



Helen and Mark Jessop began breeding alpacas for fleece in 2000 while living in Western Australia. As a spinner, Helen had kept coloured sheep for fleece in Tasmania and always wanted to get some alpacas. When she went to an alpaca show near Perth she fell in love with these gentle, inquisitive animals as well as their fleece. Fast forward to 2007: Helen and Mark returned to Tasmania, bringing with them the core of their breeding herd - 80 alpacas selected for genetic excellence and fleece quality.

Mossvale Alpacas now runs a herd of about 300 alpacas near Geeveston. We are proud of our breeding herd and results from alpaca shows in Tasmania and on the mainland reinforce our breeding plan.

Our focus is on producing high quality fleece that we sell to the commercial market as well as to hand spinners. Alpaca fleece comes in 22 natural colours from pure black, brown, grey and white. Our herd is mostly black or white (with a few other colours that have crept in for Helen's hand spinning).

We are always happy to discuss how to use alpaca fleece and how to look after the animals.

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