



## BOTHWELL INTERNATIONAL HIGHLAND SPIN IN

### LONGEST THREAD COMPETITION AND THREAD OF FRIENDSHIP

This is an international contest inaugurated in 1986 for the Longest Threads of raw wool, hand spun and plied. Through the spinning of a thread of raw wool spinners throughout the world are linked in friendship and greater understanding and are encouraged to improve the length and quality of their spinning. Quality is important. There are five sections in the contest.

- A. **Individual Entry.** The longest thread of washed raw wool hand spun on a spinning wheel and plied to two ply from at least 10grams of washed raw wool.
- B. **Friendship Thread.** This section is for those who wish to participate in the Thread of Friendship but do not wish their thread to be measured. These threads will be donated towards a "Friendship Article" which will be given to charity or sold and the funds donated to charity. Entry to Friendship Thread is free.
- C. **Junior spinners.** This is in two parts: C10 for ten years and under and C16 for 16 years and under. Rules apply as in section A.
- D. **Drop Spindle.** The longest thread of washed raw wool spun on a hand propelled spindle and plied to two ply from at least 10 grams of wool.
- E. **Group Entries.** Entries may be made in each section by individuals of an overall group or guild. The name of the group should be included on the entry form. A prize is awarded to the person submitting the longest thread from within the first three largest group entries. Individual entries within a group are still considered for all other individual applicable awards.

Please enclose a small staple of the washed fleece and approximately 20cm of the washed spun wool which you have entered. These are used as samples on your certificate when the threads are displayed.

Prizes are awarded in each section. Prizes or awards are made for the longest Tasmanian thread, the longest Australian thread and the longest thread from each country as well as the overall longest thread submitted. Awards are made for the most improved entry for each year of the Spin In. Personal best certificates are awarded to all new entrants.

#### COMPETITION RULES

1. Only **ONE** entry per entry form.
2. Thread to be hand spun and plied
3. Thread to be presented in a ball, **WASHED** to weigh **no less than 10grams.**
4. Coloured or white raw wool may be used.
5. Should the thread break during measuring through insufficient strength, measuring ceases at that point.
6. The weighing, measuring and recording will be witnessed at a public centre.

7. Scales will be checked by the Tasmanian Government Labour and Industry Department, Weights and Measures section prior to weighing.
8. Yarn will be measured through International Spin In's "Bond Measuring Device" equipped with an automatic counter.
9. The length of the thread for 10 grams is arrived at by taking the total length and the total weight of the ball and calculating as for 10 grams. This calculation is not made if the ball weighs less than 10 grams. Balls which weigh less than 10 grams will be deemed to weigh 10 grams, which imposes a penalty on those entries. The purpose for specifying 10 grams is to ensure that a representative sample is presented.
10. The judge's decision will be final.