format. Takes away the paperwork which brings a level of ease of everything being correct such as reduced errors in the bale records.

“I would definitely advise people to embrace WoolClip. It's a really simple process. It's a great record keeping function and it's a database of your clip, year in, year out.”

Richard Cannon



Jeremy Goodger, Wool Presser

Golden Shears Champion Wool Presser, Jeremy Goodger easily fits scanning and adding bale details into WoolClip as part of his work routine. In a busy shed, pressing up to 80 bales for the day Jeremy uses the WoolClip app, offline to keep bale details. No missed bales and no duplicate bale numbers, WoolClip creates an error free system with all the QR codes scanned.

REDA FROM SHEEP TO SHOP INTERNSHIP 2026

Applications for the REDA From Sheep to Shop internship 2026 are now open.

Who can apply?

Applicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible to apply to participate in the REDA internship:

- Aged between 18–30.
- Demonstrate a strong passion for the wool industry, with a commitment to acting as ambassadors for the sector within their country or pursuing a career within the wool industry.
- Exhibit an innovative approach, with particular interest in sustainability-related topics.
- Hold a valid drivers license.
- Successfully completed undergraduate studies as per the criteria in the application form.

Application process

Following your application submission, a panel from REDA will assess all applications.

Suitable applicants will be invited for interviews following which one successful recipient will be selected.

More information regarding the internship, including a program outline can be found below.

[Download Outline](#)

[Download Application Form](#)

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY


REDA
From
Sheep
- to -
Shop

20 April – late July 2026
Applications close: 30 September 2025


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