

Shearing

When: Alpacas are generally shorn annually in springtime when the weather is warm and before seed heads develop. At Surico we have one shearing in late October or early November.



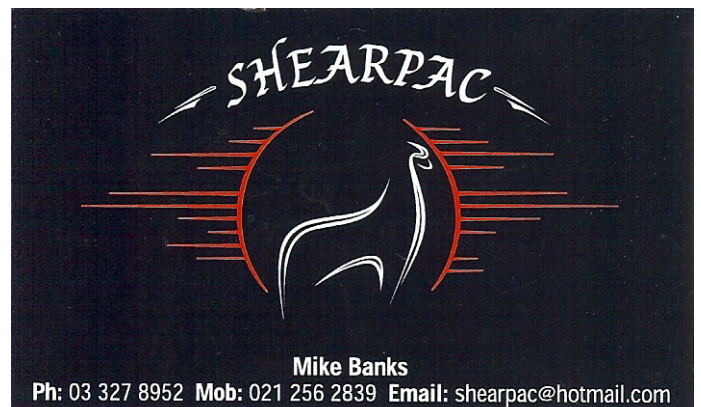
Where: You can arrange for an alpaca shearer to visit your farm or join in with a group of other breeders and transport your alpacas to a central location. At Surico we organise a shearing day for our clients where you are able to bring your alpacas to be shorn and we help out with man power.

How: Most alpacas are shorn by lying them down on the shearing board or a specialised shearing table and restraining them in a rope harness. This ensures that the animal is kept as still as possible, to be shorn with the minimum of fuss and without undue stress. An electric hand piece is used with specialised combs and cutters designed for alpaca.

What you will need for shearing at your place:

- A flat smooth surface for shearing on.
- A power supply.
- Cover from the sun.
- Helpers for handling the alpacas and sorting the fleece.
- Food and drink for everyone.

Surico Alpaca use and recommend Mike Banks from Shearpac. Mike is a professional full time alpaca shearer and will ensure the day runs smoothly for you.



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