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2014 RAM SALES THAT COUNT!

July 7th EYRE PENINSULA F/D Wudinna SA

July 18/19/20 BENDIGO SHEEP SHOW Vic.

July 21st BENDIGO RAM SALE

July 23rd SOUTH EAST F/DAY Keith S.A.

July 25th MALLEE FIELD DAY
Karoonda S.A.

July 28th BORUNG Waikerie S.A.
Brenton Kroehn 0427 414 494

July 29th ROEMAHKITA - Cummins S.A.
Joe Dahlitz 0428 295 706

July 31st PIMBENA Wirrulla S.A.
Les Hamence 0428 268 002

August 1st KAMORA PARK Karoonda S.A.
Colin & Julie Boughen 08 8578 3456

August 4/5th HAMILTON SHEEPVENTION

August 7th LUCERNBRAE Callington S.A.
Keith & Judy Paech 0415 710 493

August 7th O'BRIEN POLL Kyancutta S.A.
Darren O'Brien 0419 772 173

August 7th RICE'S CREEK Tintinara S.A.
Mark Vandeleur 0417 871 054

August 8th SOUTHROSE Tintinara S.A.
Jono & Hazel Ashby 0427 045 223

August 11th RIDGWAY Lamerou S.A.
Ric & Gail Ridgway 08 8578 8039

August 12th RAMSGATE Tintinara S.A.
Jed & Nicole Keller 0427 691 858
Craig & Heidi 0418 259 049

August 13th RIDGWAY ADVANCE
Bordertown S.A.
David & Karen Ridgway 08 8754 2028

August 14th FLAIRDALE COOKE PLAINS S.A.
Wayne & Lindy Lehmann 0408 896 877

August 15th GLENLEA PARK
PINNAROO S.A.
Peter & Marianne Wallis 0428 766 126

August 26th NANTOURA Wharminda S.A.
Chris & Amanda Prime 0427 289 021

August 29th KARAWATHA PARK
Buckleboo S.A.
Bert & Barb Woolford 08 8627 4047

WET! WET! WET!

It's mid July and rural South Australia, ranging from our clients in Penong across to Port Augusta and (Wilcannia NSW, see photo) through Crystal Brook and down through the Mallee and into the South East and Kangaroo Island, are all experiencing wet to too wet conditions. Many are quoting that if this is a supposed El Nino event..bring it on! This state is in great fettle.

That great silky fibre that so many of our clients are proud of as well as the 'wool' counterpart is only coasting at the moment due to a lack of global market competition yet at least it's budgetable, not spiking and certainly not depressed.

Lambex is the greatest, all sheep breeds show on the planet with speakers from Australia and overseas captivating the 800 or so crowd with fine presentations. I would recommend everyone not to miss the next one in two years time...I nearly did and would have been disappointed to have missed this super well organised event.

With the individual micron indicators so close at the minute fleece weight is of paramount priority yet fleece rot and flies are not! There is a risk with the conversation that promotes, "We have plained up enough now let's whack the wool on boys!" With the 'wet' that's on at the moment those too highly indexed sheep for fleece-weight-only are copping a hiding in the classing race. More lambs from fertile ewes is a far better 'cry'!

The positives in the meat market are substantial with young meat riding on a \$5.50-\$6.00 Kg high. This in tandem with wool even at it's basic form lately is a great combo tied in with boosted weaning percentages.

The Classing's Classic'14 sale entered a new sphere in coughing up the highest priced two tooth poll ram ever sold in Australia at \$51,000, bred by Glenlea Park S.A. and sold to Pimbena S.A. in partnership with semen shareholders.

Disappointing yet no surprise that the influential S.A. Merino Directory made



no reference to the sale or the record price anywhere throughout the publication including the President's summary-of-the-year report. If it wasn't for the reference to GP395 in adverts in the same booklet one could assume that this mighty sale doesn't actually exist!

Congratulations to Roemahkita and Southrose studs for their great one, two placings in the only class worth it's salt at the Burra Merinio Field Day, the Dual Purpose class.

My lice piece is not quite as intriguing as last year's heavy duty OJD discussion yet there are worrying signs in all areas of complacency in the management of the rascal! I really need to thank all of those who responded to my emails requesting their views on the subject. Many responses were quite heavy duty at times but essential in gauging the sentiment around the country.

Enjoy the read!

"I believe that there is a stigma attached to lice similar to mental health in that farmers are embarrassed about it and tend not to communicate with neighbours because of this, hoping to hide the problem until they shear and then treat." BK

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Keynes Clan (Joe) 0428 648 235

September 2nd PEPPERWELL

Keyneton S.A.

Hansi & Petra Graetz 0427 790 676

September 4th GUNALLO Pinnaroo S.A.

Ray 0427 778 485 Brad 0400 335 660

September 5th BRADFIELD Jamestown S.A.

Stacey & Donna Bradtke 0409 693 567

September 5th CALCOOKARA Cowell S.A.

Brenton & Jane Smith 08 8628 5039

September 5th ESPERANCE RAM SALE W.A.

PENROSE - Pengilly Family 0427 550 459

WESTWOOD - Scott Welke 0427 792 044

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MURRAY BRIDGE

RACECOURSE S.A. 2pm

Sept. 10th DERELLA DOWNS Cascade W.A.

Scott & Sue Pickering 0427 323 544

September 12th ADELAIDE RAM SALE

September 15th LONE GUM

Crystal Brook SA

Stuart & Nancy Everett 0427 362 801

September 17th SWM Tintinara S.A.

Richard Harkness 0428 758 028

September 19th MERNOWIE Marrabel S.A.

Ian Rowett 0418 486 050

September 25th MARNOO FIELD DAY Vic.

October 8th SOHNIC

Marnoo Vic.

Scott Nichol森 0438 086 403

October 9th WALLALOO PARK Marnoo Vic

John & Jenny 0427 501 431

Trent & Kate 0427 776 114

October 10th ELLA MATTA Parndana K.I.

Andrew & Tracey Heinrich 0427 596 108

October 10th BROOKDALE Arthur River W.A.

Andrew & Anna Clarke 0419 988 871



NO LICE... NO CHANCE!



I assumed that collecting information via emails to and from clients and referring to fact sheets and website information regarding the control of lice might have been an easier task than the exploration of OJD and its repercussions in last years Cullings.

This piece has nothing to do with any research that I have undertaken as most things are cut and dried in that department and summarized well in many documents. CRC Sheep Connect and AWI have good guideline fact sheets encompassing all to do with lice and a great website, liceboss.com.au, answering and outlining all you need to know in treatment of this insidious pest. This includes with holding periods and costs.

My effort here is more at ground level in relaying information from clients findings in what is effective and what is most obviously not!

Fact has it that due to the relaxed nature from many in addressing the control of the little bastard, we now have an increasing problem nationally. Resistance to chemical, poor fencing, blaming the sheep trading neighbour, chemical companies persisting with the sale of those lice resistant products, chemical company reps doing the same due to commission attractions and poor application are just a few of the issues at hand suggesting that the 'bug' will enjoy being around for a long time yet!

My first awakening to the seriousness of the rapid spreading nature of sheep lice was our first trips to W.A. in the Esperance/Cascade/Munglinup triangle in the initial stages of what is now a blue ribbon district for sheepclassing for us in the area. At that point in time, in the mid eighties, many properties were building stock numbers and accessing breeding stock from anywhere the agent could find the numbers.

"Who is going to spend money on lice treatment if the animals are leaving the farm!?" S.E.



The Aussie 'she'll be right' attitude certainly hindered husbandry concerns and with so much intra property stock movements all over that state Bovicola ovis had a field day and spread it's



populations rampant through unsuspecting wool growing flocks in ensuing years right through to the present.

My last vivid account of lice at it's worst was at one of our

Wilcannia NSW client's properties where the young ewe hoggets that I were to class were so affected by the damage caused by them that the fleece on almost all were heavily cotted and un-classable. Beneath the entangled and non parting web of fibre on the tip was a canary yellow water stain caused by moisture trapped between tip and skin bringing on a fleece rot of epic proportion! In this state the stock are lifeless and in desperate need of the unenviable task of shearing which eventuated albeit an estimated wool income loss of \$86,000, a figure arrived at from the owner's wool guy.

"Severe infestation can be devastating to your bottom line as part of your wool clip ends up on the fence or rubbed onto trees. This is first hand experience." BW

There was a choice of 'real' excuses as to where the problem originated. One product heavily and widely pushed in the station country by reps at that time yet knowingly only by few to have a built up lice resistance to it didn't help the cause. Oddly some still use it which confounds most neighbours frustrated with their over the fence counterparts persisting with it's use.

"Our problem regarding lice mainly comes from strays walking 15+ km and then getting through the fence into our stock. By the time you find the culprit and the fact it has passengers it is too late." BTP

Even if you were to about to backline with a product for the first time yet the lice that have affected your own flock comes from those neighbours stock that have built up a drench resistance to the same product you are about to use, you might as well pour the gear straight down the gurgler!

Due to a general lack of communication between immediate neighbours due to conflict over individual's lice programs, it's quite common to see both using a product that has a renowned name for lice resistance with both parties suffering the long term consequences through constant use.

Another qualm with many who suddenly realise the seriousness of their over use of



Roemahkita-Cummins S.A. had their best sale at Classic'13 to date with a \$10,500 sale to Vic's newest stud, Forest Springs in partnership with Hynam Poll and a \$8,500 sale to Sohnic Vic.

Their tour begins right now for with displays at Bendigo and Hamilton with their on property sale in between at Cummins Eyre Peninsula. Follow that up with Classic'14 and Adelaide in early September and those prices are a deserved reward for all the hard yards involved with the huge accumulated kilometers.



TOP CLASSIC '14 POTENTIAL

GUNALLO 55 bred by that SuperSire Kamora Park 37 (Bought at Classic'11 for \$14,000) is full of fleece weight breeding potential combined with an elite fibre loaded with lustre on a meaty carcass. **For sale at CC'14**



Spring Drop RIDGWAY ADVANCE 80 sired by RA 532 (who was sold at Adelaide Show in 2012 for \$15,000 to Ryan Kluska) is the leading Ridgway Advance Ram to be sold at the Classic'14

Micron 17.9 CV14.4 SD 2.6 0.4% typifies the quality of this exquisite fibre on a fantastic frame for a youngster.

a dud product is the push from the 'rep' to still stick with his company yet recommend another product from the same chemical group! This obviously has zero effect and the resistance continues to manifest.

It always staggers me how often some products are mentioned to be creating havoc across the nation and shouldn't be used yet are actively advertised and sold to unknowing growers nationwide! Derryn Hinch does it so...



Technology so advanced it leaves everything else for dead.

The rotation of chemical groups within the lice treatment regime is of critical importance to avoiding lice resistance and many growers are still ignorant to the fact. Even with the right product, was it applied in the fashion that it was designed with this being the excuse and number one blame by most chemical companies as to the reason why their product was so ineffective! Mis-mustering is a very viable reason for re-infestation with rogue 'dodgers' rocking up to their paddock after shifty concealment from muster leading up to crutching/shearing well and truly after lice treatment effectiveness periods are exhausted.

The introduction of exotic breeds into various parts of the nation particularly in station country is having a huge impact! There is now too much evidence to suggest to the contrary albeit that factor being once a huge promotion that the Dorper breed in particular could not carry the 'bug'!



The above picture taken at hogget classing in June on Eyre Peninsula shows two Dorper lambs trying to conceal themselves amongst a group of stud merino ewes! These two including their rogue mother had travelled some distance to be part of the day only to be shipped back within hours courtesy of the growers contact with the owner after a fierce tornado type chase through the yards!

"Our problem is that we are bordered by pastoral property running Dorpers. Supposedly these sheep don't need shearing therefore are never treated for lice." BW

As I did with my OJD study for last year's Cullings the research and communication with clients is of huge aid yet there are many

facets of lice control that are reasonable to understand or comprehend yet need repeating to ensure the information sinks in to the unwary.

Before I go ahead with more **stories from clients which may have a huge bearing on your own management practices** of the attempted eradication of the pest I want to add common knowledge facts as a refresher.

I would like to start with a direct chunk of information from the AWI sponsored Lice Boss site that may intimidate a few and certainly affected me so much that I took way too long to start this piece!

"Chemicals registered for lice control include organophosphates (OP's), Synthetic Pyrethroids (SP's), Insect Growth Regulators (IGR's), Spinosad, Macrocytic Lactones, a Neonicotinoid and a combination of Magnesium Fluoroscilate, Retenone and Sulphur." liceboss.com.au

I have always had a vision and a hope that one day I would be able to emulate a top gymnast and run down a house passage, triple back flip with a twist into a kitchen party and ask where the ice was for my Wild Turkey! Add to that an exact repeat of the above liceboss quote whilst pouring the coke and impressing all within ear shot, and my life would be complete!

Anyway what ever your fancy fact suggests DO NOT use IGR's (too slow) and SP's (environmental dangers) but more importantly it is the nation's worst kept secret that there is now a **huge build up of lice resistance to both chemical types.** There is one standout product that everyone is spruiking as being the ducks nuts right now from the Neonicotinoid group in the form of Avenge as a backliner.

Diazinon based chemical including Eureka Gold of the Organophosphate group was considered the most effective of all yet was pushed to be banned 2007-2009 due to it's makeup and human health concerns...

"Twenty wool growers were found sitting in the front row of a church waiting patiently for Jason Trompf to educate them on how to successfully lift lambing percentages in twinning mobs. His presentation finished mysteriously early the the day before and... in the hall next door! The once competent growers were all shivering and twitching uncontrollably whilst Jason caught an early flight home."

Fact is though, it's still available so I would suggest use it while you can! Similar to that great mulesing debate!

In worst case scenarios and also where large numbers are involved plunge/cage dipping often by contractor run enterprises is a popular option for total eradication. Straight Diazinon was the wonder drug and popular with many owner growers doing there own



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SOUTHROSE 405 bred by SuperSire WP 'Bartel 955' has a crimp definition and boldness with fluid nourishment that reminds me very much of another influential great GP004 which sold in Classic'10 for \$10,000.

For sale at CC'14



When you can open up that great gear from the back of the head, through the pins and down the back legs, you know you're on to something! This ewe hogget at Brookdale W.A. represents all of this and more including unrivaled fleece weight, an easier managed sheep and increasingly better lambing percentages than their more studier compatriots!



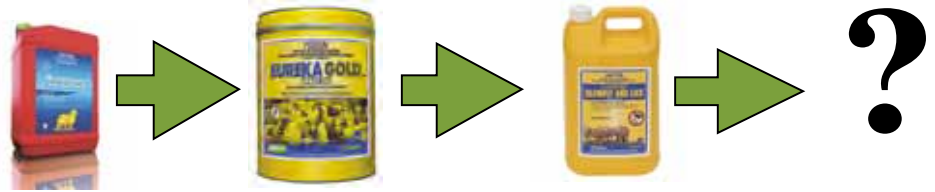
Sold the Falcon ute to our eldest Jesse and in the interim, prior to whatever my next vehicle may be, got hold of his old car which once was mine!

The VX wagon has now clocked up a taxi type mileage as shown. A joint effort of 4 years classing and Jesse's Roxby return jaunts to his work over the last few years.

Next vehicle? Turbo Diesel Ford Territory... any negatives?

work until banned somewhere around 2009. It's only use now is strictly via contractors who are licensed to carry the stuff ie. Dipping Dynamics.

Arsenic was the tried and true total answer to lice control decades ago with instant death to



not only lice but any other bug that may have had the misfortune of landing innocently on the sheep's back! The human aspect was just as sinister and it's withdrawal was essential. All of today's chemical treatments are less harmful to the human yet acts severely on the lice nervous system creating havoc and poisoning of the nerve cells which the lice ingest.



Eureka Gold is a Diazinon based product that surprisingly is still available to the public. This in rotation with Avenge seems to be a popular choice especially to those

who really studied the form as well as communicated with other conscientious growers. Two of our clients responded favorably to this combination or either product's use.

The following is from a W.A. client as part of a Q & A styled email that many responded to in regard to their thoughts and practices in the combat or preventing of lice infestation....

Hi mate, Sorry flat out with seeding, long hours and not much time for anything else. Ive had a breakdown so now after a few reds I'll reply to those questions.

This photo above is of ewes straight off shears put through our modified electro dip that has had a "eureka gold" applicator nozzle attached to it. I will send through the video which you might be able to put a link on the webpage for people to have a look at, which also makes them open up the website.

(* Ring me and I will text or email this setup live in the yards.)

Are you pioneering this method? Yes came up and built the idea. A method of treating large amounts of sheep in a fast manner without being close to the chemical and getting the application correctly down the sheep. Chemical companies won't recommend or produce a product for this system as they don't think its accurate enough...

Eureka Gold has so far been the best chemical for us to use as it offers both a knockdown and residual effect on lice on the sheep which is a benefit for shearing large numbers as anything that may get left behind or mixed up around shearing time will still not transfer lice onto other sheep.

How long is the residual effect? I'll look on drum but think its 6 weeks, not long enough. (60 days)

How many years before resistance is an issue with IGR's? If you have been using the IGR type chemicals for a while then stop! You will get resistance after one year if you don't kill them all, thats how resistance starts. The lice are resistant to them, but you won't hear that from the chemical companies who supply the stuff. We had a resistant test done on some sheep here probably 8 years ago now and it turned out that the IGR was resistant.

After how many treatments? Two. The company did help us to try another chemical (bought it for us) to keep the lice at bay until the following shearing, but it was an expensive option and something that we wouldn't do again. **Another chemical of their branding?** No a long wool treatment by another company.

Is 'backlining' the best method? I feel that their is not the right application methods for farmers to help eradicate the lice. The "back line" system I feel isn't administered correctly by most farmers as the chemical is still working on a weight system and I believe that their is too much variance in sheep to get this correct all the time and you only need to get it wrong once and all your work is wasted...We need a simpler system, a needle, a tablet, a drench that does worms and lice...something better. How about something that will last for two years so you can break the cycle by having 3 shearing in that time, wow! But why do that? You won't sell anymore chemical!!

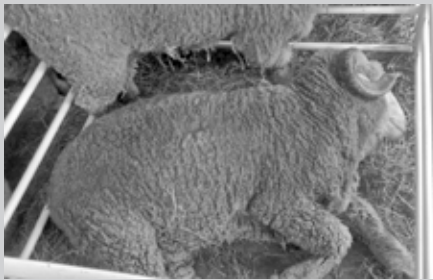
Isn't shearing every 8 months or so enough to keep lice at bay enough between shearings? ie. no heavy cotts etc. Yes it should be, not enough evidence yet, haven't spoken to people who have, maybe one to follow-up. I also believe we aren't getting enough or don't have enough different chemicals to use, for instance the new "Coopers Fly and Lice" product is just a concentrated form of Ivomec...It is a good product and works well as a long wool jetting.

Why not licensed for short wools? I've heard it's great off shears? It is great off shears, we have used it as well, some people over here are jetting sheep in the spring with



TOP CLASSIC '14 POTENTIAL

FLAIRDALE 396 bred by L627 reflects the direction that Flairdale has taken with the inherant frame and constitution still very visible but now coated with a fibre that will attract all. Huge width across the chest is reflected here with a huge stance between the two front legs and the rear. **For sale at CC'14**



Amazing things happen at the Karawatha Park-Buckleboo SA sale with most of it post sale but something different occurred right in the middle of it in 2013...whilst a ram ten pens away was being auctioned I noticed this guy was still standing yet his eyes were beginning to glaze over. Slowly they closed, he dropped to his haunches and like a trick dog, rolled onto his side and he was out to it...not dead just rooted!

With the auctioneer fast approaching I gave him a nudge and he popped up as if nothing had happened and subsequently sold to Lenny Newton for \$700!



it (sheep 6-8 months wool) which is cresting a kind of double-knock system as they are also treating off shears with eureka gold or another product, thus rotating and hitting it twice. **This product is just Ivermectin concentrated, which has the biggest known resistance to worms. and yes I do know of someone who has used this product as a drench very cheaply... another story! If you look at the active of the lice products a lot of them are chemicals already in use on most farms. For instance a chemical used to treat seed in the cropping system is use in a lice product, the system goes around... AC**

There are other issues to be wary of especially with some company's promotion of fly/lice products. One company who has an excellent product in the control of blowfly strike, Clik, also has a separate product, Clik Plus, that doubles up as a lice knockdown yet that component is part of the IGR group which now has a track record of lice resistance as pre mentioned! Ivermectin based Zinjet Blowfly and Lice appears to be a winner yet advertised only as a jetting tool not as a backline product yet the following response from a client suggests otherwise...

"Hello Bill, Six wool clips ago I had 12 bales of cotted wool from 12,000 sheep shorn. Last year I had one armful from 23,000 sheep shorn. The secret was Zinjet off shears through an old Manna sheep jetter and again off crutch. Two hits a year not one. Cheap as chips and works, plus gives 12 weeks fly protection as well. Not something we see too often. (Cheap and works!) Problem is it's not licensed for off shears use. (Who cares it works, nothing else does.) Off course (his merchandise agency) decided Zinjet was too cheap so they bought the company that supplies it and forced us to buy (a n o t h e r product) fly and lice at a greater cost!" DS



Biosecurity including fencing and gates as well as good communications with neighbours in a district are of paramount importance in the reduction of the spread of lice. There appears to be a lot of cursing and frustration with the neighborly aspect where trading stock or just plain arrogance is giving rise to a manifesting problem.

"I believe that there is a stigma attached to lice similar to mental health, in that farmers are embarrassed about it and tend not to communicate with neighbours because of this, hoping to hide the problem until they shear and then treat." BK

With so much involved with all things related to OJD and the ways and means of attempting to eradicate it, it surprises me that

there aren't more biosecurity groups formed to at least discuss, act and consider all aspects of lice control. I attended a workshop locally last week (July beginning) where one Ag Bureau certainly had a brief discussion about it but ran out of time due to eye opening presentations by Jason Trompf and Gordon Refshauge regarding lamb survival.

My observations suggest that if those 'offending' properties can be approached in a business styled fashion, over 'a carton' that maybe the 'between-fence' issue can slowly and no doubt painstakingly be resolved. Considerations of shearing timing, fencing, lice treatment and other matters could be at least be discussed. I have raised the point with quite a few clients with most suggesting that due to the threat of the offending lice population and the subsequent mismanagement thereof, that neighbour can go jump!

Here's a W.A. client's take on the matter...

What steps have you taken in approaching neighbouring lice infected properties?

We have taken an integrated approach to the problem, as we have given neighbours equipment to help control it. It has also helped to break the stigma of having it by saying, "here use this if it helps, we have it and are doing something, how about you!"

Good with some, we've had a day to show people what we are doing. But some people don't care, don't see it as a problem, or don't want to spend the money on the better chemicals that are doing the job. The cheaper ones are resistant but people are still using them and thinking that they are doing the right thing but its just not working. It might hold things at bay for 8-9 months and then it starts all over everything again.

People think they have killed all of them and they have got a new infestation but in fact all that has happened is the lice have just bred back up and started to show again. If you ask most people, if they are honest they will say that they didn't have lice for 8-10 months after they treated and then they started to see a few appearing again before shearing, must have got it from someone else.....no its just a few get through and thats how long it takes for it to be noticeable. The other one is people who shear and treat ewes with lambs at foot yet ignore shearing or treating the lambs.....da! AC





TOP CLASSIC '14 POTENTIAL

ROEMAHKITA 185 bred by Wallaloo Park 214 (x WP717) a \$14,000 sire bought on property in 2012 with shares. '185' has huge stretch and great for meat properties with solid bone and personality.
For sale at CC'14.



This is a great shot! Sure it doesn't show the ram at it's finest with deep barrel, square backend, great outlook and the rest of the hullabaloo yet reflects a pair of proud new owners (with a happy old one) and a great ram that didn't cost the earth at Wallaloo Park's 2013 On Property.

Willy and Susan MacDonald NZ are avid supporters of Wallaloo Park and attend the sale more times than not...always a treat to catch up with them on the day and hopefully they may be able to attend that other great day in Murray Bridge one of these years.

Jetstar cheap right now you two!



Not all shedded rams become best of mates! This ewe hogget came flying out of the pack at Chad Burbidge's classing in June while taking a mob shot and rammed it's nose down the lense and nearly sent me over the fence!

Preference to what type of application all depends on the severity of the lice problem at hand, the degree of possible resistance and the attitude of neighbours in their individual ability to tow the line! Long wool lice treatment with the likes of Extinosad are only to be used as a band aid until shearing and then use a subsequent product for total confidence. There are good reports of knockdown with that same product as a spray on or jetting off shears yet those who trusted the long wool version as their only combatant tool were those who slammed the product and regarded weeing on the sheep's back to be more potent!!

What is your lice treatment strategy? *The cage dips, plunge dips, and other products that require you to re-muster a month off shears I find might work with small flocks, but is ridiculous for any large flocks. A shorn sheep is captured so treat them with everything then and there. Anything unshorn you know hasn't been treated so shoot it or shear it and treat! AC*

With weather conditions ok what is wrong with plunge dipping off shears? *The plunge dip chemicals need a bit of wool to hold the chemical in and on the skin, also they need large numbers to go through so keeping them there for the entire shearing isn't viable for either party. AC*

"Shearing will kill over 90% of lice, so I've been told, so if we are only dealing with 10% of the lice to kill with these chemicals then why do we still have a lice problem in the sheep industry." AC

A great point raised yet one can only conclude that the afore mentioned approaches in this piece, by the less than caring 'neighbour' attributes mostly to today's problems including resistance to chemical.

Remembering that an adult female can lay two eggs every three days and it takes just over a month before these eggs are once again laying females, it's not only the female that needs to be attended to but also the unhatched fiend!

There have been many in-house recipes and thoughts on just how to conquer the problem. Ranging from sheep time in 'heat-sheds' where lice are renowned not too enjoy and die with temperatures around 40 degrees celsius and above. Suffocating insects with thin coatings of vegetable oil often enough to hit the new hatchlings on arrival. Garlic powder, camphor, eucalyptus and copious amounts of sulphur are other witches brews probably ensure that modern day chemicals are here to stay although sulphur is a common compound with many of today's fixes.

As a conclusion I will again refer to a client's response which typifies the emails I have had from those having a crack at all facets in conquering the building lice issue. All have been frustrated yet most have had reasonable response from others in the

district who really had to listen!

"It tends to become more of a problem when the honesty required to admit to others that they have a problem is overlooked, therefore breaking the communication channels for someone else either to avoid the problem or treat or plan for it early.

I believe we have a solid and an effective treatment/prevention program. We treat off shears every year to be sure. In my opinion it's best to assume you have lice and treat for it so you know you have started that wool growing season with a clean start. Growers that assume they are clean and do not treat at all may save on up front chemical and application costs, but they are playing with fire.

We had issues years ago with IGR's like Zapp and Magnum, simply from overuse and creating our own resistance problem and while I had a rep out several times they would never admit that this was the case. I know that they were full of muck and in the end we would have been better off pissing on them than using (the product).

Since then we rotate products every year to a different chemical group so as to avoid resistance.

*2010 dipped with Flockmaster
2011 backlined with Eureka Gold
2012 backlined with Avenge
2013 dipped with Flockmaster*

*Extinosad is a product we would use as a backup or on a long wool mob that we suspected was infected, if it was necessary to protect that wool clip prior to shearing. **This program works. We have not had an issue with lice in this time.** BK*

I think there are some obvious suggestions on top end products mentioned throughout and a few nasties but common sense prevails amongst using and rotating proven chemicals and application. For safety I would seriously query shearer's previous movements regarding possibility of affected stock and microwave their moccasins as a precaution. They are proven to keep lice alive until transfer! There are also super stock out there that seem to be oddly immuned to infestation with every one full of nutrition and health as opposed to lesser animals that appear to be the perfect culprit/host. More factual stuff on that hopefully in Cullings 2015!

Oh yeah...don't forget to treat the lambs!

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Megan Davies

LETTER FROM THE LAB



Classings Cullings sees the end of one season and the beginning of another for the Classings Wool Testing Laboratory.

Heading down the back at 25 Sturt Street, Murray Bridge and dodging a welcoming Ruby along the way to Classing's Laboratory, you will find above the buzzing of lasers, compressors and sample coring machines, the spirited chatter and enjoyment of the Classings Laboratory team.

2013 saw some very busy months with record high ram testing and an increase of ewe hogget testing due to more and more clients getting involved in Sheep Genetics Australia and testing more stock to improve ASBV data accuracies.

Classings Laboratory wants to deliver the most accurate, fastest turn around and user friendly test results.

To do this efficiently we rely on clients to submit samples in a way as to maximise our own efforts with sample turnaround times.

We can't stress enough on how important it is to firstly fill out the Requirement Form – this takes all the guess work out for Megan and myself. Even if the samples are given to Bill we still need to know the instruction. Bill has a lot on his plate this time of the year running in and out of the door at all hours. He also has trouble relaying instructions that were given to him whilst classing in the yards!

We need to be able to identify the animal eg. read the tag number. We ask that you write the ear tag numbers down as clearly as possible, use a smudge free texta or ticket inside the bag. I have taken wool samples myself for many years when my family had a stud so are aware of some of the issues....More and more clients are scanning EID tags and using bar codes which is great as long as the bar code printout is legible. Low ink or lanolin affected barcodes are useless to all and unscannable!

Sample size is also very important. Light weight samples are not a true representation of the animal and increases the chance for error.

One thing we do stress is when taking your samples please try not to knot the bags, use twisties, rubber bands, staples, sticky tape or any other device to stop them running away as this really slows us down. Our aim is to have the quickest turn around possible and to do this efficiently we don't need to be struggling with any of the above. Testing can be an expensive exercise so please take the time to present your samples as professionally as time allows.



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Please go to our website under wool testing for sampling procedure. www.classings.com.au



CLASSINGS CLASSIC '13 MURRAY BRIDGE RACECOURSE

AVERAGE \$3,790 TOP \$51,000 87/97 BY AUCTION



Watching Les Hamence of Pimbena Poll-Wirrulla S.A. coolly stand in one spot in the Classic '13 sale marquee and bid all the way to \$51,000 for a **Glenlea Park** poll ram he was going to own by day's end was intriguing! Armed with the reinforcement of 12 possible semen shares as ammunition in case the ram scaled unprecedented heights saw Les much calmer than the twitchy guy after his own successful on property sales over the last three years!

Surprised underbidder, Will Lynch-Boorana-Vic on the phone with partner in purchase/crime, Scott Pickering-Derella Downs-Cascade W.A. started the bidding off at a massive \$20,000 knocking off most competitors except for that Pimbena fella! Auctioneer Gordon Wood didn't have to conduct his craft to the maximum by extracting bids at all as these two jumped up the dollar increments in no organised fashion!

At \$50,000 the guy at the other end of the phone told the one who was holding it to get the hell outta there which left the dying bid to Les at a Classic record of \$51,000. The best poll Glenlea Park has ever produced bred by possibly the best sire, SuperSire® GP004 and E.T. bred from the best mum the stud has ever produced, I don't think the first lamb will be black! This price eclipsed the previous record of \$39,000 held by that same famous stud back in 2008.

Shown above with the now famous GP395 is new owner Les Hamence, Glen Wallis and Peter Wallis. 18.4u 2.8sd 15.0cv 0.4pf with MP+ 157, YWT +7.5, YCFW +14.1 and the best poll in Australia ensures breeding success.

Twelve semen shares were included in the purchase and early reports in the last few weeks (June) suggest that lambs are as big as any other sire results used on individual properties.

Oddly there were 85 other rams that were sold on the day so I guess it's time to push on! There were three other polls in the GP team and after the fuss involved with the pre mentioned lot 1, \$2,000 for lot 2 raised a grin from most who were there especially Lucernbrae-Callington S.A. who couldn't believe their luck! Bred by that other SuperSire® L858 with a YWT +6.2 and MP+ 154.

Lot 3 was another GP004 son who some argued on the day was looking as good as '395' and made \$44,000 less than him! Raw figures of 19.4u 2.5sd 12.8cv 0.0pf and good ASBV's and at a cool \$11,000 Jeff Evans-Wunkar S.A. will breed some of the best homebred rams in the state!

The Hall family from Mintaro S.A. bought the last GP for a Ridgway Advance sired bloke selling for \$2,000 and it would have been a relief for Roger, Janet and Andrew considering the preceding 15 minutes or so!

Wallaloo Park - Marnoo Vic. sold their first four to S.A. studs with the first two WP717 sons going to Tintinara studs SWM and the pick going to Ramsgate for \$5,000 per piece. Keyneton Station bought a WP 'Casper' son for \$4,000 with SWM securing their second for \$5,000 in the fourth of the WP lineup. Bill Cameron of Tinline Park S.A. bought the 5th for \$2,000 with the last three of eight offered missing the mark re reserves put in place.

Ella Matta - Parndana-K.I. hit the ground running and followed on from its excellent 2012 debut in selling their first and second to David Westbrook-Parndana for \$4,200 & \$2,200. Both were L33 sons via E.T. with the first bold crimpier boasting a MP+182 YWT +6.5 and YCFW +16.3. The second at MP+ 175 and YCFW +16.9 had extreme whiteness and the third sold to Mitch & Ros Willson-Penneshaw K.I. for a bargain \$1,600.

The Ridgway Advance - Bordertown S.A. team looked great barring one and eventuated a great average of \$4,200 for their nine autumn drops. Their first, E.T. bred by SuperSire® L154 was a beauty and sold for \$3,800 to Barcoolan QLD.

The West Coast's newest poll stud, O'Brien Poll-Kyancutta S.A. picked up three to influence their already quality stud at \$6000, \$5,000 & \$3,400. Peter Mosey-Eudunda S.A. bought another beauty in lot 19 for \$6,000 also ET bred by L154

as did Geoff and Sue Zacher-Coonalpyn for a ripper at \$3,200.

A Calcookara/Pepperwell syndicate bought a WP 'Casper' son for \$2,600 and Coreena Q., outlaid \$3,800 for a RA252 son.

Only horned rams of absolute quality make it into the Classic sales now as there is so much sway toward poll genetics. Ridgway Advance added one of these to end their Autumn drops and David Woodard-Eden Valley S.A. was quick to pounce at \$4,000 for a ram that would have made so much more a few years back.

Roemahkita - Cummins S.A. had their best sale ever at Classic '13 selling their number two in the lineup for \$10,500 to Bruce Dean's Forest Springs Vic. He was RO9352 bred and as square as a loco behind with tests 19.1u 2.7sd 14.2cv & 0.4pf. A Mernowie-Escalator bred ripper sold for \$8,500 to Sohnic Merino-Marnoo Vic. with the last of the trio selling to the Giddings family for \$2,000.



Ridgway Poll - Lamerook S.A. sold 11 of their 13 on offer and averaged just over \$2,000 which was the least result that they have had for awhile.

Equal top price for the Ridgways was \$3,200 with one going to O'Brien Poll for a GP004 bred beauty with a YCFW +17.0 & YWT 6.3 and the other to the Woods clan with a YCFW +18.0.

The Toogoods-Lamerook S.A. bought an excellent fibred poll for \$3,000 with MP+ 150. Treasure seekers Karawatha Park-Buckleboo S.A. jagged another bargain for \$2,000 with great fibre and YCFW +18.0. Chivers and Irwin Vic., outlaid \$2,800 for a YCFW +26.0 wizzer! Netallie Station were there and bought two for \$1,000 & \$1,500. Nathan Wegener took one of the best off of my hands post sale for a R1137 screamer for a measley \$1,500.

CLASSIC SALE CONTINUES.....

Gunallo-Pinnaroo S.A. had a reasonable day selling all six offered to average \$2,775 with the top lead ram off to Chad Burbidge-Bowhill S.A. and Gary Hansen-Cooke Plains S.A. for \$4,000 & bred by possible SuperSire KP37 who sold at Classic'11 for \$14,000 to Gunallo. The same duo bought the next for \$2,500.

Three studs secured the next three in Pindari, Calcookara and Allala all for around \$2,500. The last sold for \$2,250 to Bill Cameron-Tinline Park-Rockleigh S.A.

While I'm on the subject of KP37, the stud who bred him, **Kamora Park** - Karoonda S.A. also had a reasonable day at the Classic eventually selling 8 from 8 offered to average \$2,764.

The Dutschke family paid \$2,000 each for their three and all were from the sire of the moment KP37 via A.I. with one from a successful E.T. program.

Dye Pastoral-Hay NSW paid the top dollar at \$5,000 for the lead ram, ET bred bt L154 and very square physically. MP+ 161 a bonus.

Les Hamence, Pimbena-Wirrulla S.A. managed to find some more coin after his record lot one purchase and bought the best in the Kamora Park lineup securing a KP304 (Great dual purpose



poll highly ranked on the Sheep Genetics charts) son for \$3,750 and ET bred. With a MP+ 170 and YCFW +30 with YWT +7.2 (Highest in the catalogue) at 19.5u, there are now two reasons to look forward to Pimbena's ram lamb classing at the end of the year!

I bought two polls as cheap, high quality spares and easily relayed them onto Grant Wageknecht-Murray Bridge S.A. after the sale. Priced at \$2,000 and \$2,600 their quality was hard to beat and Grant has found out very quickly just what top end purchases can do to a flock...he has one of the best in the Murraylands area.

Mernowie - Marrabel S.A. only offered one at Classic'13 and sold him to loyal clients, the Groves family for \$5,000.

The **Flairdale** - Cooke Plains S.A. team looked the best ever and Wayne Lehmann and I held them in high regard. The money wasn't quite there for the first and was subsequently passed in and will remain at the stud. The second copped the same torment for the punters yet was sold to Ian Lilburne-Hay NSW for \$3,100 before sale completion. I bought the last for Roger Frances-

Maitland S.A. for \$2,000 and wasn't going to let Wayne take *him* home!

Lucernbrae-Callington S.A. sold their first bred by WP 'Bartel' (owned by SWS) for \$2,600 to the local Harvey family with typical Bartel figures 18.3u & 2.6sd and bought by Ian Lilburne.

Lucernbrae have had a huge result in both ewes and lambs from 'Bartel' and yet another made it to the Classic lineup with local Dean Pearson scoring well at \$1,500. 16.5u 2.8sd 17.0cv 0.4pf added to the attraction! I bought their lot 63 for \$1,500 and wasn't surprised when three clients asked of my intentions with this great poll. Nathan Wegener was first to the post and scored a bargain.

Southrose-Tintinara S.A. entered a great team of five with the first, a ripper Bartel son cracking \$5,000 and sold to Balah Nominees of James and Sonya Irwin-Morgan S.A.

I bought the second for Matt Cook-Condada S.A. for \$2,500 and was bred by WP 'Casper.' Nathan Wegener was another recipient of my bargain pickups and he got the next for \$1,250.

Netallie Station's Jeramie McClure was actually at the sale and couldn't believe his luck in picking up quite a few on the day at super realistic prices. He picked up the Southrose number four ram bred by 'Bartel' for an easy \$1,500.

Man of the moment, Les Hamence who had just acquired the Glenlea Park and Kamora Park specials added an extreme Southrose to complete the perfect trio for a mere \$3,750. A GP004 scorcher, with some of the best raw figures of the day. 17.8u 2.8sd 15.5cv & 0.1pf at MP+ 153.

Rice's Creek - Tintinara S.A. entered two WP 'Casper' rippers with the first a big square thug hitting \$9,000 from one knockout bid! Glenville Stud-Cowell S.A. were the successful bidders and obviously knew what they wanted.

The second bred by WP 'Casper' again fell into my lap at a ridiculous \$1,400 and even I was stunned that there was not more competition for this great poll. Maybe the underbidders of the first sold were still in shock! The only bonus for the Vandeleurs of Rice's Creek was that they picked up a new client in Nathan Wegener and whom I was happy he take off of my hands.

Ramsgate - Tintinara S.A. yet again had a great team entered into Classic'13 and had an OK day yet deserved twice the reward! Their first was bought by Tom Freeth-Buckleboo S.A. for \$3,500 and bred by WP 'Casper' with outstanding figures of 18.7u 2.9sd 15.3cv & 0.1pf.

Their second and fourth ram made \$1,250 and \$1,500 and went to quantity man Nathan Wegener who was on his way to picking up around ten rams that he required. Their past in lot was sold after the sale for \$1,000.

The **Ridgway Advance** spring drops hit the ground running with a \$6,000 start selling to

Coreena Station Q. for a RA 252 son. The second went to O'Brien Poll-Kyancutta S.A. for \$2,000 bred via ET from RA194 and a top ewe!

Tony Martin-Wynarka S.A. didn't have to pay through the nose for his newly acquired sire at \$1,500! ET bred from WP 'Casper' 16.4u 2.4sd 14.6cv & 0.3 easily helped Tony across the line!

Pindari Stud-Black Springs S.A. bought a great spring drop RA60 son at 17u 2.3sd 13.8cv & 0.1pf. Bert Woolford-Karawatha S.A. outlaid \$3,750 for another poll to add to his great yearly collection (as well as WP sale later in the year)

Netallie bought another at \$1,000 and Damien Trethewew-Parndana K.I. bought two RA252 bred hornies with great test results for \$2,000 a piece.

Lorelmo Keyneton - Keyneton S.A. made their Classic debut and entered just the one that took the eye of many at their successful debut on property sale.

Bred by the now highly regared O427 or 'Chevy' he was picked up by Gerard and Michelle Glynn-Cygnnet River K.I. who just dropped in for a look and couldn't resist.

Figures of 17.0u 2.5sd 14.8cv & 0.2pf typify what this true fine wool stud has to offer.



Bradfield - Jamestown S.A. had three huge polls entered with Netallie taking the first for \$1,200 and James Keller-Keith S.A. taking the second for \$1,800. The third was surprisingly passed in yet later sold for a staggering \$4,000 back at Jamestown to a regular client! Should have been at the Classic!

Minta - Mt. Cooper S.A. made their Classic debut after Gordon Wood of Landmark pestered me into having a look at their great result from a Hercules bred Wallaloo Park ram they bought from the Adelaide Ram Sale years previous. I dropped into Mark Hull's stud en route to classing nearby and had to agree...there were two outstanding polls that deserved attention.

Zoom ahead to the Classic sale where Minta made an impressive debut. Brimanna Stud-Cummins

CLASSIC SALE CONTINUES.....

S.A. loved the first of the Mintas and paid second highest price for the day at \$15,500 for a very square, productive poll. The second hit pay dirt as well at \$7,000 with the great figures of 16.9u 2.9sd 17.0cv & 0.4pf. and went to the Hay family-Bendigo Vic.

The last team of the day was the long wool team of **Lucernbrae** that we couldn't place with their other March shorns due to the massive staple length difference!

The GP008 bred leader made \$1,000 and sold to Ian Lilburne-Hay NSW. The second bred by WP

'Bartel' went to Lone Gum-Crystal Brook S.A. for \$1,500 and this poll was so extreme for frame and elite fibre that the results will keep Stuart and Nancy in the game for even longer!

Another GP008 went to Bevan and Cindy Siviour-Cowell S.A. for \$1,500.

The very best of the lineup and ranked very highly over the whole sale was the last lot sold at \$4,000 and sold to Ian and Margaret Cummins-Wagin W.A.

CLASSIC'14 How the studs sold.

Next year's sale order.

Stud	Offered	Sold	Top	Average
Glenlea Park S.A.	4	4	\$51,000	\$16,550
Minta S.A.	2	2	\$15,500	\$11,250
Roemahkita S.A.	3	3	\$10,500	\$7,000
Rice's Creek S.A.	2	2	\$9,000	\$5,200
Wallaloo Park Vic.	8	5	\$5,000	\$4,200
Ridgway Advance S.A. Autumn drop	10	9	\$6,000	\$4,200
Southrose S.A.	5	5	\$5,000	\$2,800
Kamora Park S.A.	8	7	\$5,000	\$2,764
Gunallo S.A.	6	6	\$4,000	\$2,725
Ella Matta K.I.	3	3	\$4,200	\$2,667
Ridgway Advance S.A. Spring drop	9	9	\$6,000	\$2,639
Flairdale S.A.	3	2	\$3,100	\$2,550
Ramsgate S.A.	4	3	\$3,500	\$2,083
Ridgway S.A.	13	11	\$3,200	\$2,018
Lucernbrae S.A.	8	8	\$4,000	\$1,975
Bradfield S.A.	3	2	\$1,800	\$1,500
Borung S.A.	2	2	\$1,200	\$1,100
Mernowie	1	1	\$5,000	\$5,000*
Loelmo Keyneton S.A.	1	1	\$2,250	\$2,250
SWM S.A.	2	2	\$1,000	\$1,000
	85	97	\$51,000	\$3,790



The 'Westfield' property owned by the Roach family in Frankland W.A. now grows some of the highest quality wools in the West. A realistic budget for top rams from Wallaloo Park and subsequent A.I. programs from those that prove themselves has pushed this once below par flock into super status territory.

WP20 bought 7/8 years ago only died last year yet has been mostly responsible for the massive fibre improvement over the whole flock. Classing is now a social event with John and Felicity Beasley and girls and staff all actively involved with raddling and tagging as I class.

The photo at top the result of yet another WP20 direct result with this shot showing fibre exotica behind the head of a special ewe hogget.



Our son Sam plays outstanding bass in a great band that are going gang busters at the moment!

Bakers Digest have an excellent record out right now and if you enjoy catchy rock meets Dylan, Lennon and folkrock then have a listen and purchase 'Weak is the Wail' on iTunes.

I have a few copies that I can pass on at a discounted mate's rates!



ELDERS WOOL CHINA TRIP

JUNE 2014

By: Sue Pickering (Not Scott)

Derella Downs/Pyramid Poll Merino Studs - Esperance, Western Australia



To get that ultimate top sale ram shot most times requires patience and luck!

No different here with the top Borung poll in 2013 still ready to bolt when most surrounding him weren't concentrating!

Thanks to Karen Jericho mmm for the photo series.



After talking to some clients of ours who went on the Elders China Trip in 2013, it was definitely on our agenda to do it this year. We were the only farmers from WA on this trip. We met up with the 40 other farmers from all over Australia at Changi Airport in Singapore.

Arriving in Shanghai at 10.45pm on Sunday night, the first thing that became clearly evident to us was the Chinese people's ability to build amazing road systems. Their roads have to cater for approximately 30 Billion people and you hardly see a traffic jam. Even though only 10% of the population can actually afford to own a car, there are still 140 million cars on the roads! Sometimes the roads were on pillars up to 4 deep & a lot of the time we seemed to be driving above the city.

We all learnt very early on that the Chinese like to be known for having the "biggest & the best!" They also have an amazing capacity to build and to cater for future growth with endless high rise units all vacant ready for future population growth.

For the next few days we toured Woollen Mills. We started at the Zhuangzi Free Trade Zone which is the modern hub of textiles in China. It's here that they can import raw materials, process them & re-export the finished product without having to clear customs & pay duty, saving both time and money.

At the OTCL Combing Mill we visited, they use short wools such as Lambs, Pieces and Crutchings to manufacture a product that can be spun. They sell their combed product onto woollen spinning mills.

To see the next part of the process we visited Tianyu Mill, a large topmaking mill that sell their products to all parts of the globe. Then up to Nanshan, a company town with a population larger than Sydney, owned and run by the Song family. At Nanshan we saw the process from beginning to end. That is from the bales of wool arriving in the container right through to the production of a man's suit. Although a lot of the processes are fully mechanised, the work force at this mill is still in excess of 10,000

people producing up to 5 million suits per year with the wool going through 420 processes from start to finish.



This illustrates why wool is expensive to process. To see this process from beginning to end was a real eye opener into the complexities of wool processing. It was also interesting to note basically all garments are produced from 19-19.5 micron wool. Needless to say a lot of blending is done. An interesting point the mills made is they want wool at around 60-85mm and definitely polypropylene free as they are seeing this slowly coming back into the wool.

From this, the message I picked up was that we need to breed large framed sheep which can produce up to 8kg of 19-20micron wool at a length of around 60-85mm. Which brings up the point of shearing 3 times in 2 years. We have started this process and shear July, March & October as this fits in with lambing, seeding, harvest, A.I., E.T. and, most importantly, fishing!

This, to me, is what will make us money (quantity at an average micron). Producing large easy care merinos shorn 3 times in 2 years makes for better health & management and produces what the market wants at a reasonable



price. The Chinese, as do most of us, like a good deal also remembering that China purchases 70-80% of all our wool produced.

Nanshan also work closely with AWI in the development of blending different wool to make different types of fabric. They are also working towards trying to set up a textile university.

It was also interesting to note that safety was

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As mentioned in the Borung sale report, the ewe classing and first look at the young rams in February was exhausting to say the least.

Zoom right ahead to 17th July which is the death knock with additions to the final Cullings and I can say the young rams here are looking sensational after classing just today!

Two rams have been selected for Classic'14 and they are not only outstanding but the quality will surprise those who haven't seen this stud for awhile.

Brenton bought Wallaloo Park 567 at Classic'12 for \$6,000 and he has dished up great stock including these two big lustrous cutters for this year's Classic.

Their first outing will be the Karoonda Merino Field Day...check them out! Note the heart room with the bloke on the left!



not a big concern as I think only once did we have to put on a Hi-Vis vest, we walked through all the mills, weaving in and out of the machinery wearing sandals & thongs, no Hi-Vis, or protective glasses or hats. A bit different to Australia where I can't even take a grain sample to CBH without work boots & a Hi-Vis vest on.

We visited Chifeng, Inner Mongolia. We were taken to the AI research Centre & looked at some of the sheep bred there from Australian Genetics. This was a bit disappointing as, in Scott's opinion, they didn't showcase the Australian Merino in its true form. At the time of our visit the sheep had just been shorn or, to be more precise, the sheep's wool had been cut off with scissors! No shearing shed just a stone barn with a swept dirt floor next to where the sheep are housed, again with no grating, just dirt floor. The sheep are housed in sheds most of the winter as temperatures fall well below 0 (down to -25) and the place is iced up for up to 6 months of the year.

We then went onto a local farm where they had 3 sheep to be shorn. A couple of our farmers did a demo on shearing Australian style (with an electric handpiece) which the Chinese had never seen before. They were very excited to see how to really shear a sheep and so quickly. Mobs of around 50 are run with a shepherd (no dogs) and no decent fencing. Note to self, never ever complain about our gravel roads again. The Chinese are great at building but their ability to maintain is very limited. If we got up to 50km/h we were doing well. We then went onto Beijing where we stayed for the last 5 nights.

On the last day we visited the brewery which again in true Chinese style, was huge. They called themselves the Mansion of Science & Technology producing in excess of 36,000 bottles of beer an hour, using 70% of Australian Barley and mixing it with rice. That is production on a massive scale with the property taking up several hectares of land.

Andrew Dennis – Rosewood Wool Services is the best ever tour organizer and in his words in an email to us, "This trip was great fun and the group was our best ever." My words, "What a fantastic trip. It was well beyond my expectations."

42 farmers together doing & talking about what they love... farming. With this in common, how could you not have a great time! A bit of business & a holiday mixed with a lot of fun and best of all, tax deductible! I urge you, if you ever get the chance, go. It was brilliant!

Sue

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With the advent and advancement of the now popular poll merino, there have been few associated problems in creating better fibred versions thanks only to horn ram intervention.

Number one issue though, in my eyes, with the poll genetic completely to blame is, severe at times, back end issues particularly with hock structure and pasterns front and back. This 'beauty' had a huge rump which can 'blind' people into assuming everything is ok downstairs!

As a classer, my biggest turmoil and frustration in the yards occurs after raving about an animal's great fibre and frame attributes only to find on complete inspection that she/he has a serious 'cow-hock' situation as shown above.

I would suggest to any potential purchaser of mostly poll genetics to seriously take more time with ram/ewe inspection at sale/classing time. If it means pulling a ram from a pen on sale day to watch him walk and stand, giving everyone the horrors...so be it. Many have spent thousands of dollars on should-be cull rams due to this sickening realisation only due to rushed inspection due to late arrival on sale day!

Realistically though, the bastard should never have made the sale!

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Sohnic Merino over there in the genetic Meccaville of the Marnoo/St.Arnaud area east of Horsham are another shining light in the merino breeding industry. Genetics on display there typify the animals that have had so much influence on 'our' S.A. flocks to create genuine dual purpose stock.

Sohnic were once great supporters of the early Classic sales and within a short time will do the same once their OJD status is such that the relationship can continue.

I missed their 2013 sale so have relied on the Stock and Land version to see me through this year....

Greg Hose and Scott Nichol森, Sohnic Merino & Poll Merinos, sold 62 rams to \$5,000, average \$1,378, at auction with only a handful not sold.

Regular buyers Lloyd Austerberry of Dunromin Merino Stud-St.Arnaud Vic., paid \$5,000 top price and \$4,500 for another to continue their Sohnic bloodlines to the force.

Last year's top buyers Anervale P/L-Rossbridge Vic., selected one for \$4,500

Broken Hill NSW clients Tony and Sally Bright bid strongly for their five rams paying to \$4,000 at an average of \$2,460.

Volume buyers included Bretton Estate-Stawell taking seven rams to \$2,500 and regular volume buyers Hazelwood Nominees selecting thirteen rams to a top of \$1,200.

South Australian buyers JD & SF Hunt-Mundulla S.A. returned this year and selected two at \$2,000 and \$1,500.

Graeme Austerberry representing the family and buying the top priced ram was very pleased with the elite wool, Long staple and density on the rams he purchased which are ideal for his higher rainfall area and will be used to breed flock rams for their merino enterprise.

**2014 SALE DATE
WEDNESDAY
8th OCTOBER**

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HAMILTON RAM SALE

SHEEPVENTION - HAMILTON VIC.



It takes a ram like this and \$10,000 to top the Hamilton Ram Sale with **Glenlea Park** taking the honours in 2013. Nareen Station-Coleraine Vic. bought the best ram in the poll catalogue exuding a super long body and bred by L858.

YCFW +21.1 & YWT +6.2 & 164MP+ backed up the visual attributes of this thumper.

Another of Pete's offering in the same group of five polls as the sale topper was a Boorana 138 bred softy which I bought for Borung Poll-Waikerie S.A. for a measly \$2,250 with a CFW +10.7 & 18.1u. The Boorana sire was spotted by Peter Wallis on a social visit to Will Lynch's property and the rest is history. Boorana 138 was bred by Severn Park 457.

The Glenlea Park Horn team of five didn't reach the dizzy height as the polls but were easily sold at budget pricing. Appreciators of quality, McPiggery-Lameroo S.A. picked up two at \$1,250 & \$1,500. I was surprised in securing two rippers for Netallie Station-Wilcannia NSW for \$1,500 each.

The pick horny with fibre-exotica exuding huge staple length and pure whiteness bred by W/Pk 955 was snavelled by yours truly for Calcookara-Cowell S.A for \$3,500.

The Glenlea Park horn sale of five rams in this Hamilton Sale actually typified the day. Bloody tough going unless the stud had done alot of homework.

In a sale that also features Dohnes, Comebacks and Corriedales and feeling like it takes all day plus a shambolic after sale verification system before the rams can even leave the shed, this sale design has to change!

Ridgway-Lameroo S.A had a fair sale as well with two teams of five with a top of \$3,500 off to the Brady family and one to the

Philip clan for \$1,250. I bought the rest with two off to Aston Station-Pooncarie NSW, two for Rob and Sonya Chalk-Willalooka S.A. and one for Netallie Station-Wilcannia NSW. All of these purchases were around the \$1,500.

You can either crack it at this sale with two teams or it can disappoint you into never trying it again!

Gunallo-Pinnaroo S.A. have done well with two teams in the past but not in 2013. They looked great but the clientel weren't there to support so five rams sold to average \$1,300 with two if these off to Aston at \$1,000 each. McPiggey-Lameroo bought the top for \$2,500.

Southrose-Tintinara S.A. sold all five white wools easily with Karwin Nominees-Field S.A. picking up three at \$2,750, \$3,000 and \$2,750 with the two others selling at \$2,000 each. W/Pk Bartel bred at least two in the Southrose five.

Flairdale-Cooke Plains S.A. did their homework and sold all five easily on debut with Ben Nevis latching on to four to \$2,250

and one to Steph Booker Jones at \$1,500.

SWM-Tintinara S.A. went well selling four from five offered to average \$2,000. I bought Trevor Gameau-Cummins S.A. two at \$2,500 and two for Peter Kuhlmann-Wirrulla S.A. at \$1,000 each. One of the Gameau purchases was bred by Westwood 282, the newest stud on the block in W.A.

Ramsgate-Tintinara S.A. had a good looking team of five yet lacked the support except from our station clientel. I bought two for Aston Station and one for Netallie.

The whole sale across the board averaged \$2176 with almost 20% passed in with 346 sold from 425 offered that's 79 rams that wasted everybody's time! It's an easy fix to make the sale more interesting and flowing let me tell ya' and I think we all know how to do it but getting the hierarchy to listen is another thing!

**2014 DATE:
TUESDAY AUGUST 5th**



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Roemahkita's third win in four years at the Burra Dual Purpose class (the only class worth it's salt!) in 2013 was as outstanding as Southrose's (bees dick for points tally), second placing.

Both studs are utilising progressive genetics to create these winners and whilst now are both part of Sheep Genetics and the ASBV system, the stock were obviously selected and subsequently judged on their visual characteristics and 'real' time raw objective measurements including EMD and Fat not accumulated ASBV's.

Mysteriously no-one seemed to be able to relay the actual figures on to me to publish for this year's Cullings so I'll do more homework myself in 2015.

And the reference to the gate latch below? Easy to maintain and manage, uncomplicated yet practical just like the stock above!

Sure beats the hell out of wrapping a long chain around a post!



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BRECON BREEDERS

I asked Bill and Margie Trowbridge at Lambex for a brief piece on anything to do with A.I. results this year compared to a nationwide concerning result with previous season. I appreciate the time they took to put pen to paper with a commonsense response to my request.....

The lower lambing outcomes in the late 2012-13 season have been a common topic of discussion. There was a decline in lambing percentages that season that was noticed nationwide. All states and all operators recorded the same problem and it's interesting to note that the results for the late 2013-14 season are back on track. From our perspective we also found that the higher condition score ewes which had been inseminated in that spring had a reduced conception rate compared to ewes inseminated in autumn.

With any artificial breeding procedure many factors must be considered and it is hard to pinpoint any specific reason for these lower percentages. Perhaps one of the culprits has been the PMSG dosage used in that season. There were two PMSG products available prior to that year with the most favoured product, Folligon, being used more routinely than the other, Pregnenol. We believe Folligon was shown to have a higher concentration of the active hormone per bottle than Pregnenol. Therefore if the dosage volumes are reduced with Pregnenol, as was done with Folligon, we significantly lower the amount of active ingredient administered per ewe. Breeders need to be aware of this issue and should not alter prescribed dose rates (i.e. lower them) without consultation. The Pregnenol suppliers provide a good quality, true to label product, but it needs to be administered according to directions.

Management is of course something which has marked effects on the final outcomes. A few key points are aim for body score 2-3 and ideally have ewes on a rising plane. Avoid high protein feeds around AI time; supply good quality cereal hay. Ideally shear and conduct other management processes

(e.g. drenching & dipping) 6-8 weeks before AI. Reduce stress at all times (i.e. no dogs) and ensure minimal disturbances for at least a month after AI. We have always recommended the use of teaser wethers during the AI program to stimulate ovulation and suggest breeders should utilise this technique wherever possible.

In general pregnancy rates have not increased greatly over the last 20 years or so. Researchers are constantly looking at ways to increase lambing percentages; however a 100% lambing in merinos is achievable.

In terms of semen quality, recognised centres produce a consistent and good quality product. Be aware that even though semen can be visually acceptable, it may not always perform in utero and can give a surprisingly poor result. The best test for semen quality is lambs on the ground.

Regulin was trialed in the past season and to our knowledge no beneficial effect was recorded in AI outcomes. Some trial work on young seasonal rams has been showing promising results in terms of fertility and percentages of ewes joined.

We have had some pregnancy scanning results reported this season which have been quite inaccurate. Make sure you employ an accurate scanner to ensure you can manage your pregnant ewes efficiently.

If you are experiencing difficulty in achieving good lambing percentages we suggest you go back to basic management practices. Liaise with your AI operator, review every facet individually and adopt a thorough and scientific approach rather than listening to anecdotal evidence that may not apply to your situation.

Margie and Bill Trowbridge.

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WALLALOO PARK - MARNOO VIC

AUCTION 176/196 AVERAGE \$2,460 TOP \$10,000



Brenton Kroehne and I had a good chat prior to the Wallaloo Park sale on just what it may cost to get hold of three good sires to influence their rapid rising Borung Poll-Waikerie S.A. These genetics have had a huge impact on the stud and more was required.

By sale's end Brenton had bought the best ram in the sale right down at pen 36 for \$6,000. An August drop and bred by WP 'Casper' the ram a year before may easily have fetched double that price as was the nature of that hot sale. This one was not alot different excepting that the top price for the day was 'only' \$10,000 leaving many other 'screamers' below that figure.

His other purchases were lot 8 for \$5,500 at YCFW +16.8 and real figures 18u 2.5sd 14cv & 0.1pf bred by a WP syndicate. Still under budget Brenton took one spare off of my hands that I 'stole' for \$2,250 at lot 66 to add to complete the triple crown of great purchases!

Mates, Willy and Susan McDonald-Middlehurst NZ bought lot 1, a big square WP200 bred thumper for \$4,000 to get the day rolling.

Mark & Kay Barr-Newdegate W.A. buy all the good stuff here annually beginning with a ripper lot 2 horny for \$6,000 followed by a WP 'Magic' son for \$5,000 who was just that! His lot 84 purchase at \$3,500 was a great pickup which only added to the great quality of the whole eight or so that they purchased.

The \$10,000 top bred by a Syndicate of WP124 and Ridgway1137 (must have been two lots of semen shaken up in an icecream container) was sold to Mark Kerin-Gullengamble-Yeoval NSW. Great poll with great fibre aided by YCFW +21.

The Deepwater clan led by Scott McCansch who have been Wallaloo Park fans forever were in on the act early jaggging three in a row at lots 10,11 & 12 and nearly blew \$12,000 in the process! The best at MP+150 and bred by WP988, the ram that topped the WP sale a few year's back and bought by Glenlea Park. They added a couple of more by sale finish.

A WP 'Casper' with a YCFW +19.3 went to Bella Lana-Wellington NSW for \$8,000 with super white wool and a safe productive skin at MP+ 155.

I bought Paul Schaeffer-Buckleboo S.A. a very good lot 13 at \$3,750 for a WP 'Casper' poll. He was E.T. bred via a WP717 bred special ewe and had the great figures of 17.8u 2.6sd 14.8cv 0.2pf.

As a travelling companion I bought the last poll of the day at lot 196 for \$1,500 with a YCFW +21.2 & MP+ 151. He's interesting!

The Hilliers-Bordertown S.A. were back and bought a very handy WP200 son for \$5,000 and try these figures..19.3u 2.4sd 12.3cv% & 0.0pf.

On behalf of Richard Harkness' SWM-Tintinara I bought lot 20 for \$3,250, a WP 'Casper' son with great fibre full of length, nourishment and whiteness.

The Quality Collectors, Bert & Dion Woolford-Karawatha Park-Buckleboo scored well yet

again with a great pickup at lot 41 for \$4,000 with full of fibre-elite and whiteness and bred by WP 'Casper'.

The best was yet to come though with his Maximus bred pickup at lot 59 for \$4,750 a pharkin' ripper of an animal which I expect big things of. At YCFW +24.3 dripping with the elite stuff and as white as the KKK and great test figures he can't go wrong except for premature death!

MP+ 161, YCFW +22.3, YWT +5.8 bred by that great sire WP717 with great test figures sounds too good to be true but that's another that Bert added to the pile at lot 93 for \$4,000. Long body just like the sire and Buckleboo required nourishment, maybe this was the pick ram! Stay tuned for Cullings' 15!!

I was given a large budget for lot 53, a 111Kg WP717 bred thug by the Penrose Poll Stud of the Pengilly family Cascade W.A. The maximum wasn't reached and he sold for a realistic price of \$5,000. Bruce and Trudy's son Thomas was on hand to witness the safe purchase! A pen mate was added for the W.A. trip ahead at lot 139 for \$1,900.

Keith Mudford always picks quality and his purchases on the day were no surprise including a great square lot 38 for \$2,500.

At lot 79 there was alot of competition for a productive poll that eventually fell into the lap of Gullengamble who also bought the top priced ram. This bloke may have been better!

On a roll with new genetics, Calcookara Stud-Cowell, ask me to keep an eye out for special animals that pop up at times when no one is concentrating at realistic pricing. That was the case at lot 169 where I jaggged a ripper WP717 son for \$1,800. Great muzzle, white gear and a wide backend with YCFW +17.8, Brenton and Jane were happy on his arrival.

Ramsgate-Tintinara S.A. picked up a cheapy for a WP 'Caasper' son at \$1,800 to earn themselves a beer at day's end!

Naturally all the typical names and new customers were there but this newsletter just ain't big enough!

Another high calibre sale from our #1 seed stock supplier, Wallaloo Park don't give us much chance to wander off exploring other possibilities as they are always one step ahead with what's needed within the industry.

2014 SALE DATE OCTOBER 9th



Wallaloo Park

2014 sale rams



Finally we have all enjoyed a positive start to the season. Here at Wallaloo Park we have just finished another good weaning of 116% with 1/3 from maiden ewes. Our 5 year average is 119%. Congratulations to Poll Boonoke, achieving 1st & 4th in the 2014 Australian Champion hogget & winning the group, at Hay NSW, all sired by WP genetics.

A special thankyou to the 23 new breeders that introduced WP genetics to their flocks last year

This years sale team, look exceptional. Exhibiting rich deeply crimped, well nourished wools, for which Wallaloo Park has been renowned for over the past 3 decades. Increased quality poll numbers and richness is evident. select ASBV's figures will be available, for the 2nd year to help assist with selection. Another 200 rams will be offered at auction, starting from \$800.

Wallaloo Park merinos have a reputation for high weaning percentages

This being a key profit driver, we recently spoke to a few clients to get their flock averages;

VIC • Maryborough - 105% • Pyramid Hill - 106% • Coleraine - 98%

NSW • Coolah - 117% • Boorowa - 105% • West Wyalong - 113%

New Zealand - 115%



2013 top price – Gullengamble Poll Merino Stud NSW

2013 SALE RESULTS

23 Stud rams averaged \$5,217, 218 Flock rams \$800 - \$3,500
3055 doses of semen sold across Australia & N.Z, On-property sale – 174 rams averaged \$2,441
Classings classic - 5 rams sold, top \$6000 twice & av \$4400

EWES FOR SALE

We will have our annual draft of ewes for sale available for delivery in October

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Inspection and enquiries welcome



2014 DATES

Monday 4th - 5th August

Wed 27th - 29th August

Monday 8th September

Friday 12th September

Thursday 25th September

Thursday 9th October

Hamilton Sheepvention - Display of sale rams & sires

Dubbo National show - Offering 2 stud rams & Display of semen sires

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PIMBENA - WIRRULLA S.A.

AUCTION 63/70 AVERAGE \$1157 TOP \$2,800 (x2)



There's nothing more gratifying for job satisfaction than to witness a very successful sale as a reward for persistence in an area where environmental conditions can be quite extreme.

Pimbena Poll with principle Les Hamence have outlaid the bucks to transform a stud that not that long ago looked like a descendent of any Burra type outfit to a now progressive SuperStud!

Another A.I. program in 2011 using two proven SuperSires G/PK 004 in tandem with L858 ensured that the Pimbena 2013 sale was chock full of quality.

For the first ten rams to gross just over \$20,000 there was a hint that the day was going to roll along well with old and new clients in abundance all appreciating top quality great valued animals.

ASBV's have always been a part of Pimbena with many figures supporting great looking rams physically.

Lot 1 was there for a reason and went to Tomney Brothers-Poochera S.A. for \$2,100 for a thumping (YWT +7.6) L858 son. They went on to secure another six including

a ripper GP004 son at lot 8 for a steal at \$1,900 YCFW (+14.1).

Lot 4, another GP004 son stood like a rock all morning and combined with luxury fibre took my eye so I bought him for Nantoura-Wharminda S.A. for \$2,800. All this after a rapid fire discussion with Chris Prime seconds before sale start! (YCFW 10.7 YWT 6.7 YSL 9.8 & 7%DP 146)

Also bought lot 2 for the Brophy Brothers-Tintinara at \$1,900 for a Ramsgate 100 son with a YEMD 1.3 AT 103Kg at 17.9u.

Traveena Park-Minnnipa S.A. were instrumental to the sale's success with three bought in the first ten lots including a great L858 son at lot 3. Important stuff this yet not worthy of mention in the Stock Journal report.

A sure sign of the depth of quality at Pimbena was lot 15 equalling the top price at \$2,800. A L858 son this bloke was highly sought after due to his proportions and perfectly nourished fibre for the at times extreme conditions of the upper Eyre - Mario Nicholls-Ceduna S.A. the happy purchaser.

Another great supporter was Tim Vanloon-Kyancutta S.A. who grabbed seven rams including a safe heavy cutting lot 13, another L858 son with YCFW +11.4 for \$1,300.

AW Nicholls - Ceduna S.A. bought six rams including a \$2,100 lot 12 with YCFW +10.3, another heavy cutting GP004 son.

Trevor Pittaway- Haslam S.A. encouraged competition as well in securing five rams up to \$1,700.

Netallie Station-Wilcannia NSW have been long time supporters at Pimbena and I had to fight hard to get them three rams of six that I needed for \$1,000, \$700 & \$800.

The Baldock, Baker, Wilson, Priest, Tremein, Kelsh families as well as Ooralin Pastoral and Glebe Nominees made up the balance and secured good rams amongst very spirited bidding.

The confidence Les has gained over the last three years thanks to outstanding sales due to ever improving genetical results was instrumental with his purchasing power in 2013.

The purchase of Glenlea Park 395 another great son from GP004 for \$51,000 ...yes \$51,000 as well as KP304 bred son from Kamora Park for the 'burglar' type price of \$3,750 at Classic'14 as well as a Southrose ram. Two L858 sons from Calcookara will ensure continual quality push.

Unfortunately due to a disastrous A.I. program in 2012 with low percentage result, there won't be as many L858 sons in the Pimbena sale this year yet many other 'live' sires appeared to have stepped up to cater for the predicament.

**2014 SALE DATE
JULY 31st**

PIMBENA

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.

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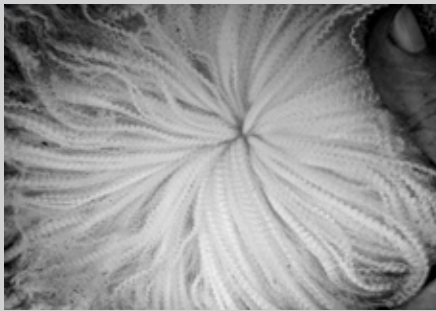


RIDGWAY ADVANCE - BORDERTOWN S.A.

AUCTION 108/112 AVERAGE \$1,610 TOP \$4,000



Lone Gum's sale team in 2013 was as good as it gets for a "peas-in-the-pod" look that was marvelled by the crowd present. Stuart Everett the proud exhibitor.



Just when do you put the lense away and concentrate on the job at hand? Never! Maybe I'll never get a better shot than the one we use regularly for different Classic sale or Classings promotions but I keep on witnessing ones daily in the classing race that come very close.

Willalooka Pastoral create hundreds of them annually reflected in a 5kg 17u-18u micron clip of silk which at the minute ain't worth much more than stronger counterparts but just around the corner...



August 19th: 6.24pm 2013 and still on the job! The Derella Downs W.A. classing is an exhaustive affair especially leading up to the greatest show on earth (Field Day) yet full of reward for all concerned due to the quality of the place.

We only had a few low grade rams to place at the end of the day so the torch app on Scotty's phone was enough to get us through...not to be made a habit of though!



"Gusty winds nearly tore away the marquee holding the spring-drop rams but bidding matched the ferocity with 11 rams averaging \$1,964."

That was Catherine Miller's quote from her Stock Journal sale report of the Advance sale and she wasn't far wrong! Along with the upcoming end of the same week sale of Glenlea Parks', these were to be the two worst sale day's of the year. But no amount of inclemency would deter buyers at either end.

It took four pens before the top price of the day was forged with Peter Mosey-Eudunda S.A. latching on to a RA370 (Ridgway Advance's best homebred sire) son for \$4,000. 17.7u 3.1sd 17.7cv & 0.3pf again typified the results over the whole 184 rams on offer

CR Graham-Maitland-S.A., were active early with two purchases in the first three pens taking a direct L154 son at \$2,500 in pen 1 and a 120Kg slammer in pen 3 for \$2,000 with 42 EMD. The Grahams were an integral part of the sale early with 7 rams secured in the first 29 pens at a well over \$2,000 average.

JJ Hallum from Hopetoun Vic. secured three polls on the first page at \$1,800, \$2,300 & \$3,000 with the cheapest showing 100% cf.

I bought lot 11 for Rob Germein-Port Vincent .S.A for a steal at \$1,900 with figures of 17.4u 2.6sd 14.9cv% & 0.3pf. which matched the excellent fibre he possessed maybe due to his sire, WP904.

The night before the sale I had a request from a Broken Hill station owner of whom we had no business relationship, to buy

him 15 polls from Ridgway Advance providing they were free growers and not too over wooled on the points with white wools attached!

I selected and bid on behalf of Kirk Stevens-Broughton Vale NSW throughout the sale and ended up with 14 polls by the time I got to pen 158 in the eco shelter!

Averaging around the budget of \$1,000 it was a straight forward task and I enjoyed picking up some rippers along the way within the parameters discussed.

That order certainly helped put a tremendous floor in the sale and kept the competitive bidding going throughout especially against other multi purchasers including Warrawee P/C of Greg Rae-Kyalite NSW who secured 17 rams on the day.

Neville Rathjen-Mount Torrens S.A must have bought about six on the day but bid on many others to get those which is an integral part of any auction.

David Farr-Wunkar S.A. paid \$3,200 for lot 2 with great density and fibre alignment and 109kg body weight. He backed the purchase up with another square RA252 son at lot 38 for \$2,500.

Glen Farr bought a lot 14 son of RA370 for \$2,400.

It was a huge offering by the Ridgways giving a wide variety of clients in a broad spectrum of environs, plenty to choose from. To pass in only four rams in the main auction of 112 penned is a huge accolade and testament to the quality of this high profile stud.

2014 SALE DATE
AUGUST 13th

RIDGWAY ADVANCE

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13th August Ram Sale
Bordertown



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GLENLEA PARK PINNAROO SA

AUCTION 98/102 AVERAGE \$1,823 TOP \$6,200



The Wageknecht, Pearson, Wegener & Burbidge families are local Murray Bridge enterprises that have all come along way with their individual flocks.

The wools in the Murraylands district traditionally and historically have generally followed their northern counterparts as some form of guidance.

Thankfully infusions from this state's more progressive and energetic studs have turned the table with these once tired wools evolving into real deal fibre yeah!

The four ewe hogget classings in 2013 were very satisfying for this classer with the better half of these flocks as good as any going around.

At the recent Monarto hogget competition, Dean Pearson won the combined meat/fibre shearing with Lucernbrae winning the pen of four and the Wegener family close in second place. Lucernbrae also won the single ewe with Wegeners a close second - All were commercial ewes.

If you had a day like Glenlea Park's sale day for weather at an outdoor Mamboobnies show, no-one would turn up! It was bloody cold again yet it didn't deter a strong group to support this high quality sale.

After John Carter-Wallaloo Park Vic., outlaid \$6,000 for a well balanced L858 son at pen 3 after pen 1 rocketed to \$3,000 from the same sire and sold to Peter Gilbertson-Lameroo, the scene was set for a monster day! Both rams at YCFW +18 & +21 respectively enthused most that this was not only a great fibre/frame stud but still has what it takes for fleece weight and subsequent bale filling.

Brimanna-Cummins S.A. secured a W/PK 988 son for \$2,400 at lot 4 which was reserved at one stage for Classic'13. The slippery fibre on this fella will hopefully inject the same for the Harris flock.

I bought lot 12, a L858 son for Westwood-Cascade W.A. to enhance an already top, yet young stud, owned by Scott Welke. At YCFW +17 & YWT +6.6 and 152 MP+ Index this bloke could be just what we need for fleece weight maintenance but more so for big beefy square backends which this ram oozed!

SuperSire GP004 was responsible for the top honours for the day at lot 15 for \$6,200 with a YCFW +19 and an alluring bold, lustrous crimp to boot! He was sold to McPiggery-Lameroo with Duane Simon and classer Rob Russell the guilty ones! The duo added another beauty later in the sale at lot 61 for a L858 son with YCFW +23 for \$3,800

Peter Gilbertson-Lameroo S.A. added another couple to his lot 1 purchase including a screamer at lot 93 bred by L858 at 17u & 2.6sd yet YCFW +20.

The Tintinara based Brophy Brothers bought three for the day including lot 56, a corker L858 with to-die-for fibre of extreme visual attraction!

Alan Bennett-Nariel Props-Nhill, an avid Glenlea Park supporter, secured seven over the sale's duration and Janmar Props were active with at least four purchased.

Heathdale Props were typically active picking up around four top enders with the Helyar clan concentrating on quality only with their five purchases including a bargain at lot 52 for \$1,500 bred by WP988.

The Colwells-Pinnaroo S.A. bought lot 9 at \$2,600 for a GP004 son and followed up with two more by sale's end. Jascalim-

Wentworth NSW picked up a handful including a well selected L665 son for \$2,500 at lot 10.

The Rasheed's Bullapucky-Kingston S.A. and Nadia Props were important clients to have around on the day with at least a dozen rams purchased between them.

Mill Park had to fight hard for lot 28, a GP004 son of great proportions at \$4,100 and added three others later. Nadia Props were great again with about six in their grasp by day's end along with a similar amount secured by Keilira Station-Kingston S.A. Another multi purchase interest were the Bell family

The Vogelsangs have an eye for quality and not afraid to pay for it reflected in a couple of purchases bred by WP988 at \$3,200 & \$3,600 the latter at lot 57 with a YCFW +21.

The Humphries, Dabinett, Schiller and Heinicke families all chipped in to make the sale a complete success with Rob Thiele-Murray Bridge making a measured purchase.

Interesting to note that all four rams passed in on the day were of the horned variety... need I say more!

In preparation for the Cullings reports I do have a glance at the Stock Journal summary to double check averages and purchaser's names etc. The Glenlea Park sale report read as if only eight rams sold for the day - the top priced ram as well as the seven that Nariel Props purchased. Huh!?

**2014 ON PROPERTY SALE
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Monday September 8th

Classings Classic Sale, Murray Bridge

TAG	MICRON	CV	SD	CF%
130191	19.6	13.3	2.6	99.7
130415	17.8	12.9	2.3	99.9
131144	20.6	15.5	3.2	99.6

Friday September 12th

Adelaide Show Ram Sale

TAG	MICRON	CV	SD	CF%
130185	20.0	12.5	2.5	99.5
131170	19.5	15.4	3.0	99.7
130409	17.7	13.6	2.4	99.8
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AUCTION 104/109 AVERAGE \$1,543 TOP \$4,600



On a Saturday morning on the way back from the shopping centre in Murray Bridge I came across this sight on our street! One single prime lamb out of nowhere came roaring down Sturt Street and subsequently chased onto a vacant block.

The Establishment were called, the sheep cornered and captured and I was to take over from there as I was the so called 'Sheep Guy' of Sturt St. and would know what to do next!

I rang the local agent who couldn't track the interstate PIC# so it was into the back of the paddy wagon to...I never did find out!



Just easier at times to use the back of your hand as a record of sires used at at stud classing re tag colour or sequential tag numbers per sire.

Of equal importance is the tabulating of each sire's classing performance in regard to tops vs culls. This extends to ewes as well with Pedigree Matchmaker and mothering giving us all the information we need to identify those mums who are up to the post for special joinings, A.I. and even E.T.

Maurice Collins-Mount Torrens S.A. grabbed a lift with me from Port Lincoln airport and whilst always jovial he had air of confidence with his comments on the industry on the way to the Roemahkita sale.

Hours later Crash Bang...lot 1 sold to Maurice Collins for \$3,800, add lot 3 for \$4,600, lot 18 for \$1,500 & lot 73 for \$1,000 and his day was done! Typical figures for the entire day were typified by the RO9352 bred lot 1's test results: 17.0u 2.7sd 15.9cv & 0.6pf thanks to intelligent, progressive breeding for a long time now.

There were plenty of supporters for lot 4 which was arguably the best ram of the day and nearly topped it at \$4,200. Bred by RO9352, WP780's best son, Gary West secured the ram for Colin Barnes. Staple length and correct density were a great feature of this poll which was built like a German Schiezerhausen!

Chris Watson got into the act early securing lot 2 for \$3,000 bred by an old master WP 780. He bought another at the same price bred by WP 717 with lustrous fibre and fluid nourishment at lot 27 and one more for \$2,700.

Huge supporters of Roemahkita for a long time now, the Baines Brothers-Cummins S.A. deserve a month's holiday in Tracey and Joe's shack at Coffins Bay with their choice of sedative! They bought nine polls to a top of \$2,800 and possibly bid on twenty five to get 'em!

Ian Carmichael-Warooka S.A. latched onto two including a \$3,400 RO9352 bred lot 17 with a 40.8 eye muscle.

'Snapper' Miller-Penong bought six rams to a budget conscious \$800 and Jevalara P/L securing five for the same dough. The Cullen Family-Port Lincoln bought five to \$1,000.

Tim Larwood-Buckleboo bought six to \$2,200 and only selected quality rams to match what he would be purchasing at Karawatha's sale later in the year.

An intriguing situation this one where a loyal client has to dabble a bit 'off shore' to maintain standard and quality without being tempted to 'drop a cog' just to fill the trailer on the day from the preferred stud. I do this regularly in particular for station orders where to be able to shop over ten or so studs to fill the trailer up with winners is the only way to go and an affordable luxury!

Alan Howell-Calbroma-Kapinni S.A. bought a few including a Ridgway 85 bred lot 8 for \$3,200. Rossy Mickan was in the action early getting hold of lot 6 for \$2,800, a WP 'Casper' son and another later in the sale.

Loyal Kapunda-ites Miles and Hilary White bought a couple including a stretchy WP717 bred tram for \$3,800 with 43.6 EMD.

WP717 coughed up another ripper at lot 32 for



\$3,400 and maybe one of the buys of the day. I was happy to see him go to Trevor Gameau-Cummins where he will be single joined as to assess individual progeny results. Ridgway 85 popped out some goodies and Trevor jagged another beauty at lot 47 for a 'start the car' fee of only \$1,400!! We'll watch him closely as well as I had him highly ranked in my book for any client anywhere!

Borthwick Estate- Tumby Bay S.A. possibly bought about six including a RO66 bred ripper at lot 52 for \$1,600. Michael and 'Spider' Minnard bought a couple with Greg Warmington starting his opening account late yet still picked up quality at \$800 for four.

Naturally I picked up the bargain of the century at lot 102, a spring drop, for Rob Germein-Port Vincent S.A.

The Wurst family from Gladstone S.A. bought two and the Holts at Keyneton S.A. bought a couple of quality bargains for \$1,000 each.

I bought four for Aston Station-Pooncarie NSW all at around \$1,000 and represented great quality for the outlay.

Shiphards, Dolphins (including a ripper lot 61 for \$2,200), Lawrie, Crosby, Nelligan, Richardson, Bower & Philips helped turn the day into a great success with single purchases.

Another successful, professional day for the Dahlitz clan with more excitement to come for 2014.

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So then..... Always wondered who was responsible for the best fibre shot of all time that has adorned Classings Cullings newsletters for the last two years and features heavily in Classic Ram Sale promotions? Please look opposite >>>>>>>



The fact that the Calcookara acquired Leahcim 858 still looks close to as good as the day he was purchased, even as an approaching four year old, is a testament to his own quality stature and even more exciting as a confidence boost in forecasting the quality of resultant progeny.

The photos at left taken in the last week of February this year at first stage young ram classing, exemplify the reasons for his success over two breeding drops. Horse like muzzle, back end like a tram, standing brilliantly on all fours combined with an eye catching deep crimped fibre that oozes fleece weight yet still combines enough length and density to have corrective impact over any traditional stud disaster, is 858 to a tee.

Temperament in a sire is a huge accolade and L858 epitomizes all things associated with it. He constantly got in the road of a serious ram weaner classing last month and needed continued diversions to create space at the classing race!

Enough of the physical attractions of this fella though. Objective trait results need to come into play when promoting such a Super Sire and over two drops accuracies are increasing with sensational results.

Currently L858 within the bounds of Merino Select, features prominently with progeny reflecting huge early gains with body weight and a 'king' for fleece weight. This runs in parallel with my own classing observations state wide over a dozen flocks including semen shareholders and semen purchasers.

+16.2 YGFW yet +22.2 YCFW and +11 YSL indicates a yield advantage as well as massive progeny fleece weight. A leading +9.7 YWT combined with +7.6 PWT, +10.3 AWT, +10.2 HWT & +5.0 WWT indicate huge growth rates common with all progeny classed and way above national averages.

He currently sits at 166 MP+ and one would expect this to increase as more quality progeny come on line.

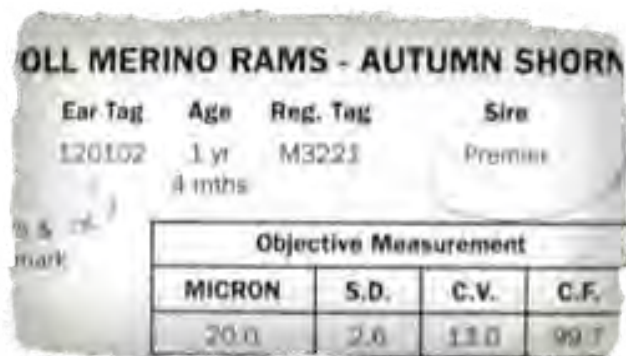
L858's sire L445 exhibits similar traits and the same with result including high retention rates with low culls.

L858's initial purchase price of \$22,000 in 2011 including three semen shares is a figure that now pales in lieu of great results not only at Calcookara but nation wide as well. His no waste policy with progeny is unparalleled suggesting a very low cull rate and many reserve type animals for sale and stud retention.

My strong recommendation of L858 along with only one other Super Sire could be seen as a risk from one in my position yet progeny results yet again with young stock in 2014 bred from this guy are second to none!

I recommend him with utmost confidence.

Bill Walker - CLASSINGS P/L - Classer/Advisor to Calcookara



There's no wrong or right debate about it. This effort was so totally unethical that within any other industry it would still be going through the motions of a higher authority.

The stud concerned purchased 100 doses of that SuperSire GP004 semen back in 2011 from Will Lynch & Partners who had purchased '004' from Classic'10 for \$10,000 from Glenlea Park.

As a result of an A.I. program there was subsequently a standout result for the stud two years later which took the eyes of many as a hogget ram at the Bendigo Sheep Show in July 2013. He was tagged 120102.

Even Classings' clients who were there held this ram in high regard from a stud that has had no interest to us for many years. The GP004 result was yet another outstanding effort this time over a more traditional stud who many of us had praised for having a go with something a little more progressive!

The stud exhibited the ram as being bred by GP004.

After the success of Bendigo the ram was rightly entered into the Adelaide 2013 sale.

The mystery began when Elders uploaded an Adelaide Ram Sale catalogue onto their website with no mention of the said ram anywhere to be seen in the stud's lineup. I personally challenged one of their stud stock people as to his whereabouts and I was updated that he was very much part of the sale. I took another tack and asked where the GP004 bred ram was positioned and was told he was in lot two.

After a revisit to the website you could imagine our disappointment at the listing with the sire *renamed* Premier!!
They bought 100 doses of a ram named GP004!

There was a flurry of forceful emails from some obvious interests obviously livid at what had transpired.

The Monday before the Adelaide sale another GP004 son had just topped the Classic'13 sale at \$51,000 so all eyes were on Adelaide to witness just how well a half brother may compare. One of the first things to do on sale day is to get hold of a catalogue and of course there it was, as shown in the scanned catalogue above.

The ram topped Adelaide at \$34,000 and with the Stock Journal sale report the following week the stud had relented and let it be known that 120102 was actually bred by GP004!

I have since had yacks with many about the this situation with one renowned Victorian studmaster casually telling me that it had been happening for years with his stud! After the above mentioned debacle he too now will be much more vigilant with similar scenarios.

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RIDGWAY - LAMEROO S.A.

AUCTION 100/128 AVERAGE \$1,304 TOP \$4,000



Chad and Bruce Burbidge-Bowhill S.A. stand proud after a great 2013 classing... why? We had all just witnessed the first classed progeny result from L282, the SWS \$38,000 2012 purchase that had just left outstanding results throughout the morning's ewe hogget classing.

Of 48 progeny assessed, 30 made specials, 12 classed into wools, with only 6 in the flat class with no tights or culls in sight! Zero waste equals more lambs, no fleece rot, shearer retaliation or flies and a better doing animal.

Benefield Poll Merino would make other minor efforts very nervous!



Double classing/drenching race, slightly curved and around 450mm wide is the near perfect setup for me.

For longevity with classing all over the place and to keep going for many years to come I won't want to be classing inside the actual race with stock for much longer. A close call with an athletic Poll on the West Coast recently was enough for me to start relaying this message to 'offending' work place dangers!

Aphid and Tracey Heinrich's Ella Matta yards are a treat to work in and sees me there for at least the next forty tears!



Anyone who chips in and buys 12 rams in any sale and averages just under \$1,100 deserves an early mention! Lynton Barrett-Lameroo S.A. did just that and had a huge range to choose from making that task quite effortless.

A ram that was to go to Classic'13 was used as a replacement in pen 111 for another ram that slept in on sale morning and missed it's chance.

This bloke subsequently topped the sale and was sold to Gary Murdoch's North Cowie stud on Yorke Peninsula S.A. for \$4,000. Not a bad ram either and hopefully he reproduces that skin and fibre quality that he possessed.

Bullapucky Station bought a few on the day headlined by their lot 4 purchase at \$2,100. Bred by SuperSire® GP004, this guy was nearly the pick of the catalogue except for a slight bit of smut on the moosh which possibly kept him out of Classic'13. YCFW +24 & MP+164 added to his attraction.

Stephen Paech-Murray Bridge S.A. is a big fan of the Ridgway polls and bought a L47 at a bargain \$1,000 in lot 3 with the boldest crimp in the catalogue. He also snatched lot 1 for \$2,000 by the same sire.

The MacAllan-Woodchester S.A. were in the act early and paid second highest price for lot 9 for \$3,500 and bred by R1090. They also bought a ripper lot 72 for \$1,000 with good fibre and bred by L47.

Peter Fitzgerald-Cummins S.A. who was runner up to the \$4,000 sale topper compensated early by securing a L47 bred lot 23 for \$1,700. A white fine crimper, his YEMD was the highest in the book at +1.2 which even nationally is very good.

The Mudfords-Wagga Wagga NSW bought throughout the sale and ended the day with a handful of quality.

Our mates Jeff and Andrea Buick-Penneshaw K.I. bought three at realistic pricing at \$1,000, \$1,500 & \$1,600.

Dean Pearson-Brinkley S.A. went for the ride with the agent just to enjoy the tucker yet came home with three rams! \$800, \$1,000 and \$1,600 for the best one at YCFW+28 allowed him a few beers as well.

Tim Freak-Coomandook S.A. bought half a dozen or so to compliment his now top end commercial flock where Ridgway genetics have really hit the mark for this mallee flock.

Brian Landseer-Milang S.A. couldn't resist either picking up two including a thumping GP004 son at lot 59 for \$2,500 with YWT +7.5.

I stole two at \$800 and the best at \$700 in lot 92 for Rob and Sonya Chalk-Willalooka S.A. for white wools to suit the climate.

The Holt family-Keyneton S.A. picked up a very good GP004 son with a YCFW +18 loaded with the gear for \$2,000 at 16.7u. & MP+164.

Quality hunters McPiggery-Lameroo S.A. picked up the bargain of the day for a 13 month old youngster which possibly caught people out due to it's slightly smaller appearance due to age only. This bloke at lot 45 and making only \$1,100 is typical of the realistically priced bargains throughout the sale.

I bought three for Netallie Station-Wilcannia NSW including a 13 month old bargain for \$800 at lot 74 with fibre exotica!

I also bought a screaming lot 65 and bred by Wallaloo Park 717 for \$2,100 with alot of people in mind in the stud world to take off of my hands.

Brian Landseer didn't let that happen. He was MP+164 & YCFW+22 as a bonus.

Walkerville, Neil Wormald, Brady, Mills, Gregor, Gellert, Phillips were all names that made the buying sheet which helped make for a great sale.

2014 SALE DATE
MONDAY AUGUST 11th



Glenlea Park 455 sold to Wallaloo Park for \$18,000



Gunallo 'Pride sold to Leovale and Derella Downs for \$22,000



Ridgway Advance 'Nelson' sold to Calcookara and Pepperwell studs for \$18,000.

ADELAIDE RAM SALE WAYVILLE S.A.

The cosmetics of this once archaic sale has improved so much that it is now enjoyable to attend! The inclusions of Gunallo, Ridgway Advance, Roemahkita, Ridgway, Glenlea Park, Southrose and lately Kamora Park have certainly tidied the place up considerably.

The general commentary suggests that the joint has really 'plained off' is true to a point and the old fronty, studdy, traditional ram is on the wane. Yes they now look rounder but a lot of breeding tactics to get there has left a large animal with thick, flat, dry skins that aren't supple, no 'jump-out-at-you' crimp, no softness and some that appear to have been crossed with an Exotic!

Ridgway Advance-Bordertown S.A. were first off the rank with four well fibred polls of good stature. Ramsgate-Tintinara S.A. quietly nabbed the first for a cool \$6,000 before anyone noticed with Gerald Woitd securing the second for \$4,000. Both rams were bred by Westwood Poll-Cascade W.A., the newest stud on the block in that state owned by Scott and Odile Welke.

The third ram was the pick of the bunch, bred by W/Pk904 and displayed a bold lustrous crimp at 18.2u 2.4sd 13.2cv% & 0.2pf. There was a reserve price that wasn't met so the ram stayed put after bidding to \$18,000 with me runner up to Pepperwell/Calcookara in syndicate. After frantic during-the-sale negotiation he was sold at the bid-to amount. Interesting!

The fourth and last of the RA offering made \$2,000 and went to the Oldfields in the south-east.

Roemahkita-Cummins S.A., had a reasonable day out albeit passing one in. The first for \$4,000 went to Lucembrae-Callington S.A. for a great testing RO9352 son. I bought the third for client Tom Freeth-Kimba at \$3,750 bred by W/PK717 with great crimp and whiteness at 17.8u and 2.6sd. Dean Pearson chipped in and bought the last for \$3,000 with typical Roemahkita figures of 19.4u 2.3sd 11.9cv% and 0.1pf.

Figures like these are typical of these studs who for years have carefully concentrated and understood how to breed quality fibre on the backs of meaty animals unlike so many who loosely name their stock as dual purpose!

Carefully look at a repeat of the above Roemahkita ram stats with another of the same age (16 months) within the same sale;

19.4u 2.3sd 11.9cv 99.9cf
22.0u 4.1sd 18.8cv 98.1cf

Say no more.....

Ridgway-Lameroo S.A. covered the costs of the whole ordeal well and truly. Their first two, bred by Ridgway422 (by L154) mustered handy prices at \$5,000 and \$7,000 respectively with the first off to McPiggery-Lameroo S.A. and the second to The Snuggery-Kingston S.A. \$2,000 took care of the last and that too went to McPiggery.

Gunallo-Pinnaroo S.A. purchased Kamora Park 37 from Classings Classic'11 for \$14,000. This guy bred one of the best rams going around in 2013 and the Adelaide sale was fortunate to get him to grace their stables!

At \$22,000 'Pride' or PPL008 was fought for in a battle that was intriguing to witness. Fred Leo of Leovale-Newdegate W.A. and Scott Pickering-Derella Downs W.A. fought hard to fend off Brenton Smith-Calcookara S.A. in tandem with Hansi Graetz-Pepperwell S.A. in claiming the prize poll. 17.9u 3.2sd 0.4pf ensured the fibre quality was up to scratch and he was possibly the best structured ram in the whole sale.

Gunallo's second offering claimed \$4,000 and sold to Brimanna-Cummins S.A. He was bred by the Wallaloo Park long bodied renowned sire WP717 and stood very square in the pen.

Glenlea Park-Pinnaroo S.A had an excellent day despite not selling one of the two they offered.

GP455 bred by WP955 (which Peter Wallis purchased from WP a few years back for a sale topping \$22,000) cracked \$18,000 and ironically sold to Wallaloo Park! 18.5u 2.8sd 15.1cv 0.4pf made sure fibre quality was supreme which added to this ram's presence and cutting potential.

Southrose-Tintinara S.A. also did well selling a WP955 'Bartel' bred goody to Roger and Ben Frances-Maitland through CPL at \$2,500 with Angus McLachlan's acquiring the second Bartel at \$5,000 to go to Rosebank at Mt. Pleasant S.A.

An R1137 bred youngster at 17.4 & 2.4sd was the third offered and made a realistic \$2,000.

Kamora Park-Karoonda S.A. had a dream start to their Adelaide debut selling their first to Maramville-Ceduna S.A. for \$4,500, their second for \$15,000 to Hamilton Run-Jamestown S.A. for an L47 bred whopper who also bred the next which sold to Barton Hill for \$7,000. This bloke continued the trend of exciting test results from our client's efforts on the day. 19.8u 2.6sd 13.1cv% and 100% cf! was typical of these well bred stock.

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Caitln West of the Farm Weekly wrote the best ram sale report for any ram sale I have ever seen! Full of readable content with a twist of what it was actually like to be present at one of these high profile sales, I would enjoy her reporting all of 'our' sales if ever possible! I have left her report in it's entirety for you to enjoy!

I'm proud of the success of this stud with Scott & Sue Pickering indulging in massive A.I. and E.T. programs combined with a top end ewe base to jump the traditional stud queue and be a leading light within the progressive stud ranks nationally. Our association dates back to being one of the oldest in this district with the initial beginnings back in the mid 80's when I started classing for Sue's parents, Derek and Stella Edwards. Our friendship and subsequent classing for Scott began within the same decade.

Rocking up to the Derella Downs and Pyramid Polls ram sale at Cascade, it could have been mistaken for a good old-fashioned shearing shed party going on. With musician Andrew Winton getting toes tapping and Mondo Meats' Prince of Flesh Vince Garreffa carving up three meaty hoggets to get stomach's rumbling, it was up to Landmark Brindley and Gale auctioneer Neil Brindley to get the hands waving when it came to auction time.

With an extensive selection of 200 Merino and Poll Merino rams to choose from, Scott and Sue Pickering worked hard to ensure there was a ram to suit every buyers' needs at their second on-property sale.

More than 30 buyers, including six new clients from Merredin, Northam, Wagin, Dumbleyung and local areas, made sure there was no shortage of competition on the 166 rams that sold for an average of \$1264 and a \$209,750 gross.

The party was with the Pyramid Polls after Roger Nankivell, Ridge-E-Didge, Condingup, fired the first shot to secure the first Poll Merino ram for the sale's top price of \$5250, which was a new record price for the Pickering family across both its studs. Competing against a number of other buyers, Mr Nankivell's one and only purchase at the sale was a definitive decision to secure excellent all-rounder genetics for his nucleus Merino flock.

DERELLA DOWNS - CASCADE W.A.

AUCTION 166/200 AVERAGE \$1,264 TOP \$5,250

"I was looking for a dual purpose sheep with productive wool," Mr Nankivell said. "He's an easy-care ram with the best body structure for both meat and wool."

By using the ram's genetics over his nucleus ewes, Mr Nankivell was hoping to introduce similar figures such as 18.6 micron, 2.9 SD, 15.6 CV and a 99.5 per cent comfort factor into his homebred rams. Its carcase traits were all above the average of the 2013 sale team, with 3.30 YWT, 0.57 YFAT, 1.35 in the eye muscle, but it was the 10.70 Yearling Clean Fleece Weight (YCFW) that sealed the deal for Mr Nankivell.

The Pyramid Polls dominated the pens, with 110 of the 143 offered selling to gross \$128,950 and average \$1172.

The top price for a Derella Downs Merino didn't eventuate until the 110th pen when regular top price buyer Rod Taylor, Epasco Farms, Condingup, once again put his hand up to secure the \$3500 ram. Even though the Merino rams were scattered throughout the line-up, they still sold to excellent competition with only one of the 57 sires being passed in and achieving a \$1443 average.

Mr Taylor said he had noticed the burly ram right away as he filled the pen from end to end, boasting figures of 20.6 micron, 3.0 SD, 14.6 CV and an impressive yearling weight of 5.38. "He's one of the biggest rams in the shed," Mr Taylor said. "His frame size marries in very nicely with a wool type that suits our micron range."

The Merino ram will join the other three purchased by Mr Taylor at the sale as part of the Epasco Farms' sire battery of 630 rams that will service around 15,000 Merino ewes.

With the increased number of rams available, buyers were able to enter the market at their preferred level and there was a large proportion of buyers that assembled sizable teams for their breeding programs.

One of those who wasn't shy about purchasing rams was Simon Schlink, Dorglen, Mount Howick, who purchased a whopping 19 rams to top at \$2000 and average \$1000. They were a mixture of Merino and Poll Merino sires and all were built with the dual-purpose of producing excellent wool and meat traits.

Owen Grahame, Mallee Farms, drove from Lake King and made sure he was well-equipped for the upcoming breeding season after purchasing 17 Poll Merino rams. Mr Grahame paid a top of \$2500 and averaged \$1059 to assemble his substantial team of sire power.

Tim and Mark Compagnoni, Newleigh, Munglinup, also held a strong presence throughout the sale, picking up 16 Merino and Poll Merino sires for an average of \$919 and topping at \$2000 twice.

Operating from the beginning through to purchasing the very last ram on offer for \$1000 to finish the sale on a high, the couple

were return buyers and regularly featured in the volume buyer list.

It's a similar story to Brad and Vanessa Whiting, BT Whiting & Co, Munglinup, who took home another swag of sires, the majority of which were Merinos, paying a top of \$2200 and averaging \$1633 for their 12 rams.

Two buyers with similar trading names racked up the same number of rams, one of which was Joe and Mary Cummings, together with Karl Witt trading as Young River Unit Trust, Cascade, who purchased 11 rams averaging \$1009 and peaking at \$1800.

Meanwhile Matt Hill, Young Hill Farms, Beaumont, also secured 11 sires for which he consistently paid over the \$1000 mark to average \$1500 and top at \$2000.



Fang Pty Ltd put together a team of eight excellent Merinos and one Poll Merino ram for a \$1167 average while Dajan Park paid good prices for four rams, peaking at \$3100.

Landmak Brindley and Gale auctioneer Neil Brindley, Esperance, said the sale was red hot and it was pleasing to see the rewards for the effort and investment the Pickering family have made.

"That shed was full of Merino and Poll Merino rams that were exactly what everyone is looking for," Mr Brindley said.

"They are a great example of today's Merino."

**2014 SALE DATE
SEPTEMBER 10th**



GUNALLO - PINNAROO S.A.

AUCTION 58/90 AVERAGE \$968 TOP \$2,400

I couldn't get to the 2013 Gunallo sale due to W.A. classing commitments so I have to resort to the basic sale report offered by the Stock Journal. Hold your breath...

Selected rams attracted solid enquiry mostly making \$1,300 to \$2,400 at the Schroeder family's Gunallo Merino Stud, Murrayville Vic. on Thursday (5th September).

The sale topper tagged 385 was a monster, bred as a result of Gunallo's A.I. and E.T. program and sired by W/Park 717.

Buyers were Graham and Wayne Schenke, Brinkley S.A. who plans to use him over selected ewes drawn from a commercial flock of 800 Merino breeders.

Landmark auctioneer Malcolm Scroop said a lack of depth in the buying field resulted in a somewhat disappointing result considering the recent strength in the wool market.

"Clearance rates were not to expectation, as the rams presented well," Mr Scroop said.

"The breeder told buyers prior to the auction that the stud's aim was to breed an easy care sheep with plenty of density and wool, and their rams fitted that aspect."

"Buyers had the opportunity to buy some excellent quality but the attendance didn't allow for the Schroeder's work to be rewarded"

Volume buyers included Marra Farms-Netherby S.A., CA & JM Smith Yanac Vic., BL,DW & VJ Hand-Parilla S.A. and Pine Springs Farms-Pinnaroo S.A.

...and that's it! It was a surprisingly quiet day for Ray and Brad yet so many clients in their area have chosen to crop more leaving the merinos as very much the second tier enterprise of the farm.

Not much in this report to give you any idea on who bought what or who sired that and it would appear that only five people turned up! It was a better sale than this report suggests with quality as good as anyone's and more than one top end animal penned!

Hopefully there will be a reverse trend in 2014 where locals and newbys will realise that the quality here is very

high yet at realistic pricing. Gunallo's success at the Classic and especially at the Adelaide sale in 2013 with 'Pride' cracking the \$20,000+ barrier is a testament to this.

I completed the second stage ram classing only yesterday (6th June) and this year's 'crop' are fantastic and worthy of inspection.

2014 SALE DATE
THURSDAY 4th SEPTEMBER



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LORELMO KEYNETON STATION POLL MERINO STUD

AUCTION 45/50 AVERAGE \$1,251 TOP \$3,000



The Keynes family really had a solid think on just how they would make their inaugural sale a memorable one in relation to sales and visual! On approach, the sale area had a feeling of carnival with a neatly constructed marquee squeezed in amongst some of the oldest shearing and stable structures in the state! There is now a fond memory of a great, successful sale with 45 of the 50 offered selling to existing LorelmoSA clients as well as new faces.

Lorelmo Keyneton is the only genuine fine wool stud in the mainland state with a regular auction in place annually.

The entire sale team averaged 17.3 & 2.7sd and tested just prior to the sale.

Alan Hall-Hallett S.A. a passionate Lorelmo fan, made himself popular on the day by securing three of the best including lot 1 for \$1,800, the sale topper at lot 3 for \$3,000 and lot 12 for \$2,100. The top bloke backed up his great carcass attributes with the great real figures of 17.9u 2.5sd 13.9cv% & 0.3cf.

The Wilson family at White Cliffs might receive the Keyne's Prize including two weeks at the Sheraton-Singapore all cognac supplied with their huge support of 12 purchases during the auction and even more from the selection pens.

BR & SL Wilson-Ballarat Vic. were strong also with their support in securing seven throughout the sale including a very highly ranked lot 10 with extraordinary fibre that on the day was dazzling. 15.6u 2.0sd 12.9cv% & 0.1pf ensured he won't lose it either!

Any more potential clients with the surname of Wilson are most welcome!

Gerard & Michelle Glynn-Cygnat River K.I. thought they would drop in for a look on their way to somewhere and couldn't resist. They were an integral part of the early success of the sale with competitive bidding ensuring no-one picked up too many early bargains.

Their lot 6 (Syn bred) pickup at \$2,300 was on eof the picks of the day and was considered at one stage to partner the ram that went to Classic'13. (Also bought by the Glynnns!) They bought four all up to go back to their Kangaroo Island property where the Lorelmo genetics easily compliment a great Nerstane based flock.

Jeff Aitken-Keith S.A. knows the goodies when he sees them and bought three easy care fine wools all bred by Chevy. (This sire explained later.)

Hartland Farms-Minlaton S.A. took home two including a ripper Chevy son at lot 13 for \$2,600 with magnificent gear and another of the top picks of the whole catalogue. I'll separate his stats from this text to let you know just what a truly great fine wool test looks like:

15.8u 2.0sd 12.7cv & 0.1pf

Their second choice and yet another Chevy son at lot 23 and also at \$2,600, exuded that same fibre quality but possibly just missed a bit for structure: 15.8u 2.5sd 15.7cv 0.0 helps!

Bill Cameron-Tinline Park S.A. can't resist well bred 'fibre' merinos and was automatically there to pick up two as was David Sandow-Blenheim-Leasingham S.A.

Bill Evans did the same with a couple up to \$1,400.

I latched onto three goodies for the Andre family at Kangaroo Inn S.A. at a super realistic \$900 average. Also on the buying list was John Buhlmann who I secured two for at \$1,000 & \$800.

SuperSire 'Chevy' was a ram born from one of the ewes that migrated to LorelmoSA-Keith S.A. as part of the whole transfer of the Lorelmo portion from the Willalooka/Lorelmo partnership once it was dispersed. After A.I. use at Lorelmo NSW he is now safely back to a brand new home at Lorelmo Keyneton Station S.A. to continue on with his l'ow waste/high top' breeding.

I use SuperSire with caution. The term suggests animals that have passed the test of time with continual top end progeny drops in both sexes with low tolerance for culls generally due to skin related issues. There is absolutely no correlation with ASBV data with the reference to this term yet it is no coincidence that so many of these elite animals are extremely well ranked within that system.

**2014 SALE DATE
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SUPERIOR WOOL MERINO TINTINARA S.A.

AUCTION 63/70 AVERAGE \$1,307 TOP \$2,800

A similar day to the Glenlea Park sale greeted us all at SWM in 2013 - cold, wet, near sleet like conditions seems to equate to a good sale as was the case here.

It's a game, brave move to put a horned ram into pen 1 these days and all credit is due to the game, brave studmaster in doing just that! (or was it me?!)

W/Pk 005 bred a screamer to fit the number one hole and was a popular choice. Trevor & Craig Gameau-Cummins S.A. was the winner at \$2,100 with stats 17.7u 3.0sd & 0.4pf. They also bought another at lot 10 at \$1,800.

Horned rams are now taking a bit of a belting in this state and slowly the word is spreading through to other states. Why? 'Cause horns hurt and are more prone to flies! This leaves the door wide open for the wise purchaser to chase these usually high quality bargains for half the price of an even average quality poll! If horns bug you, chop 'em off! Klik is the wonder drug for any fly woes.

I bought lot 2 for a surprised Scott Pickering-Derella Downs W.A. when I let him know that night! He came good when I suggested that he was the best poll I had ever seen in my life! He was SuperSire Bartel (WP955) bred.

The force of a duo purchasing a ram in partnership generally knocks off the competition which was the case with the top priced poll in pen 5.

Garry Hansen-Coomandook S.A. & Chad

Burbidge-Murray Bridge S.A. were the conquerers and the fella was bred by W.A.'s newest stud Westwood-Cascade owned by Scott Welke. Garry individually bought another six by sale's end including a very good L858 son down at lot 39.

Reichstein Pastoral-Coonalpyn S.A. bought a W/Pk 115 bred lot 3 for \$2,300 and went on to buy another five throughout the sale including a really good L858 son in lot 29 for \$2,300.

Despite the great support for these early high quality purchased rams I believe that the Chris, Libby, Ali & Andrew Johnson clan-Mt. Boothby S.A. deserve a SWM sponsored holiday to the Croatia coast for 14 days with Ouzo and tucker supplied. Their support in nabbing eleven rams but bid on twenty was a huge reason for a successful sale. The W/Pk Bartel bred lot 4 and a Willalooka bred lot 28 horny were feature purchases of theirs in my opinion.

O'Brien Enterprises-Kyancutta S.A. entrusted me with securing two polls for their developing poll stud. Lot 26 yet another top L858 son for \$1,600 and a WP14 goody for \$1,600 fit the bill.

Both rams were totally paddock reared as all rams were after pen 14. It was a very wet week leading up to the sale as the whole month was which made it extremely difficult for paddock ram presentation. Full credit goes to the SWM clientel who can see through any associated dilemma in this regard and bought purely based on outstanding on property result.

Scott Harlock-Bool Lagoon S.A. who purchased Roger and Sally Haynes property continued on with the classing and previous genetics and turned up to the SWM sale and secured three rams including a extreme fibred lot 22 bred by a Willalooka syndicate at 16.7u.

Brian Landseer-Milang S.A. couldn't refuse the excellent quality and chipped in with the purchase of lot 23 for \$2,000, bred by Sohnic 16.

Peter Blacket-Wynarka S.A. wasn't present but six or so rams were bought for him by someone! Ring me next time Pete!

The Weinke, Mitten and Stewart families supported well with Vanessa securing a Bartel son for \$2,100! her brother Kenny O'Malley purchased the 500th ram ever sold at SWM and was richly rewarded!

On first inspection in 2014 the SWM team is already looking ahead of the 2013 bunch. Richard is putting more energy into their preparation early to avoid the 'wet' fright of last year!

Just spoke to Richard who let me know of his A.I. result. 110% marked lambs from Bartel, 110% from L282 and 70% from the Classic'13 topper G/Pk 395. That's very encouraging considering the abysmal efforts around the nation last year..

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WED 17th SEPTEMBER**

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CALCOOKARA - COWELL S.A.

AUCTION 62/90 AVERAGE \$1127 TOP \$4600



We have had a great bartering system in place for the last two years at Hamilton SheepVention with the local carrier who, for a reasonable bribe, let's me adhere our Classic banner to the side of his stock crate. One over zealous Sheepvention official attempted to pull it down as I was putting the bloody thing up yet he sulkily retreated once he found out via mobile to the carrier that we were all legitimate!



Constructing new yards or altering the oldies!? Along that 450mm wide classing race purpose built for the aging classer, have a think about this idea for the in-race gates. Very quick to latch particularly when that 100Kg horny is bearing down on you at 100km per hour!
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Everything was in good hands at Brookdale-Arthur River W.A. at first stage classing of the young rams this year. Lily Clarke kept a close eye on Paul LLOYD and I as we classed so many young rams of which the quality was like I had never seen here in my time as classer.



Great admirer of real deal fibre, Glendon Hancock, talks turkey with Brenton and Neil Smith-Calcookara.

If there was ever a sale that pointed toward the death knock for the horned merino this one may have been it! Great horned rams were overlooked in favour of the ever popular poll which on the day matched their horned equivalents adding to the underlying fact that's hard to ignore...the polls are easier to manage!

Adding to the horn ram dilemma on the day was the fact that the quality of the Calcookara polls, was hugely boosted by the outstanding result from the 2010 purchased L858 for \$22,000.

The first seven rams were all L858 bred!

One of these topped the sale at \$4,600 selling to DL & PS Turner from Cleve S.A. and looked every bit of his value. I had him in mind for a few clients but was happy to lose the dual to the persistent Turner clan.

It was the same situation with lot 2, an extreme length of body ram from L858 which had always taken the eye of Hansi Graetz-Pepperwell Poll which he nabbed for \$3,800. Hansi added another for \$2,600 five pens later.

I believe that client Tom Freeth-Kimba S.A. bought the L858 son with the best fibre at lot 3 for \$2,800 with the figures of 18.3u 13.6cv 2.5sd & 0.2 pf. If it wasn't for a slight blemish on one ear he never would have left the stud!

A small horn section of eleven rams slid in after the top seven polls sold well with two of these reaching the horn top price of the day at \$2,200 bought by Peter Story and Peter Puckridge. Three sold for \$1,200, \$1,600 and \$800, two were passed in, four made \$600!

This lull certainly didn't reflect the quality of the horn rams as their quality was worthy of more inspection but...

Les Hamence-Pimbena Poll S.A. couldn't resist two outstanding youngsters once the polls came back into action securing two L858 sons for \$1,200 & \$1,800 respectively to bolster the commercial part of his booming stud.

The great Byerlee family-Orroroo S.A. who have been great fans of the stud for years due to Calcookara genetics fairing so well in their country were back and secured nine. Most of these were polls but they were quite happy to buy two of the best horned rams on the day and capitalized on the opportunity.

Despite the popularity of the poll sitting at a no-turning-back high, there are great opportunities to access the best impacting genetics by persisting with top end horned merinos. Those who capitalize on bargain purchases do so with ease and can't believe their luck. Me too!

JC & KA Eckert-Quorn S.A. were handy to have around as they purchased six for not much including a big square L858 at lot 25B for not enough!

FJ & YJ Puckridge bought four including a long bodied L858 for \$2,000 at lot 21A.

Peter Puckridge bought three to \$2,200 including a great WP150 bred horny at lot 7A.

The John Fuss clan bought three to \$1,600.

The Hannemann's bought four to \$600 including the two absolute bargains of the day at lots 30A & 30B and both L858's. Must have been a bit of stub that threw the crowd!

The Starrs from Cowell paid up to \$1,100 for three and Kym Allen secured another three to \$2000 with the Cathrow's from Kimba getting three to \$800.

The quality of this stud is in great nick particularly with the polls represented easily as good as anyones on the Peninsula. At this stage Calcookara would have to be the stud for quality polls at an easily-affordable outlay. That's no compliment by the way as Brenton and Jane deserve a larger clientel to enjoy the high quality the stud has to offer.

The stud is just simmering at the moment but I would expect a sharp rise in popularity over ensuing years as these great genetics are explored by prospective new clients

**2014 SALE DATE
FRIDAY SEPT 5th**

KARAWATHA - BUCKLEBOO S.A.

AUCTION 74/77 AVERAGE \$1,885 TOP \$4,200



There's always a carnival atmosphere at the Karawatha Park ram sale due in part to the great community that exists in this country in supporting all things good!

Good was generally an understatement on the day as the eighty or so poll and horn rams displayed were as good as anyone's in the state. Adding to this was the fact that all stock had come direct from the paddock yet fibre quality and frame was outstanding.

Massive supporters of the Karawatha genetics are Wayne and son Sam Young-Port Pirie S.A. who were instrumental in getting the sale into top gear right from the beginning. They purchased four of the first five to average close to \$2,500 including a screaming lot 3 at \$2,600 for a R1137 bred polly that interested me for an inquisitive leading stud in Victoria. At YCFW +18.0 he was appreciated by the crowd yet didn't necessarily set the revenue raising into top gear!

WP 'Casper' bred the highest priced poll for the day at \$4,200 in pen 8 selling to Paul Schaeffer-Kimba S.A. This guy had huge staple length which aligned itself with YCFW +18.0 and a very deep barrel. Paul's second purchase may have been just as alluring with one of the lustrous fibred polls of the day - A R422 bred ripper at 19.0u 2.9sd 15.5cv% in lot 10.

The highest priced horned ram sat in lot 19 and fetched \$2,400 selling to Nigel Girdham who also bought another three. Tim Larwood-Buckleboo S.A. nabbed three rams over the sale catalogue including a square WP 'Casper' son for \$2,800 with YCFW+14.0 & YWT+6.5.

Shannon Larwood-Buckleboo bought three to a top of \$3,400. He sat at lot 38 and a great poll bred by 'Hannah' which was a favourite of Hannah Woolford's before being sold two years previously.

Good guys Len & Joy Newton-Mt Ive Station S.A. bought eight up to \$1,300 including a classy lot 26 bred by Ridgway422 (bought at Classic'11 at \$6,000) for \$1,400 with YCFW+19.0.

Woolford Brothers-Buckleboo S.A. lent great support in securing seven all the way to \$2,600 which was the pick for a R1137 bred beauty.

Brook Seal-Kimba S.A. bought a big, square, Syndicate bred lot 14 for \$2,500 amongst the three he bought.

Inglis brothers-Kimba S.A. were appreciated support with their four to \$3,800 in the middle section of the sale.

It's great to see youth at any sale and maybe Karawatha holds the envied position of hosting the youngest average age grouped clientel in the state!

Mark Baldock, son of mates Goog & Jenny-Kimba S.A. has a wise head and selected two of the best on the day.

WP749 (purchased at Classic'10 for \$6,500) bred a well figured poll at lot 22 and Mark paid a high of \$3,400 for him. YCFW+19 & YWT+6.3 with DP+148 and a 2.9sd encourages great progeny results. Tom Freeth maybe a partner in the use of this ram I think. If it wasn't for a bit of stub.... His second was another goody for a bold crimping nourished horny that would be interesting to inspect this year.

Always good to catch up with 'Kanga' Koch-Booloroo S.A. who snavelled 5 to \$2,000 including a \$1,200 lot 27 which Smarty at Wilkatana should have bought!

The Grockes at Koonagawa-S.A. bought three to \$1,000. An always welcomed, new customers, rocked up with Phil Wedding-Arno Bay and local Peter Rayson purchasing seven between them.

Peter & Sue Beinke bought a smart lot 11 bred by L663 and two pens later the Allans bought a syndicate bred snoozer for \$2,400. Both families bought more throughout the day.

Andrew Smart-Wilkatana-Port Augusta quietly looked after the boss's budget yet managed to pick two of the best of the day. Lot 51 & 54 were some of the best of the day with the first at CFW+21

and the second with a super elite fibre that was hard to resist.

Bargain of the day? Lot 53 for a twin with supreme fibre at 16.2u yet +14 for YCFW bred by WP749. Look forward to a re look at classing this year. He only cost \$2,500.

Great sale Woolfords with great young support and a sale that just won't look back!

**2014 SALE DATE
FRIDAY 29th AUGUST**



KARAWATHA PARK
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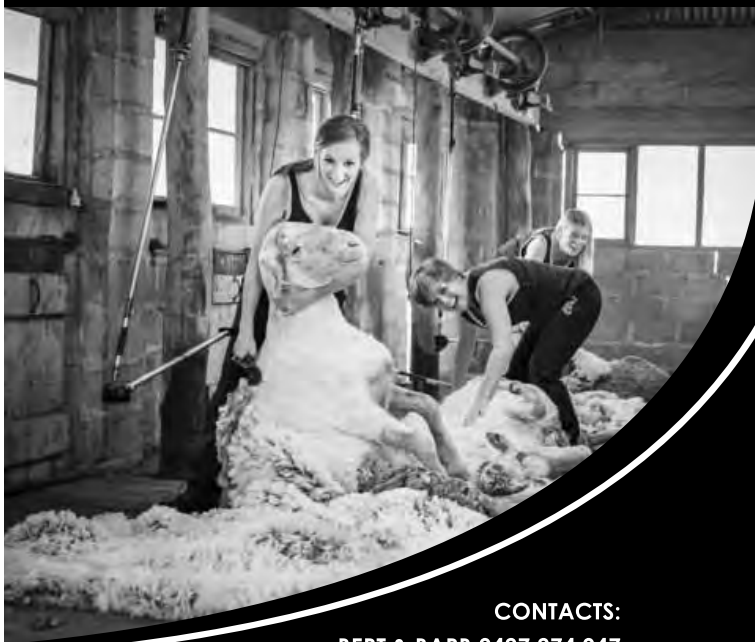
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KAMORA PARK - SANDALWOOD S.A.

AUCTION 130/149 AVERAGE \$1080 TOP \$3,100



When two clients purchase 21 ram each you gather these two historically repeat purchasers are on a good wicket with Kamora Park genetics.

Wegner brothers from Loxton S.A. averaged over \$1,300 for their 21 including a ripper lot 18 for \$2,000 and bred by KP37. This sire was sold by the Boughens for \$14,000 at Classic'11 with semen used to create quite a few in the sale.

Andrew and Ben Wall-Langidoon Station S.A. equalled the number the Wegner's purchased in auction yet bought another 23 from the mini auction! Every stud needs a client like that!

Another KP37 son topped the sale and sold to Steen Paech-Paech Brothers-Callington S.A. for \$3,100. 19.7u 2.8sd 14.2cv% 0.1pf may have helped his decision making! This bloke was very good and brought on alot of competitive bidding including myself before knocked down.

Ian Symonds-Why Gee Pastoral secured six including lot 15 bred by WP 'Casper' at \$1,400. His \$1,900 selection at lot 17 with a porky backend was a good match for the first.

I liked what David and Marie Hoare-Murray Bridge S.A. bought out of the auction including lot 10 at \$2,100 and lot 39 for \$1,700 both bred by Ridgway 92. Both robust with great fibre, their purchases were exactly the type of animals I would select for the multitudes of our commercial clients or studs.

Scott Dinham-Tailem Bend bought four to \$2,600 which was a big square KP37. I liked his lot 46 purchase more so at \$2,400 with a great fibre to match the great body.

The Stasinowski family-Loxton S.A. bought five throughout the sale as did the WC & BA Williams.

Depending on the type of poll ram you are after at Kamora Park it certainly pays to study the whole form and not just the first half in picking up top rams. I really did question the way the rams were lined up where the first half was made up of thicker skins and big polls granted yet the more progressive animals were found much later in the sale.

Other than the two Hoare purchases at lots 10 and 39, great free, soft skinned and silky fibred animals that were Classic sale types were to be found much later! Lots 81(\$1,100), 99(\$1,000), 101(\$1,200), 104(\$1,700) and 107(\$800) possibly

could have doubled their worth if they were catalogued within the first two rows of the sale,

In a sale where only 20 rams were passed in lots 25, 27, 31, 42 and 45 to be ignored by the buying public occurred way too early and the momentum certainly swung the wrong way for the remainder of the sale. And let me tell you they were all passed for a good reason! 3.6 average SD for the five a gentle hint at their general appearance.

I was fortunate to 'steal' four of those five pre- mentioned bargains with lot 81 hand balled on to Borung Poll-Waikerie S.A. for a cool \$1,100 to be used as a stud sire! 17.8u 2.3sd 12.9cv% 0.0pf a help!

The other three all went to Aston Station-Pooncarie NSW at a \$1,000 average with two of them A.I. bred by L47, a sire that has thrown great progeny for the stud over the years.

As this volume sale reflects as well as Kamora Park's huge surge in popularity at the Classic sales, genetically this stud is in great nick. It consistently does well annually in dual purpose class events particularly in Adelaide. Perhaps keeping two aside for the Mid North version in March should be a possibility.

**2014 SALE DATE
FRIDAY AUGUST 1st**

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BROOKDALE - ARTHUR RIVER W.A.

AUCTION 109/119

AVERAGE \$974

TOP \$2,500

There's a statistic amongst the Brookdale sale in 2013 that most of my guys in S.A. would love to be part of. Six buyers in the auction bought more than ten rams each! That's a huge asset and an accolade for persisting with quality genetics.

Michael and Steven Hulse-Darkan W.A. paid \$1,500 twice and latched on to one of the best in the sale for \$850 at lot 85. He was bred by one of Brookdale's most successful sires Brookdale 286. YWT +10.0 & YCFW +14.9 added to his attraction.

In securing their 17 purchases the boys virtually flew straight to Port Lincoln S.A. and dived with the sharks! What does this mean?

A horned ram at lot 3 topped the sale at \$2,500 with a YCFW +18.5 & YWT +7.4 and a thumper at that aided by a horse like head and huge depth of barrel. Bought by John Rutherford-Duranillin W.A., he went on to buy another 12 rams, ten horned and only two polls. He secured another horn at lot 2 for \$2,000 but his pickup at lot 57 for \$1,900 was the pick of the bunch for me bred by Boorana 138.

Kieran Power of KD Power Pastoral-Trigwell Bridge W.A., who made their presence felt on debut last in 2012 by purchasing 30 were back in good form grabbing 14 polls for the day including a ripper lot 70 for \$1,200. Showing their force as a top end client they also were runners up with the sale ewes prior to the ram sale start. And all this without turning up physically! All studs need more clients like that!

Michael and Steven Goss-Darkan W.A. who helped me out with a rush of blood purchase that I couldn't actually take in 2012, bought ten rams including six polls and four merinos up to a realistic top of \$1,400. I thought their lot 9 pickup at \$1,300 with a super long body was an absolute treat purchase.

Michael Johnston-Darkan W.A. followed his good 2012 form of 12 purchases by boosting that number to 13 for the 2013 sale. He paid up to \$1,000 but averaged close to \$600.

Kim Bunce-Darkan W.A. jagged 12 including eight polls and four hornies including one at lot 15 for \$1,300 who was one of the best in the top 20.

Bob Treasure & Sons-Wandering W.A. confidently sourced nine and might have averaged around \$800 to get them.

Five polls went to the Pauley family-Wickepin W.A. as well as securing 500 purple tags for \$80 pre sale.

Bill White and son Xavier-Wagin W.A. bought one of the best youngsters of the day way down in pen 105. Bred by SuperSire GP004 he only set them back \$1,200 and I look forward to hearing of his progeny results down the track. They also picked up lot 73 that may have been the steal of the day at a paltry \$600 for a high quality animal with YCFW +16.5 & YWT +6.5.

The Whites are exploring 8 month shearing and going to plan by all accounts.

Well done to the Clarkes for a consolidating sale with the returning client a feature right up there next to the great quality they had to choose from.

I inspected the young ram weaners in February and what is in store for this year is hugely exciting for the progression of this stud which will take it to another level!

**2014 SALE DATE
FRIDAY OCTOBER 10th**



John Rutherford, Classer, Wayne Peake, Andrew and John Clarke and Operations Manager, Paul LLOYD sizing up the lot 3 sale topper at \$2,500.



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RAMSGATE - TINTINARA S.A.

AUCTION 48/60 AVERAGE \$954 TOP \$



Ramsgate, based on the quality of this stud, deserve a larger clientel as to capitalise and reward the huge effort the Keller families put into this progressive enterprise. Sure, close to \$1,000 average is respectable for around 50 great rams but they deserve even more!

In the same breath though those who attended the sale didn't have to go overboard for price to access and purchase some of the best polls and horns going 'round.

Stuart and Gavin Brophy-Tintinara know the goods when they spot it and calmly topped the sale with that SuperSire GP004's top son in pen 3 for \$2,800. Try these figures as a hint of his fibre makeup to add to his extremely long body at 108Kg...16.9u 2.2sd 13.0cv% 0.1pf! Not exactly Adelaide ram sale stats!

Wallaloo Park genetics have featured well over the years at Ramsgate and this sale reflected that with over 20 WP bred rams involved with the 60 offered.

WP115 is a seasoned sire here and he possibly bred the equal best ram in the sale. Down at lot 28, I had a small dual with Darren Sanders before he won out at \$1,500. If not for a slight stub the ram may have been destined for Classic'13 due to his exotic fibre which represents all that I exist as a classer!

18.3u 2.4sd 13.1cv% & 0.1pf ticked the box and I'm happy that I will be able to keep tabs on this guy at future classings for Darren and Fiona.

If anyone deserved a Ramsgate sponsored getaway to Candidasa-Bali for 8 days it was Keilira Station-Kingston S.A. along with their advisor Steph Brooker-Jones of Elders who picked up a bag of 11 rams on the day. Amongst the selections was a GP004 bred tram in lot 5 for \$1,400 and a WP 'Casper' son with the elite stuff covering a solid body in lot 7 for \$1,300. The rest fell into the \$600-\$900 range making these two 'expensive' blokes look absolute bargains!

Anthony Foster-Bull Lagoon S.A. got the sale underway with his first of five purchases beginning at lot 1 for a GP004 son for \$1,500. WP717 produces long meaty bodies and lot 6 at \$1,500 was exactly that. A WP

'Casper' followed in lot 8 at \$1,700 with great all round attributes.

Jim Norman-Karoonda S.A. was great bidding competitors in securing four beauties including a L33 bred ripper in lot 2 with a great square arse and 116Kg for \$1,700. 18.9u 2.4sd 12.9cv% & 0.1 added to the huge appeal. GP004 popped out a 107Kg walrus type poll all the way down at lot 53 for \$800.

Greg Kennett-Tintinara S.A. bought four including a super long bodied GP004 at lot 22 for a measly \$600 at 103Kg.

I bought four for Netallie Station-Wilcannia NSW at \$1000 and three more at \$600 including an ill positioned tag 999 in the 'Buyer's choice' pens as the last ram sold!

To have the luxury of buying station order rams from the main auction system and hardly ever from the generally lowly selection pens is a huge quality bonus for our customers. I have witnessed the arrival of the typical 'station order' consignments fresh off the truck in our pastoral areas and it is now no surprise too many of these growers ran for cover and bought into 'exotic breeds.'

Ron Mickan-Field S.A. latched onto a very good WP717 son in lot 11 for \$1,500 at 108Kg. If not for a bit of facial blemish he may have gone to another famous sale!

Matthew Bolt bought three including a bargain \$600 son of GP004 early in the sale at lot 9 is still probably wondering what the hell was wrong with him! I can tell you ..nothing! Just one of those odd moments within a sale where not enough people had done their homework!

Tom Frayne-Strathalbyn S.A., Trent Stewart-Jabuck S.A., locals Bernie Vowels and Brian and Phil Seidel as well as James Keller and Klaus Gierke from Nildottie S.A. all bought their ones and twos to complete a successful sale...

**2014 SALE DATE
TUESDAY 12th AUGUST**

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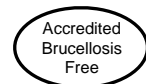
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ELLA MATTA

PARNDANA K.I. S.A.

AUCTION 36/36 AVERAGE \$1,057 TOP \$1,900

With a genuine knowledge of all things relating to ASBV's and Merino Select and doing their best to utilise top ranked animals realistically, Ella Matta is at the forefront in breeding poll merinos that will in turn improve any trait requirement a commercial grower requires.

The fibre and growth rates of the Heinrich merinos is a feature and to sell all that were offered on the day was another feather in the cap of this rising merino stud. There are some of the nation's best White Suffolks on the property as well but naturally I have no room to mention other breeds in this newsletter!

Malcolm Bell-Wisanger S.A. blew the dosh on the top price of the day at \$1,900. At YCFW +20.6, YSL +15.1 & MP+ 157 with great fibre and carcass he was a sure bet to do well on the day.

He was bred via A.I from RA 144. This sire was bought by Phil Toland-Toland Poll from Classic '11 from around \$3,000 by memory and Aphid got hold of semen for not much! Half of the first ten polls were from 144 making him a very worthwhile investment. Another at lot 6 and also bought by the Bells had a YCFW +21.6 with a MP+ 168.

It would be a toss up with just who deserved the seven day expenses paid holiday to East Bali but Geoff Nutt-Parndana would have to be a hot contender due to his nine ram roundup

on the day. Paying in the realistic range of \$800 to \$1,500 he picked up great wools and frames with a pick on figures, lot 7, at MP+ 170 and a YSS +4.6. and yet another RA144 son.

A L33 son Geoff purchased at lot 9 for \$1,500 had exceptional ASBV's of MP+179 & YCFW +24.2 and was bred via a very successful Embryo Transfer program.

Simon Kelly-Parndana S.A might bump into Geoff Nutt in Bali as his contribution to the successful day was measurable with the purchasing of seven rams including lot 1 for a cool \$1,000.

Local family, Mervin and Marilyn Tremaine bought four polls which were all bred from Ella Matta sire 090074 who has bred consistently well and was bred by a Miramoonah NSW sire.

Peter Cooper lent a hand and also bought four to average around a budgetable \$800.

Rick and Anne Morris bought a couple and Peter and Suzy Morris made sure they got a sensational lamb pie by securing just the one at lot 12 for \$1,350.

Simon Veitch also bought a '74' son in lot 5 for \$1,500 with a MP+ 183 & YSL +17.1 and chipped and bought another two later in the sale.

Marcus and Kate Spicer bought three

Ella Matta bred youngsters including a well figured lot 14 at YFD -2.0 & YSS +6.2.

Even though Ella Matta's sale date is a toughy to get to due to W.A. commitments I will put my hand up right now to suggest that I am going to buy his top on property ram in 2014! The Ella Matta genetics are quite different to most of our studs and a new infusion from these well bred merinos could only add to the pool. I look forward to my phone bidding from Clarke's Brookdale sale on the same date.

**2014 SALE DATE
FRIDAY OCTOBER 10th**

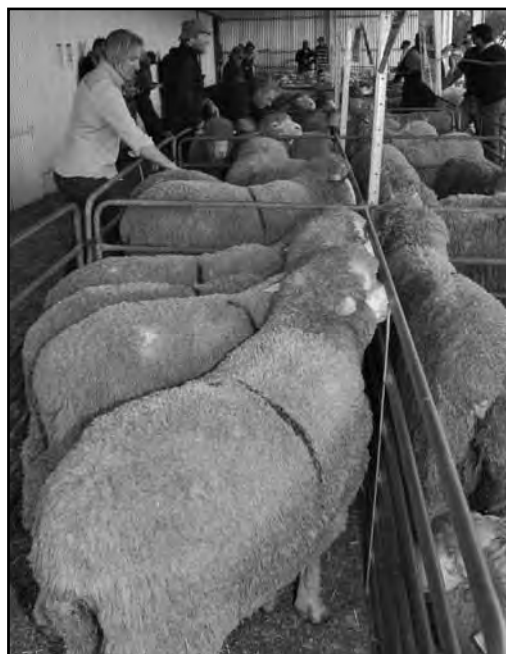


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FLAIRDALE - COOKE PLAINS S.A.

AUCTION 59/70 AVERAGE \$1,569 TOP \$3,800



Remember this tag number of Gunallos! Spotted in February and revisited at second stage classing, Gunallo 55 is a thug with huge cutting potential yet great for staple length. Bred by Kamora Park 37 that was bought at Classic'11 for \$14,000 that continually pumps out winners!



There's alot to consider when accessing genetics either in live form with ram selection or proven semen for future A.I. programs.

Do you consider ASBV's when selecting rams when a given stud's accuracies, despite appearing progressive in incorporating breeding values, are low compared to a more established enterprise who has runs on the board but you have had no dealings with?

Is a stud not displaying ASBV's whatsoever yet produces rams that have maintained or impacted your flock recently, off the list due to their guarded and non willingness to participate?

Is a ram that has been proven to have huge percentages of tops and high weaning rates with very low cull rate yet has a below average muscle and fat ASBV no longer worth considering? (No!)

As time wears on I believe that, providing you like the look of the rams displayed, that the one with the better trait ASBV's with high accuracies that you are considering will win out.

Most of the Super Sires that we promote for A.I. and E.T. programs have 'enjoyably' ranked very well on the SGA charts!

Electronic tags, readers, Sapien Technology, plasma screens in the yards for data reference, EMD, fat and preg scanning, drones, virtual fencing, auto draft, DNA testing/documentation, JIVET and more are all now considerations to help us endure what ever is store for the next decade.

Lambex was the perfect 'warehouse' and eye piece for what is new and groovy in the industry.



The ever evolving Flairdale stud's quality from a traditional base to now a progressive forger amongst the industry is great viewing.

There has always been a loyal clientel at Flairdale and it is now encouraging to see new faces appearing to support and reward Wayne and Matt's enthusiasm.

The three rams penned for the Classic'13 sale looked tremendous and this look flowed on into the beginnings of the catalogue.

Graham Buchanan-Lameroo S.A. got the ball rolling with a \$3,000 purchase for a thumping lot 1 and went on to buy another three.

Trevor and Fred Laskey-Orroroo S.A. are always a welcome sight as they purchased seven rams to average well over \$2,000 to a top of \$3,400 for a Gunallo-'Ray' bred tram! 19.1u 12.6cv 2.4sd and 0.0pf gives you an idea just how far down the track this stud has ventured.

Pitlochery Station-Kingston S.A. lent great support in picking up nine rams to a top of \$1,100 and bid on many more. Lot 60 was the pick of their selection at a measly \$500!

Dale Paxton-Parndana K.I. knows his stuff and was instrumental in challenging bidding duels with other quality appreciators. He nearly averaged

\$2,500 for the five he secured including a big square lot 33 at 17.1u & 2.9sd for \$3,200 and bred by W/Pk 908.

I think that Wayne & Lindy should consider taking a few of these great supporters out on the boat for an all expenses paid Wellington Hotel feast...and make sure this fella is sitting at the front! Jeff Burgess-Gulnare S.A. took the gong for the top price for a massive, square lot 32 at \$3,800 and bred by W/Pk 779. At 102Kg from the paddock he looked like a walrus. Graham also bought an almost identical ram at lot 30 for \$3,000 plus another two later in the sale. The top bloke was bred by Wallaloo Park 779 of which Wayne purchased from the stud.

Ex Almaree studmaster Brian Prosser secured two for \$1,000 with the Clark family from Nhill Vic. grabbing two at \$2,400 & \$800.

Fellow Murray Bridgians, Darren Kubenk, Darryl Frahn and Grant Wageknecht bought five between them with the last ram of the day at lot 70 making \$2,400 going to Darryl.

The ram for Grant was one of those handy pickups of mine that he was actually unaware of until I phoned him after the sale! The absolute bargain of the day, lot 51 went way too unnoticed and was an easy grab for \$500! Grant likes him too!

Blue Hills-Serviceton Vic., were a surprise visit surprisingly securing a surprised ram at \$3,200!

The Loechel, Crouch, Mason, Cobiak families and Steph Brooker-Jones with Kevradale-Tailem Bend picked up great value polls with their single or double purchases.

Keep an eye out for more Wallaloo Park infused genetics at Flairdale where the stud has has a real influence in softening up the skins here yet the great bodies of which the Flairdale sheep are renowned still exist.

**2014 SALE DATE
THURSDAY 14th AUGUST**



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LONE GUM - CRYSTAL BROOK S.A.

AUCTION 38/46 AVERAGE \$1,279 TOP \$3,000

I forced Stuart Everett into displaying a select team of Lone Gum superstars at Classic'13 which proved to be a winning lead up to the following week's on property sale.

Mark Richardson-Culburra S.A. and Angus McLachlan-Rosebank-Mt. Pleasant S.A. saw a ram each in the display pen at CC'13 which conversely brought about their purchase at the on property.

The Everetts bought a Wallaloo Park sire, WP122 a few years back which bred the whopping son that topped the sale, a horny, for \$3,750 and going to Mark and Angus Richardson.

Angus gave me a maximum figure to attempt the purchase of the great poll that took his eye at Murray Bridge and secured him under budget at \$2,800. (Sorry Stuart!) The ram was bred by a Ridgway Advance ram that Lone Gum purchased at Classic'11 aptly name 'RA Holy' due to his extreme fibre attributes!

Two West Coasties, Butch & Jody Dunn-Penong S.A. and Craig Rule-Wirrulla S.A have always been huge Lone Gum fans and bought well throughout the sale. Butch bought six rippers including a WP122 bred thumper at lot 16 for \$1,900. 18.1u 3.0sd 16.3cv & 0.3pf typify the excellent, well bred figures this stud exudes.

Craig Rule also bought six including a lot 2 snorter for \$2,100 bred by a Lucernbrae sire purchased at the Classic a few years before.

I bought three for Graham & Lyn Wheaton K.I. up to \$1,900 which was for lot 23, a 'Holy' son who was possibly penned way too late in the sale. Despite the \$1,900 which was individually over budget I still managed to average \$1,100 due to a couple of absolute bargains at \$600 & \$800! Top pastoral client Andrew Smart, manager of

the Tony Sawers owned Wilkatana Station-Port Augusta S.A. always appreciates the quality here and bought five including a \$500 special at lot 43!

Michael Kelly -Narridy S.A. bought a 'holy' fibred bold crimper bred from 'Holy' himself for \$1,600 amongst three in the trailer.

Michael Battersby-Wilmington S.A. bought four to \$1,400 including two Glendemar bred sons.

Relatively new clients to us, the Pym family-Rockleigh S.A. bought carefully and secured one of the pick rams of the day at lot 17 for \$1,100 and 'holy' bred. A heavy cutting lot 28 bred by the same sire was the Pym's steal purchase at \$600!

Another quality sale from the Everetts, I don't think it would take me too much shove to get them to Classic'14 for a similar display only effort....or could we get them to return with a couple for the sale proper?!

2014 SALE DATE MONDAY SEPTEMBER 15th



This isn't from the top two rams either! Bred by R/Adv 'Holy' this guy was lot 8 at \$1600 bought by Michael Kelly just around the corner from Lone Gum. Not shed prepared either!

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LUCERNBRAE - CALLINGTON S.A.

AUCTION 45/50 AVERAGE \$782 TOP \$1,200

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That top price of \$1,200 was met on four occasions with Damien & Jacqui Havelberg boating it all the way from Kangaroo Island to compliment last years purchases. The ram was bred by SuperSire® WP Bartel 955 who threw consistent progeny throughout the sale. 18.8u & 2.8sd and a 93Kg paddock weight added to the bargain.

Critter & Bec Freeman-Penong S.A. gave me a realistic budget to buy the very best and that's the way it panned out! Lot 7 & 9 both achieved the apparent threshold for the day at \$1,200 and were both rippers. A Bartel son followed at lot 11 for \$900 and not far away was lot 14 for \$900 at 18u 2.9sd and a give at this price. Another WP Bartel son made \$1,000 at lot 37 and their order was complete.

Five of the best flockies going around at a total of \$5,200...come and witness how!

Netallie Station-Wilcannia NSW have always been appreciative of the Lucernbrae stock and give me a yearly

order with confidence recognising their 'within budget' virtues. Seven rams later including a cracking lot 1 bred by 'Bartel' for \$1,000 and a snorting lot 16 by L445 for \$900 they were satisfied.

Aston Station-Pooncarie NSW similar to Netallie have always enjoyed the quality/price ratio at the stud. A realistic budget made certain that their load was chock full of the expected quality and away I went! A GP008 son in lot 2 at \$1,000 followed by another at lot 12 for \$900 and another at lot 15 for \$1200 at 105Kg and 0.0pf set the quality collection in motion. Three more, all from GP008 and loaded with true dual purpose qualities followed and another great pick was complete.

GP008 was bought from the Adelaide sale in 2010 for \$14,000 the same year that GP004 cracked \$10,000 at Classic'10. Lucernbrae are shareholders via semen use.

I bought Trevor and Craig Gameau-Cummins S.A. an outstanding lot 5 for \$800 and bred by L445 who also fathered the outstanding SuperSire L858 owned by Calcookara.

The Helyar family-Murray Bridge S.A. were good support with the purchase of two at \$800 & \$900.

The Havelbergs K.I. also bought

another two as well as their top priced poll.

Murray and Eric Frahn-Currency Creek S.A. bought two, IP Paech six to \$700 and Kym Frahn-Mannum S.A. five to \$1,000 added to the great support for the day.

Keith and Judy Paech exist purely on their passion for the industry and their excellent stock. Countless large A.I. programs and accruing top purchased animals from studs that count form an enterprise chockers full of quality.

Please make an appearance and witness why most of Lucernbrae's clientel would prefer that I shut my trap!

**2014 SALE DATE
THURSDAY AUGUST 7th**

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SOUTHROSE - TINTINARA SA

AUCTION 68/72 AVERAGE \$1,086 TOP \$3,000



Both photos are great exponents of that great fibre we boast. Loaded with crimp and nourishment bouncing from a skin that is supple thus allowing free growth, the sight of this gear halts the classing flow regularly as all staff, owner and classer take a closer look.

I'm proud of the many flocks that I class which have loads of the stuff on growthy frames and full of fleece weight. Some new flocks that I begin classing for have none!



The on property ram sale is the climax to an arduous year's work with the aftermath a very much social affair! Barb Woolford-Karawatha S.A. ensures that all staff and sundries as well as clients are very much part of that exercise and yes...that's a knife!



ELLA MATTA 189 is yet another outstanding poll from this ever rising Poll stud at Parndana on Kangaroo Island. High rainfall thus white, soft skins with huge staple length on good frames, Andrew and Tracey Heinrich's Ella Matta is a force utilising only the best high ranked genetics via Sheep Genetics in the nation. '189' will adorn the Classic pens in 2014. E.T. bred by L154



The photo on the front of the Southrose's sale catalogue shows the parting of great fibre on the sheep's back which typified what was on display in most sale pens at the on property auction. Jono and Zel Ashby are working hard and making substantial genetical progress and subsequently displaying top end poll rams which have a look that is impressing possible past critics as well as existing clients and potentials.

Studs like Southrose and Ella Matta have taken on ASBV's and associated technology in a big way as to lift the stud profile above those who may be resting on their laurels in selling rams to a now aging clientel. Many of those studs are now slowly falling off the map which can only be a big positive to the industry in making way for these new era seed stock producers.

Karwin Nominees-Field S.A. bought the top priced hero in lot 1 for \$3,000 bred by the ever-becoming-famous WP Bartel (WP100955) who was bought by the Superior Wool Syndicate a few years back for \$26,000 at Wallaloo Park on property. I actually preferred lot 2 from the same sire who expressed exotic fibre attributes on a 111Kg carcass and sold for a very realistic \$1,800 with a YCFW +13.5 & YWT +5.1 at MP+ 153 also bought by Karwin Nominees owned by Michael Crouch and sister Jo Williams.

They went on to buy 13 rams for the day and should enjoy a nine day Southrose sponsored holiday to Mauritius with Ouzo supplied and no return ticket...until this year's sale!

Pamatta Pastoral-Mt. Bryan S.A. held up the fort with the purchase of ten rams and bid on alot more to get them at an average of around \$800.

The Johnson Family's Mount Boothby Pastoral-Culburra S.A. bought five including the pick poll of the day at lot 6 for \$1,700. Bred by the famous SuperSire GP004 who not only bred this fine specimen but also Classic'13's screamer \$51,000 top as well as the Adelaide Ram Sale 2013 top of \$34,000 for Collinsville. (Although suspiciously renamed Premier for the unwary!) I will be keen to track this guy's (120648) progress within the Mt. Boothby flock if I can drop in with a beer one day.

Monpure P/L-Ki Ki S.A. were helpful early in purchasing lots 8 & 9 for \$1,000 and \$900 and two others later in the sale.

Colin Bell-Parndana K.I. appeared to recognise high end quality in securing lot 4 for \$2,800 and nearly topping the sale. Again bred by WP 'Bartel' he was great for YCFW at +20.1 & YWT +4.6.

Altus Pastoral-Lameroo S.A. created huge competition with their five buys including a ripper GP004 son in lot 12 for \$2,100.

Trevallyn Station-Wilcannia NSW procured six rams from the auction and possibly more later including a WP904 bred son at lot 48 for \$700!

Elders Kingston were busy buying half a dozen or so for a southeast client. Mount Beevor-Nairne S.A. grabbed three white wools for their higher rainfall property.

Kym and Michelle Thiele-Pompoota S.A. bought three to \$1,200.

This was the best team that Southrose had ever put up in my opinion with so many pens full of the genetics that suit right now and will for along time yet. Less skin waste = more lambs = \$!

**2014 SALE DATE
AUGUST 8th**

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NANTOURA WHARMINDA S.A.

AUCTION 57/70 AVERAGE \$1,121 TOP \$3,000



In completing Nantoura's ewe hogget classing and a quick skim over the top rams only last week (June 12) it's now evident that the stud has a type that suits a wide variety of customers particularly in the easy care yet productive stakes!

So many long bodies now coated with the right stuff when it comes to fibre is a huge draw card for potential new custom and satisfy existing clients.

Unfortunately I can never make the Nantoura sale due to heavy duty classing in W.A. at the same time so I will take snippets from the Stock Journal report...

The traditional northerly wind greeted prospective buyers at the Nantoura Poll Merino Stud at Wharminda when 57/70 rams offered sold to a top of \$3,000 and \$1121 average.

The top price in lot 2 attracted some spirited bidding before being knocked down to Corey Berryman-Lipson Cove S.A. for \$3,000. YWT+5.8 YEMD+0.1 YCFW+14.1 & MP+ 159.

Actual figures 17.0u 2.6sd 15.3cv & 0.0pf.

Mr. Berryman, who hopes to shear every 6 months said the ram had great length of wool while maintaining a huge frame. He went on to add another two rams at \$2,000 and \$1,200 to his total.

The under bidder on this ram the Ramsey family went on to pick up lot 5, the second highest priced ram at \$2,300 plus another at \$1,600.

The bargain of the day was lot 1 at 17.1u 2.4sd 14.2cv & 0.0pf. It was bought for \$1,000 by Paul Jones-Melrose S.A. who bought a total of five to \$1,200.

Other buyers included BJ, MA & S Pfitzner-Butler Tanks S.A. three to \$2,100; EB & BR Millard-Wharminda S.A. six to \$1,100; IJ & SG Paxton-Arno Bay S.A. five to \$1,300; JL & LM Sampson-Kimba S.A. four to \$1,800; LL & JD Fauser-Port Neill three to \$2,000; EC & CJ Hunt-Port Neill three to \$2,000 and Tim Ottens two to \$1,800.

Nantoura stud master, Chris Prime, was very pleased with the sale.

"Even with the increase in our average, the rams still represented good value, with over half the rams selling for \$1,000 or less.

EP Livestocks Mark Bellinger said it was a "good solid sale".

**2014 SALE DATE
TUESDAY 26th AUGUST**

Take A closer Look at our Rams

Nantoura Poll Merino Stud



Offering

**60 Poll Merino Rams 60
Tuesday 26th August**

2:00 pm

**All rams with
ASBVs and current wool tests**

Contact - Chris Prime Ph (08)8688 0015 or 0427 289 021



140mm at 10 months growth at 17.0u was not possible to breed a decade ago yet now seen as a possibility as this photo reflects. The perfect excuse to shear every 7-8 months to meet the market for length and especially tensile strength. Brookdale W.A. are breeding more by the year.



'Broady' had a day off from the paddock and agronomy due to the rain and gave Joe Dahltz a hand with half cataloging the 2014 sale team in June. IED tag readers are now becoming common place amongst our studs but not advised ever to be used for brain scans!

The reading was above average though much similar to the rainfall the night before which amounted to around two to three inches for the surrounding area on Eyre Peninsula.

PEPPERWELL - KEYNETON S.A.

AUCTION 26/34 AVERAGE \$831 TOP \$2,400



Due to the Marnoo Field Day in Victoria I am unable to get to Hansi Graetz's sale so here is a repeat of the sale report by Alistair Lawson-Stock Journal and I thank them for letting me use it here.

A STRONG faith in the ability of Pepper Well's Poll Merino rams drew a good number of repeat buyers to the stud's 2013 on-property auction at Keyneton on September 19.

Those buyers operated across a line of 34 June 2012-drop rams weighing an average of 82 kilograms with 18.1-micron, 18 coefficient of variation, 3.3 standard deviation and 99.6 per cent comfort factor, which sold to a top of \$2400.

It was one of those repeat buyers in Thorlindah, Tungkillo, bidding through Elders Mount Pleasant's Richard Hentschke, who bought the stud's top-priced ram for the second year in a row.

The 90-kilogram sire carried a 17.3M fleece with a 99.6CF, 16.4CV and 2.9SD.

Mr Hentschke said he liked the long staple and boldly crimped wool, as well as the ram's length and easy doing nature.

Thorlindah also bought the second top price ram at \$2000.

That ram had an 18.8M fleece with a 99.2CF, 18.6CV and 3.5SD.

In the wash-up of the auction, 26 of the 34 rams offered in the main auction sold at an average of \$831.

Pepper Well principal Hansi Graetz said the sale was "pretty tough" with clearance, top price and average all back on last year.

"There were a few clients who bought up pretty big last year," he said.

"One promising thing though was that there were at least three new bidders and return clients that have been working with Dohnes and are now coming back to Merinos.

"I'm trying to breed sheep that will handle high rainfall and have excellent meat characteristics with great crimping, long-stapled wools."

**2014 SALE DATE:
TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 2nd**



This shot of Hansi Graetz's L858 ram lambs was taken in September last year. They were positively exciting and could be game changers in terms of just how far this stud could excel from a flat plateau at the minute. Go for it Hans!

PEPPERWELL POLL MERINOS

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BORUNG - WAIKERIE S.A.

AUCTION 32/50 AVERAGE \$775 TOP \$1,700



Brenton and Penny Kroehn now have the reigns of this ever improving poll stud with the best of the offering rewarding them with the prices they deserve yet still realistic.

Wallaloo Park genetics really have improved the Borung skins and fibre out of sight yet the typical mallee frame still exists to attract a clientel who knows they can purchase top rams for over realistic prices.

Lot 1 was put there for a reason and looked tremendous on the day and fetched top price at \$1,700. I bought him for Shawn & Bec Freeman-Penong S.A. With a 95Kg out of the paddock body weight and bred by WP985 he deserved the top gong accolade.

A Kelvale 034 sired lot 6 for \$1,500 was also claimed for the Freemans who looked just as good as the first with similar figures of 19.8u 2.8sd 14.2cv% and 0.7pf.

The Lyndon & Brian Hampel-Loxton S.A. were active early and totaled five by day's end including a ripper lot 3 for \$1,500 bred by L711 full of fluid nourishment and fleece weight potential.

The Falting clan were welcome support in purchasing four including lot 2 for a bargain \$850 for a Kelvale bred thumper.

Local, Mick Evans-Mantung S.A. bought five and competed well throughout the sale with Glen Hoffman

doing the same in securing three, all at \$700.

Netallie Station-Wilcannia NSW always give me a realistic budget for a swag of rams every year as do Aston Station-Pooncarie NSW and it's here at Borung that I can buy top quality rams under budget as opposed to too much spondoolee at other studs for similar quality.

Other station owners who may read this need to realise that these rams are selected to be in the auction and aren't the typical (should be banned) 'station order' type animal! Young studs like Borung have had a huge surge in quality lift and are way ahead in quality numbers compared to the number of supporting clients. Come and have a look.....

Netallie's group looked great at day's end with their purchases at \$900, \$800, \$800, \$500 & \$500 looking meagre compared to quality.

No less were Aston's three with a lot 11, WP SYN bred youngster at \$1,000 leading the entourage followed by \$800 & \$500 picks of quality.

The Duirden and Schmidt families were helpful in supporting a sale that

plainly lacked another three or four clients...this will be automatic as more commercial growers realise and view the potential of this up and coming stud.

Brenton and off sider workman, Jake are putting a lot into the looking after of this year's crop of young polls and I would expect more runs on the scoreboard at this year's sale.

The first classing of this year's rams was memorable for two very good reasons... another year on with genetics with the young blokes looking fantastic as well as good fun socially with an overnight stay turning into a memorable one due to the great hospitality!!

**2014 SALE DATE
MONDAY 28th JULY**



BORUNG - POLL MERINO STUD

38TH ANNUAL ON PROPERTY AUCTION

9 KM South of Waikerie on Maggea Road

MONDAY 28th JULY 2014 1pm

Inspection from 11am. - Light Lunch 12.00 Noon.

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June 2012 test figures displayed

On behalf of Brenton and Penny Kroehn

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PENROSE - CASCADE WA

AUCTION 16/20 AVERAGE \$925 TOP \$2,100



Many classing/drenching yards and races have seen better days or are down right dangerous. Peter Gale-Landmark Esperance and this author will throw a celebration of epic proportions due to the revamp of the old Derella Downs yards in W.A.

450mm wide dual race will keep the flow happening and standing on the outside classing as to assess the animal's whole attributes will make classing a rewarding and joyous exercise. Thanks Scott and Sue!



Bit of a 'rough shot but it's all I have at the moment regarding this year's 'screamer' from that stud that keeps on pumping them out! GP383 sired by L33 via E.T. will do very well at Classic'14.

At the rump end is Jackson Adams who Pete and I hope stays within the industry as he has the energy and inquisitiveness that it needs right now. Jackson was a great 'find' having done the work experience bit with me and now employed whenever possible at Glenlea Park in between Uni commitments.

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MONDAY SEPTEMBER 8th 2014 AT 1.30pm
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There's a lot to like about Penrose Poll-Cascade W.A. especially regarding the massive transformation from a more traditional show ribbon winning outfit to now one that breeds top end progressive poll merinos that suit a wide variety of clients and environ yetstill wins bloody ribbons!

They equal top priced the Esperance sale in 2013 with a stud sale at \$2,100 to the local Wandearah Stud. He was a L438 son with figures of 19.1u 3.0sd & 0.9pf. and a thug!

A SuperSire GP004 son sold for \$2,000, one of six sold to Paul Ietto-Grass Patch W.A. to average \$1087 for the lot. He weighed in at 117Kg at 20.2u 3.0sd & 0.4pf.

Michael and Mary Rollond-Cascade W.A. bought three to average \$630 with G & J Quinlivan lending support in buying a handful. Of eight purchasers who accessed Penrose genetics on the day, four were new clients.

The sale was a good one for the Pengillys and it can only be upward from here! I quote the following from an email from Trudy as a testament as to reasons why there's much more just around the corner!

"...this year's rams re looking good with L33, L312 and (SuperSire) L858 sires used. (A.I.) Single mated all maidens to WP174 bought for \$5,000 in 2013 (at Wallaloo Park on property), WP303 bought for \$3,000 in 2012 and L2528 bought for \$3,400 in 2013.

Purchased a semen share in GP395 (\$51,000 Classic'13 sale topper by Glenlea Park) and lambs on the ground looking good.

Technology is starting to pay off with Sapien Pedigree Matchmaker highlighting the mothers of those good lambs."

Also please have a look at our website!
www.penrosepollmerino.com.au

**2014 SALE DATE
FRIDAY 5th SEPTEMBER
ESPERANCE W.A.**



PENROSE POLL MERINO



Annual ram sale at the Esperance ram pavilion on the 5th of September

With rams to be displayed at the Narrogin Long Wool Day, on property field day and Newdegate Machinery field day.

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That photo on the front page was at Netallie-Wilcannia NSW shearing shed prior to a downpour of over an inch overnight right at the end of March.

The yards the next morning on the second day of classing were surprisingly easy to work with most mini lakes disappearing throughout the day and job finished by daylight end.



'Fill the bales' is the latest call from most advisors, classers and critics which has always been the case. With a year like this hooking on to a reasonable season last year and who knows what's around the corner, there are ways and means of doing the obvious.

With micron now often neglected, those who bang the wool back on without careful planning and advice will suffer all the obvious skin trait issues that forced us into new paths in the first place!

It is now well researched and proven that for every increment of skin wrinkle there is a reduction in lambing percentage. Add the higher incidence of water stain, fleece rot and higher propensity of flystrike and it's enough to hopefully make people consider the options...ring me people!

RICE'S CREEK - TINTINARA S.A.

AUCTION 45/46 AVERAGE \$1,731 TOP \$4,000



This year I have two client sales to attend and in 2013 one other on the same date so I will probably never ever get to a Rice's Creek sale!

Their inclusion in the Cullings and initial invitation to sell in Classic sales was due to their genuine endeavor and subsequent displaying of polls that were progressive and meaningful to a fickle industry.

This was a red hot sale and one of the state's best, a great reward for the Vandeleur enthusiasm.

This report unfortunately is a replica of the Stock Journal effort.....

BUYERS from across South Australia upped the ante at Rices Creek's fifth annual on-property Poll Merino ram sale at Tintinara on August 1.

For the past four years the Vandeleur family has hosted a successful combined ram sale with Kiandra stud at Bordertown, but its first sale on its own reached even greater heights. In a lift of more than \$200 on last year, 45 of 46 April-May 2012 drop, February shorn Poll Merinos averaged \$1731.

The sole passed-in lot quickly found a home along with five additional rams to ensure buyers from the Eyre Peninsula, Mid North and South East filled their orders.

There was strong competition in the top end of the catalogue for some growthy, plain-bodied rams with exceptional wool measurements. Six rams made \$3500 or more including the \$4000 sale-topper.

The upstanding 18.8 micron ram with well-nourished wool with good coverage was sired by RC8298, a ram the stud sold four years ago at the Classings Classic sale for \$7000 to Minta stud. It was one of three rams in the catalogue with a 100 per cent comfort factor.

Winning the bidding duel for the lot 10 sale topper was John and Phil Bowden, Gibraltar, Rhynie and their Elders Riverton agent Chris Klabebe.

The Bowden family have been using Rices Creek genetics for close to 60 years in their self-replacing Merino flock.

"He was our first choice – he has really nice white stylish wool," Phil said.

Another sale highlight was the inclusion of lot 2A – a ram initially reserved for another sale. It made the \$3800 equal second highest price selling to new clients the Prosser family through Spence Dix & Co.

At the same money Mid North buyer HB Rural, Warnertown, buying through Quality Livestock took home lot 4 – a 20.6 micron sired by Leahcim 556 – as one of their three buys for a \$3000 average.

The other ram to make \$3800 was lot 11, which sold to J&J Keller Holdings through Spence Dix & Co Coonalpyn.

It was one of three they bought for a \$2167 average.

**2014 SALE DATE
THURSDAY 7th AUGUST**

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POLL MERINOS



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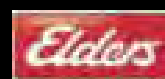
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O'BRIEN POLL MERINO - KYANCUTTA S.A.



The O'Brien boys at Kyancutta S.A. are one of the newest studs on the block yet their stock appear to have been part of the stud regime for quite awhile. The stud enterprise is split in two with the Dohne section highly regarded and the top end of the Poll Merinos as good as anyones on the Peninsula.

As their sale date always clashes with Lucernbrae I have relied on the very sparse version of the always-in-a-hurry Stock Journal version which I will better next year!

Where the hell is Louise McBride?!

A NEW client bought the \$3000 top-price ram at O'Brien Dohne, Merino, and Poll Merino stud's second ram sale at Wudinna Showgrounds last Thursday.

It was Blue McKenna's first time at the sale and he was impressed with what he saw and bought.

The Dohne was 14 months and 103 kilograms, carrying a 19-micron fleece with a comfort factor of 99.7 per cent, standard deviation of 2.7 and coefficient of variation of 14.4.

Mr McKenna said he was impressed by the ram's high wool quality and it's "nice, deep body". He had been using Dohnes for the past four years and found them "really good doers in my country, with easy lambing".

Mr McKenna bought a further two Dohne rams to \$1400.

The \$1600 top-price Poll Merino was bought by Phil McKenna, Kyancutta, at \$1600. It was 13 months and 104kg measuring 19.1M, 100CF, 2.8SD and 14.6CV.

"I like everything about the ram, it's wool quality, it's body, it's just a good all-around ram," Mr McKenna said.

He bought another Poll Merino at \$800.

O'Brien co-principal Darren O'Brien was happy with how the sale went. "It was really good, considering we had more rams on offer this year," he said.

The stud's aim with Dohne and Merino rams

was for nourished, crimped, bright wool, and sires with long body length.

"We're really concentrating on body length and crimped, white, stylish wool on the Merinos," he said.

Volume buyers Arthur Downs Pty Ltd, Smoky Bay, took six rams averaging \$616, and RD&MJ Butcher, Lock, five averaging \$1040.

**2014 SALE DATE
THURSDAY 7th AUGUST**



WESTWOOD POLL - CASCADE W.A.



I have been classing the Welke flock near Cascade W.A. for easily over twenty years where initially I worked with Michael Welke in getting this large commercial flock out of the doldrems and into a more progressive mode. We made great early gains but Mike always threatened me by suggesting that whatever the next step was to be, just wait until Scott (son) gets home!

Scott did turn up and now that commercial flock has evolved into the most progressive, solely Leahcim based poll stud in Western Australia. After years of utilising only the best semen and live polls available from that noted stud, Westwood Poll has now been established and is already kicking early goals.

On debut at the Esperance multi vendor sale in 2013 the Westwood Polls sold all six of their quality entry and topped the sale averages at \$967 to a top of \$1,100 bought by Joe Cummings-Young River Unit Trust. This ram was bred by L918.

New clients to Classings, Leigh and Karina West-Gibson W.A., nabbed two at \$1000, one a L33 son with the other coming from an A.I. backup syndicate.

Mark & Liv Walter-Cascade, our long term clients approaching thirty years including parents Wayne and Chris, paid \$800 & \$900 for two L33 sons with the last selling to Mick Rollond-Cascade at \$900 for a L918 son.

Westwood Poll have already had early outstanding results via Ridgway Advance in Adelaide Ram Sale 2013 where two rams bred by Westwood Poll made their team of four with one selling to Ramsgate-Tintinara

S.A. for \$6,000 and the other at \$4,000 to Gerald Woit-Coonalpyn S.A. Another topped the SWM-Tintinara S.A. sale '13 at \$2,800 selling to duo Chad Burbidge and Garry Hansen-Cooke Plains S.A.

Scott with wife Odile prefer to keep the stud at a low profile yet they 'quietly achieved' selling another 35 rams to local clients.

This small piece may just blow their cover and it will be a natural progression that this stud will flourish and become highly regarded in WA.

**2014 SALE DATE
FRIDAY 5th SEPTEMBER
ESPERANCE W.A.**



On a finishing note...



This has been the hardest Cullings ever to produce in keeping the momentum going amongst sheepclassing which started off with a bang and left little time to concentrate fully on the product at hand. With steady early opening rain almost state wide, alot of seeding was completed in good time and suddenly merinos were on the agenda and one solitary call for classing in late May turned into a flood within a week! That's it until Christmas day!

As I mentioned on the front page Lambex hosted at Wayville S.A. this year was a real treat and not to be missed. Esther Price and crew know how to turn it on making the 'up there' attendance fee seem easily worthwhile. There was a huge thrust with presentations on lamb survival and general production considerations to ensure

your farming enterprise stays afloat in even the toughest of times.

ASBV's with Merinos via Sheep Genetics Australia are now gaining respect as more information is accessed from participants with accuracies constantly on the rise due to more and more progeny data entered. I was a sceptic a few years back I must admit, nervous that a dual purpose indexed figure could be dangerous in certain environs. I still think the same in regard to that point yet so many animals now, due to much improved accuracies, actually appear as they test within their selected traits ie. a high Yearling Fleece Weight ASBV most of the time actually looks that way visually. This was definitely not the case when accuracies were low which didn't help the masses when it came to conversion toward the system in it's infancy.

Many studs had their greatest moments at the Classic '13 sale including debut stud Minta from Port Kenny on Eyre Peninsula with a \$15,000 thumper. As we don't have any direct business relationship with the Hull family I do enjoy reference to studs in the nation who are having a good crack at breaking open traditional breeding. These Classic 'wild card' studs as well as our connections are breeding stock that need to be bred to conquer skin related issues too often connected to that aging traditional dinosaur who is suffering at the moment under the weight of above average rainfall.

I was too slow in prodding the creators of the S.A. Stud Merino Directory with direct link to South Australian Stud Merino Breeders, just why the Classic 2014 sale result was made invisible to any reader. Sure \$51,000 top and a close to \$4,000 average witnessed by 500 or so punters from all over the nation 'ain't as exciting as Chris Spirou upside down in a biplane but it's bloody close!!

Remember that this year's ram purchases will have a huge bearing on next year's lambs and the following year's hoggets so select wisely for structure but don't lose sight of fibre quality. There's nothing to lose in maintaining softness as so many medium fines are out cutting once stronger woolled rivals and still meeting sale yard requirements.

I extend this threat to station owners who may read this yet may have no connection with our business. The station order consignment sent 'up bush' without owner selection to me is crime with the punishment too obvious with subsequent results at times making even a pharkin' dorper cross look alluring! There are glaring reasons why some station lambing percentages don't cut it even in reasonable to top years.

We attend alot of sales annually and a handpicked

selection over three months adds up to a truckload of 'peas-in-the-pod' consignments.

Thanks again to the hardest worker I know in Rose, whose patience with her own management of the Laboratory adding to my testy job with many days of the year away classing is inspiring to say the least. Thanks Megan Davies for assisting Rose and your new ideas.

Sons Jesse and Samuel are now fully qualified so if you need any carpentry or electrical work done....

And for you Glendon on the music front... 'The Muse' by the Wood Brothers and 'Weak is the Wail' by our Sammy's band The Baker's Digest. Great listening.

Thanks to Jarrad Weyland in 'setting' the newsletter on a Sunday and Print City MB for the end bit!

Gonna miss you Rick Munro!

Have a great 2014!



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STOP PRESS!

Southrose-Tintinara S.A. has just won the prestigious Australian Merino All Purpose Ram Class at Bendigo Sheep Show. See rural press for more detail. Nice work!

'Thanks to Catherine Miller - SJ for photo.'



Always great to have Rosy with me whenever the time permits away from the arduous management of the Fibre Testing Laboratory. Here with Susan MacDonald NZ at Wallaloo Park on property in 2013 Rose is great to have around for scribing as well as good company naturally!

200 rams in one auction takes alot of homework made more difficult when you scribe alone with a pen in your gob and a worn photo copied catalogue that I can't substitute from the Marnoo Field Day two weeks prior.

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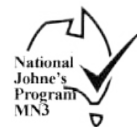
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