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An autumn merino sheep show is part of the inaugural Wimmera Merino Sheep Show to be hosted by the Horsham Agricultural Society at Maydale Reserve at the Horsham Showgrounds on March 21.

Pre-COVID, the Merino sheep show was an annual competition included in the Balmoral Show schedule. Not wanting to see the competition cease, Wimmera breeders, lead by Nhill merino stud owner Robert Harding, met with the leadership team at the Horsham Ag Society to consider the show relocating to Horsham.

With strong interest from stud owners from Glenisla to Ouyen, a sub committee was formed to present this autumn show with a vision of it becoming an annual event for the Horsham Ag Society.

To complement the show, members of the Victorian Yard Utility Farm Dog Association also met with the society to run a Yard Dog Trial on the same day.

Society President, Zack Currie said plans had been underway since last year to run a contactless fleece show on March 21 following the cancellation of the Horsham Show last spring.

“It all came together within a month and the concept of organising a Wimmera wide competition for stud merino sheep, yard dogs and fleece, was a natural fit” he said.

The COVIDSafe show will be open to the public and the society is encouraging the public to attend, particularly to watch the skill of the yard dogs or working dogs as they’re known. Admission is just \$5 per person and the licensed event is fully catered from breakfast at 7.30am.

Show schedules are online at horshamshow.com.au but entries will be accepted up til show day.