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## **Golden Wind up for a Golden Event**

A PACKED stadium of close to two thousand thrilled spectators soaked up every last bit of excitement at this evening's final night of the 2010 Golden Shears.

While the evening was largely focused on deciding winners for the open woolhandler and open shearer champion titles, barely a moment was left to draw breath during the five-hour spectacle of music, entertainment and excitement.

There was no doubting this event deserved every bit of the attention it had drawn over the past four days. Now in its 50<sup>th</sup> year, and with the same recipe for success it had at inception, more interest was shown this year than ever.

Perhaps the 2010 Golden Shears were given an extra boost by the huge number of people in special attendance for its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. Or maybe the outstanding pedigree of contestants, some fresh faces, others close to being household names, were the real crowd drawer.

More likely than not it was simply a matter of synergy: a combination of competition, entertainment, history, celebration and down right good sport that had made it what it was.

As Allflex chief executive Shane McManaway commented during his address at the conclusion of the senior shearing final tonight, the 2010 Golden Shears have set the Wairarapa valley alight over the past four days.

There is no doubt that for many, next year's event won't come around soon enough.

For detailed final results visit

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