

# NEWS SHEET

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**What's On...**

December 2006

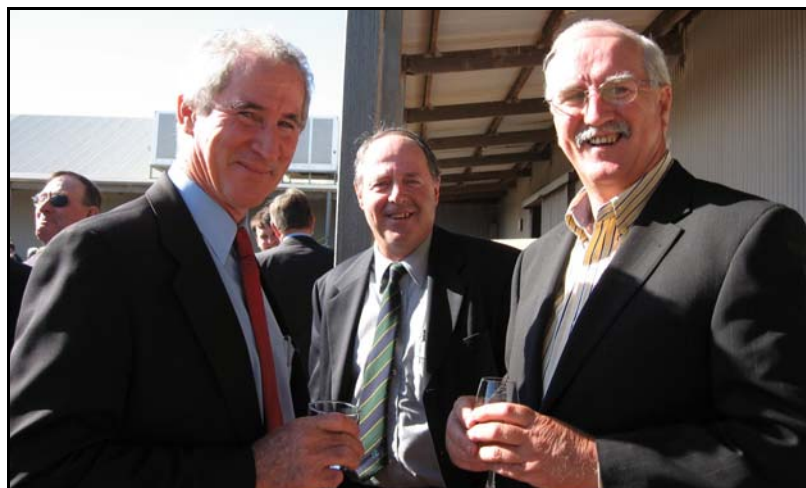
## MLA AGM—ADELAIDE Nov 2006

The AGM and producer forum held in Adelaide on the 22 November attracted 250 producers and industry representatives keen to be updated with the marketing and R&D activities being conducted on their behalf by MLA.

MLA chairman, Don Heatley, said the strong support for newly elected director Prof. Bernie Bindon and re-elected directors Paul Troja, Peter Trefort and Prof. Chris Hudson was a terrific endorsement for the current direction and future vision of MLA.

"The Board continues to work hard for the ongoing prosperity of our levy payers and we are grateful for the support shown by the members," Mr Heatley said.

*(extract from MLA media release)*



Chairman of MLA, Don Heatley, Dale Perkins SAFF, and MAL President, Doug Nicholls enjoy a social drink and chat after the MLA AGM and Conference.

*Photo Courtesy J Hall*

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*Have a very  
Merry Christmas  
and a better 2007!*

### December 2006

**22nd—Shop and office closes until 8 Jan 07**

**31st—MAL Membership Subscriptions due.**

**NOTE—Abattoirs will be closed until January—bookings are essential!**

### January 2007

**13th—9th New mohair sale—Weethalle NSW - see ad page 7**

**21st—Phezulu/Topbok & Cawoodholme Aust Sale. See advert page 5**

**27th NSW Division Meeting—Goulburn**

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### February 2007

**3rd - Berry Show - sections for Angora, Boer and Dairy goats. Contact Jim Brieler (02) 4464 1047 or email Theresa Mitchell on**

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**16-18th—Australasian—New Venue—Bendigo Showgrounds. Contact Tim Ferguson 03 5083 3250**

**18th—Hunter Feature Show—See Page 4**

### March 2007

**2,3 & 4th—NATS Goulburn Contact Nick Gorrie Mob. 0409 129 070**

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**9th—10th—Wagin Woolarama Wagin WA contact Kerry Tacken - Ph. (08) 9861 1611 Or Sue Jordan 08 9574 7090**

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## Farm fire safety warning

*N.S.W Rural Fire Service is warning farmers to exercise caution whilst working on and managing rural properties during the current period of high to extreme fire danger.*

Rural Fire Brigades have been responding over recently to electric fences shorting out, due to long grass growing through the wires, resulting in grass fires starting to take hold.

Brigades have also responded to fires resulting from harvesting operations and would like to remind plant operators to ensure they have properly maintained equipment and fire fighting water available, close to the location where they are conducting any harvesting operations. Weather predictions for summer are for hot, dry and windy conditions to continue, necessitating land managers to ensure their properties remain fire safe.

Bad fire weather conditions will continue ensure fire fighters are kept busy over the coming months.

Land managers should always exercise caution when working on properties and take the opportunity to check fences, to prevent any additional unnecessary burden on the volunteer fire fighting workforce, who are tirelessly working to protect their community.

## What to wear fighting fires

If you choose to stay with your property, or even if you choose to relocate, wear natural fabrics that cover as much of your body as possible. The aim is to cover exposed skin to reduce the risk of burns.

- A long sleeved shirt made from thick cotton or wool is ideal to prevent burns to the upper body and arms (e.g. flannelette or cotton drill work shirt)
- A pair of heavy cotton pants will shield your legs from the radiant heat emitted from the fire (e.g. denim jeans or oil-free overalls)
- Sturdy leather work boots along with a pair of woollen socks prevent burns to the feet
- By wearing a wide-brimmed hat you can stop embers from dropping on to your head or down the back of your shirt
- Work gloves to protect your hands
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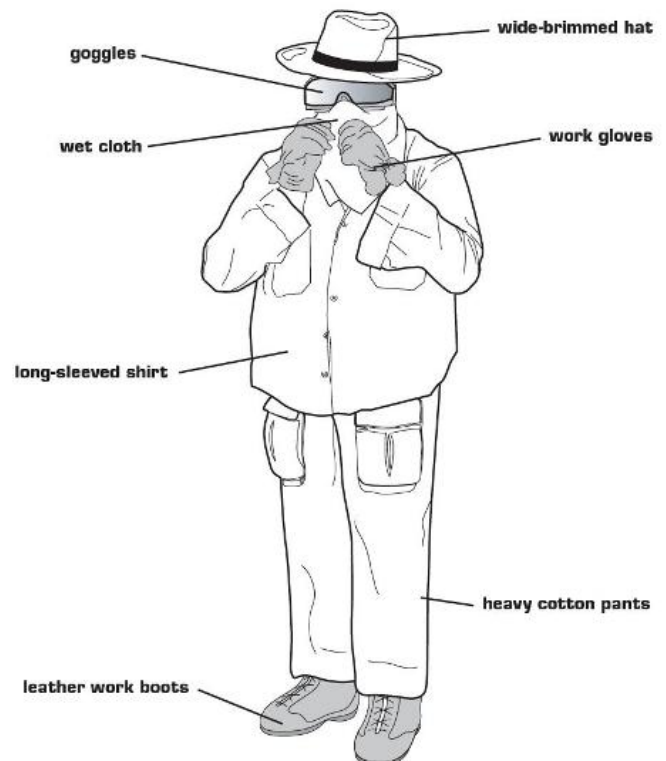
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# News from the Regions and Divisions

## The Land Small Farm Field Day—Hawkesbury Friday 10th and Saturday 11th November 2006

Mohair Australia, Eastern NSW Region promoted an information and publicity stand at this prestigious event with financial support from Mohair Australia. Setting up and staffing on Thursday and Friday was carried out by Andrew Gossip and supported by Brian Ross on Saturday. Andrew's two quality yearling bucks and display of mohair fleeces provided a focal point for discussion along side a display of information and photographs depicting aspects of angora goat production. Over the two days the event was attended by over 12,500 visitors.

The level of interest on Friday was disappointing with only half a dozen enquiries from visitors investigating the possibility of running angoras on their property. Saturday was much more encouraging, with several prospective angora keepers seeking information and discussing aspects of angoras farming on areas from 2 to 200 acres. While most were looking to stock new properties, some were looking for an alternative to their current farming practice to better utilise their pasture and improve financial returns.

Visitors were impressed by the levels of mohair production and the sale opportunities and prices. Interestingly, some were looking for animals that were easier to manager. It was emphasised that no animal should be neglected. The need to shear twice per year and adequate fencing and feeding requirements were discussed. Comprehensive information packs were given out to enquirers and mohair samples to interested youngsters. In addition to the animals and fleeces, mohair products from St Albans and socks were available. Perhaps the hot weather was not conducive to sales with none on Friday and only a few on Saturday.

Overall the level of interest at the event was encouraging and it was felt that our presence promoting angoras and mohair was well worth while.

**Reg Scott, Vice President and Treasurer, NSW Eastern Region**

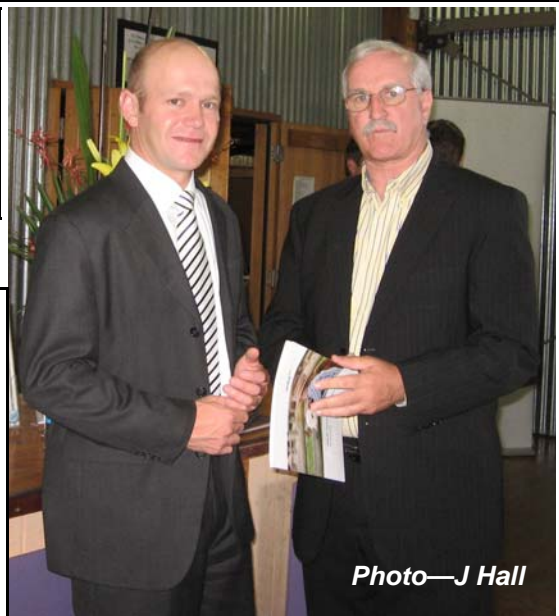
## HUNTER FEATURE ANGORA GOAT SHOW

Maitland Showgrounds, Hunter Valley NSW 18th February 2007—Entries close Friday 9 February. Enquiries to Sandie Smith 02 4938 7536 *-Please note Sunday judging!*



Left: Mohair Industry display at the Albany, WA show—held in November 2006  
*Photo courtesy Jan Rogister.*

Right: Peter Schuster, Goat Industry Development Officer, contracted by MLA, discussing the future plans for the mohair module of the GiG manual with President, Doug Nicholls at MLA AGM .



*Photo—J Hall*

# TOPBOK/PHEZULU & CAWOODHOLME AUSTRALIA

## *BUCK AND DOE SALE*

SUNDAY 21ST JANUARY 2007  
VIEWING FROM 10.30AM AND SALE AT 1.30PM

## ~~NEW COMPETITION~~

We will be holding our sale again as usual.

It is important to keep up the enthusiasm and activity in our industry. With this in mind we will also be staging a competition for those people who request a catalogue by mail prior to the sale day. Each catalogue will have a unique number and if you attend on the day with your numbered catalogue you will be in the draw for a chance to win a Registered, Yearling Yallatup Stud Doe—

**But you must be present at the sale to take the doe home!!**

So come along, have a great lunch, catch up with friends and you will have the opportunity to purchase some great genetics!

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## NEW CORING AND GRAB SAMPLING MACHINE AT AMMO LTD

*Keith Cowen—Chairperson AMMO Ltd*

AMMO Ltd's recent purchase of an automated mechanical grab sampling and coring machine will now make fibre testing operations much less strenuous for all concerned and avoid any Occupational Health and Safety issues in the future. Previously bales were weighed and then brought to a central point in the shed where a hand corer was inserted manually up to at least 40 times per lot, and each bale was then manually taken to the scales for weighing before being re-stacked.

*Right: AWTA Representative, Reg Hamilton hand cores bales for testing.*



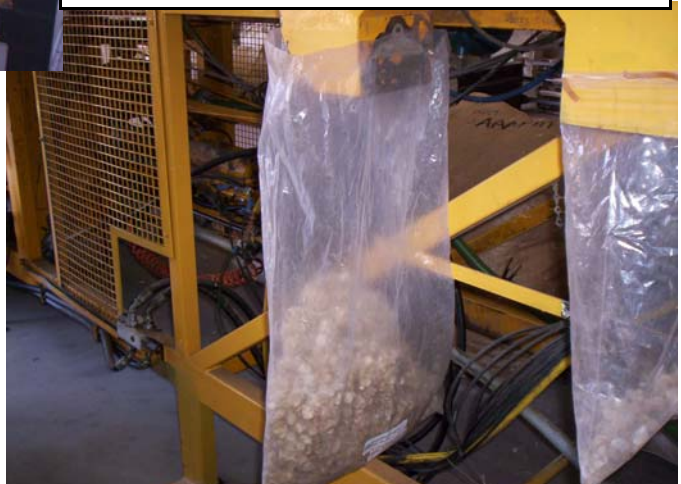
This operation can now be carried out using a fork lift and one machine which will either grab sample or core bales according to requirements, and also weigh bales and bag samples to be sent away for testing or to use in sale by separation.

*Left: A bale ready to be cored by mechanical coring machine. This bales has also been grab sampled for sale by sample.*



This then meant that the December 2006 (D06) catalogue comprised of three sections:-

1. TRADS – Traditional Lots – The best lines of each fleece type. I.e. the Fine Kid and Kid types, the best Young Goat and Fine Hair types. All bales in these lots were displayed traditionally.
2. The Sale By Sample section of the catalogue – These lots were made of the average to good top making types. The bales were not displayed but samples of some 5 – 7 kgs randomly selected mechanically by the Grab Sampling machine, were displayed in boxes similar to wool.



*Above: samples are collected into plastic bags which are sent for testing. The bag on the right contains the material from the first cut of the bale.*



*Above: Reg Hamilton operates the coring machine at AMMO as bales move through the conveyor system.*

3. A.M.M.O. Grower Lots section – These lots are sorted by A.M.M.O. technical staff. Each individual lot comprises fibre from one producer. Grower lots offered under the AMMO Brand and will have been classed/typed by AMMO technical staff (not by the producer). These lots were also be displayed traditionally. Lots in this section were offered following consultation with the producer as they typically display similar characteristics as the traditional line but vary in some way from the traditional line of the same type.

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## The 9th New Mohair Sale

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13th of January 2007  
At Yarran Park, Weethalle

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# AMMO D2006 Sale Report—1st December 2006

## Market Comment

The Final sale of 2006 saw AMMO offer 34,212 kgs by auction at Narrandera on December 1st and a further 347 sold by private treaty achieving a 100% clearance. The sale average price being **1060c/kg**. Taking all things into perspective and looking at the bigger picture is often more valuable than just looking at one sale's results in isolation.

Yes, the December 2006 sale average price is down on the previous sale, but importantly, when you look at the average price, which is still a very respectable 1060c/kg, this is the sixth consecutive sale held by AMMO Ltd where the average prices per Kg for the particular sale period has been above 1000c/kg.

## Trends

For the purpose of price comparison we have compared AMMO's D06 (December) sale with the previous Australian Sale held in Sydney on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2006.

Fine Kid types were down approximately 1% and best kid types were down approx 5% and Strong Kid types down 2.5%. Going against the early trend, good young goat types were up 5% whilst Average young Goat showing light kemp was up 14%. Fine Fine Hair was, on average, 3% higher whilst B Fine Hair was up 8%. Average/poorer fine hair types (i.e. light to medium kemp) were up from 1% to 6%.

Amongst the Outsorts Soft Cot was down approx 15% whilst light stains were up 2%.

Craig Clancy  
Manager

DESC/TYPE	Price c/kg	NETT KGS	Micron	CVD	YIELD Schlm Dry	TOTAL % Veg Fault	No. of BALES
AFKID	1935	212	24.8	27.8	81.4	0.8	1
BFKID	1940	346	23.5	26.8	80.8	1.2	2
AKID	1640	555	27.0	26.3	82.0	0.8	3
BKID	1755	772	25.4	28.0	81.2	1.2	4
ASKID	1540	621	28.1	28.5	83.1	0.4	3
BSKID	1480	783	27.0	25.6	82.7	0.5	4
KID2	1700	776	24.3	27.6	80.0	0.8	4
AYG	1390	414	29.7	26.9	83.4	0.7	2
BYG	1390	1637	29.7	26.9	82.9	0.7	9
YG2	1375	383	27.7	28.9	80.0	0.2	2
YGV	1020	199	27.1	28.4	78.2	2.6	1
AFFH	1090	192	30.8	31.5	83.8	0.4	1
BFFH*	1110	2673	31.0	29.0	84.5	0.5	14
AFH	1045	556	33.8	32.0	84.7	0.3	3
BFH	1033	2724	33.1	31.1	84.1	0.5	14
FH2	1070	468	31.8	33.6	82.4	0.5	3
AFHK	970	199	31.8	34.6	79.5	1.2	1
CKID	1350	379	23.4	27.4	81.0	0.6	2
KIDV	1065	583	24.8	28.2	86.7	3.1	3
AYGK	1310	390	29.6	28.7	81.8	1.1	2
CYG	1080	1308	27.3	28.2	81.4	0.5	7
BFHK	990	1427	31.0	32.6	83.9	0.6	8
FHKK	780	383	31.4	36.0	86.7	1.2	2
CFFH	1000	1920	30.2	29.8	82.6	0.3	10
CFH	826	1920	32.2	32.9	80.8	0.4	10
FHV	730	631	30.7	33.6	79.0	3.5	4
BH	980	746	35.9	33.4	84.3	0.3	4
AHK	810	220	34.2	38.0	86.5	0.3	1
KKK	497	378	30.8	38.3	89.8	0.7	2
SCOT	1046	2271	28.8	31.9	81.2	0.8	12
HCOT	686	334	30.3	37.0	83.8	1.1	2



### Nutritional aid to Parasite control and drought feeding of goats.

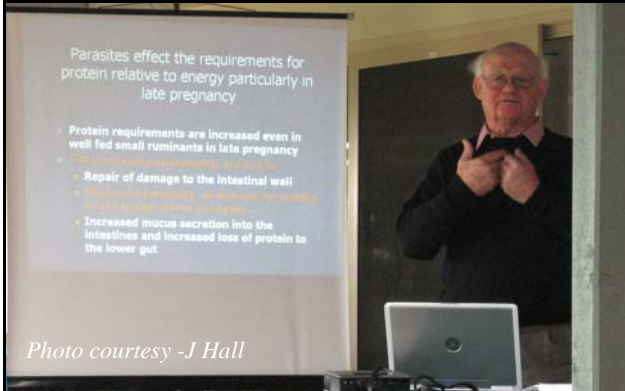


Photo courtesy -J Hall

Prof. Ron Leng A.O. PhD during his presentation on goat nutrition.

The Goat Industry information day held on the 2nd Dec 2006 on the property of Norm and Doreen Robbins at Nar Nar Goon Vic was attended by 30 goat producers 12 of whom were mohair producers. The function was conducted by agricultural consultant, Richard Jackson and angora and boer goat breeder, Heather Osborn. Key note speaker, Professor Leng, was sponsored by Olssons Nutritional Supplements and accompanied by Olssons Regional Manager Ron Herrin. Topics included the essential trace elements that are required for the digestive system of the goat to function efficiently, drought feeding and parasite control.



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DESC/TYPE	Price c/kg	NETT KGS	Micron	CVD	YIELD Schlm Dry	TOTAL % Veg Fault	No. of BALES
FLSTN	1030	466	26.9	39.7	79.4	1.3	3
LSTN	890	1986	31.0	34.2	81.8	1.2	11
HSTN	540	785	31.6	35.8	74.1	1.7	4
LOCKS	330	405					2
AMMO CLASSED, GROWER LOTS							
BKID	1685	387	25.3	26.9	80.6	0.3	2
BFYG	1540	396	27.9	29.4	84.5	0.4	2
CYBK	885	154	30.8	28.6	86.7	0.2	1
YGV	840	751	29.1	29.6	77.0	5.7	
BFHK	990	627	31.0	32.6	85.7	0.2	4
FFH2	1070	433	30.7	30.0	78.9	0.2	2
CFHK	830	192	30.5	31.8		1	
FHV	700	403	31.9	31.7	80.3	4.9	2
XBH	490	654	31.3	41.2	92.3	0.2	5
COLXBSTN	200	350	31.5	40.6	89.3	0.4	3
LSTN	300	316	31.5	32.7	79.2	6.3	2
CSKID	1100	153	27.0	29.6			1
STNV	230	151	28.9	38.1	72.9	6.8 1	

## South African Mohair Producers Find Much To Like In U.S. Visit ...Part 4 (final)

*Continued from last issue*

**By Colleen Schreiber – Livestock weekly – Austin Texas, USA**

Despite the obvious concerns about world mohair supply, the South Africans are optimistic about the future of the mohair industry.

“Everyone we spoke to in Texas said they would be more than happy if they continued to get these prices for mohair, and in South Africa everyone is saying exactly the same,” Van Hasselt comments.

The South Africans were also optimistic about working more closely with the mohair industry in the U.S., and the leaders of the industry here in Texas voiced similar optimism.

Growers here who met with the South Africans found them to be refreshingly open-minded.

“I don’t think they (Mohair South Africa) could have sent better people than what they sent,” MCA secretary/treasure Justin Stieler says.

“We definitely made some headway in terms of communications,” he adds. “When you get guys from South Africa asking what can be done to get Texans to produce more mohair, and how can we do a better job of sharing information, etc., those are positive things that growers in South Africa haven’t necessarily been open to in the past,” Stieler comments.

Loots agrees.

“I think this is really the start of better communication,” Loots says. “Possibly the best thing that came from this trip is that we now no longer have to rely on other people’s perspective of what’s happening in Texas. We have been able to experience it firsthand, and we can form our own opinions,” he adds.

“Perhaps in the past we had too much pride to say we needed each other,” Short admits. “And perhaps on our side there was a little bit of arrogance in saying we’re the biggest and the best when in fact everyone was doing their best.

“We do need each other,” he adds, “and we’re keen to make it work.”

Van Hasselt agrees.

“Because of this severity of undersupplied markets and low world production, now more than ever before, it’s important for us to realize our oversights and probably mistakes of the past,” Van Hasselt comments.

“We are two producer countries, and the consumers are not within the confines of our countries. America lost its one processor, and two of the three processors left in the world are positioned in South Africa. That in itself is an integral form of interdependence between the two producing countries. I think it is absolutely essential that we have a working relationship and that it becomes exaggerated.

“This trip was a positive, positive, positive start,” Van Hasselt concludes.

**THE END**

## **National Angora Trophy Show and Sale 2007**

2<sup>nd</sup> , 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> March 2007

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# REMINDER

**The Narrandera Office and Shop will be closed over the Christmas/ New Year period from 4pm on Friday, 22 December 2006 until 10am on Tuesday, 9th January 2007—Merry Christmas to all!**

## Notes from the Board...

*Board meeting 29 November 2006*

1. Steve Chaffey spoke to Board members about his latest project called the Biz Mod for Mohair. Steve discussed the best way to progress the computer software program out into the industry. Steve will be conducting a training session with representative(s) from each state to be held in February 2007.
2. Investigations are continuing into the writing of a Mohair Module, with RIRDC, for insertion into the "Going into Goats - Best Practice Manual"
3. After the Annual General Meeting of the Goat Industry Council of Australia the Board has agreed to continue to be an Associate Member of GICA
4. The Office will be closed for the Christmas/New Year Period until January 9th
5. The Board wishes all members of Mohair Australia Ltd a very Happy Christmas and New Year. Lets hope that those experiencing drought conditions see rain sooner rather than later, and that none of us have to experience conditions similar to the fires burning in the wide areas of eastern Australia.

## Shearers

The following people have indicated their willingness to shear angoras. Please let the office know of any more.

**Ian Howell** – Tasmania (will travel interstate)  
03 6339 2806 or mobile 0427 139 199

**Jack Alexander** – Boorowa NSW – 02 6385 3087

**Trevor King** – Omeo Vic (will travel) - 03 5159 1415

**Bert Adams** – Holbrook NSW – 02 6020 5268

**Michael Brigg** – Condamine QLD – 07 4627 7274

**Danny Horton**—Leongatha VIC—03 5668 6308

**Phil Priest**—Griffith NSW 02 6964 4379

**Remember – if you only have a small number of animals to shear, coordinate shearing time with other local mohair producers to make it worthwhile for the shearer to travel to your area.**

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