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SUPPORTING CHARITY: Lucy Ann Humphrys buys a badge from Mrs Rex Wickes at the Naracoorte ram sales while Lucy's parents, Mr and Mrs Don Humphrys, Southern Farmers, Naracoorte, join in on



CUTE CORGI: Royal Australian Historical Society chairman, John Duncan held a four month old Cardigan Corgi, while Rodney Longmire talked about cattle on Henton Park, Birdwood.



WOOL JUDGES: Wayville wool judges Ken Cummings and Alf Plaisted with steward Cyril Smith ahead of the 1970 Royal Adelaide



SALE BANTER: Bevan Tolly, Bordertown, and Ian Murch, Mundulla, talked to Deane Dinning, Olive Grove, and Jack Hay, Bordertown, before the Naracoorte

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Reaching out to others may ease burden

FARMERS TALK MENTAL HEALTH

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JOE grew up on a farm that has been in the family for generations.

He is married to Jess, 50, and they have two children -Pete, 18, and Sarah, 14.

Joe, 55, is a sheep farmer and also grows wheat, barley and lupins.

Although Joe loves farming and couldn't imagine himself doing anything else, he wants a different life for his son, who is keen to follow in his footsteps.

The droughts, the financial pressures, the uncertainty he wants better for Pete.

"What you've worked for, for your whole life, (can be) taken from you like that," Joe says.

community where people are always willing to lend a hand, but he doesn't want to bother anyone with his troubles.

"You try not to say too much," Joe says.

Jess has noticed a change in Joe; he often leaves the bed at night because he can't sleep. He's not hungry much these days either.

"He needs to go and see a psychiatrist or a GP," she says. "Otherwise ultimately, he'll end up in a mental health incident that will force his hand."

Joe's not sure what can help, if anything. He knows he is struggling, but he's not sure counselling will help.

"What can talking do about a drought?" he says.

"Out of all this angst, a lot of my own problems have had to be put aside for financial survival - especially now with the drought on, there is just no time."

Joe has a group of friends

He lives in a tight-knit that he regularly gets together with for mutual support.

> "We just can talk about whatever and no one - nothing leaves the room," he says.

> It wasn't until he heard others share their experiences that he realised he had been struggling for so long.

> "For some stubborn reasons, I didn't even consider I had depression," he says. "It was only a chance discussion - all of a sudden the penny dropped and hit me and (I) thought, 'that's me'."

Joe acted quickly.

"(I) made a phone call to a GP that afternoon, went and saw him the next day and when I walked out of there it was like half the weight had been lifted off my shoulders,'

If you or someone you know might benefit from support for mental health and wellbeing, reach out to your GP or a community counsellor.

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