

CLASSINGS CLASSIC '12

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 28th 2012 AT 1.30pm
MERINO & POLL MERINO INVITATIONAL
Murray Bridge Race Course S.A.

Classings Cullings '12

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2012 RAM SALES THAT COUNT!

July 9th Eyre Peninsula F/Day

July 20th, 21st, 22nd, Bendigo Vic
F/Day July 23rd Ram Sale

July 24th S.E. Merino F/Day Keith SA

July 27th Mallee Merino F/day

August 1st Roemahkita Cummins SA
0428 295 706 Joe & Tracey Dahlitz

August 2nd Pimbena Wirrulla SA
0886 268 002 Les Hamence

August 2nd Borung Waikerie SA
0427 414 494 Brenton Kroehne

Aug 2nd Rice's Creek Tintinara SA
Mark Vandeleur 0417 871 054

Aug 2nd Kiandra Bordertown SA
Ryan Kluska 0428 862 040

Aug 3rd Kamora Park Karoonda SA
08 8578 3456 Colin & Julie Boughen

Aug 6th & 7th Hamilton Sheepvention
Flairdale SA, Glenlea Park (sale) SA,
Gunallo SA (sale), Kamora Park SA,
Ramsgate SA (sale), Ridgway Advance
SA, Ridgway SA (sale), Roemahkita SA,
Southrose SA (sale), Superior Wool
Merino S.A. (sale), Wallaloo Park Vic.

Aug 10th Lucernbrae Callington SA
0415 701 493 Keith & Judy Paech

Aug 13th Ridgway Lameroo SA
0885 788 039 Ric & Gail 0433 518 568

Aug 14th Ramsgate Tintinara SA
Jed Keller 0427 691 858
Craig Keller 0418 259 049

Aug 15th Ridgway Advance Bordertown SA
0409 408 263 08 8754 2028
David & Karen Ridgway

Aug 16th Flairdale Cookes Plain SA
0408 896 877 Wayne & Lindy Lehmann

Aug 17th Glenlea Park Pinnaroo SA
0428 766 126 Peter & Marianne Wallis

Aug 28th Nantoura Wharminda SA
Chris Prime 0427 289 021

Aug 29th Lorelmo Keith SA
0427 473 166 Darren & Fiona Sanders

Aug 31st Karawatha Buckleboo SA
0427 274 030 Bert Woolford 08 8627 4047

Welcome to the 2012 Edition...

Welcome to the 2012 edition of the Classings Cullings. The merino pendulum was in positive swing with both fibre and meat components in the trade surviving well against a fair whack of global unrest and only just on the slip to the left in the last two months.

2011 on property ram sales saw many records broken boosting stud and client confidence in the feeling that this great industry may hang around for a long while yet! The Classings Classic'11 lifted yet again with only one solitary ram passed in from 96 offered at an average of \$4874 up \$1000 from 2010. Interestingly there was still a third of the catalogue that made \$1500 or less!

Roemahkita's win again in the only worthwhile judging class at the Burra Mid North Merino Field Days, the All Purpose Class, was astounding. Selfishly yet enjoyably, this effort was not only a huge gain for Joe and Tracey, but it also represented a victory for every one of our breeders and our own business who have stuck with the task and endeavor to eradicate skin related problems yet justify the process by still keeping these great merinos productive. Both animals excelled in all things meat and body weight yet both tested in the sixteen micron range!

It was all too much for one rural commentator who suggested that at sixteen micron for both rams and with plain bodies, that this didn't represent what the true South Australian merino should look like! They visually were as big as anyones, were assessed by a merino judge and a meat breed judge as well as scanned for meat traits and objectively tested for fibre measurements so I would presume it a comment of envy! I assume his ideal animal maybe a 'flashback' to an old era!

The great merino ewe's worth is now cemented in most growers minds with any



breeding ewe of quality fetching a minimum of \$200 per unit either through the market place or direct sales via flock dispersals or cast for age off shear markets. The now popular five and a half year old sale ewe having bred four lambs and possibly six shearings and survived is now a real commodity and sales of these girls have been the icing on the cake for many of our breeders.

Naturally I will still be reporting on all client ram sales as well as those that are important to the industry as well as worthy items of note over the last twelve months.

AWI are doing their best to undo their great support and exposure at the Mid North Field Day at Burra by suggesting a cease of funding for future genomic work with existing nucleus flocks across the nation. I was quote-less until this beauty a few weeks ago.....

"...science couldn't teach Australian growers much new about breeding better merino sheep."

Wal Merriman-AWI boss

MORE SALES THAT COUNT!

Sep 6th Gunallo Pinnaroo SA
0427 778 485 Ray
0400 335 660 Brad

Sep 7th Calcookara Cowell SA
Niel Smith 08 8629 2384
Brenton 08 8628 5039

Sep 7th Bradfield Jamestown SA
Bradtke 8665 7067 0409 693 567

Sep 12th Derella Downs On Property
Cascade WA 0427 323 544
Scott Pickering

Sep 14th Adelaide R/S includes Glenlea
Park, Gunallo, Roemahkita, Southrose,
Ridgway Advance, Wallaloo Pk., Ridgway

Sep 17th Lone Gum Crystal Brook SA
0427 362 801 Stuart & Nancy Everett

Sep 19th SWM Tintinara SA
Richard Harkness 0428 758 028

Sep 20th Pepperwell Keyneton SA
0427 790 676 Hans Graetz

Sep 20th Southrose Tintinara SA
Jono Ashby 0427 045 223

Sep 20th Marnoo Field Day Vic.

Sep 21st Mernowie Marrabel SA
Ian Rowett 0418 486 050

Sep 28th Classings Classic 2012
Murray Bridge Racecourse S.A.
Bill 0428 973 804 08 8532 3065
inc. only studs trying hard.....

Oct 3rd Sohnic Merino Marnoo Vic
0438 086 403 Scott Nicholson
Sale - midday

Oct 3rd Glendemar MPM Marnoo Vic
Dwayne Duxon 0427 011 900
Ben Duxon 03 5359 2292 Sale 3pm

Oct 4th Wallaloo Park Marnoo Vic
0427 501 431 John & Jenny Carter
0427 776 114 Trent & Kate Carter

Oct 12th Ella Matta Parndana K.I SA
0427 596 108 Andrew Heinrich

October 16th Brookdale Arthur River WA
Andrew Clarke 0419 988 871
John 0418 904 171

AWI and that Genomics debacle

The fact that Wal Merrimen's name was mentioned amongst the talk that AWI were no longer to sponsor the CRC's Information Nucleus Flock (INF) and subsequent Genomics program, many growers became inquisitive on just what all the fuss was about and many asking what the hell INF actually meant and did for us anyway! Some who were more attuned suggested that maybe such research may expose just how traditional that stud of AWI's boss possibly was!

If it wasn't for exploring and researching for the Cullings I guess I would be in the dark as well. Due to explanations and references to the subject by one journo in Victoria who does all the hard yards we, especially in South Australia, now have a better idea of what's happening.

I thank Brian Clancy of the Weekly Times Vic., for a lot of his sharp reporting to give us all much insight into current issues in particular the latest with the genomics debate. The second hand news orientated, local rural press, which survives on 'Flashbacks', '100 Years of Headlines' and Stock and Land Vic., based research, needs a fella like this to give this state's growers some fresh and more immediate insight.

The whole shibang initially began as an AWI sponsored project in Conargo in NSW under the Ian McLachlan regime back in 2005 where he and AWI directors set about to initiate and commit to a genetic research program. That board was over thrown due to various disagreements within and split decisions on the mulesing debate and replaced with a Merriman led group. Even then it was no secret that the new AWI leader was skeptical of the funding of genetical research as well as sire evaluations.

Zooming ahead to now, a current quote from rural tabloids suggest that nothing much has changed with the leader suggesting that breeders who promote the selection of rams based on ASBV's and genetic evaluation should be the ones to pay for such genomic research!

The INF currently stands at 4,000 merino ewes and 1,000 crossbreds with 250 semen sires in use. The progeny of these are DNA tested and extensively measured for every trait conceivable.

As Clancy suggests perhaps there is a personal sentiment here that hints, "Great sheep classers have kept a resilient Merino industry for almost 200 years, so why change." Add to this the commercial reality of the fact that less than 30% of merino ewes are bred from rams with breeding values, thus it appears most breeders are

comfortable with traditional selection techniques.

AWI have now declared that they will discontinue the funding of the Genomics crusade despite their own research managers, Jane Littlejohn and Geoff Lindon suggesting it must continue. The only excuse visible at this moment is AWI CEO, Stuart McCullough citing an, "Insufficient bridge between science and commercial reality." No further explanation has surfaced.

AWI is now under attack from various groups for their failing to fund and support others who do in particular MLA who have suggested they will continue for the time being aided by AMPC and AWTA who have offered all wool testing of the INF presumably for gratis.

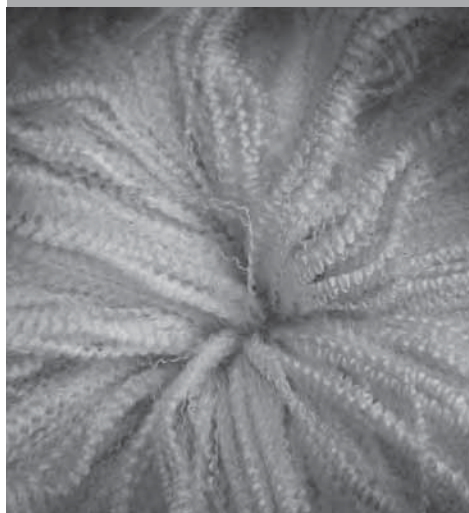
The most credentialed success of the Sheep CRC effort in my eyes has been the identification of the poll/horn gene via SNP and DNA testing. This finding ensures that once a ram has been found to inherit this trait, he has the capability to produce only polled stock. With a mad mad poll world evolving due to the non willingness of a younger grazier to put up with anything horned be it rams or wethers due to management considerations, this appears to be a winner.

None of this research is to be confused with Merino Select and ASBV's which appear to be out of the 'slash' zone for the time being. It is only the Sheep CRC Genomics program which is under the hammer.

In what appears to be substantiating hope for non axing, there are some amazing predictions of what further research will unearth with continued funding. Forecasting what micron and fleece weight an animal will be in the future at only ten weeks of age via SNP testing sounds amazing and has put many commentators and grower's bums on the fence. There is no way yet of telling what colour eyes the unborn baby has or just how long that penis might be or how large a woman's breasts in humans, so taking environmental and multiple birth factors at least into consideration, just how is this justified. ASBV's reflecting deviations from the mean with high accuracy progeny testing I can follow but maybe Wal needs more than this apparent fiction to get his mob over the line!

Perhaps fertility and worm resistance would have been better promotion.

Commentary on the subject has escalated with a recent interview on ABC SA's Country Hour quite fascinating. I had been classing behind a sandhill at Willalooka





After a plea in Cullings '11 for people to consider altering the end gate of the race to avoid possible leg, tendon and muscle injuries or death, the outcome has been tremendous.

Commonsense change was all that was needed with some clients even apologizing that nothing had been done since last classing! Vertical cross bars as opposed to horizontal the most popular and should be made mandatory with new systems.

Pastoral for two days without any mobile range but when I got back into the zone, I had a list of messages questioning if I had actually heard the broadcast. One message was actually from the Country Hour asking for comment but I was well away from being able to respond.

As I found out after reappearing from behind the slopes, and to summarize in short, the South Australian Stud Merino Breeders Association had just given AWI their support yet when questioned on just why they had, they actually weren't too sure!! I picked up elsewhere later from a reliable source that yes, SASMBA, **"Respects AWI's decision to cease funding,"** but they didn't necessarily agree with it. PHAAARK!... Give me some curry! Why didn't they just say that we don't know what genomics means and we'll get back to you when we find out! A much safer option!

A progressive, reputable stud breeder from S.A. followed in the radio discussion suggesting that the funding was totally necessary and that genomics was a treasure trove of information that must continue for the good and future of the merino. Merino meat has just recently been given the big tick as the tastiest of all sheep meats. When it was suggested that every housewife in the nation needed to know that this was fact and that genomics may help qualify this information, the interviewer felt compelled to let him know that maybe more than mere 'housewives' needed to recognize the same! But his discussion was an important one as it represented how most of our own company's list of clients would have responded to the debate without thinking twice!

Due to all the fuss, an ex AWI employee I spoke to by mobile in front of the Wudinna Foodland S.A. has suggested that it might be time to take the "I" out of "AWI" as the **Innovation** connotation may no longer functionally exist! And what does the Wudinna Foodland have to do with the subject you may ask...nothing, absolutely nothing!

I believe that once AWI realise that there is sufficient support from all ares of the fibre growing chain, be it commercial or at stud level, there could be a serious re think as to the seriousness of their decision and a possible turnaround with less funding may be imminent. Once the pedigree cycle is broken and a generation of information is lost, or even one year's worth of uncollected data occurs...she's rooted. Worse case scenario would be AWI reconsidering their decision after a year's worth of non collating of data due to a funding shortage.

Tell me I was dreaming or did I see a quick flash on a website that suggested that AWI's CEO told his publicist not to be too quick in responding to wool growers concerns regarding the genomics debate in hope that it would probably just 'peter out!'

Aaaauugh!

One good thing out of all of this is that at last there is a new topic to talk about in the Cullings rather than the on goings with the mulesing issue! Now that I mention it.... no news regarding the Intradermal fix is a real concern to some breeders as the silver bullet that was to allow traditional breeders to breed that traditional mush just ain't happening. **Face it fellas, stop resisting... it's time to free up using genetics as the only guaranteed tool.**

To hear that the Western Australian Stud Merino Breeders have just voted a retaliation to AWI's decision to withdraw funding was a welcome communication from my mates in the West.

AWI are now in recovery mode in suggesting that "Genetic research (is) the cornerstone to 2013-16 strategic plan." Even though they are persisting with their promotion that they will cease funding of the second phase of the Information Nucleus Flock.

So get this....AWI are considering a, "NSW Primary Industries project on the genetics of lifetime productivity of Merinos. It involves joining 2000 ewes to 20 sires over two years." Whoa... how original!! Doesn't that idea smack of everything that has been done with INF so far. Why not use existing ewes with loads of already collected analysis and take it many steps further. They have suggested new ideas like staple strength, reproductive efficiency and lamb survival, lifetime wool traits, sheep selection and rates of genetic gain as key points for beginning a new project! Sheep CRC's James Rowe and his acquaintances must be pulling their hair out!

That's it! If I don't get this piece to the Printers the 2012 Cullings may come out in 2013!

Please read the following letter that client, Andrew Heinrich, a passionate fibre grower from Kangaroo Island, had to say regarding AWI's decisions then have a whiskey and go to bed!



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A farmer had just boarded and aircraft and settled next to the window when another man sat down in the aisle seat and put his black labrador in the middle seat next to him.

The farmer looked quizzically at the dog and asked why it was allowed on the plane. The man explained he was from Customs and it was a 'sniffer' dog. *"His name is Sniffer and he's the best there is. I'll show you once we get airborne."*

The plane took off and the Custom's Officer said, *"Watch."*

He told Sniffer to 'search'. Sniffer walked along the aisle and sat purposefully next to a woman for several seconds. He then returned to his seat and put one paw on the Custom Officer's arm.

The officer said, *"That woman is in possession of marijuana, we'll apprehend her when we land."*

"Gee that's pretty good," replied the farmer.

Once again, the Customs Officer sent Sniffer to search the aisle. The dog sniffed about, sat down next to a man for a few seconds and returned to its seat. This time he placed two paws on the agent's arm.

The Customs Officer said, *"Mmmm, two paws means that man is carrying cocaine, so again, I'm making a note of his seat number for when we land."*

"I like it!" said the farmer.

Sniffer went off to search again. He walked up and down the aisle and sat down for a moment. Then he came racing back to the agent, jumped into the middle seat and proceeded to s**t all over the place.

The farmer was disgusted and couldn't figure out why such a well trained dog would behave like that.

"What's going on?" he asked the Customs Officer.

The Customs Officer nervously replied:

"He's just found a bomb!"

Thanks to Stock and Land

Letter to the editor in Stock Journal

Dear Editor,

I have recently been blown away by the AWI's decision to withdraw funding for the CRC Information Nucleus Flock project. What amazed me in particular were the reported comments of AWI's Chairman, Mr Merriman on this subject. If correctly quoted, the basic outline of his comment was that science could not teach wool growers anything new about breeding better sheep and he hadn't heard of any growers support for the Nucleus Flock research project. Well Mr Merriman, here is one!

Along with my wife Tracie, I was fortunate enough to be invited to this years AWI Feedback Forum in Sydney in May. We were disappointed to see that no AWI board members were in attendance at this forum to hear the thoughts of wool producers. Many other attendees also expressed the same disappointment.

A lot of growers have asked for an explanation as to why this funding decision has been made. The only response seems to have been that the project wasn't worth pursuing. I find this very hard to swallow. While I congratulate the AWI on what they have been doing on the marketing of woollen products, I am totally lost on where they are going with research and development.

In agriculture today, we are witnessing many exciting new developments and efficiency changes. In cropping, developments like precision farming, auto steering, satellite mapping and the development of drought tolerant varieties are just some examples. How exciting is it for new generation croppers to have these developments available to them to improve their efficiency and profitability?

Over the last 40 years or so, we have seen huge genetic gains made in the dairy, pork, chicken, lamb and beef sectors of primary industry. Using chicken as an example, they have made huge gains in feed conversion efficiency, growing more of the higher return breast meat of a consistent quality. They are now very productive and give such a consistent eating experience that consumers can't seem to get enough of it. Their research and development has quite clearly led to lower production costs and a superior product and consequently greater market share.

Already there are exciting and tangible developments that have come out of the Nucleus Flock project. One is the double poll gene marker project. It is pretty obvious

that the Merino breed needs to become a more management and occupational health and safety friendly breed. The speedier removal of horns, without adversely affecting productivity would seem to be a major step in the right direction.

Another development is the indication that the Merino breed gives a better eating experience than many other breeds developed with meat as their main product. You would imagine AWI would want to put more funding into the project in an endeavour to further prove this, rather than fewer funds. Other research work with huge benefits for all sheep producers are the identification of gene markers for traits like worm resistance. Surely these developments are as exciting to young sheep breeders as precision farming is to croppers.

After the huge swing away from Merinos and particularly into shedding breeds by producers who see running Merino sheep as hard work, you would think Mr Merriman and the board would want to find as many production advances as possible to rapidly reverse that trend.

The quoted figure to continue this very important project is a relatively small \$750,000 per year. Worms are the single biggest cost for the sheep industry, while reproductive rate is one the key profit drivers. Neither of these traits can be selected for by visual methods and yet Mr Merriman and the AWI board are asking the industry to forego over 300 million dollars in costs and lost opportunity revenue. I would imagine all wool growers who have seen the industry go from boom to hell and back over the last 30 years would want the industry to move forward in a big way. Evidently, this is not the view of Mr Merriman and our AWI board.

I ask myself several questions on Mr Merriman's stand and reported statements on this subject. Firstly, does he believe the advances instigated by other industries were by chance, rather than the result of extensive research and development? Secondly, is he really blind to the opportunities such programs present to the Merino sheep industry? Thirdly, is he looking after the interests of all wool growers, or just his personnel interests?

If the science is there to be utilised, we should use it, just as other industries have to their significant advantage.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Heinrich-Ella Matta Poll Merino and White Suffolk studs
Parndana Kangaroo Island S.A.

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Megan Davies

ALL PURPOSE RAM LAMB PAIRS COMPETITION : BURRA



Have to admit that after a serious cold day's classing, a quick snort of port always hits the spot. Alex Wells-Kanmantoo SA brought the port and I supplied the cups...amazing the different uses for the lids that come with stock spray mark cans! Notice one finger underneath to stop the port from escaping from a tiny breather hole we found! Oh yeah...the ewe hoggets were top class!



The comment of 'great backend' pops up regularly when describing for one, the stance and angle between the two back legs of merino ewes and rams. The photo at top typifies the hocks of the back legs bending or pointing inward while the display ram of Southrose at the Burra Field Days at bottom reflects perfection.

Why is there any other class of merino judging when this one covers all aspects of the complex nature of the merino dual purpose makeup...meat, fibre and muscle. 22 entries of two ram lambs each from studs who were present on the day assessed by two judges...one a merino expert assessing only merino type traits including fibre and conformation while the other, a poll dorset breeder, critiquing only growth and meat traits. Both judges are aided with 'on the day' objective fibre and meat measurements which make up 50% of the final result.

ROEMAHKITA, for the second year running, took out the honours for this now much coveted event especially attractive due to one of the greatest sponsorship/prizes (and most practical) in merino history! Good on you **Ramsey Brothers and Case IH**, for the super generous prize of a \$14000 4 wheeler to the breeders of the winning pair. Well done too to place getters Collandra North and Brimanna.

As close to similar attributes for the pair was the name of the game and these two certainly met that requirement. I have added greasy fleece weight to the table as the two were shorn once back at Roemahkita

TAG	u	SD	CF%	BW	EMD	FAT	SL mm	GFW Kg
1031	16.6	2.7	100	81.5	37.1	4.2	75	5.9
1109	16.9	2.7	100	84.5	37.7	4.5	73	6.0

As mentioned on the front cover, the success of these two animals was a win win for not only Roemahkita but many other concerns as well. The spin offs associated are enormous...naturally Joe and Tracey are "over the moon" with the effort. It represents the top of the triangle where years of patience and teeth gritting combined with new genetics and ideas have come to fruition with great reward.

Every stud and commercial grower associated with Classings P/L and that booming Classic Ram Sale applaud the Dahlitz family as that win represents all that we strive for. It's a win for the source of genetics that fathered and mothered two great rams and yes there were obviously two great mothers involved whose



pedigree we shall study! It's a massive confidence boost for the commercial and stud clientel of Roemahkita in knowing that they are certainly on the right track in addressing and breeding animals that count in the current climate.

Naturally there is one happy sheep classer/advisor/psychiatrist who has endured a few years now of skepticism, disbelief, abuse and votes of no confidence in his ideals on just what the perfect merino should be doing for us and look like! Roemahkita and all of the studs and growers on our list can use this great effort as a small piece to satisfy us in knowing that we are definitely heading that arrow upward and to the right!

BURRA MERINO FIELD DAYS 2011

As mentioned on the front page the **Roemahkita** dual purpose win was a great thing and represented all that we are trying to portray as the best type of merino to breed right now to address a heap of issues that are discussed at length in every homestead kitchen and pub across the nation! Not only that, **Southrose** made the final cut and in a lot of people's minds, was unlucky not to feature higher up the list. The rest of the teams displayed by these two studs were as good as any on the day.

Ridgway had polls displayed that reminded most on just why Ric and Gail are having a blast of a time lately with sales of excellent and well bred stock. **Pepperwell** with rams from the paddock are constant improvers with one ram in particular, 1141, **photo no. 3**, one of the best on the oval. **Calcookara** displayed a tremendous young group boasting the good fibre, with a couple of **Bradfields** attracted a lot of attention **photo no. 4**. The **Flairdale** growth yet straight from the paddock pleased many eyes as did **Kiandra**.

Due to the **inappropriate timing of these field days**, some studs can't hold off on their shearing for various management reasons with the **Kamora Park** rams, although bare shorn, had a few of their team even glistening in the shadows! **Photo of Catelyn and Wade sharing security duties photo no. 5**.

Mernowie and **Rice's Creek**, have displayed and sold so well at the Classic sales since debut. They would have troubled a lot of surrounding studs under the same roof at these field days with their polls displaying all they need to swipe potential clients away from those who are taking along time to convince many that they are addressing what they need to relating to skin type. **Kelvale** displayed on day one with a good display of free styled genetics with one young reserve, a feature. **See photo no. 7** with the green shirts!

ADELAIDE RAM SALE 2011

After some recent success with sales in Adelaide by studs we are associated with, in particular **Roemahkita** and **Glenlea Park**, there are now genuine reasons for supporting such a sale due to the evolving nature of the customer who now attends a once traditional, archaic sale yet now realises the importance of plain easy care animals without any fear or loss of production.

I think there is a misconception that the Adelaide Ram Sale pens are now full of free-er type sheep. In actual fact they only look plainer with a better looking front end with no neck distortions as they mostly were ten years ago and previous, but the animal's skin thickness is often still of yesteryear. This makes it awkward in breeding new era animals addressing issues that are too often neglected with such semi traditional breeding.

Amongst the heap in Adelaide in 2011 there were some shining lights! **Glenlea Park's** trio of 15 month old youngsters full of zap and softness sold well with the first to avid supporter Peter Gilbertson-Lameroo S.A. for \$6,000, the second to the Carmichaels for \$3,500 exhibiting the great figures of 19.0u 2.3sd 12.1cv & 0.1pf. and the next going to the Glynn family at Lameroo for \$2,000.

Roemahkita fared well with their three 16 month olds selling their first to Lucernbrae-Callington S.A. for \$4,000 for a Maximus son with figures of 19u 2.7sd & 0.2pf. Number 2 went to Sutherland W.A. for \$7,000 for a thumping square sucker and the third to the great Hall family at Clare who picked up one of the most free growing in the catalogue for \$4,000.

Gunallo's pair both excelled in the body length department due partly to sire, Wallaloo Park Maximus. Mark Chadwick-Edenhope Vic. bought the first for \$5,500 with the, now typical for these free, silky skins, figures of 18u 2.5sd 13.9cv 0.3pf. Tony Martin from Wynarka S.A. bought the next for \$4,000 with more of the same with the figures 18.1u 2.7sd 14.9cv 0.2pf!

Ridgway Advance returned to the scene with two L047, 15 month old sons that filled the pens due to extreme body length once again. The first went to Dallas and Helen Bright-Broken Hill S.A. for \$5,000 with the other I purchased on behalf of Rob Germein-Port Vincent S.A. for \$3,000.

Wallaloo Park made a grand entrance into the Adelaide Royal by selling the last two rams of the day for a respectable sum. Both 15 months of age, Mark and Polly Hull's Minta Stud-Port Kenny S.A. outlaid \$8,000 for a L001 poll with great production and width. The second, a Hercules bred horny ventured off to Bunyara-Moculta S.A. for \$7,500. This fella had the slippery figures of 19.2u 2.5sd 13.9cv & 0.4pf.



CLASSINGS CLASSIC'11

MURRAY BRIDGE RACECOURSE

AVERAGE \$4874 TOP \$32,000 95/96 BY AUCTION



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STUD	OFFERED	SOLD	TOP	AVERAGE
MERNOWIE	1	1	\$10,000	\$10,000
WALLALOO PARK	3	3	\$15,000	\$8,000
RIDGWAY	17	17	\$32,000	\$6,662
RICE'S CREEK	2	2	\$5,500	\$5,250
RIDGWAY ADVANCE POLL	12	12	\$12,000	\$5,167
KAMORA PARK	8	8	\$14,500	\$5,094
RIDGWAY ADVANCE HORN	6	6	\$9,000	\$4,583
ROEMAHKITA	2	2	\$4,500	\$4,250
SOUTHROSE	3	3	\$6,000	\$3,500
GLENLEA PARK	6	6	\$5,000	\$3,458
RAMSGATE	4	4	\$5,600	\$3,338
GLENDEMAR	3	3	\$3,750	\$3,333
SUPERIOR WOOL MERINO	3	3	\$3,000	\$2,667
GUNALLO	6	6	\$3,500	\$2,583
NANTOURA	2	2	\$3,000	\$2,500
LUCERNBRAE	10	10	\$3,500	\$2,300
KIANDRA	5	5	\$1,750	\$1,450
PEPPERWELL	3	2	\$1,750	\$1,375

The Classic'10 result was that good that most people including myself thought that this may never be surpassed. To lift the average by \$1000 the following year and passing in only one solitary ram from 96 offered was quite staggering and I doubt now ever to be repeated. Many things were on the sale's side including another good season with a moist summer in between the previous good one, as well as a fibre/meat market that was peaking with no sign of slowing up.

The quality, standard and general appearance of all 17 teams was outstanding and with 107 registrations to purchase the best rams in the nation, away she went!

I want to mention firstly that the sale gets a great boost from sponsorship particularly with the costs involved in staging such an event...48 x 12 metre marquee hire is exorbitant! So special thanks to T & R PASTORAL, BRECON BREEDERS, VIRBAC as well as BIZ BOOST WEB DESIGN and RIVERSCAPE CAFE.

Interestingly, Ian Rowett - **Mernowie S.A.** suggested to me in August that he didn't have a ram good enough in his eyes to be included in CC'11 especially after the huge success of 'Escalator' the previous year. We discussed things fairly seriously and eventually he relented and let one ram only into the sale on my insistence as I believed he had even more fibre virtue than his previous success. '408' made \$10,500 and went to Coroonboon NSW. A great sale for Mernowie and kicked the whole sale off with a bang and never looked back!

Kamora Park - Karoonda S.A. put forward a team of eight big polls with tremendous fibre on all of them due in part to a very successful E.T. program over top proven ewes with the semen coming from the sperm king himself L154. Three of the eight polls were a result of this. The Schroeders-Gunallo S.A. teamed up with the Nicholsons/Hose-Sohnic Vic. establishment and bought one of these that was in my top three picks of the day for \$14,500. This fella with great shape, **photo no. 3** with Ray and Brad Schroeder and Kamora Park's young guns, Wade and Caitland Boughen.

The two other L154 E.T.'s were sold to Bradfield-Jamestown S.A. for a total outlay of \$7500. Hynam Poll-Hopetown Vic., dished out \$11,000 for a KP 692 sired thumper with three others going locally and one to our client on Kangaroo Island, Graeme Wheaton.

Wallaloo Park - Marnoo Vic. gave us three for the sale and after a solid result

are considering possibly ten for this year's Classic'12! Their first, bred by a pack of Maximus sons, cracked \$15,000 and went to WP admirers, David and Karen Ridgway-Advance-Bordertown S.A. Great balanced poll with figures of 17.8u 2.5sd 14.2cv & 0.2 ensured the skin was correct. Flairdale-Cooke Plains S.A. grabbed the next for \$4,000 for a L004 son with Superior Wool Merino boss-Richard Harkness scoring the third and last for \$5000 for a L33 son.

Ridgway - Lamerook S.A. have forgotten how to have a crook selling season and totally blitzed the sale, eclipsing their great effort in 2010 by \$600 on average and \$7000 with top price. The whole 17 rams averaged \$6661!

Tag 092, photo no. 4, was written in many people's notebooks at Ric and Gail's on property sale as the pick ram amongst the Classic'11 team displayed. He went on to top Classic'11 for \$32,000 and went to Eyre Peninsula's number one traditional stud, White River-Minnipa S.A. Joe Dahlitz-Roemahkita S.A. teamed up with everyone's mate Scott Pickering-Pyramid Poll-Cascade W.A. and battled hard for top price naming rights but after a fierce bidding dual lost out to the eventual conquerers.

Dye Pastoral-Bendigo Vic. outlaid \$12,000 for a L295 son whilst Peter Mosey-Robertstown S.A. coughed up \$10,500 for his careful purchase for a nourished white wool ideal for his area. Scott Pickering, rueing the loss on missing out on the day's champion, again fought hard and secured a L004 son for \$7,000. Coreena Stud QLD, also outlaid \$7,000 for another L154 son.

Bert Woolford - Karawatha-Buckleboo S.A. nailed a L154 son for \$8,000, Sohnic-Marnoo Vic another nourished, white softy for \$6,000 with Eyre Peninsula's best kept secret, Nantoura-Wharminda S.A., outlaying \$4,000 for a beauty.

Len Matthews NSW, always a keen Ridgway families follower, bought a L154 son for \$6,500 and the last of the lineup for \$2,750. Pioneer Bend-Parndana S.A. bought a couple with Grant Wageknecht-Murray Bridge S.A., the Pym family-Rockleigh S.A., McMahon's-Lamerook S.A. and Peter Charlick-Denial Bay S.A. picking up great animals in the \$2,000 area.

Glenlea Park - Pinnaroo S.A. had typically a team that any stud would aspire to with all six selling well albeit with no giant prices but all customers happy without having to blow budgets. The Evans family-Wunkar S.A., have a very good commercial flock,

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enhanced by a home ram breeding program that is going very well. They outlaid \$5000 for the number one ram which will be used to supplement their sire arsenal and added a Maximus son three pens later for \$3000.

I bought Wilkatana Station-Pt. Augusta S.A. a L665 ram breeder for \$4,500 to add to their sire battery to breed top quality flock rams in volume. Toogood Pastoral bought one of two GP 670 sons for \$3,500 with the other going to McMahons-Lameroo S.A. for \$2,500. GP 670 has bred extremely well for Derella Downs W.A. who are the actual owners of the ram with Glenlea Park retaining some semen to breed three years worth of great rams. The Brophys at Tintinara S.A. bought a Ninuenook bred ram for \$2,500.

Typically **Ridgway Advance** - Bordertown S.A. entered another large, top quality team due to huge initial ram lamb numbers dropped, allowing them to narrow down their On Property, Classic and Hamilton sale teams to only top quality animals.

Top money for Advance was their lotted number one ram, 'Y693' that fetched \$12,000. Will Lynch-Boorana-Woorndoo Vic., teamed up with quality appreciator and mate, Peter Wallis of Glenlea Park S.A. and went hard and outbid plenty for one of the best L004 progeny going around in 2011.

Coreena Stud-Barcaldine QLD, bought the next, and my pick of the Advance team, a great soft skinned poll for \$9,000 with great figures of 17.2u 2.6sd & 0.3pf. Shivers and Irwin, a name familiar with Marnoo Vic. sales, outlaid \$4,500 for another great L004 and that stud who is now going gang busters on the West Coast, Nantoura-Wharminda S.A., snatched a great cheapy at \$2,000 for a typically figured Classic ram. Try these for elite type measurements : 19.2u 2.3sd 11.9cv 0.2pf.

Kiandra-Bordertown S.A. had to spend big to keep the competitors away for an RA 370 son at \$8,000 at only 12 months of age. Stuart Everett of Lone Gum-Crystal Brook S.A. attempted to keep a low profile to buy and contain his excitement for a L004 son that he badly wanted to acquire. \$4,500 later the 12 month old poll was his and boasted the great figures of 16.8u 2.7sd & 0.4pf.

Three more 12 month old youngsters, all bred by Advance's own Super Sire RA370, did well with Toland-Violet Town Vic., buying at \$4,000, David Farr-Wunkar S.A. another softy with a 2.3sd and 13.8cv for \$4,000 with the next going to brother Glen for \$5,000. Peter Charlick-Denial Bay S.A. bought the last but not least for \$2,000.

Rice's Creek topped the Classic'09 with an outstanding looking ram, RC 8-284 that was sold to a syndicate of three clients, Derella

Downs W.A., Brookdale W.A. and Superior Wool Merino S.A. for \$17,000. Semen was used at Rice's Creek to produce the pair the stud entered into Classic'11.

The first sold to Modbury Holdings for \$5,500 and the next to the Philips clan for \$5,000. Not a bad day out really!

Superior Wool Merino - Tintinara S.A. had a reasonable day but I predict the Classic'12 will bring more rewards as the quality of these animals particularly in the fibre department is second to none.

The first went to Peter Blacket-Wynarka S.A. for \$3,000 and the next to Critter Freeman-Penong S.A. for \$2,000. Both rams were bred from Sohnic 16 who has had a huge impact at SWM especially out in the paddock but no good in the semen collection centre! Chad Burbidge-Bowhill S.A. bought a Westwood 17 son for \$3,000 with fantastic caracas traits. Westwood you may ask? More later...

Jono and Zel Ashby's **Southrose** - Tintinara S.A. fronted up with three great L154 sons that looked tremendous at field days and at this very Classic sale. Brian Ashby agreed and bought the first for his daughter and son in law, Alex and James Morgan from Mutooroo Station NSW for \$6,000. My mate Chaddy's brother Mark at Edenhope Vic., bought the two remaining for \$2,000 and \$2,500 and that was that! More of the same great quality to be served up at Classic'12...I've seen 'em!

Kiandra - Bordertown S.A. sold everything but without the rewards of the previous two years. Maybe his on property sale was that hot, all clients were content and didn't need more at the Classic yet it was hard to decipher. The Brophy boys from Tintinara S.A. capitalised and bought two bargains for \$1,750 and \$1,500 with this author grabbing the other three for Critter Freeman-Penong S.A. for \$1,000 and \$1,500 twice. A good conversation piece that one as they were five good polls.

I think Wayne Schencke-Murray Bridge S.A. bought one of the steals of the day when he bought a **Gunallo** - Pinnaroo S.A. ram for only \$2,500. Lot 63 had lots going for him and a fantastic pickup at this price. He also bought another poll for \$2,000. Bill and Annette Cameron-Tinline Park S.A. grabbed a Maximus son for \$3,500 as did the McMahons-Lameroo S.A. for \$2,000. They also bought a Mernowie 854 bred youngster for \$3,000 with Dye Pastoral handing over \$2,500 for a big square giant!

Roemahkita - Cummins S.A. entered a classy duo with top supporter, Neil Loffler-Truro S.A. coughing up \$4,000 for yet another WP Maximus son with the great figures of 17.5u 2.7sd 15.6cv & 0.2pf. Almost replica figures for the next softy which Mernowie-Marrabel



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S.A. purchased to add a bit of silk to a sky rocketing mid north stud...rare thing that! No lie with the stats at 17.0u 2.8sd 15.8cv & 0.5. Figures like these take me back to that great Dual Purpose win at the Burra Field Days in March where the winning pair of Roemahkita were again almost identical in all traits.

Ridgway Advance Horn - Bordertown S.A. In the quest for the perfect poll, controlled intrusions of top fibred horn merino genetics were a must a few years back as this surging stud would attest to. Hence, some of the best horn rams going around eventuate from such crosses and I am only too happy for them to be part of this great sale.

Who would argue when the first horn on offer, **see photo top**, from the second batch of Ridgway Advance in the Classic makes \$9,000! Glenville emphatically believed he was the best horned ram in the sale which I had to agree with as there were only five in it for a start! But! Over 96 rams on offer he definitely was in my top three overall. Brian Landseer bought the next for \$3,000 for a Glendemar 123 bred ripper.

A couple of twelve month old polls were next which White Hill Props-Murray Bridge S.A. bought one for \$5,000 at 16.7u 2.4sd 14.1cv & 0.3pf. He was bred by Super Sire RA370. David Farr-Wunkar S.A. again picked up super quality genetics with another youngster for \$7,000. The Pymys from Rockleigh S.A. bought a L004 son for \$1,500 and I grabbed a great flocky for Grant Wageknecht-Murray Bridge S.A. for \$2,000.

Ramsgate - Tintinara S.A. had a sale in the Classic that they deserved after two previous reasonable, yet not overly high priced efforts. Easily one of the top teams visually on the day.

Roma Downs-Mark Egel-Mt. Charles S.A. new what he was after and paid \$5,600 and \$2,250 for the Ramsgate lead off animals. All four rams looked a treat but my favourite which I held in high regard as a weaner sold in the third slot, **photo no. 2**, and went to Mark and Angus Richardson-Culburra S.A. for \$4,000. This bloke was a ram photographer's paradise...think about that for awhile. What kind of place would that be like...Dean Pearson-Murray Bridge S.A. bought the last for \$1,500.

Alot of great stories come out of this great sale. The rise and rise of **Lucernbrae** - Callington S.A. is one of those with, as every year passes, things just get better for this local stud. After a great on property sale (see Lucernbrae sale report) the ten that we selected for the Classic'11 were just that inch of quality better and were well respected on the day.

I believe I bought the best one for Rick Munro-Tintinara S.A. for a huge Olympic son for \$2,000 but Ian Rowett-Mernowie S.A. would probably disagree as he bought a Lucernbrae Y306 son for \$3,000 with plain breech and rubbery type skin. In total disagreeance with the pair of us would be Neil McKenzie-Tintinara S.A. who bought a superb Freeloder bred poll for \$3,500.

Bevan and Cindy Siviour-Cowell S.A. bought two GP Olympic sons for \$3,000 and \$1500 to add to their home ram breeding program. I spoke to them tonight (27th May) and they had just received 40mm to really crank up their seeding regime. Most of the state has fared well with a front that stemmed from North Queensland all the way down the East Coast and did a nice left hand twist that tickled most of the state and half demolished Victoria!

The Rockleigh Pymys bought another Olympic son for \$2,000, the Brophy brothers added another beauty to their collection for \$2,500 by Lucernbrae Y306 and the same sire bred a \$2,750 youngster sold to the Holt family at Eden Valley S.A. I bought the only horny in the lineup who was penned first due to his extreme quality and picked him up for a song at \$1500!

Pepperwell - Keyneton S.A. sold two of their three at \$1,750 to John Weinke-Wynarka S.A. and Netallie Station-Wilcannia NSW for \$1,000. I predict that Classic'12 will be a great year for Hansi Graetz and the Pepperwells.... if not, that's not a bad name for a band all the same! Nah, I've had a close look at what's coming up this year and look out!

The quickest rising stud on the West Coast for popularity has to be **Nantoura** - Wharminda S.A. The Prime clan have spent realistically over the last five or six years in the sire and A.I. dept., with positive results in what has been hitting the deck of late!

Both rams were bred by purchased sire L452 and went back to the 'Coast to the Gosling family and Les Hamence's Pimbena-Wirrula S.A. who is also climbing that quality ladder at a rapid rate.

First timers to the sale, **Glendemar** - Marnoo Vic., and definitely the only reason for the last cab off the rank, sold very well with loyal supporters back east competing with a few of our locals. I think Tony Martin-Wynarka S.A. had a crack at two but lost out to the McKidds at Nyngan NSW and Barooka.

The Classic 2011 sale was as exciting as how all things merino was travelling at the time. Great fibre prices and the meat component in the same boat along with an above average season certainly helped the Classic and most on property efforts. And why the boat..just a nice photo don't you think!



WALLALOO PARK - MECCA VIC.- CARTER FAMILY

AVERAGE \$3,430 TOP \$33,000 143/149 BY AUCTION

Sure, a huge average and top price which may be a bit off putting for some but those who attend this great sale and have for many years now, keep on coming back due to the in-the-paddock results at home suggesting a \$2,000 fee for a flock ram, a realistic figure. Our clientele class this sale and resultant purchases as an investment in the quality future of their enterprises.

Since this is such a huge sale and this report could go for as long as Scott Pickering's mullet at the minute, I'll restrict it to mostly our own clients purchases with the odd highlight mentioned in the top price range which has to begin at pen 1 at \$33,000!!

Aliska Props W.A. were responsible for the frenzied beginning of the sale with this chunky meat machine bred from Wallaloo Park's most successful sire, Maximus fetching the sale's top figure. Loaded with fleece weight attributes as well, it is rare to see a 2.3sd and a 12.0cv for such an animal.

Westfield-Frankland River Grazing-Frankland W.A. have always been top supporters of WP and our business and have always given me very realistic budgets for purchasing only the top rams from a stud which has turned this flock around in short time. The now popular WP 20 which I bought many years ago for \$8,000 is responsible for most of this as well as having a huge influence with many semen purchasing studs in S.A.

I secured lot 3 for \$26,000, a 112 Kg dazzling horned ram, photo top left, with the aid of two semen shares at \$3,000 each from Calcookara S.A. John Flannery-Galong NSW. and arguably the best horny from Maximus ever. Study these figures of 16.9u 2.8sd & 0.4pf with that kind of body weight! Impossible to create ten years ago and with those kind of figures usually belonging to the little tight horned, jowly, short necked, wrinkly low set bastards of yesteryear!

My favourite professional genetics purchasing group, Superior Wool Syndicate, were finally in need of a new sire to boost this group's ten members flocks via large A.I. programs which has been successful in creating the best fibre/meat flocks on the planet! With sire, Hercules (and a great mum!) involved, lot four was secured for \$28,000 with semen share support from Southrose and Pepperwell studs in South Australia. 17u 2.6sd 15.4cv & 0.2pf matched this silk like fibre.

Radnor Merino-Murray Bridge S.A. was due for another WP infusion and bought a 115 Kg Maximus for \$10,000. Mates, Willy and Susan McDonald NZ, secured a Hercules for the same dosh at lot 7 for a whiter than white impresser.

Nigel Kerin-Yeoval NSW nabbed an August drop Hercules which was highly rated and climbed the scale at \$22,000. Belbournie-Marnoo Vic bought the pen before for a now in hindsight bargain for \$6,750. Weedington Stud Tas as well as Pretty Towers Vic bought a top Maximus for \$13,000

I've been prodding Bella Lana-Wellington NSW to be part of the Classic sales for awhile now due to the apparent quality of Scott and Anna Brien's stud and witnessing their purchases particularly at WP. Again they did their home work and bought two sires for \$5,500 & \$8,000 which ranked well in my catalogue.

Fred Leo-Newdegate W.A. owns the best under the radar stud in the West and was there to add to the sire battery with a heavy cutting lot 29 for \$9,000. I bought two for Peter and Bucky Mickan-Cummins S.A. for \$4,000 and \$3,000 to aid the criss crossing of genetics with Roemahkita with outstanding results. I actually dropped in to their shearing two days ago (May 29th) to witness white soft fibre filling the shed.

Stuart Everett-Lone Gum S.A. grabbed a rare bargain for \$3,500 for a top poll with 100% comfort, and a bit further down the line I snared another top horny for \$4,000 for Westfield.

Bill Cameron-Tinline Park-Mt. Torrens S.A. slid away from Annette and paid \$3,500 for a very good flocky and Rice's Creek S.A. \$3,000 for a good Hercules son.

Bella Lana may have jagged the bargain of the row with lot 59 going their way for \$3,500 for a great white fibred horny with extreme whiteness and great horn set.

With the sale running hot there was a fear that I may not secure as many rams as I was after for clients although there were 150 rams on offer. As typical though the last third of the sale slowed just enough to help secure requirements for most. I bought five for Alex Wells-Kanmantoo S.A., three for Graeme Wheaton-Kangaroo Island S.A., two for Dean Wilmott-Kimba S.A. and two for Rick Munro-Tintinara S.A. for \$1,800 and \$2,000.

Mark Barr-Newdegate W.A. lent mammoth support averaged \$3,000 and bought eleven hitting \$4,000 four times. Off to Italy for a month for the Barr family sponsored by Wallaloo Park!

Kevin Mudford-Gilgandra NSW bought five rams up to \$4,000 twice with Deepwater McAnish Partnership buying three.

Long time Carter mates, John and Wendy Gill NSW, bought at least three to make their chopper trip even the more worthwhile and Don McAllister-Banyena bought two.

One of the highlight sales on the 2011 calendar, the Wallaloo Park lineup was first class giving stud breeders and commercial flock growers a huge range to select from.

Since the sale, John and Trent have suggested a larger team for the Classic' 12 sale in September which can only add to the flavour of that great event!

Congratulations to Trent and Kate on their wedding in March of which Rose and I were fortunate to be invited to. Great day and sensational band!



Wallaloo Park

MERINO & POLL MERINO STUDS



Above: The start of 2011 On Property Sale

• 2011 On Property Sale

Top price \$33,000 Sold to Aliska Poll Stud, Moora, WA.
 \$28,000 Superior Wool Syn, SA
 \$26,000 Frankland River grazing, WA & Calcookra, SA
 \$22,000 Kerin Poll, Yeoval, NSW
 24 stud rams sold at auctions averaged \$10,416

• 2011 Semen Sales

6,650 doses of semen were sold to
 82 merino breeders across Aust & NZ.

Wallaloo Park is a major stud genetic source throughout Australia. Backed by a highly successful 2011, with increased semen, ram orders and a growing client base.

Wallaloo Park is renowned, and prides itself on our tremendous depth of wool quality. The current wool clip, totalling from 3000 stud and flock ewes, aged from 1 to 10 years of age, had an entire variance of just one micron. For the past 2 years we have been shearing every 7 to 8 months. All stud ewes are currently produce 0.75kg of wool per a month, while rearing a lamb at 40% twins, and wean at 120%.

This year, will see the 21st annual on property sale. The current sale rams are by far the most even, with the best depth of quality we seen. Early growth in the first 12 months, which is always dominant, is exceptional in the current drop. The 2012 autumn drops, at 12 months of age averaged 88kg, with tops over 100kgs.

Following on from the huge success of 2011, we are increasing the auction team to a minimum of 170. This will guarantee stud, and most of all commercial flock buyers, to a wide selection of rams within their price range. To also assist the entire auction team will have a reserve of \$800 for the budget conscious buyers.

2012 DATES

August 6-7th	HAMILTON SHEEPVENTION - Display of Sale Rams and Semen Sires
September 14th	ADELAIDE RAM SALE – Offering 6 Stud Rams
September 20th	MARNOO MERINO FIELD DAY – Display Sale and Semen Sires
September 28th	CLASSINGS CLASSIC RAM SALE, SA – Offering 6 Stud Rams
October 4th	WALLALOO PARK RAM SALE – 170 Stud and Flock Rams
October 8th	WALLALOO PARK PRIVATE SALES – 200 Flock Rams

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PIMBENA - WIRRULLA S.A.

AVERAGE \$1043 TOP \$3900 54/60 BY AUCTION



10-269 sale topper at \$3900



The whole joint went quiet at Pimbena's on property ram sale after lot 1 registered a competitive \$1700 after much spirited bidding. This had never occurred before and one could assume that surely it wouldn't be repeated for the remainder of the auction...

Lot 2, tag 269, realised \$3900 and made it into the sale only after some hefty conversation between Les Hamence and myself at cataloguing weeks before. If he didn't reach a certain figure at auction he was definitely to be retained as a sire at the stud. We both recognised him as the best animal Pimbena had ever bred.

'269' was bred by an old Calcookara sire, Cal 047, that has been throwing great progeny yearly since his purchase in 2006 by Pimbena. This sire had a mother at Calcookara that lived to nine years old still producing highly aligned fibre and a lamb every year until she carked it. This pedigree intrigued the Smiths at Calcookara so much that their attendance at the sale was inevitable. Laurence Seale-Quality Wool representing Pittaway Family, Minta Stud represented by Jesse Hull and yours truly just loved the ram and the battle scene was set with Minta taking the honours. A micron of 17.6 2.6sd & 0.2pf including ASBV Ywt of 3.5 and 7% DP of 142 also attractive... Les Hamence picked himself up from the ground.

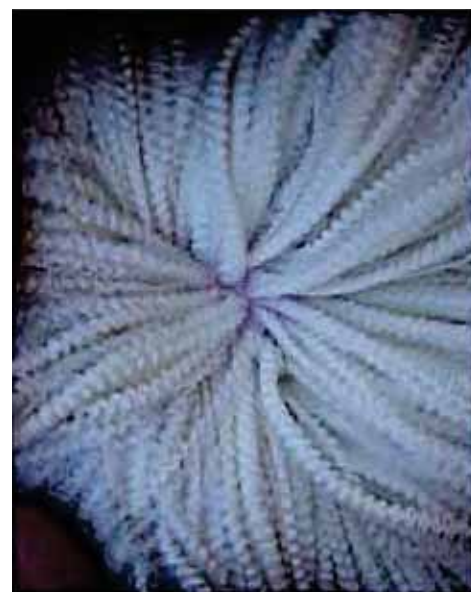
The sale bowled along with strength through to the end. Michael Baldock,

Pittaway, Nicholls, Lawrie, Tomley Brothers, Hammat, Vanloon, Baker and Tremein were all familiar local names who were huge support through the sale.

Under bidder for lot 2, the Pittaway Family, had a major win in purchasing yet another Cal 047 bred son '290' for \$2900 boasting figures of 18.8u 2.8sd 15.1cv & 0.3pf.

A fantastic, rewarding day for Les who really puts in with these polls and has pedigrees on everything that date back decades. This year's crop after first classing look the goods and here's hoping for a similar day in 2012.

**2012 SALE DATE
AUGUST 2nd 1.30.**



CLASSINGS CLASSIC '12

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 28th 2012 AT 1.30pm
MERINO & POLL MERINO INVITATIONAL
Murray Bridge Race Course S.A.

With Pimbena's genetics under control using this state's and Victoria's top families, I have the time to do what I enjoy doing the most! With Ramsgate, Calcookara, Leahcim and Toland bloodlines doing it for us out in the paddock, I can enjoy my mates and scour the ocean for the ultimate catch! Les H.

As a member of MerinoSelect, with all families ranked against national comparisons, you can be assured of repeatability when accessing our genetics. This year's team is a reflection of years of pedigree recording and top gene access.

See our unmulesed stock at our On Property auction. Our classer suggests that this year's sale team is a leap ahead in breeding depth due to all ewes in our nucleus flock now displaying top end wool attributes as well as the typical Pimbena frame.

PIMBENA ON PROPERTY RAM SALE
August 2nd 2012 at 1.30pm

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RIDGWAY ADVANCE BORDERTOWN S.A.

AVERAGE \$1857 TOP \$4400 100/100



With all things go at Nantoura at the moment something new crops up every hour in the classing race. I have not seen a ewe hogget like this girl in my whole 30 year classing career! Biggest of the day and boasting 150mm at 10 months growth, she had to be seen to be believed. I estimate a 18u test and could easily cut 9-10 Kg's! I have suggested an immediate E.T. program. Tickets at Ticketek!



With diligent breeding, classing and a realistic budget many commercial flocks of only mediocre standard can be transformed into top end enterprises in short time.

Geoff and Sue Zacher-Coonalpyn S.A. had a major genetical shift 10 years ago and now own a highly revered flock that's kicking goals.

CLASSINGS CLASSIC '12
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 28th 2012 AT 1.30pm
MERINO & POLL MERINO INVITATIONAL
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Rose and I know David and Karen Ridgway well and it was no surprise to witness another successful Advance sale due to their diligence and desire to stay at the top of the tree in the breeding of top end polls.

Buyers attended from three states with all auction rams selling without miss. When young animals are presented in top order as these were, it certainly takes the risk out of purchasing animals that are very young as was the case with the top priced animal of the day at only twelve months of age! Highly ranked in my catalogue, lot 16 was bought by good German lad, Hansi Graetz-Pepperwell Poll-Keyneton S.A. for a realistic \$4400 for a Glendemar 123 son.

Peter Rathjen-Birdwood S.A. bought ten rams throughout the sale and was huge competition for most there as he has a high opinion of quality. The Hallams from Hopetown Vic. bought six and like the Rathjens were keen bidders and would have averaged over \$2000.

A lot of the names who are synonymous with purchasing from Advance over the years were present due to consistent results. Woidts, Easom, McPherson, Haslett, Nankivill, Nelligan and the Browns all put a huge floor in a great sale.

David Farr-Loxton S.A., paid \$2500 at lot 46 for a W/Park 781 son with some of the best figures of the day at 17.8u 2.5sd 14.3cv & 0.1pf.

I had quite a few orders for the day and bought four for Netallie Station-Wilcannia NSW, three for Keyneton Station-Keyneton S.A., four for Rick Munro-Tintinara S.A., two for Wikatana Station-Pt. Augusta S.A., two for Rob and Sonya Chalk-Willalooka S.A. and one for Roger and Kay Frances-Maitland S.A. These purchases included lot 85 which I think was one of the picks of the day which I snagged for \$1200 while everyone was dozing! Bred from the same sire as the top priced ram with great figures to match, I'm still waiting for Wilkatana's manager, Andrew Smart to send me a small gift in appreciation of such a bargain!

The intelligent breeding approach and the non deviating direction in creating animals that meet the non mulesing guidelines has certainly paid off for this stud and early reports of the look of this year's crop of youngsters sounding interesting.

2012 SALE DATE
AUGUST 15th

GLENLEA PARK

PINNAROO S.A. - WALLIS FAMILY

AVERAGE \$1534 TOP \$4,000 91/122 BY AUCTION



I'll take a fair slice of responsibility for a higher than the norm (for Glenlea Park) pass in rate at the on property sale. All sales were going very well and the wool market was running hot so at sale cataloguing prior to the sale, I suggested we give the clients more rams to select from via auction in 2011.

Mind you, the sale still went very well and by months end most rams were placed but it was the buying publics certain sway toward poll genetics that surprised us. Many of Pete's horned ram clientele had a mind shift through out the year and swung over to purchasing only polls.

Some of the best horned rams in the Mallee were left behind on the day of which I had great joy in selecting most of them a few weeks later for station clients at \$600.

The sale started well with the first 21 rams averaging \$2,352 with almost every ram going to individual clients. Bill Cameron-Mt. Torrens S.A., bought a Centreplus Poll bred pen 2 for \$1400, a meat sheep, he came in at 115 Kg yet still had reasonable fibre.

Schroeders-Gunallo-Pinnaroo S.A. added a GP670 son to their sire arsenal for \$3,300, another frame ram at 114 Kg complimented with a 122% CFW. On memory this rams ASBV's were top notch as well. Janmac paid the same money for a beauty. I liked their second purchase at lot 23 with good tests and 'sweet' fibre!

But I believe the ram of the page was the loyal Humphrie's family's purchase, lot 10, for a \$3,800 son of GP 711. I actually intended to use this ram as part of my yack if required at the end of the sale but after a few beers, forgot all about him. There can be a trend for low SD fibre to be associated with lighter fleece weight but we must always be mindful of the exceptions albeit not rare. This fella was one of those and look at the figures for evidence : 17.1u 2.1sd 12.3cv 0.5pf yet 113% CFW% and boasting 107 Kg for a fine wool!! These are the types of rams that are now featuring in the ever important dual purpose classes of judging (the ONLY judging worth it's salt!) which we must direct all of our breeding strategies toward.

Good Guy, Rob Thiele-Monarto S.A. may have been keen on a few earlier rams but I'm thinking he got what he came for with a CentrePlus bred poll for \$2,700 at 111 Kg. and matching fleece weight percentage.

At lot 15 the sale peaked for a \$4,000 top bought by Neville and Jodie Loffler. This 17.4u had super crimped aligned fibre with

above average fleece and body weight. Heathdale were in the bidding early with three purchases as were Peter Watson-Mill Park-Meningie S.A. who paid \$2,800 for lot 22 and followed on with another half a dozen or so.

I don't know the Schillers but I believe they bought the ram of the day and I remember then wondering why he wasn't selected for that great Murray bridge sale! Lot 24 had the outlook to top the sale especially with the whiteness and super style that he exhibited along with the very good figures of 17.7u 2.4sd 13.1cv 0.1pf. Fleece weight was slightly below par but I believe he was a dinkum fixer of problem studs! Calling Mid North....

I haven't heard from anyone if John Gilbertson-Parilla S.A. received a voucher from the Glenlea Park crew for a destination-of-your-choice holiday for two, following their great support on sale day picking up nine rams and averaging \$2011 to get 'em! Andrew Smith-Loxton S.A. bought six, new clients last year, the Colwills bought five with the Kelly family securing five also.

Bradley Dickson-Melrobin Partners-Broughton Vic., bought five and Joe Gilbertson-Dilemma Investments bought two top quality rams at \$2,600 and \$2,700

Dean Pearson bought two to add to the best commercial flock in Brinkley S.A. for \$1800 for fibre sire WP 20 and \$2,200 for another.

As this report reads it was a great sale and that can't go unnoticed but it was a learning experience for me that poll rams are becoming king with great top quality hornys sometimes at twice the quality of their Poll counterparts are going cheap or worse!!

Keep an ear out for one of the best young rams in the country...1137-380 photo at left, second from front with fluid, nourished tip.. that's all for the moment!!

STOP PRESS!
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2012 ON PROPERTY SALE
FRIDAY 17th AUGUST

NOTE SERIOUS DATE SHIFT!!



ROEMAHKITA - CUMMINS S.A.

AVERAGE \$1879 TOP \$6800 91/91 BY AUCTION



Yard of horror! Muffy faces, tight skins, heavy necks, fleece rot, shearer retaliation, flies, suint, flock ram station orders and show ribbons are all hangovers of the traditional merino that still plague the industry today.

Fertility, fecundity, soft fibre, free skins, high fleece weight, whiteness and constitution and proven results are now common place with those who can see outside the square and initially dabble with the new stuff and then go hard with sizable A.I. programs to maximize proven genetics.



The Baines Brothers from Karkoo .S.A. have all hopefully returned from their Roemahkita sponsored Greek Island holiday after having such a supportive impact on the 2011 on property sale! This family had a huge influence on the sale's success in purchasing eleven rams on the day and possibly bid on twenty to get 'em!

When a sale average starts to approach the \$2,000 mark, something must be going right on many supporter's properties as to keep on coming back year after year. With the wool market and meat prices sky high, everything in the mighty orbit was aligned to ensure a great day for the Dahlitz clan.

The pick ram of the day yet not the highest price was a fibre extreme snorter in lot 8, yet another top son of the mighty Maximus from Wallaloo Park which sold after a fight for \$5600. A couldn't help to find a gap in the crowd to see who I was bidding against and was surprised to see ol' mate Gary West going hard at it! He won and was bidding by phone for Classic supporter, Hynam Poll-Hopetown Vic. Try these figures 18.3u 2.4sd 12.9cv 0.2pf.

Top price honours went to the pen following at \$6800 with similar figures yet different fibre type but the same super sire selling to Warren Beatty-Mallee Hills Stud-Ceduna S.A. for a big bugger shown in top left photo! Similarly lot 2 went to Springvale North-Burra S.A. but this time bred by Roemahkita's own R 7224.

Maurice Collins-Mt.Torrens S.A. like the Baines clan also had a huge sale impact by securing six rams to a top of \$3600 for another Maximus son. The Millers, Wilderness Trading and Borthwicks bought 15 between them.

Another great supporter, CD Watson-Cummins S.A. bought early and well and was always against competition from other typical Roemahkita supporters...Ross Mickan, White Brothers-Kapunda S.A., the Hall family-Clare S.A., Neil Loffler-Truro S.A. and the Pedlar family.

I bought a long bodied, perfectly fluid nourished fibred son of R 7224 for Borung Stud-Waikerie S.A for \$3600 to lock in the fibre type and extra loin attributes for this up and coming poll stud run by Peter and Brenton Kroehne. Already influenced by Wallaloo Park, Leahcim and Kelvale, this guy will enhance the project and his photo shown at bottom left with Louise McBride, Rachael Warner, Amelia and Tracey Dahlitz.

We always catalogue a pick group of late drops which on the day are eleven months of age...lot 84 was the pick of these, bred by another super sire that has worked extremely well at Roemahkita, Wallaloo Park 780. Client, Bevan and Cindy Siviour picked up this beauty to enhance a home ram breeding project going so well that it would embarrass most studs in the mid north!

With Joe and Tracey's presence at the 2012 Mid North Field Days with the champion pair in the fibre/meat class (the only worthwhile judging category in existence!) and a tremendous display team, the success of the 2012 sale is in the bag!

2012 SALE DATE
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 1st



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Wednesday AUGUST 1st

22nd On Property Ram Sale

110 quality poll merino rams 110

Sale Rams Averages: Mic 19.2 CV 15.1 SD 2.9 CF% 99.5

Body Weight 94 kg EMD 38.9 FAT 5.7

Figures as at July 2 2012

August 6th & 7th

Hamilton Sheepvention, Display team

Friday September 14th

Adelaide Show Ram Sale

TAG	MICRON	CV	SD	CF%
1109	16.9	16.0	2.7	99.6
1111	18.1	16.0	2.9	99.7
1135	18.7	12.3	2.3	100
1269	19.4	14.4	2.8	99.8

Friday September 28th

Classings Classic Sale, Murray Bridge

TAG	MICRON	CV	SD	CF%
1020	18.4	13.5	2.5	99.7
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Is anyone at wits end with those bloody awful laser printed ear tags? See top with distinct grooved numbers then see below with the laser printed effort. Once greased up and dirty, they are impossible to read making for a long and frustrating classing day when records are kept from all stock. Even more reason to succumb to the electronic version although even they are still time consuming yet duplicated numbers become a thing of the past.

RIDGWAY - LAMEROO S.A.

AVERAGE \$1753 TOP \$3500 x 2 119/120 BY AUCTION



Over fifty registered buyers presented themselves at the 2011 Ridgway on property sale which on its own lends itself to a promising sale result...as it turned out, a magnificent result with a massive lift of over \$600 on average from the previous year's record effort.

Brendan Duncan-Glen Esk NSW pushed all those keen to acquire one of the best in the sale and won lot 3 for a joint sale topping price of \$3500. It took awhile before that price was duplicated but the ever patient David and Brent Farr-Wunkar S.A. held off and nabbed a L004 son at lot 54 which now looking at my catalogue 9 months later I wrote, "turning point of sale."

From this point on the sale lifted to a canter and didn't stop until pen 120.

Of our clients and mates, Mitch Willson-Penneshaw S.A. bought two at \$1800 and

\$1900 with Jeff and Andrea Buick also from Penneshaw purchasing the same amount to \$2400 for a great L004 son. Tim Freak of Booderoo Pastoral-Coomandook S.A. bought four for two properties and Brian Landseer-Milang S.A. holding off to buy his number one pick at lot 55 at \$2300 for a R295 son.

I bought five rams for Netallie Station-Wilcannia NSW and two for Rob and Sonya Chalk-Willalooka S.A. including 'the one that didn't get away' lot 73 for a bargain of the century \$1000. This guy had a small blemish on his nose which possibly knocked \$999,000 off his price! Look forward to seeing this ram again a year later to monitor his progress.

In the very next pen was a L154 son of equal calibre but better fibre figures which I procured for Lucernbrae Poll-Callington S.A. at \$2800. 16.1u 2.7sd 16.8cv & 0.2 with fibre exotica, the Paechs are happy!

New customers, the Brady family from Stawell-Vic returned to buy seven polls after their debut at Ridgway in 2010.

Of the regulars at Ridgway there were great repeat purchases...GMR & J Hampel-Loxton S.A. with six, Gregors-Parndana S.A. with six, Nigel Murton with four, Neil Wormold secured five and Neville Smith bought value flock rams with nine overall.

There was alot of admiration for the Classic'11 team which was partially displayed away from the auction area. One ram in particular was eyed off by the majority of the gallery on the day as possibly a classic sale topper for 2011. Did it eventuate? Check the Classic'11 sale report!

**SALE DATE 2012
MONDAY AUGUST 13th**

**CLASSINGS CLASSIC '12
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 28th 2012 AT 1.30pm
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Murray Bridge Race Course S.A.**

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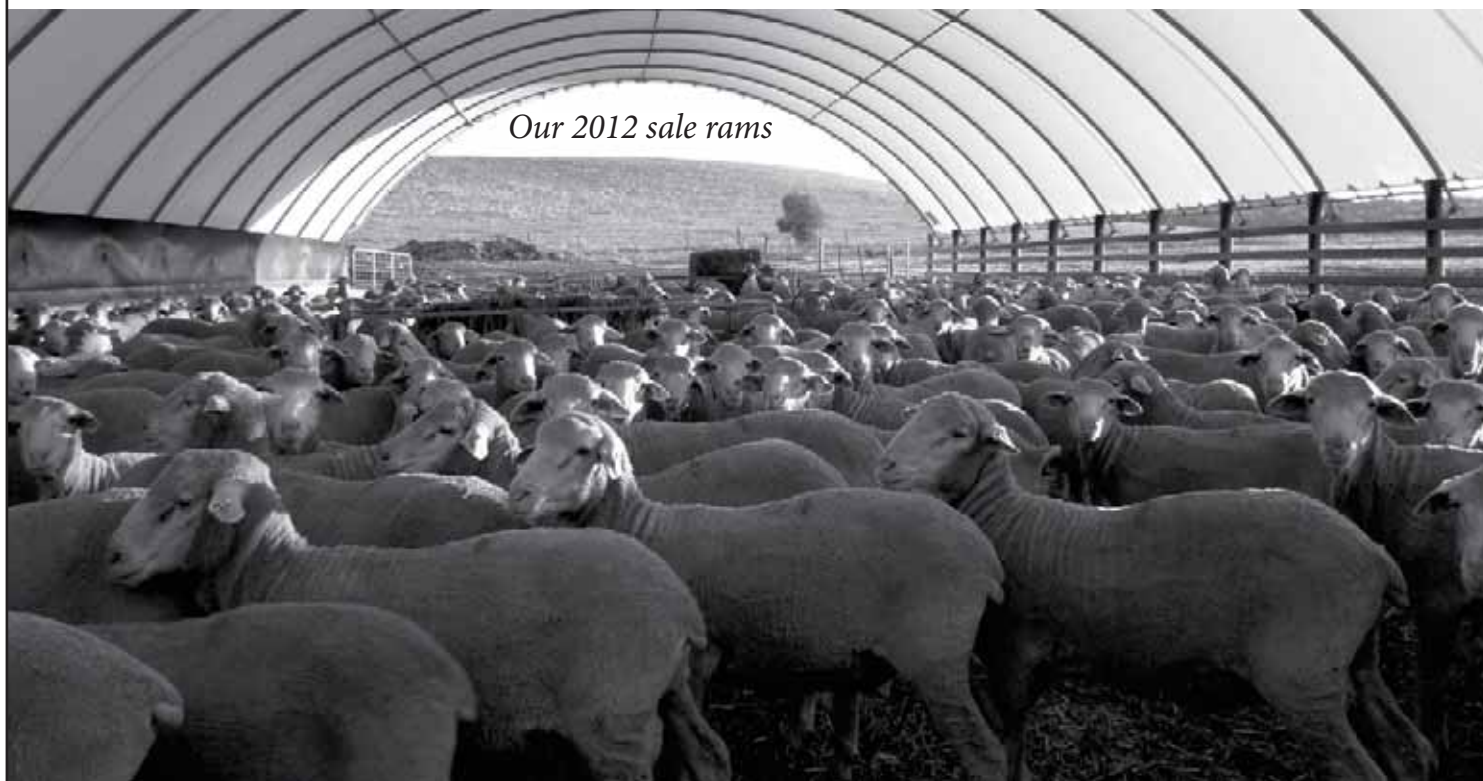
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A platoon of soldiers was marching north of Fallujah when they came upon an Iraqi terrorist, badly injured and unconscious. On the opposite side of the road was an Australian soldier in a similar but less serious state.

The soldier was conscious and alert and as first aid was given to both men, the Platoon Leader asked the injured Australian what had happened.

The soldier reported, "I was heavily armed and moving north along the highway here, and coming south was a heavily armed insurgent. We saw each other and both took cover in the ditches along the road. I yelled to him that Saddam Hussein was a miserable, lowlife scumbag who got what he deserved.

He yelled back that Kevin Rudd is a bureaucratic, good for nothing, left wing labor dickhead who knows bugger all about running the country

So I said that Osama Bin Laden dresses and acts like a frigid, mean spirited lesbian.

He retaliated by yelling, "Oh yeah? Well so does Julia Gillard"

And there we were in the middle of the road, laughing, shaking hands, when a truck hit us!"

CLASSINGS CLASSIC '12

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 28th 2012 AT 1.30pm
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Murray Bridge Race Course S.A.



Ridgway 1011 x KP 511 took my eye at Ric and Matt Ridgways' at cataloging a few weeks ago and should be a top entry into Classic'12. Figures of 18.5u 2.7sd 14.5cv & 0.2pf and + 5.9 ywt and a top ycfw puts this guy in the top 3% in Australia for ASBV's on Merino Select.

DERELLA DOWNS/PYRAMID POLL ESPERANCE W.A.

HORN AVERAGE \$1376 TOP \$2,900 49/54 AUCTION
POLLS AVERAGE \$1580 TOP \$3,300 46/46 AUCTION



Scotty and Sue Pickering's Derella Downs-Cascade W.A. has always bred great horn merinos and now this stud has firmly established their poll stud, Pyramid Polls. A standout poll, see photo above, had the honour of topping the Esperance W.A. multi vendor merino ram sale in 2011.

Brad and Vanessa Whiting-Munglinup W.A., outlaid \$3,300 for a thumping GP Olympic bred poll (117 Kg) which began his career grabbing the attention of the owner, the classer and the multitudes at the, awkward looking at times, Williams Field Day in August where Scott displayed for the first time. The Derellas, Brookdale and another stud's display animals looked fantastic at an otherwise traditional, archaic representation of yesterday's genetics!

Forty nine of the 54 horned rams offered averaged \$1376 to a top of \$2,900, also sold to the Whitings, with the polls completely sold out of the 49 offered to average \$1580. Considering the Whiting family purchased 17 rams over the whole day selecting only from Derella/Pyramid, I assume Brad and Vanessa enjoyed their Pickering sponsored Maldives holiday for a month with all expenses covered.

At the same airport lounge there may have been the familiar faces of Roger and Joanne Nankivell-Condungup W.A. who have been the earliest and ever supportive of many top entry rams the stud has produced. The Nankivells paid second top price for a poll at \$3,100 bred by SuperSire GP370, boasting figures of 18.8u 2.9sd 15.3cv and 0.8pf.

Stuart and Basil Parker-Fang P/L deserve as many accolades as the above mentioned and also have been great support from the outset buying eight rams with superior fibre in mind as Stuart has some of the best eyes around for the elite stuff! A great accolade for Derella's genetics when your shearing contractor and shearer purchases your genetics confidently, realising their easy care yet productive characteristics.

Baldock, Newleigh, Milarup Grazing, Young River Unit Trust, Ian Jones, Dorglen, Pelly, Sassella, Nick and Michael Rollond, Sanderson Brothers, Andrews, Grey, Harris and a few other single ram buyers all contributed massively into making this not only the best multi vendor ram sale in W.A. but also pushing Derella Downs to a new level.

Derella Downs and Pyramid Poll will be featuring at many field days around southern Western Australia with all the dates included in their advert in this newsletter. The ram sale will once again include the talents of celebrity chef, Vince Gareffa as well as top musician, Andrew Winton from Perth. Do yourself a favour...even if you think Scotty's rams are trash, go and see this guy! His performances are mesmerizing...so much so that I wished I'd tried harder as a muso when I was a kid!

**ON PROPERTY RAM SALE
SEPTEMBER 12TH**

GUNALLO - PINNAROO S.A.

AVERAGE \$983 TOP \$2600 87/88 BY AUCTION



I have forgotten now why lot 2 at the 2011 Gunallo on property ram sale didn't make the cut for the Classings Classic sale but this fella was a 'screamer. 103 Kg, long loined, crispy soft white fibre with figures to match at 19.4u 2.3sd! 11.9cv! & 0.0pf meant for something special. I didn't really have anyone in mind when I purchased him but my memory was jogged after the sale that a West Coasty with a realistic budget was in need of a ram breeder. Peter Charlick-Denial

Bay S.A. is now the happy owner of one of the best on property sale rams of 2011! (Not a great photo of him at left mind you but thanks to Stock Journal for the loan.)

This sale revved along all afternoon and by the end of the day, considering there were close to 90 rams on offer, in my eyes it was Gunallo's best on property sale ever.

McMahon's-McPiggery-Lameroo S.A. represented by Kym McMahon and brother in law Duane Simon were keen only for the best quality and bought four great rams in the area of \$1600/\$1700 and just missed on the top priced animal. (I was one more bid from stopping!)

We did dual on another animal at lot 35, a W/Pk Maximus son for \$1800 which they secured and maybe this was the best ram of the day?!

Caroline Johnson-Bordertown purchased a thumping lot 3 for \$2400 with good figures including a 2.4sd and 13.0cv.

I bought lot 6 and 8 for \$1600 and \$1700 respectively for the Andres at Kangaroo Inn S.A. who are great Willalooka/LorelmoSA white, fine wool fans but I needed a couple extra to fulfill their large order. Try these for exceptional figures from both rams :

- lot 6 : 18.0u 2.2sd 12.2cv 0.2pf
- lot 8 : 18.1u 2.3sd 12.7cv 0.2pf

Had to highlight these figures in this way

as to really typify what has happened to the Gunallo fibre and style of animal over the last ten years. Not many of us could present figures like these a decade ago.

All sale, local S.A. and Vic. buyers were extremely active with typical names like Wayne Schenke and Glen Richards from Murray Bridge S.A. operating as well as Nuskes, Jock Krause-Mannum S.A., Denver Hand who bought eight, Wilson and Eisens both from Pinnaroo with the latter buying eight as well. The Wheeler family from Nhill bought three, Sheldons with four and the McArthurs from Hattah six.

Kelvin Westbrook put a great floor in the sale and possibly bid on a dozen to get his six.

Ray and Brad are certainly spending the bucks to keep on perfecting a great poll stud. The purchase of a top Kamora Park sire at Classic '11 as well as large A.I. and an E.T. program attest to this.

Incidentally, another highlight for the Schroeder's year was, at the time, a record sale price for the Pinnaroo sale yards, the sale of their 1.5 year old merino ewes cracking a whopping \$252! An extra bonus was the sale of 141 5.5 year olds for \$158...your buy Ray!

SALE DATE 2012
THURSDAY 6th SEPTEMBER

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LORELMO SA - KEITH SANDERS/CORDINGLY FAMILIES

AVERAGE \$1,570 TOP \$3,200 51/57 BY AUCTION



Classic'12 is set to be a beauty with confidence high after two years of great meat and fibre prices. On the slip right now but many growers are keen to bolster the worker ram battery this year to ensure quality is maintained despite the highs and lows.



Every ram in this position that I have ever seen a photo of is always taking off at forty five degrees from left to right only! Any ideas? Any one have photos of the opposite?



Have a re read of last year's Cullings as to how Lorelmo SA eventuated. Briefly the culmination of the withdrawal of Lorelmo from its partnership with Willalooka P/C and the willingness of Darren and Fiona Sanders to take the stud on board in South Australia in a joint venture with the Cordingley Family-Walcha NSW, all led to a great debut sale in 2011.

There were familiar faces present on the day as fans of the old partnership were well aware that half of the this partnership's genetics were at Keith with the other 50% at Willalooka. Many ventured to both sales on the same day. The rams presented well considering their difficult start to life due to the transitional situation from one property to the next as well as grass seed problem since rectified.

Fine wool fan, Bruce Pengelly and son Luke, held off the competition and bought lot 16, a productive yet free ram of 16.5u 2.3sd 13.7cv & 0.1pf whiteness and the second finest in the book. The finest on the day at 16.2u went to Peter Clarke-Penneshaw-Kangaroo Island for \$1900 not that means a hell of a lot necessarily...does it?! I think Peter bought him because he liked the animal! He went on to buy another three.

While we're talking Kangaroo Island, Gerard Glynn-Cygnnet River thought he would come and see if the Lorelmo SA rams could match it with his own Nerstane influenced, top quality flock..he went home with five including two at \$1,600.

One of the oldest supporters of these true fine wools is Jeff Aitken-Keith S.A. who new what he wanted and bought two. Lot 5 was a ripper for meat and fibre at 17.5u 2.6sd 17.5cv & 0.2pf and sold for \$2,000.

David Sandow-Blenheim S.A. had a bit of a break from merinos and had a dabble with Wiltipolls before the fibre market hit it's straps and it was good to see his face on the day. The Sanders' would be thinking likewise now considering his six ram purchasing support!

And the winner of the Lorelmo SA sponsored holiday to the French Riviera for six months all expenses...The Andre family at Kangaroo Inn S.A. have been long time Willalooka/Lorelmo fanatics. They left me with a large order which helped keep the sale rolling along with ease. I secured 13 rams of excellent quality and with a realistic budget..

bought the best! Lot 4 was one of these for \$2,100 for an advanced skinned animal at 18u 2.4sd 13.6cv 0.4pf. Another with a slight stub but oozing quality was lot 26 at 16.8u 2.1sd 12.4cv and 0.0pf! for \$2,300. Check those figures again yes!

Malcolm McDonald, ex Willalooka whip, bought Richard Harkness-SWM-Tintinara S.A. a long bodied 17.6u poll for \$3,000 to add to this successful stud's sire bowl.

Eleven rams sold to BR & SL Wilson-Ballararat Vic., and averaged around \$1,500 including a good looking lot 44 for \$1,900.

A great reserve was retained from this drop of rams, 0.327 nicknamed Chevy, at 17.2u 2.7sd 15.7sd & 0.1pf, and a son of sentimental favourite, Manos! He was used extensively at Lorelmo SA and I can recommend semen from this super white, super soft, long bodied screamer! Easily in the top 5 of anything bred at either property.

I inspected the 2011 drop ram weaners last week (end of May) and the quality is of the standard of last year. All concerned are working hard at making Lorelmo SA one of the rare true fine wool studs in the state.





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SEPTEMBER 20th
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2012 SALE DATES

TUESDAY 2nd OCTOBER

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WEDNESDAY 3rd OCTOBER

SOHNIC MERINOS 12noon and GLENDEMAR MPM 3pm
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SUPERIOR WOOL MERINO TINTINARA S.A.

AVERAGE \$1415 TOP \$4800 57/70 BY AUCTION

To average \$1415 in only your fourth sale is a tremendous effort and looking at the quality of the SWMs on the day it was no surprise. Years of large number A.I. programs and being an active member of the SWS syndicate where ten members of a conscientious group of fibre loving growers pool resources to access only proven genetics en masse via large A.I. efforts.

My pick ram of the day at lot 8 went to Geoff and Sue Zacker, a snifter of an animal displaying everything we like about elite fibre on a great framed unit. Bred by proven sire Sohnic 16 of which Richard purchased a few years back tag 347 had figures of 18.9u 2.7sd 14.2cv & 0.2pf. All this for a flukey \$1700!

Top price at lot 3 at \$4800 was a whopping, WP5 bred, horny that went to Peter Hawkins-Minimay Vic., to be part of a ram breeding program possibly to reinvigorate the stud. Predictability from this bloke is almost guaranteed due to the influence on the sire side, WP5, who is held in high regard at SWM due to low cull rate styled results with elite fibre in abundance.

Quantity buyers, the Mitton family from Willalooka S.A. probably deserved the SWM sponsored holiday to Candidasa-Bali by throwing great support and purchasing seven rams to a top of \$2000 for a WP4 bred horny.

Brian Landseer-Milang S.A. chipped in and bought three early in the sale to average around \$1700. The enjoyable local father and sons trio of Chris, Andrew and Ali Johnson were present grounding a great

floor in to the sale and ended up with six including a top end horn ram at lot 17 for \$2000 bred by WP5.

David Eckert bought a Westwood 17 bred thumper for \$3100 which will be used breed rams for this high quality flock at half way between Meningie and Malinong S.A. Westwood? More to come!

Superior Wool Syndicate members, Chad Burbidge and Gary Hansen-Coomandook S.A., teamed up and bought two great sires at lots 4 & 5 for \$3800 and \$3400 with the first bred by Sohnic 16 and could have possibly been kept at the stud.

James Irwin-Keith S.A. bought a potential ram breeder at lot 12 bred by WP 5 as well as a couple of good flockies. John Weinke-Wynarka S.A. leant great support and bought two good flock rams with the White and Withers families picking up great bargains throughout the sale.

Some of the best fibre we test through the laboratory comes from members of SWS. With Richard and his SWM animals being heavily influenced by sires within this group, predictability and confidence in the final product is assured here.

**SALE DATE 2012
WED 19th SEPTEMBER**

**CLASSINGS CLASSIC '12
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 28th 2012 AT 1.30pm
MERINO & POLL MERINO INVITATIONAL
Murray Bridge Race Course S.A.**



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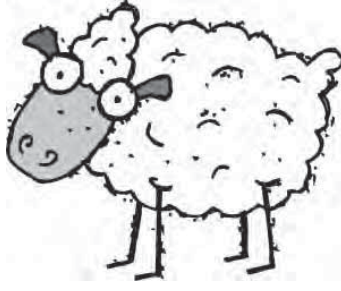
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CLASSIC QUOTES...



"I was a good breast feeder....didn't get any ash on the baby!" GBF

"...the average price for 2011 was \$1,524 well above last year's average of \$1,506." MS

"Wool cut per head could easily be lost in the pursuit of big, plain sheep while valuable wool types could also be sacrificed." Wal Merriman

"...science couldn't teach Australian growers much new about breeding better merino sheep..." Wal Merriman

"New breeding traits and improved accuracy levels are set to bring DNA technology from the cutting edge into the mainstream for breeders..." CRC Press release April 2012

"High value traits such as adult fleece weight and adult fibre diameter that can only be measured late in life can now be accurately predicted in young rams based on DNA analysis." Sheep CRC CEO James Rowe.

"Use of the new genomic information should make it a lot easier to breed for poll rams in the future." James Rowe regarding DNA testing for double poll gene analysis.

"...growers (are chasing) staple length when they should be concentrating on increasing fleece weights." Craig Wilson-NSW Sheepclasser

"We have customers who raise the matter of mulesing, but when we explain they begin to understand that mulesing was something which can't be changed overnight and that to stop it now would be disastrous for the sheep." Paolo Zegna-Wool Processor

"...a great creamy studdiness." Stud Stock Agent's description of top poll ram!

"Leahcim is probably the only other stud that concentrates on a balance of objectively measured meat and wool traits..." NK



WP 843-066 bred by a sire bought at Wallaloo Park's on property sale in 2010 will feature in this year's Classic'12.

Borong-Waikerie S.A. owned by the Kroehne family is on the fast track to becoming a 'major' in the Mallee and will make others sit up and take notice at this year's Karoonda Field Day.

'066' represents all that is happening at this stud and here held by Brenton Kroehne on right with able assistance from farm workman Jake.

Letter to SASMSA

MR CAMERON HILLS
EXECUTIVE OFFICER - SASMSA

SASMSA COMMITTEE

23rd MAY 2012

Dear Sirs,

I personally would like to extend my congratulations to you and to your committee on the input and creation of yet another great yearly production, the South Australian Merino Annual and Directory.

My concern though and only slight frustration is the glaring omission on the reporting or lack of, of the Classings Classic Ram Sale of which 2011 was it's tenth year. I find it curious that even though the sale was represented by **fifteen South Australian studs** last year and a similar number over all years with often record breaking results from individuals, there is not a hint of mention of a now high profile multi vendor sale in your publication. It could appear that there is a different ruling applicable for the Adelaide Ram Sale (pages 3 & 5)

Our sale is designed around the breeding of animals that meet today's needs for attacking skin issues and meeting future market

requirements. These include the possibilities of non mulesed animals being par to the course in future years. It was also created to attract young growers and to give them confidence that top end fibre and production can come from a plain bodied, thinner skinned merino. Not all South Australian studs aspire to this approach thus their non inclusion at my discretion in regard to the Classic Sale.

The current Champion Pair of All purpose Ram Lambs Competition at the Mid North Field Days, is judged and assessed subjectively by two neutral judges in tandem with the utilisation of objective meat and fibre measurements taken on the day. Roemahkita stud, 'guilty' of breeding these new era animals, and winning this competition two years running, can only speak for itself and certainly represents all that our company and followers aspire to. There are no rules to change when a win like this suggests just how today's merino should look and perform!

I am not personally fazed by this obvious omission but am increasingly under pressure from not only many of the studs involved, but also by the commercial buying public who are quizzing me regularly on just where the problem may lay. This is especially the case where higher prices are involved where the reporting of, certainly offers promotional advantages not only for the selling or purchasing stud but for the South Australian Merino as a whole.

I am very proud in the evolving nature of this sale which last year climbed \$1000 on the previous

year's average to \$4874 with a top price of \$32,000 from a leading **South Australian** stud sold to a another **South Australian** stud. Only one ram was passed from ninety six that were presented.

Our company represents hundreds of studs and commercial growers nationwide who either use our classing/ram selection service or fibre testing laboratory. They are an inquisitive bunch and I would like to be able to give them some straight answers regarding this query.

Despite these issues, I do thank you for the sale's 2012 date inclusion in the SASMBA website below the date for the Adelaide sale. I would like to add more detail and a photo similar to that of the Adelaide Ram Sale description if possible. Also a slight adjustment with a sub heading on the website...Classings Classic not Classing Classics thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Bill Walker
Director Classings P/L



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**INFORMATION on
2012 SALE EWES ring David
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David, Dianne & Brent Farr sold the region's top-priced commercial 1.5yo ewes, with 150 Ridgway Advance blood hogget's selling for \$272 at Lameroo Off-Shear Sale.

With wool cut taken into account the Sept. shorn ewes cutting an estimation of 6kg wool would have earnt Farr's more than \$300 a head.

Wether Lamb portion achieving outstanding results with sucker lambs 6 ½ months of age at 24kg carcass weight for \$121.

Also at the Lameroo Sale, Glen & Tracey Farr's well presented Ridgway Advance blood ewes sold in the top five for \$261.

In Burra 2012 competition 'all-purpose pair of ram lambs' in third place Brimanna Stud, Cummins with a pair bred by Ridgway Advance Ram B80 that the Stud bought at the 2010 Ridgway Advance On-Property Ram Sale.

At Hamilton Sheepvention 2011 ' Ram of the Sale Shed ' Sims Uardry Ram' which was bred by Ridgway Advance Sire, 570.'

Karoonda Ram of the Year 2011, Ridgway Advance

Top hogget Ridgway Advance blood



Gerald Woitd took home the major prize – open hogget of the day – at the Angaston Agricultural Bureau Hogget Competition and his 2 pens came 2nd & 4th in the open section, with paddock run Ridgway Advance blood hogget's

- Young Merino ewes, Ridgway Advance blood sold by J J Hallam Pty Ltd, received the highest price at the Wycheproof sale on the 30th September 2011

- At the Murray Bridge Sheep Sale on October 8th 2011, Elliot & Dianne Woitd's 1½-year surplus July drop hogget's, Ridgway Advance blood, topped the Annual off-shear sale.



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Consultant – Bill Walker

SALE TEAM SELECTED FOR ADELAIDE & CLASSIC



CALCOOKARA - COWELL S.A.

AVERAGE \$1214 TOP \$4000 82/90 BY AUCTION

The Calcookara stock have always proven themselves all over Eyre Peninsula and seem to have done the same in W.A. where return buyers buoy the top end of the sale.

Faraway Hills W.A. bought lot 2 for \$3800 bred from a RA165 & 165-004 syndicate and from here on the sale rolled along with only eight rams passed over the large lineup of ninety poll and horn rams.

Dean Wheaton-Nhill Vic., bought the top priced horn ram for \$3,400, a big barreled thumper! John and Tom Freeth-Buckleboo S.A. fought hard and earned top price ram of the day figure of \$4,000. Sensational figures were certainly a feature standing at 18.8u 2.6sd 13.6cv & 0.0pf or 100% cf. The sire of this bloke has done well for Calcookara over the years. RA 165 was bought at the Classic years ago and keeps on pumping out long bodied stock with great skins.

Rod Hanneman-Mangalo S.A. bought a great poll for \$3,200 which I had earmarked for Les Hamence at Pimbena but the money was just a bit too hot for a ram that Les wasn't necessarily expecting!

Multi ram purchases are essential to the success of any stud sale and there is no lack of satisfied return buyers at Calcookara.

Jonathon Eckert from Quorn secured 7 rams, John Fuss and Sons another 6 and the great stayers, Neil and Emily Beyerlee-Carrieton S.A. latched on to 9 rams to form a great base. Hosts, the Byerlees and Calcookara put on a great workshop in July last year where various presenters including myself put our case forward on just why these genetics and the type of animals bred are the future of the this mighty industry. David Gunther an animal nutritionist of some note kept all enthralled with his promotion of mostly what we don't do or know enough about.

More local bidding pushed the sale along with the familiar names of Hanneman, Puckridge, and Story buying nearly 20 rams between them.

The Freeths not only bought the top priced poll but also bought others including a great poll in lot 29b which took my eye for \$1,200 and a bargain at that. 17.4u 2.6sd 14.8cv & 0.1 yes! The horned version to me sat in lot 11a which the eagle eyed Puckridges bought for \$2,200.

Newcomers the Meyers-Mt. Drummond S.A., Wildman-Cowell S.A. and Don Williams-Carrieton were very welcome and added to the day with 7 rams between them. I purchased two for Peter Kuhlmann-Wirrulla S.A.

The Smiths have let it be known that they are dead set eager to go hard with the stud after some of the leanest years recorded. Some sound investments in genetics has instilled alot of confidence with their clientel and one happy classer. A \$22,000 poll from Leahcim and a magnificent horny as a semen share form

Wallaloo Park in 2011 will ensure, in my eyes, a lot of security and a sound future.

**2012 SALE DATE
FRIDAY SEPT 7th**

CALCOOKARA
MERINO  **POLL MERINO**

**Annual On Property Auction
Friday 7th September 2012**

**Inspection from 11.00am, Auction at 1.30pm
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KARAWATHA - WOOLFORD FAMILY

BUCKLEBOO S.A.

AVERAGE \$1,888 TOP \$5,600 60/60 BY AUCTION



In no time Karawatha has become one of the West Coast's leading merino studs in quality and sales. Large A.I. programs have ensured this and the 2011 ram sale was yet another record for the Woolfords.

Wallaloo Park 306, a \$22,000 sire that Bert bought a semen share of three years ago certainly left his footprint on the sale with 20% of the sale team all sons of his that averaged a huge \$2,458! More semen please as the top price belonged to him also!

Top price for the day was claimed by Paul Schaeffer-Nalino-Kimba S.A. a long time admirer of Karawatha genetics who sees value in selecting only the best the stud has to offer... at \$5,600 his mission was complete! Well nearly...Paul went on to buy five more! I presume he enjoyed his Amazon holiday with beer and tequila sponsored by Karawatha due to his ever loyal support.

RO 8004 was purchased by Bert at Roemahkita's on property sale three years ago at a price I am too embarrassed to discuss! This guy went over a lot of purchased Leahcim ewes from the year before with outstanding results.

Lot 1 was one of these which quickly sold to the O'brien boys at Kyancutta for \$4,800 which easily exceeded the sire's purchase price five fold!! From the same sire lot 2 made \$5,000 followed by lot 5 for \$3,400 to the Trengroves at Spalding S.A. and lot 6 for \$3,600 to the local Larwoods. They were strong all day and bid up to \$4,000 for a WP Maximus son in pen 33.

Ever supportive, Wayne Young-Orroroo S.A. bought a L696 son for \$3,800 and another later in the sale for \$2,800 for a WP 306 son. The local Girdham family bought three throughout up to \$2,600. Woolford Brothers-Kimba lent great support purchasing five including a W/PARK 306 son for \$3,200. Clients, Wilkatana Station-Pt. Augusta S.A. were part of the volume buyer brigade with six including two Lucernbrae 'Freeloader' sons for \$1,100.

Oakden Hills-Port Augusta S.A. were the great base bidders during the progress of the sale and were there for a volume flock order of twelve and were major players in the remaining rams in the selection pens later.

The Zibell, Goog Baldock, Beinke, Sampson, Laray, Best, Andrew Polkinghorne and Dean Wilmott locals were an integral part of the day bidding up to \$2,700 for their purchases ensuring a successful day.

**2012
SALE DATE
FRIDAY
31st AUGUST**



KARAWATHA PARK
MERINO AND POLL MERINO STUDS

ON PROPERTY RAM SALE

FRIDAY 31ST AUGUST 2012

**INSPECTION 12 NOON
AUCTION 2PM**

100 RAMS AUCTION AND MINI AUCTION

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Bill Walker 0428 973 804 - Classifier and Advisor to Karawatha Park



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Netallie-Wilcannia NSW classing this year was a real feature with almost 3,000 ewe hoggets bowling into the yards in top order exhibiting great fibre bred from top quality rams bought with a realistic budget in mind.

The 'station order' ram saga continues in other areas with some consignments I have witnessed over the years enough for many growers to contemplate dorpers and other exotics as a worthwhile consideration!

Jeramie and son, James McClure, are vigilant on roaming exotics and lice which are part and parcel of these intrusions. Seen below is yet another intruder with the potential to create havoc with merino breeding programs yet tackled to the ground with gusto! All that with beer in hand...nice work James!



Kamora Park 17 E.T. bred by L154 from a top KP ewe and is one of a handful of screamers that will grace the Murray Bridge Racecourse on September 28th at Classic'12.

Kamora Park is making a habit of gracing the Classic sales with great carcass/fibre polls that are breeding on well.

KAMORA PARK - COLIN BOUGHEN FAMILY KAROONDA S.A.

AVERAGE \$1,002 TOP \$5,800 143/160 BY AUCTION



Due to a huge investment in genetics from new sources in recent years and a shift from a more traditional style of merino years ago, this stud is going gang busters! The success in the Classings Classic sales and dual purpose wins in Adelaide more than once only add to the rise and rise of Kamora Park.

Once again I couldn't get to the sale due to sheep classing commitments so I will point form the excellent report by Ian Turner who attended the sale on behalf of the Stock Journal.

Alan Dawson-Winyar-Bathurst NSW bought the sale top of \$5,800 at 18.9u 2.7sd

0.2pf and added another for \$2,800. Both were L047 sons

John and Paul Wegener-Karoonda S.A. bought 21 rams and averaged \$1,376 including a sire for \$4,800.

Michael Erickson-Murray Bridge S.A. paid \$4,000 for another L047 son.

Scott Dinham-Tailem Bend S.A. bought six to a top of \$2,700

YG Pastoral-Karoonda S.A. six to \$1,500.

DR & MC Hoare-Murray bridge S.A. five to \$2,500.

Langidoon Station-Broken Hill bought twenty three at around \$650 average.

Westbrook Ag.-Loxton S.A. secured twenty three rams for a \$600 average.

Obviously there were a lot of buyers present to support this great volume sale with the above mentioned being those of volume. I will be inspecting the Kamora Park rams very soon and look forward to more snorters for Classic'12.

SALE DATE 2012 FRIDAY AUGUST 3rd

Kamora Park 070304 won the Fibre/Meat Class at the Adelaide Royal in 2008 - the only class worth its salt over the whole week. This bloke was entered into the CRC demonstration flock at Turretfield for genomic and ASBV work and has come out the other end after results gained put him into the top 10 rams nationally on the Merino Select data base.

Due to the classing of his young progeny with 65% classed as tops with only 18% culls and the top 12 ram lambs all from this great sire he is now in the spotlight as a top semen sire.

His figures at the time of his win in Adelaide sat at 18.5u 2.3sd 12.4cv & 0.6pf.

With a body weight of 106 Kg and eye muscle depth of 43mm this guy would be worth considering as part of a semen project.



BROOKDALE - ARTHUR RIVER W.A. CLARKE FAMILY

AVERAGE \$1,030 TOP \$1,500 100/100 BY AUCTION



Amongst the typically hectic W.A. schedule I was able to get to my first Brookdale sale with no disappointment. It was great to be able to catalogue the rams one week and then see them sold the following due to a different style of sale catalogue meaning no sending of ram data to the printer and waiting weeks for the finished product.

Due to the rules and regulations regarding Johnes Disease status in W.A. I was unable to purchase rams for any other state except for the West. Not that that would have had any major influence on a sale that went very well.

Enjoyably the horned ram average knocked off the pollies but only by a mere three dollars! I know this won't last as the poll numbers are quickly building and replacing the horned families due to obvious demand nationwide but let's grab the accolades while we can!

Brookdale 286 is the best horned semen sire in W.A. and was responsible for a lot of the sale team including the highest priced animal.

The Rutherfords-Duranillin W.A. bought this top priced ram of the day and yes...a horny! He displayed great ASBV figures including a 9.1 for YWT. They also bought another eight rams throughout the sale and certainly became an early candidate for the Brookdale sponsored holiday to Fiji for two with a free bar tab for two weeks!

Then again you couldn't ignore these two buyers for their efforts. KA Bunce-Darkan W.A. bought a team of seventeen rams while Paul Goss went hard and grabbed sixteen and between them could have bid on half the rams in the catalogue to get them.

Lynford Farms-Williams W.A. paid \$1,400 for the top priced poll ram bred by W/Park 306 with a 17.7 micron and 0.1pf. They went on to buy another two.

Loyal supporter, Bob Treasure and family-Darkan W.A. bought fourteen rams up to \$1,100 and from the same district the Hulse clan bought nine up to \$1,300. Michael Johnston-Long Gully W.A. bought ten rams and claimed the plain bodies and early growth rates were a huge attraction of the Brookdales.

The Brookdale auction system is different to most where it is run in reverse style where every pen starts at \$600. A flurry of bids take place and quickly one by one they drop off until the last two fight it out to the last. As soon as one pen is sold the auctioneer quickly starts the next again at \$600 without the carry on! I like it and will put it to the Classic auctioneers as a possibility for this year's sale.

CLASSINGS CLASSIC '12

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 28th 2012 AT 1.30pm
MERINO & POLL MERINO INVITATIONAL
Murray Bridge Race Course S.A.

**2012 SALE DATE
TUESDAY OCTOBER 16th**

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RAMSGATE - TINTINARA S.A.

AVERAGE \$1342 TOP \$2500 42/48 BY AUCTION



GENERAL COSGROVE INTERVIEW

General Cosgrove was interviewed on the radio recently. Please read this reply to the lady who interviewed him concerning guns and children. It's a portion of an ABC radio interview between the female broadcaster and General Cosgrove who was about to sponsor a Boy Scout Troop visiting his military headquarters...

Interviewer: So, General Cosgrove, what things are you going to teach these young boys when they visit your base?

Cosgrove: We're going to teach them climbing, canoeing, archery and shooting.

Interviewer: Shooting! That's a bit irresponsible isn't it?

Cosgrove: I don't see why, they'll be properly supervised on the rifle range.

Interviewer: Don't you admit that this is a terribly dangerous activity to be teaching young children.

Cosgrove: I don't see how. We will be teaching them proper rifle range discipline before they even touch a firearm.

Interviewer: But you're equipping them to become violent killers.

Cosgrove: Well, Ma'am, you're equipped to be a prostitute, but you're not one, are you?

The radio went silent for 46 seconds and when it returned, this interview was over!

A Wallaloo Park Maximus son selling for \$2100 in lot one really blasted the 2011 Ramsgate auction off to realise an overall sale average lift from \$732 in 2010 to \$1342 in 2011..up by \$610. I bought this bloke for Rick Munro-Tintinara S.A. who was after frame and meat to compliment previous purchases from another source.

I bought Lot 6 for \$2100 and relayed this great horn ram on to the local Brophy brothers who admired him on inspection but missed out when it came to the auction. He was bred by L222 and I thought was probably the pick ram of the day.

Another W/Pk Maximus poll ram in lot 5 topped the sale at \$2500 and went to Senior Park-Bordertown S.A. for ram breeding purposes. He boasted great actual figures on the day of 18.8u 2.6sd 13.6cv & 0.2pf. Very white in the fibre, this poll also was the highest body weighted ram of the entire catalogue at 118 Kg.

Locals, Greg and Chad Kennett supported well and bought two including one at \$2300 for a Glendemar bred poll.

Keilira Station-Kingston S.A. bought five but set a great floor and bid on many more. Mt. Boothby-Tintinara represented by the 'dangerous three' were also there for any rams that didn't make their value and ended up with four goodies.

I bought a few for clients who weren't able to make the sale including a ripper lot 14 son of W/Pk Maximus for Keyneton Station-Keyneton S.A. for a bargain \$1700 with sire potential...test figures of 18.6u 2.8sd 15.1cv & 0.2 a help!

Also bought four for Netallie Station-Wilcannia NSW to help make up a 25 ram consignment over a number of our studs.

The Guthries-Mt.Torrens S.A., Marsons-Meningie S.A., Normans-Karoonda, Fosters, Kellers, Stotts, Emerys and Grococks all bought well to help make this the best Ramsgate sale yet.

This was just the response the Kellers needed to boost their confidence in continuing on with a very successful program including big numbers of A.I. and E.T. to enhance an already top quality flock.

**2012 SALE DATE
TUESDAY 14th AUGUST**

RAMSGATE

MERINO STUD TINTINARA SA

Displaying at:

SE Merino Field Day Keith 24th July
Hamilton Sheepvention 6th & 7th August

Rams for sale at :

Hamilton Sheepvention 7th August

**ON PROPERTY AUCTION
TUES 14th AUGUST 2012**

Classings Classic 28th September

Progeny on offer by Wallaloo Park, Leahcim,
& Glenlea Park sires

Keller Partners

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Sale team
90% Poll



Fibre & Fertility on Frame



Always good to get Rose out of the laboratory and out amongst the source of those thousands of samples she tests every year. Shown here at the Derella Downs Field Day at Cascade W.A. with Peter Wallis-Glenlea Park who made the journey to see what all the fuss was about with no disappointment.

Laboratory work is on the rise again with samples arriving from all over the country. Rose constantly puts in mammoth efforts to meet client deadlines and has recently enlisted mate Megan Davies to assist with the pile ahead.

Just a quick one while we are talking samples, in particular preparation.

Glad sandwich bags are best but don't necessarily have to be the snap lock version. A thick permanent texta written number on the outside of the bag with fleece weight if applicable is the ultimate for ease of data recording at the first stage of testing.

Forget knots, staples, gaff tape, twisties or rubber bands....once the samples are in the post bag or box, the fibre won't escape!



ELLA MATTA - HEINRICH FAMILY PARNDANA K.I. S.A.

AVERAGE \$1,400 TOP \$3,500 35/36 BY AUCTION



The Heinrich and Ella Matta names are synonymous with the breeding of quality White Suffolks but it was always an endeavor of Aphid and Tracey Heinrich to let the world know just how they were travelling with their own merino flock. With the use of high volume A.I. programs from proven genetical sources mostly from Victoria and New South Wales and the intelligent use of Merino Select ASBV's combined with a passion for white fibre, a stud was created.

Aphid and I have very productive classing days where his passion for the scientific data side often tussling with my visual observations in tandem with only some objective measurement for guidance, often ends up with some great discussions! Sometimes though my visual interpretation matches great ASBV figures and the world spins yet again with a wry grin appearing on both our faces!

This is a great stud for Kangaroo Island where soft white wool proven genetics through performance driven data is crossed with proven genetics on the sire side with great meat trait potential. I would easily recommend Ella Matta to any Kangaroo Island grower as well as any high rainfall

properties in all parts of Australia.

The 2011 sale and only the third under the merino banner for Ella Matta was a beauty.

Andrew Fogden K.I. bid hard to secure the top price honour for the day at \$3,500 as well as supporting the sale well to secure another for \$2,300. The top price polly was bred from that Super Sire L154.

Mike and Sandra Smith bought a Billandri son for \$2,700 with Brian Hilder and Felicity Salkeld bidding to \$2,600. D Westbrook bought another L154 son for \$2,800. CR & KJ Graham bought four from \$1,700 and up to \$2,300. GR Nutt K.I. bought seven up to \$1,500 and in my view won the long weekend at Gracelands holiday rental in Penneshaw!

My personal ambition for Ella Matta is for that merino sale to hit such massive heights over the ensuing years that the White Suffolks may be a thing of the past!!

**2012 SALE DATE
FRIDAY OCTOBER 12th**

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ON PROPERTY SALE: AUGUST 16th 1.30pm
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Superior Wool Merino 321 x W/PK 115
Another long bodied SWM ram for Classic'12 with silky skin and fibre at 18.0u 13.9cv 2.5sd & 0.3pf this poll appears to be the one that will crack it big time for Richard at CC'12.



Glenlea Park 173 x GP 004 (purchased at Classic'10 for \$10,000). Tall yet deep with exceptional skin and personality, this guy could lead the G/PK's at CC'12.

FLAIRDAL - COOKE PLAINS S.A. LEHMANN FAMILY

AVERAGE \$1,498 TOP \$4,200 62/62 BY AUCTION



Graham Buchanan-Karoonda S.A. bought the top for the day for a 102 Kg thug setting him back \$4,200. Boasting figures of 19.0u 2.8sd 14.6cv & 0.2pf this guy was actually selected for the Classic'11 sale but we elected to retain him at Flairdale to boost the on property sale. His sire was xxxx

The ever supportive Paxton crew from Parndana S.A. bid to \$2,700 to secure seven rams for the day. Trevor Laskey-Orroroo S.A. bought five to a top of \$3,000. The Heidrichs from Eudunda supported well with the purchase of three to \$2,100.

JW & LR Burgess-Gulnare S.A took two home with one climbing the scale to \$3,800 for a xxx son. The Williams family also took two up to \$2,700 and the Brookers -Lucindale S.A. secured three to \$1,600.

Tara Hills-Mt. Pleasant S.A. and Kintalpa-Kingston S.A. bought eight between them to \$1,100.

Wayne and Lindy have invested quite a bit into genetics in the last few years including a young Leahcim poll from the 2011 sale for \$8,500 as well as a Wallaloo Park poll from the Classic'11 for \$4,000. This only compliments a great Gunallo poll bought at Classic'10 which has progeny dotted regularly throughout this year's on property sale.



The Flairdale Polls are evolving into a more accessible animal to a broader range of appreciators...all this due to the typical S.A. frame now coated with a fibre and skin similar to those that adorn the Classic ram sale animals year after year.

On inspecting Wayne Lehmann's rams for possible Classic sale and displays at Hamilton and Bendigo today (5th June) I was happy to see a fresher styled ram with crimp, fluid nourishment and typical frame fill the race. The two for the Classic'12 are going to be monsters by September!

**2012 SALE DATE
THURSDAY 16th AUGUST**

DERELLA DOWNS HORN

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SELLING 100 TOP QUALITY RAMS ON PROPERTY SALE - SEPTEMBER 12th 2012



Glenlea Park 380 x Ridgway 1137 (purchased at Classic'10 for \$32,000) won't quite make it to Classic'12 due to an impatient syndicate who bought a share privately for \$20,000 with Pete Wallis keeping 50%. See back page ad.



Pepperwell 1141 x RA 199 (Purchased Classic 2009) Hansi's bred a beauty and this one should turn a few heads at Classic'12. Straight from the paddock at the Burra Field Day in March '1141' stood up well and was well respected by those who took the time to enjoy the fact that he had had no preparation what so ever.

LONE GUM - CRYSTAL BROOK S.A.

AVERAGE \$1466 TOP \$3,350 34/36 BY AUCTION



Stuart Everett was thumped in the moosh at ram sale cataloging by a horn ram that eventually fetched \$3000 in lot 2 at the actual sale so it didn't really hurt that much! Lone Gum has certainly turned another corner with the 2011 sale result another record for the best horn/poll stud in the mid north despite not necessarily being the biggest!

Bids came from all directions from an excitable crowd. Kurra Wirra Vic. owned by Rob and Bernadette Close, bought lot 1 after a previous inspection for a stud record

price of \$3200. That moment was broken four pens later by another top deep barrelled horny for \$3350, sold to the studs number one client for admiration Jason Pfitzner-Point Pass S.A.

Butch and Jody Dunn-Penong S.A. bought exclusively only top animals including my pick horn ram of the day sitting at lot 2 for \$3000 with exceptional current test figures of 20.2u 12.6cv 2.6sd & 0.3pf. Craig Rule-Wirrulla grabbed three beauties including lot 12, a great Glendemar bred poll for \$2600. Lot 4, another similarly bred poll went to Bruce Heddle-Minnipa S.A. at \$2100.

Neville Simpson-Wudinna S.A. chipped in with two purchases and one to Wilkatana Station-Port Augusta S.A. for a good Lucernbrae bred flocky. New Classings P/L clients, the Pym family-Rockleigh S.A., bought a couple including a ripper Ridgway bred poll for \$2100 as well as three I bought for Aston Station-Pooncarie NSW for the bargain average of \$550. Graeme Wheaton-Kangaroo Island S.A. needed five yet I walked away with only one due to the intense competition!

Local support was good despite some severe competition with the Beyer, Seidel, Franks, Baker, Kelly, and Smith families as well as Long Valley Props and Pinehart Props-Clare S.A. securing 'great for the price' top quality rams.

On first classing of the young rams in March 2012 prior to shearing, Lone Gum has yet another crop of young rams that should please equally as well as last years effort including more polls than ever before.

SALE DATE
SEPTEMBER 17th 2012

LONE GUM MERINO

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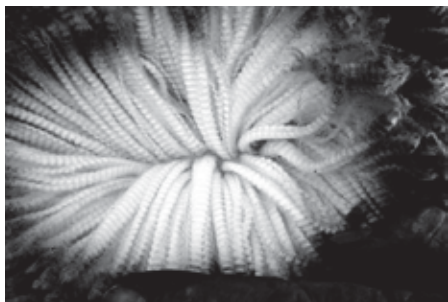
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LUCERNBRAE - CALLINGTON S.A.

AVERAGE \$1157 TOP \$2600 28/32 BY AUCTION



Gunallo 680 x Gun 062 x WP Maximus. Long bodied pick of this year's Gunallos with great skin at 17.9u 15.3c 2.7sd 0.3 this bloke could be in the top 5% of the stakes at Classic '12.



Ramsgate 024 x GP 004 (purchased at Classic '10 for \$10,000) Extreme body length and neck extension this bloke may topple the Keller's CC '11 record. Great test of 18.1u 13.6cv 2.5sd 0.2pf. he's as good as anything in the sale.



Roemahkita Green 1362 x Glenlea Park 184 (bought at Hamilton 2010 for \$14000). This guy could top Classic '12... He's a beauty!



"We would have had six or seven new clients so maybe the word's getting out."

The 2011 Lucernbrae sale was the best Keith and Judy Paech have ever had with the above quote from the day the perfect summary for a unique effort. The word is now out that these animals with a huge depth of pedigree on both sides of the tree, are some of the best going around yet with a very realistic price for such quality.

Not that the Paechs have ever had a giant car park for customers, but it was very satisfying for me to have to park further away than I ever have had to due to more buyer vehicles than stock agents'!

Craig Gameau escorted by father Trevor bought the \$2600 top for a booming GP Olympic son, with a massive frame and super bold crimp that will have great impact over a flock that's swung from a traditional

tight flock. Since then it has been balanced by quality Roemahkita genetics with great impact and now with the odd outcross to meet a realistic budget. The Gameaus went on to buy four more as the realistic pricing equalled more bang for the buck!

Ramsgate-Tintinara S.A. had always admired the Lucernbrae approach and were there to secure a Petali influenced sire for \$2100 and a GP Olympic son for \$2100 with great figures on the day of 18.2u 2.6sd 14.4cv & 0.4pf.

Critter Freeman came over from Penong to see what all the fuss was about and bought two and I bought eleven for a mixture of clients to average only \$872 for Keyneton Station-Keyneton S.A., new classing clients, Aston Station Pooncarie NSW, Netallie Station-Wilcannia NSW and Alex & Annie Wells-Kanmantoo S.A.

Dean Pearson, Kym & Michelle Thiele, Max Thiele along with the Paulls, Lutzers, Humphries, and Thomas families were substantial contributing local purchasers in making for a successful day.

On first classing of this year's crop only a few weeks ago, I can suggest their will be more on offer this year of similar quality from this great Bremer Valley stud. Mernowie Escalator and Turretfield entered sire LB306 have excellent stock on display.

2012 SALE DATE
FRIDAY AUGUST 10th

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**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 28th 2012 AT 1.30pm
MERINO & POLL MERINO INVITATIONAL
Murray Bridge Race Course S.A.**



SOUTHROSE - TINTINARA

ASHBY FAMILY

AVERAGE \$1050 TOP \$2,800 61/63 BY AUCTION



Top price honours went to Peter Brookman-Keith S.A. way down at lot 15 for a productive syndicate bred son at \$2,800 with 120% fleece weight. He with classer, Rob Russell, bought five more including two very good WP 891 sons. One of these quite possibly could have ended up at the Classic'11 sale except for a slightly tighter horn set which matters none on a commercial basis.

My pick of the day which I was keen to get hold of on spec., was lot 4, a 102 Kg son of L154 but fetched the money it deserved and made \$2100 and sold to Classic Pastoral Co. at Hamilton Vic.. Figures of 18.6u 2.4sd 13.1cv & 0.3pf were a bonus and this was yet another son of this now legendary sire who just happened to lineup the three rams that went to the Classic'11 sale to a top of \$6,000. They also bought another L154 son the pen after for \$2,300.

Rob McBride's Tolarno Station-Wentworth NSW put a huge base in the sale buying sixteen throughout and averaged \$600 odd dollars. Pamatta Pastoral Co.-Carrieton S.A. purchased nine at around \$650 and Mt. Beevor bought six and averaged \$1800 to a top of \$1800.

Young Bill Ashby was there representing Trevallyn Station-Wilcannia NSW and bought about six from the auction.

Monpur, Wilka Herefords, Goodals, Halfpennys and Mt. Boothby-Tintinara S.A. all bought their ones and twos to ensure the sale's future success and survival.

It always intrigues me on the reasons that rams don't even raise a bid and when it was only two out of the whole sale I couldn't help but reinspect to aid future catalogue days at Southrose. It was a straight forward answer....tight and over productive and great in a way that they weren't touched...a learning thing for this classer for future cataloging efforts.

2012 SALE DATE
THURSDAY SEPT 20th

CLASSINGS CLASSIC '12
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 28th 2012 AT 1.30pm
MERINO & POLL MERINO INVITATIONAL
Murray Bridge Race Course S.A.

Jono and Zel Ashby have now claimed the reigns of running Southrose after a long haul for Jim and Hilary regarding Jim's below par health of late yet he is rapidly now on the mend. Their determination to have a good old crack with the merinos and take them to new levels is already glaringly obvious. The success of the Classic team and the top end of the on property sale team in 2011 is a great yardstick as to where things are heading.

All rams barring two were sold for a solid average of nearly \$1,100. I believe that to be a good healthy average considering quite a bit of rebuilding is in progress within the stud, property and clientele.

NANTOURA - WHARMINDA S.A. PRIME FAMILY

AVERAGE \$1,180 TOP \$3,000 59/61 BY AUCTION



I can never make it to the Nantoura sale as it has always coincided with the Marnoo Field Days in Vic., so have asked Chris Prime to send me the details of how it all ran on the day.

This stud has now lifted its profile and with constant infusions from outside sources in tandem with only keeping the very best one or two resultant sires, the sky is the limit! The stud's number one promotion is the push for unmulesed stock which all ram offered are suggesting easy care and plain breeches yet maximum production. A quarter of the Nantoura clients on the day don't mules.

The two top rams were sired by a recent Leahcim purchase 452. Both polls made \$3,000 with one selling to Sam Trengrove at Spalding S.A. tipping the scales at 112 Kg with many present commenting on his huge back end and easy care bare breech.

Berrymen Enterprises-Lipson S.A. bought the other big bugger which had ASBV's for reducing breech wrinkle, increasing Staple Strength and increasing body weight which were in the top 10% in Australia through Merino Select. The Berrymens also bought another for \$2,100. Leigh

Gosling-Yallunda Flat S.A. grabbed two to \$1,600 and added another from Classic'11 for \$2,000.

Bengor Props-Melrose S.A. lent great support in purchasing five to \$2,100. Local family, the Millards, may have won the Nantoura sponsored three day weekend at Port Lincoln Marina by securing seven rams to a \$900. Des and Tim Ottens kept an eye on quality and bought two up to \$1,800. E & C Hunt from Port Neill S.A. bid up to \$2,100 for their three.

The Fausers from Port Neill paid up to \$2,400 for three and the Christians from Gum Flat great support going to \$2,500 for their three.

Such a massive sale, on the scale that the Primes have never witnessed, leads me to often quoting this stud as the big movers on the 'Coast similar to Pimbena. The likes of Roemahkita, Calcookara and now Karawatha have now become the leading hands and have had great quality and coreect skins for quite a time now.

**2012 SALE DATE
TUESDAY 28th AUGUST**

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MERNOWIE - MARRABEL S.A.

AVERAGE \$1981 TOP \$5100 57/57 BY AUCTION



Our youngest, Sam, with his band the 'Baker's Digest' are doing the rounds of Adelaide and Melbourne with great success. An EP is in the making after a recording stint in a Coff's Harbour studio.

Catch them most weekends in Adelaide and enjoy great originals by the best act in town!

The mighty 'Mamboobies' still enjoy half a dozen shows a year and jagged support for Darryl Braithwaite at the Old Mill in Hahndorf in May and INXS in January at Mannum. Photo here with Chaddy, Darryl, Lee and a sheepclasser!



Mernowie initially took my eye a few years back with a great looking display of easy care merinos at the Burra Merino Field Days a few years back. This resulted in an invitation to the Classic sales of which they have done particularly well.

I can never get to their ram sale as it coincides with other client sales so the following report outlines the days proceedings from a worthy source.

Mernowie Poll Merinos sold at a cracking pace to spirited bidding at the 2011 on property sale.

Wayne and Brendon Groves Booleroo Centre added three top rams to their quality flock paying \$5,100 and \$4,800 for the top two rams that studmaster Ian Rowett thought weren't quite up to the Classings Classic standard when selections were made a few months earlier. (poor judgment that)

Fifty seven from the main auction averaged \$1,981 with a number of others in the mini auction finding homes at very affordable prices.

Local buyers LR & JB Hampel & Sons took home four big framed rams with excellent wool paying up to \$4,000.

Other prominent buyers were Burge Estates (great wine), Peter Rowett & Sons Bordertown, Ian Kelly Lock, Ray Andriske Galga and a host of local buyers who added one or two quality rams to their flock made it a record sale.

Ian Rowett said it was particularly pleasing to see a good few returning to Mernowie that had had a look over the fence and came back to some genuine frame.

Mernowie is situated at Marrabel and has a very challenging environment recording rain on average 106 days per year. Joint stud principal David Rowett believes this plus the high stocking rate, heavy culling and no frills approach is the main reason for the white wool and doability of the sheep which draws many favourable comments.

2012 SALE DATE
FRIDAY 21st SEPTEMBER

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PEPPERWELL - KEYNETON S.A. HANS GRAETZ FAMILY

AVERAGE \$968 TOP PRICE \$1,800 37/40 BY AUCTION



Hansi Graetz shares his sale date with two others that we attend on the same day so I have left this write up in the hands of a reliable source!

Pepper Well Poll had a good solid 2011 sale backing up the previous years \$1000 average.

The first ram off the rank, a thirteen month of age thumper, with WWT of 53 Kg, extreme body length, weighing in at 94kg and sporting 20 micron bale busting type fibre was knocked down to the Hentschke family for \$1300. B. Egel snapped up the next ram with similar figures for \$1350. Tag 97 a good solid all-rounder with a wool test of 19.8u 12.4cv , 2.5sd, WWT 50 kg went to P. Kleinig of Stockwell S.A.

Next the bargain of the day! Tag 267 a deep crimping 19.7u, 13.9cv, 2.7sd, WWt 53kg. sold for a token \$700 and went to R. Mickan-Kapunda S.A. Tag 61 the youngest ram in the sale (only a day old at marking) 86 kg , 39kg WWT., with long muscled loin and rump with soft and free skin at 17.1u,

18.3cv, 3.1sd sold for \$1400 to the Fieldhouse clan at Strathalbyn S.A.

D. Schiller & C. Smith procured the next sire for \$1300 the 1st of 3 quality rams to \$1600. P. French of Natimuk Vic., picked up the next ram for \$800, the first of 4 to \$1450. He is getting spectacular results Pepper Well infusions, taking them from mid-late maturing types to early maturity and growth in just one cross.

DMC Schultz with an eye for bale filling white wool on good correct frame, grabbed the sale topper for \$1800 after fighting off the opposition in good old "dogged deutscher" style!

With locals, R.Seidel, C.Seidel, B. Seidel, Bannockburn, Schirmer, Kubenk, Wenske, Noack & Henschke all selecting well, their support rounded off a good day for all.

**2012 SALE DATE
THURSDAY 20th SEPT**



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SOHNIC - MARNOO VIC. NICHOLSEN/HOSE PARTNERSHIP AVERAGE \$1,527 TOP \$5,500 72/72 BY AUCTION

In only their fourth sale the Sohnic sale went very well which is what you would expect from a stud that uses some outside genetics very carefully and wisely. One of the most prominent polls in South Australia that breeds loads and loads of quality product whether it be ewes or rams, is Sohnic 16 owned now by Superior Wool Merino's principal, Richard Harkness. Pity we just can't collect quality semen from him yet he's a demon in the paddock!

Unfortunately I didn't make the sale but will write this with information from those who went as well as rumour and conversations mustered from the Botanical Hotel pool table in St. Arnaud....

The \$5,500 top price was claimed by Bruce McDougall-Maroon Vic. to be used as a ram breeder for the property's flock ram needs.

A reserve ram which Sohnic was going to retain for stud use was sold to Austerberry family-St. Arnaud Vic., for \$4,400.

GJ Family Trust bought two rams to a top of \$2,600 with Forest Springs Pastoral Vic., paying \$2,750 for one. E & J Wilkinson bought six rams up to \$2,200 with Bretton Estate latching on to five rams to \$2,800.

Other great supporters included Annervale P/L securing three rams at a \$2300 average, Ben Nevis Farms and Brady and Runciman both three rams each averaging \$1866.

Winner of the Sohnic sponsored holiday for a family of four to Vancouver for two weeks would have to go to the Bright Family-Broken Hill S.A. who bought a massive thirteen for the day all the way up to \$2,800! Ring these guys weekly Scotty just to make sure they're happy and coming back this year!

I will be at Sohnic's sale in 2012 not only in an attempt to purchase great fibred frame rams but also to construct a better sale report than this one!

**2012 SALE DATE
WENESDAY 3rd OCTOBER**

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GLENDEMAR-MARNOO VIC. DUXSON FAMILY

AVERAGE \$2,303 TOP \$7,500 150/150 BY AUCTION



"I wanted him because of his ASBVs (breeding values)," Mr McKid said.

No doubt prepared to bid higher for the ram, Mr McKid was quite chuffed at getting the ram at \$7500. "I guess that's the commercial reality of an auction," he said.

Perillup Estate-Rocky Gully W.A. took home the joint top priced ram at \$7,500 as well as five others. Good bloke Bob Reed-Esperance W.A. bought two with Beauvalley Pastoral-Kojonup W.A. taking six with Burrandong Pastoral purchasing eleven.

South Australian buyers were obvious on the day with Malcolm Peters-Cleve S.A. securing three and averaging \$3,250. The Dunstan clan somewhere in the Mid North of S.A. took home five. Dean Goode-Kingston S.A. bought a few to average \$3,062.

Joe and Peter Gilbertson Lameroo S.A. bought five between them with Andrew Mitchell at Mintaro S.A. exploring two.

Dhuramein-Moulamein NSW secured thirteen rams at a total of \$23,500 with the Supples from up the road, St. Arnaud Vic., nabbing eleven. Mick O'Conner-Goodooga NSW also took home eleven.

Ken Nunn-Skipton Vic., purchased eight to average \$2,531 with Mike Slack-Smith averaging \$2,708 for his six. Howard Frampton bought six with Gala Estate-Tsmania buying three.

There are many flocks nation wide that would benefit from an intrusion of Glendemar genetics due to their plain easy care characteristics especially in SA's Mid-North.

**2012 SALE DATE
WEDNESDAY 3rd OCT**

A complete clearance of 150 Glendemar Merino rams averaged \$2303. The impressive average, which was only \$19 down on the stud's 2010 result, was achieved in a market which saw the top price reach only \$7500.

Glendemar co-principal Ken Duxson said it was a great result considering that 10 more rams were offered this year.

"You'll find here today there were only commercial flock ram buyers rather than the stud buyer," Mr Duxson said.

Glendemar, which markets its rams under the MPM or Multi-Purpose Merino banner, sold a third of its rams to NSW. Victorian buyers picked up 41 while West Australian and South Australian buyers bought 40. Nine were sold on Auctions Plus and three were sold to Tasmania. Western Australia's Dean Trotter from Mt Barker and Peter McKid (McKid) from Nyngan NSW, teamed together to pay \$7500 for the sale's top-indexing ram.

The ram which had a 7% Dual-Purpose Index of 164 was described by Peter McKid as a 'must-buy' ram.

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Peter set the animals up tremendously for confirmation and structure via Kelvale and Ridgway infusions for years and now it's our aim to fine tune the skins and fibre as to reach for a wider clientel and keep Brenton enthused for years to come.

Borong sold 35 rams by auction in 2011 and averaged \$622 which was up \$80 on the previous year and hit the \$900 four times.

Lindon and Brian Hampel-Loxton S.A. bought four incuding two at \$900 and Kelvin Westbrook from the same direction bought six.

Graeme Hall-Wunkar chipped in well buying six at an average of \$633. I had an order for Netallie Station-Wilcannia NSW and left the bidding in good hands and secured four to \$900 twice and averaged a realistic \$800.

This year's sale team will reflect more on the direction the stud is heading, exhibiting a free skin with softer wools yet always on a large frame with no loss of production.

I am excited at this stud's prospects and will be working hard in tandem with Brenton and Peter for its future success.

**2012 SALE DATE
THURSDAY 2nd AUGUST**



PENROSE POLL MERINO CASCADE W.A.

Bruce, Trudy & Thomas Pengilly



Bruce, Trudy and Thomas Pengilly are going all out to carve a niche in the poll merino market in the Eastern parts of W.A. They have introduced only the best Wallaloo Park and Leahcim genetics via A.I. programs and the purchase of great sires at realistic budgets to ensure quality is worth dollar spent.

They sold five good solid polls at the Esperance Ram Sale in 2011 selling all to average \$700 which is only the start of great things to come I feel. The classing of the young ram weaners in January at Penrose suggest a lot of excitement to come.

The stud now has MN1 status for OJD and now has 6 points now the whole flock has been vaccinated. They are also members of Merino Select and will have ASBV data on all stock in future.

Wallaloo Park Maximus and a L154 bred W/Park sire I purchased at the WP on property sale a few years back for \$6,000 as well as Leahcim A.I. infusions of L312 and L438 add exciting prospects to this revamped stud for this year's inspection.

**2012 SALE DATE
FRIDAY 7th SEPTEMBER
Esperance Showground**



RICE'S CREEK VANDELEUR FAMILY TINTINARA S.A.

**AVERAGE \$1,521 TOP \$3,000
46/48 BY AUCTION**



Due to two other client ram sales falling on the same date I can never make it to the Rice's Creek sale so I have asked Mark to give me a summary of the day's events....

Rices Creek held its third on property sale at Tintinara on August 4th 2011.

A much welcomed rain was received on the day, but despite the wet, the sale action was strong. Spence Dix and Co again conducted the sale, with Luke Schreiber as auctioneer.

48 rams went on offer with 46 selling at an average of \$1521. Top priced ram went to Richard McNerny of Kimric Enterprises, Riverton for \$3000.

Regular buyers RH, PF & B Stark of Naracoorte bought seven rams to \$2800, while TW Pfeiffer, Parrakie four to \$1500. PD Fiegiert Mannum took three to \$2000.

New buyers Lilburne Classing bought one to \$2600, and JA & CY Keller of Coonalpyn, three to \$2800. Local buyer DF & JK Head Tintinara took four to \$1600.

Principals Mark and Jim Vandeleur were pleased with the clearance and very happy to attract new clients. The 2012 sale will again offer 50 poll Merinos.

**2012 SALE DATE
THURSDAY 2nd AUGUST**



BORUNG POLL MERINO STUD

**36TH ANNUAL ON PROPERTY
AUCTION**

9 KM South of Waikerie on Maggea Road

THURSDAY 2ND AUGUST 2012 1pm

Inspection from 11am.
Light Lunch 12.00 Noon.

50 QUALITY RAMS 50

Rams April/ May Drop 2011

Brucellosis Accredited Free
June 2012 test figures displayed

On behalf of Brenton and Penny
Kroehn

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RICES CREEK POLL MERINOS



**On property Auction at Tintinara
Thursday 2nd of August**

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FINE WOOL, LARGE FRAME MERINO'S

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ON PROPERTY AUCTION 29th AUGUST 2012 @ 1:30pm

Darren Sanders 0427 473 166

Fiona Sanders 0427 473 167

Keith, South Australia

LEAHCIM - MICHAEL FAMILY SNOWTOWN S.A.

AVERAGE \$2,988 TOP \$22,500 200/200 BY AUCTION



Whilst having a photo taken with Andrew and I holding the second highest poll at the Leahcim sale, I asked him who the bloke was in the distance sipping on a beer. Andrew's reply was not a surprise when he suggested he didn't know him or half the other hundred people who were still hovering after perhaps the most successful on property sale ever! Return customers crowded the joint out again bolstered by possibly another fifty who came to see what all the fuss has been about with many waving the hand to pump up the average to almost \$3,000 for 200 polls.

Similar to Wallaloo Park, to report on which ram went where over 200 of them would make reading a bit tedious so I will pick on our client's purchases which were integral in turning the day into a complete success. Top price went to Willera-Serpentine Vic. for \$22,500.

Before I could make my way down to pen 193 a number of clients asked for my opinion on a ram that appeared to be misplaced in lieu of his outstanding fibre and meat characteristics. In the end there was so much interest that he was relieved of his lowly numbered pen and dragged all the way up to lot 3a so that for those who missed in securing him could then drop down to other choices.

Representing **Calcookara** - Cowell S.A. in his purchase I was able to add semen share interests as the price began to soar after a frenzied bidding 'war!' Pimbena S.A., Boorana Vic., Superior Wool Merino S.A. and Mark Richardson S.A. chipped in to ensure we secured a ripper at \$22,000. At +17 for YCFW%, 5.8 YWT and -1.5u YFD on the ASBV's and sired by L445 we are anxious for results.

At lot 7 I fluked a ripper for **Matt Cook**-Minnipa S.A. for \$3,500 with a +22 for CFW%. Later in the sale I added a \$4,000 youngster that I could have resold twice after the sale.

Flairdale-Cooke Plains S.A. went in shares with lot 10 at \$8,500 for a L1063 son with a +19 for YCFW% and -1.5 YCV. This will add to Flairdale's ever improving quality while the share stud can only improve on traditional genetics.

Lot 11 went to **Ramsgate**-Tintinara S.A. for \$6,200 for a L187 thumper with a +11 for YCFW%. They also added lot 61 later who may have been a classier act. A L312 son at lot 14 with a huge 7.9 YWT at \$3,8800 went to **Nantoura**-Wharminda S.A. to hopefully replicate past experiences.

Lot 17 was well marked in my catalogue and I was happy to see **Gunallo**-Pinnaroo S.A. bid solidly to secure one of the best of the day at 16.3u. Everyone's mate, **Fred Leo**-Newdegate W.A. who was the sole runnerup for the Calcookara purchase recovered enough to secure lot 40 for a meaty \$4,800 L438 son with a +17 for YCFW. A better credentialed poll in lot 47 followed at \$5,200 at 149.7% DP.

A L438 son in lot 55 may have gone under the radar but not **Bevan Siviours'** as he did well at \$3,600 to snatch this class act away from most snoozing. Rob Germein waltzed through the sale and ended up with six good commercial rams at stud prices and possibly averaged around \$3,500. Errol Hay-**Kamarooka** Vic. paid \$3,000, \$3,200 and \$3,400 for quality stuff!

Lone Gum-Crystal Brook S.A. who are slowly turning the best horned stud in the mid north to the best poll stud other than this one were back after the huge success of L185. This ram turned the horn stud on its head at a mere cost of \$900! Stuart Everett bought a L438 son for \$4,400 with a +17 for YCFW.

Brenton Kroehne bought lot 63 for a youngster at 17.7u and 2.7sd for **Borung**-Waikerie S.A. for \$2,400 and a youngster later which can only add to this rapidly improving outfit. Watch this space...

Mark and Angus Richardson-Culburra S.A. bought right up at the top of the tree and outlaid \$5,600 for a young blitzer at 16.0u and 2.6cv.

First timers Colin **Wegener** with son Nathan-Callington S.A. bough two in succession starting at lot 67 for two youngsters with great frame and test figures at \$2,800 and \$1,500 with the cheaper being the better in my eyes.

Lot 87 was always going to end up with one of our clients as he was well liked by most after much discussion. Unfortunately I tangled with Bert Woolford-**Karawatha** S.A. all the way with the bidding taking us up to \$14,000 for the best L438 son in the catalogue. I was keen for him to head to W.A. to **Scott Welke**-Cascade but Bert won out!

This was a great industry day not only for the Michael family but for all those striving to breed animals that only suit what the industry really needs. **Our client support at this sale was humungus and could not go unnoticed.**

What price the sheepclasser?

I am fortunate to have the best job in the world and employed by the greatest people on earth! I was educated in this industry by a bloke who had done his time in the woolshed, wool stores, paddock and sheep yards with extraordinary results during that era. My vivid memory in my early childhood was a having a father who was around the place for half the year and disappeared for the other. My mum was always there. His want for a better fibre albeit strong wools in the 70's led to the development of South Australia's first independent wool testing laboratory in 1972 run at my family home and operated by my mother and much later joined by Rose while Dad persisted with his passion totaling forty years.

Zooming ahead to 2012 the laboratory, now professionally run by Rose and staff, in a renovated 20 square limestone 'shed', tests thousands of samples per year and the sheep classing run has never been healthier due to a passion of mine to produce the best fibre possible on the best skins on a carcass that rivals that of the earlier maturing meat only breeds. All this takes me away for a solid six months of the latter year with the first half not quite as hectic.

On my current classing week which began last Saturday at Tintinara S.A. and will finish tomorrow (Saturday) at Port Lincoln after meandering my way down South Australia's West Coast from Penong to Wharminda, I have a real pride in what is being achieved by an equally passionate clientel. Huge frames boasting the best of medium/fine wools in the nation are now common place with this group, rivaled by NO-ONE!!

I classed the best ewe hogget, #102, of my career today at Nantoura Poll at Wharminda, running on all eight with Chris and Andrew Prime at the helm. She boasted 150mm at only ten months growth on a carcass that may have been mistaken for a border leicester. I estimate she could cut eight Kg's at around 18u. Tickets for viewing at Bass! Not surprisingly to some, I did say the same thing yesterday at Bevan and Cindy Siviour's-Cowell hogget classing due to the arrival of another thumper in the classing race who just may cut the same...she was only 130mm at ten months!!

I saw a great group of young rams at Calcookara-Cowell in particular a young horned animal that just may see the return of this innovative stud back to the Classic sale this year. I saw the heaviest wool cutting mob of hoggets at Dean Wilmotts-Kimba, all in top order due in part and ably managed by Dean's father-in-law Ray Wilmott. The other part was Karawatha genetics. I saw a small threat to the merino ram breeding industry via a pure Dohne exhibiting as good a fibre as our best merinos with naturally better muscling (Luckily only one) at the O'Briens-Kyancutta.

Craig Rule-Wirrulla, Butch Dunn and Sean Freeman both at Penong all showed huge depth of quality in three great commercial flocks all from select S.A. studs. Tim Ottens may average eight kilos with the hoggets I

classed and owns a flock that is one of the state's vast improvers.

Roemahkita's Classic' 12 and Adelaide sale teams are sensational with one Classic ram the best we have ever penned.

The Ridgway Advance-Bordertown young rams for 2012 maybe unsurpassed for sheer numbers exhibiting true elite fibre on great frames and could be named the 'peas in the pod' stud of the state. Superior Wool Merino's-Tintinara ewe hoggets with one of the lowest cull rates and highest tops classing this year need no introduction to quality genetics.

This style of week will not differ over the next six months with twenty ram sales thrown in just to mix things up a bit, with the Classic sale at the top of the tree.

With all of the information gathered over many years now, I glean a lot from every flock in what genetics are successful and as equally as important, chaotic results that deter us from future use. (Rare may I add!) We support all studs that we are associated with in business as well as those who influence our decisions via parent studs.

We regularly influence and direct commercial and stud clients to specific studs to purchase genetics that are flock improvers, enhancers or fixers of any problem trait. This regularly starts in the classing race and is often reconfirmed on a stud's sale day with either the client and myself perusing animals on display together or if they are unable to attend there is a built up confidence where the grower asks us to purchase rams which are suitable at our discretion. This is a trust that has only been built up after years of classing and friendship which for many Tintinara clients for example has been over fifty years including those of my father's influence.

Our company's commission for this service is 5% at any stud where we operate either with or without the client present. Therefore

if I introduce brand new client Kevin Ingram-Pooncarie NSW to Lucernbrae-Callington S.A stud and I buy a \$1500 ram because it's just too far for the Ingrams to attend. Our company via commission receives \$75 from the stud. Lucernbrae welcome the new custom, pats me on the back for it and the Ingrams have just bought the best ram in South Australia for not much!

At that same sale I may have orders for ten rams and get them all by the time the auction has been exhausted yet I have bid and competed on eighteen pens to get them for three clients. The push bidding and competition is important to any auction and at many sales nationally we can be big players in this area. Obviously there is no fee for the constant bidding throughout the whole sale but I feel it needs to be acknowledged not only with people like me but also the losing bidder all day whoever it is. Have a glance at a John Carter's sale catalogue post sale and every lot is filled in with the runner up bidder's name NOT the actual purchaser. That's homework put to good use later in maintaining client retention.

Now try this scenario...That same ram for \$1500 is sold to the Ingrams. Typically the Landmark selling agent for the day charges 8%. The Ingrams not wanting to drive to the sale are offered a lift by their Elders agent from Wentworth who puts his hand out for 2.5% for a rebate offered to outside agents. I spoke of Lucernbrae stud in the classing race at Pooncarie and influenced them to purchase quality genetics. I slug 5%. Total commission...15.5%!!

So....who's worth the bucks here?! I reckon I'm safe and a definite NO BRAINER! Landmark at 8% for collecting monies and making sure the stud is paid within seven days...that much! Then the 2.5% for the Elder's agent to bring one or two clients all the way to the Adelaide Hills? Bad business anyway so best he stay home.

So what's my beef?

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Due to sales in the past two years being at record levels our commission charges have been spotlighted by some due to them being substantially higher than normal. We have a wide choice of studs to choose from and if a stud is the fortunate recipient of our attendance and the sale rockets then naturally the commission fee is relatively higher compared to leaner years. With all this in mind it still sits at a meager 5%! If we miss out all together then it has been a roarer of a sale and we get zilch except for our normal representation fee!

I believe 5% for our service is chicken feed yet other charges pumped out by other commission agents are hideous and need addressing. We have been currently threatened with a generous 0% commission from one stud who never complained once about our 5% when the stud was barely recognised and at the time welcomed the support! Another who offers us 7% due to obvious support over the years is currently reviewing that figure due to large support in 2011. We politely won't accept any increase!

That took a long time to blurt out I know but it takes a few paragraphs to give a bit of insight as to where we sit in the industry. I'll class around 5,000 ewe hoggets and rams next week yet at the same time will be relaying information to existing clients and a new one what I have seen this week that may influence their decision on just where to go next for top genetics.

With cull rates on the slide, fibre ever improving and carcass' in all our clients' flocks stretching out like we have not witnessed before, I know we are on the best track possible to achieve all major goals necessary to maintain the tremendous flocks we are associated with. Many of our commercial versions would easily out do studs that have been involved in the industry for many years. Obviously most of these are traditional breeding type studs who can't break the mould. Gary Ferguson's commercial flock at Tintinara today (July 16th) is as good as I have seen anywhere throughout the whole year in all states.

Somehow my life partner Rose and two great boys have hung in there with me with a job that may be the best going around but is certainly a test on family life. With Western Australian work in particular ever on the increase, it pays to have a good communication strategy in place so that when we are together we make the most of what we have. We have just endured our youngest, Sam's twenty first birthday, welcomed home for a couple of weeks our eldest, Jesse home from Olympic Dam while professional protesters make a nuisance of themselves and also welcomed Toni our German Exchange student to the family for five months.

Today's classing was slightly more testing than most days....thank goodness for quality flocks!

Sire	Spec Wool	Wool	Double Flat	Flat	Tight	Cull	T
L438	15 32.6%	17 36.9%	3 6.5%	7 15.2%	2 4.3%	2 4.3%	46
WALLY	31 40.2%	20 26%	9 11.7%	12 15.6%	1 1.3%	4 5.2%	77
BERT	22 32.8%	19 28.4%	0 ---	4 6%	4 6%	18 26.9%	67
BUSTER	3 5.5%	25 45.5%	0 ---	12 21.8%	5 9.1%	10 18.2%	55
GP004	10 41.7%	5 20.8%	0 ---	6 25%	1 4.2%	2 8.3%	24
N10	2 5.1%	20 51.3%	0 ---	7 17.9%	3 7.7%	7 17.9%	39
F100	4 30.8%	5 38.5%	0 ---	2 15.4%	0 ---	2 15.4%	13
LUC306	2 4.8%	18 42.9%	0 ---	10 23.8%	5 11.9%	7 16.7%	42
S13	5 11.1%	10 22.2%	0 ---	14 31.1%	4 8.9%	12 26.7%	45
RLS	6 6.5%	23 24.7%	5 5.4%	15 16.1%	8 8.6%	36 38.7%	93
FLOCK	12 4.2%	70 24.2%	20 2.5%	64 22.1%	32 11.1%	108 37.4%	289
	112 14.2%	232 29.4%	20 2.5%	153 19.4%	65 8.2%	208 26.3%	790
		344 43.6%		173 21.9%			
Total number of keep 582 = 73.6%							

Thanks to charts like this one at classing courtesy of Hugo Keller-Ramsgate-Tintinara, we have an immediate gauge on what sire is doing what to improve certain facets of the stud.

Many future breeding decisions are made on summaries like these which give us plenty of insight with not only top producing sires but those that fail the system and need to be joined differently or dropped from programs all together.

Total failures are almost a thing of the best due a better understanding of skin makeup and the culling of rams and ewes which don't quite fit the picture.

Many of these animals are guilty of show ribbon success.



CLASSINGS CLASSIC '12
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 28th 2012 AT 1.30pm
MERINO & POLL MERINO INVITATIONAL
Murray Bridge Race Course S.A.

On a finishing note



It's July 18th and time to sign off from another Cullings to meet the Bendigo Sheep Show deadline where a few of our Studs are displaying and use this newsletter as part of their handout material.

I'm still on a mission to wipeout all areas of danger in and around the sheep yard even though so many have addressed that end race gate with either vertical bars or various deterrents to cater for that fit or nervous high jumping merino.

Last week whilst classing a South East stud the very best young ram which would easily have been a top seller at Classic'12 took on the race gate but miscued badly and totally snapped the lower section of his back leg.

The above picture shows the ewe equivalent losing her hurdling effort with a back leg caught in weld mesh fencing just prior to entering fantastic new yards representing some of the best in the Upper South East. She was spared serious injury but too many times the end result is disastrous.

Please consider when building new yards and races or revamping old versions, the plight of fit stock which have a tendency to explore every avenue of escape!

AWI are still under a lot of pressure to rethink their position with genomics. As more people come on line with the past couple of month's developments, the more they are mystified with the decision to cut funding and then possibly supporting and starting up a similar project!

There is a bit of concern out there from many studs who believe that the collection of data from their merino enterprises for the collation and subsequent generating of ASBV reports as straight out too time consuming and not worth the effort.

Others including Andrew & Tracie Heinrich-Ella Matta S.A. and Jono & Zel Ashby-Southrose S.A. see Merino Select and the ASBV system as a valuable tool for future gains and realise its huge potential.

Many studs are taking a subjective yet progressive approach in tandem with appropriate advisors and freeing up skins, reducing micron, maintaining fleece weight, increasing fertility with low cull rates and ending up with a product that in turn has huge impact on commercial grower's flocks.

Some commercial flocks are better equipped than most traditional studs to accept fibre premiums as well as the pre mentioned above.

Some of these studs have never bred the following...



Glenlea Park has sold a 50% share of one of its top young poll rams '380' bred by Ridgway 1137 (sold at Classic'10 for \$32,000) and E.T. bred from the top Glenlea Park ewe. A \$20,000 share was taken up by Classings P/L clients, Will Lynch-Boorana Vic., Andrew Clarke-Brookdale W.A. and Scott Pickering-Derella Downs W.A. ...a formidable trio that!

The front cover photo of Niel Smith-Calcookara S.A. reflects the elation of the 2011 year which saw elite fibre and meat prices soar with merinos taking a front seat, rivaling that of meat breeds and cropping. Climbing the old shearing shed roof to get the shot was fraught with danger but well worth the effort.

The tempo appears to be well up with the selling season on approach with many growers in my travels keyed up to source top end genetics as was their sentiment in 2011. Some of these had chosen alternative breeds but didn't need much excuse to cross back to the mighty merino for ease of management and remaining on steady ground with neighbours!

A sure sign of global unrest when talking our great fibre, is what is happening to the market at present with all indicators heading to the same point on the graph!

Commercially this points to one thing...fill the bales and keep an eye on stocking rates yet maintain the best of quality through sourced genetics of only progressive studs. That graph won't look like that forever.



I have a feeling that this will be my busiest year to date with the Falcon ute, planes and hire cars working overtime to get to the next destination. The satisfaction of so many of our flocks now full of that stuff pictured at left on meaty animals certainly conquers any travel woes.

Hope to see you all at Classic'12 with the best quality on offer from the best 'thinking' studs in Australia!

Will this year's successful Classic sale raise a mention in next year's S.A. Merino Directory?.....not likely!

Also, special thanks to Ian Turner for supplying a few photos that are throughout the newsletter.

Musically have a listen to Andrew Winton's 'Happy', anything from City & Colour and keep an ear out for an EP from the near legendary Baker's Digest.

Have a great remaining 2012!



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Kamora Park

Kamora Park stud principals Colin and Julie Boughen use the profitability and success of their commercial clients as their measuring stick. Thus, the continued successes of long established clients have been particularly pleasing and these are being joined by more each year. Their client base has certainly grown in recent years with Victorian support being particularly strong since Kamora Park has attended Bendigo and Hamilton. Their big, long bodied Poll Merino rams, with sound topline and outstanding fine/medium wools are very relevant to the current industry needs of elite wools and vastly improved carcase traits.

Growth rates and carcase attributes are very hard to assess subjectively. The Boughen family appreciate this and weigh and scan their sheep at 10 months of age. Positive growth and muscle EBVs at this age highlight the genetics that can produce more profitable offspring for their clients; heavier and better muscled lambs in a shorter time period.

Independently assessed, this progress has resulted in Kamora Park being the most successful stud in the important Fibre-Meat class at the Adelaide Royal Show in its 4 year life span, including 2 individual wins and twice the award for the 3 highest scoring rams.

Sales to several prominent studs in the last few years have been both rewarding and a vote of confidence in the stud's breeding policies.

✦ Main Sires Represented ✦

- ◆ KP 1079 (\$19,500 to Kedleston Park)
- ◆ Collinsville Imperial (\$25,000 to Argentina)
- ◆ Collinsville Majestic (\$39,000 to WA)
 - ◆ Leahcim 154 ◆ Leahcim 187
 - ◆ Glenlea Park 004 ◆ M.Esculator
 - & more from ◆ Nyowee E430.

Kamora Park will be displaying at Karoonda, Bendigo, Hamilton and Adelaide again this year and they would love to discuss their sheep with you.

CLASSINGS CLASSIC RAM SALE 2012

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Friday 2

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POLL MERINOS

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ROEMAHKITA - SA
SOUTHROSE - SA
GLENLEA PARK - SA
RAMSGATE - SA
GLENDEMAR - VIC
SUPERIOR WOOL MERINO - SA

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