

# CLASSINGS CLASSIC '15

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## 2015 RAM SALES THAT COUNT!

July 6th EYRE PENINSULA FIELD DAY

July 17th-19th BENDIGO SHEEP SHOW

July 20th BENDIGO RAM SALE

July 22nd S.E. MERINO FIELD DAY

July 31st MALLEE MERINO FIELD DAY

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July 30th PIMBENA Wirrulla SA  
Les Hamence 0428 268 002

Aug 3rd & 4th HAMILTON SHEEPVENTION

August 5th BORUNG Waikerie SA  
Brenton Kroehn 0427 414 494

Aug 5th O'BRIEN POLL Wudinna SA  
Showground - Darren O'Brien 0419 772 173

Aug 6th LUCERNBRAE Callington SA  
Keith & Judy Paech 0415 701493

Aug 6th RICE'S CREEK Tintinara SA  
Mark Vandeleur 0417 8710 54

Aug 7th KAMORA PARK Karoonda SA  
Colin & Julie Boughen 0885 783 456

Aug 10th RIDGWAY Lameroo SA  
Ric & Gail 0433 518 568 or 08 8578 8039

Aug 11th RAMSGATE Tintinara SA  
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Craig 0418 259 049

Aug 12th RIDGWAY ADVANCE Bordertown SA  
David & Karen Ridgway 0409 408 263  
08 8754 2028

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Peter & Marianne Wallis 0428 766 126

Aug 25th NANTOURA Wharminda SA  
Chris Prime 0427 289 021

Aug 28th KARAWATHA PARK Buckleboo SA  
Bert Woolford 0427 274 030

Aug 31st LORELMO KEYNETON  
Joe Keynes 0428 648 235 Keyneton SA  
Georgie 0409 287 261  
Graham 0427 639 082

1st Sep PEPPERWELL Keyneton SA  
Hans Graetz 0427 790 676



After a month worth of nights in the house office of which the floor turns into individual stacks of related information sorted into categories and worth, I grabbed the wool market bundle which I began to collect at time of writing. On the 1st of May the tabloids read similarly to, "Australian wool prices reach highest level in three years" with the end of June version reading, "The wool market continued to deteriorate this week with its largest weekly fall in more than two years!"

Despite the apparent gloom things are still in ship shape mostly due to the fact that those early rises were massive and the current 'corrections' not to the same proportion. The wool effort combined with excellent meat prices (see Karawatha snippet) looks great on paper with one important ingredient much required... rain! Much of the station country has been fortunate with good amounts of the stuff yet the inside country, particularly the south-east is suffering big time.

I've been on the road for a solid month now and despite the shortage of feed, what is available is seemingly of reasonable protein in tandem with obvious hand feeding. Esperance/Cascade is the best I have seen nationally. The quality of stock keeps on

booming with yet another year's worth of results from carefully constructed programs hitting the mark.

Next years World Merino Insight is shaping up to be a ripper and I would encourage all breeders and service providers to exhibit at the Murray Bridge Racecourse on September 5th 2016 - Same day as Classic '16.

This year's main topic, Ovine Brucellosis and it's dangers, following on from last year's lice study and the year before's article on OJD is more essential reading as once again the bio security of your property is now even more of a priority. Neighbourly communication seems to be the breakdown area especially when rogue animals are involved.

**The costs (of Brucellosis on our property) were huge probably over \$50,000 including 25 new white Suffolk rams, new merino sires, blood testing and our time..... DJ**



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John Carter 0427 501 431  
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Sep 18th MERNOWIE Marrabel SA  
Ian Rowett 0418 486 050

Sep 18th SOHNIC Marnoo Vic  
Scott Nicholson 0438 086 403

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## BRUCELLOSIS BEWARE!

With the wool and meat markets bursting at the seams currently we all need to breed as many merinos as possible within the bounds of individual management strategies. The feed regime, genetics, skin type and general health of stock are a management chore to maintain so the intrusion of an unnecessary disease that may affect fertility is not welcome.

During classing for a client near Ceduna two years ago he mentioned that he was very happy with his merino lambing percentage at a tad over 100% but very disappointed with the White Suffolk result at only mid 70's. This rang immediate alarm bells as I had recently heard of a similar lowly merino lambing percentage with a station client who was surrounded on all boundaries with exotic breeds.

I suggested he contact his White Suffolk supplier to ensure that the stud was Ovine Brucellosis free accredited which it was. After checking that all rams including merinos were ok for testicle constitution and soundness we concluded that perhaps the age of the fat, (snotbound) mob of suspects was the primary concern!

Both breeds were boxed over the whole year prior to joining which, with a merino lambing percentage over 100%, diffused the fear of Brucellosis within the White brigade affecting the merino portion.

This spawned a myriad of conversations since and upon discussing the above mentioned with clients and lately vets there appears to be an increasing incidence of Ovine Brucellosis in the station country due mostly in part with the invasion (intrusion!) of the Dorper. With that breed becoming popular and closer to inside country I see it as general concern and that the biosecurity of all merino properties needs to be concentrated on 100%.

There are now amazing stories and records of just how far these animals can travel with over 50km's from home commonplace! As if the Brucellosis theme isn't serious enough, throw in a bit of lice for good measure and we have a merino flock wrecker at full strength...and yes don't worry, they are lice taxis!

Firstly though it's important that everyone is on the same page in understanding Ovine Brucellosis. I haven't done that research and it's of no surprise that Primary Industry groups nationwide have handouts on every sheep disease dished up including Ovine Brucellosis (OB).

They also have procedure fact sheets on testicle palpation in identifying possible pointers for OB.

I have grabbed the relevant information and summarised in point form from a Primefacts handout generated by NSW Department of Ag. in 2007 which still holds it's relevance as far as the disease and symptoms are concerned. Please don't switch off now! A basic understanding of

the disease is paramount to grasp why such a biosecurity concern exists.

- Ovine Brucellosis (OB from here on!) is caused by the infection of the sheep with *Brucella ovis* bacteria, found in the semen of infected rams, in foetal fluids and in the mammary glands of infected ewes

- OB causes epididymitis in rams, resulting in infertility and sterility in some affected rams.

- Symptoms in the ram are lesions or abnormalities in the testes, epididymitis (at bottom of teste) and in the accessory sex glands.

- Lesions that can be felt by hand occur in the testes and the epididymitis. Infection starts at the epididymitis causing inflammation. Swelling caused by blockage causing a sperm build up. Sometimes this blockage is permanent causing sterility.

- Shrunken testicle, inflamed testicle, lumpy testicle, small testicle yet inflamed epididymis are all signs of OB.

- Swelling may subside but ram could still be infected.

- The afore mentioned symptoms lead to a reduction in semen quality and/or sterility.

### EFFECTS

- Extended lambing period - Often causing problems with flock management. When infected rams of low fertility serve ewes on heat, the chance of conception is low and many of these ewes will usually return to service 17 days later. In some infected flocks more than half the ewes return to service. If ewes are only joined for six weeks, then many ewes may not get in lamb.

- Lambing percentage reduced - when a high percentage of clinically affected rams is used. It is usually seen in flocks when replacements are made only every two to three years. Buying rams sale yards are a danger as these rams may include culls due to infertility possibly due to OB.

The spread of infection is caused by:

- The joining of ewes by infected rams and then served again by clean rams within the same heat cycle.

- Sodomy is prevalent especially in young rams so where infection exists it's spread is rapid.

- The sniffing and nosing behaviour of rams has proven to be a minor 'spreader' of the disease!

- If more than 5% of rams have abnormalities then OB is the most likely cause.



Went through the young rams at Glenlea Park in late June and yet again stumbled across 'the usual' suspects for Classic'15.

This bloke '354' was outstanding and I feel lucky that we were able to have him as a potential for September 7th.

Pete Wallis just sent me his details....

Above is a photo of GP 140354. He is ET bred. His sire is GP 455 which was bred by WP 988.

GP 455 is the ram we sold at the Adelaide ram sale to Wallaloo Park for \$14,000.

His dam is GP 011334. This same dam bred our Lot 1 ram at Classic'14 which sold to Calcookara and Pepperwell Studs for \$11,000. She also bred 3 ewes in that same ET flush that went on to become ET donors themselves!

Micron: 19.5 CV: 14.9 SD: 2.9 CF: 99.7



Ridgway 721 will grace the pens of Classic'15 and should be the stud's return back to form of a few years back. Check the following figures sent to me by Matt:

Cut 6.8kg at 5.5 months

Ycfw 26.3, Yfd-0.9, Yfcdv 0.3, Ywt 8.8, Yemd -0.5, Yfat -0.2, MP+ 155.1, DP+ 152.8

FD 19.1, SD 3.1, CV 16.2, CF 99.8

He is sired by L858 and his Mother is Ridgway 110154 sired by R961.

He is also Double Poll.

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A blood test will be used to check if the ram is affected. A negative blood test does not always mean a ram is free of infection. In some infected rams the blood test may not become positive until up to seven weeks after infection. Rams from infected flocks can be incubating the disease and give a negative blood test. If tested 6 to 7 weeks later, then usually they will be positive.

#### ERADICATION

Never run older rams with incoming younger ones and if possible keep all age groups separate.

Eradication is based on eliminating infection in older rams and preventing infection in the young ones by manual examination, blood testing and the removal of infected rams immediately.

On seemingly 'safe' rams a blood test is repeated every 30 days until two consecutive negative tests are obtained.

That's the basics of OB and now follows a story that you may now be able to identify with due to a better understanding of the disease. (The identity of the client needs to be kept in the cellar for obvious reasons.) The story has not been embellished in any way.

*"We were breeding our own merino rams and thinking of selling a few to some neighbours. We were a bit green on the Brucellosis issue but had been tested once, two years earlier in a Department of Ag. run survey and were assessed free of the disease. A few stray Dorpers would get in occasionally and some would be rams and or ram lambs. For ease of management we would just lock them in our feedlot with our Suffolk rams, (these were from accredited studs), as it had been a problem for a few years. The fences were OK for 'normal' sheep but if you wanted to breed merino rams they have to be good for biosecurity sake.*

*We then heard rumours that there was Ovine Brucellosis (OB) in the district. After reading up on the disease, this potential news made us quite concerned. While OB is not a notifiable disease I think it would be good manners to tell others in the district if you had or suspected that you had such a disease, as everybody has a stuff up at some time. The neighbours did come and show us the procedure to blood test for OB but at this stage we had no idea why they were so experienced!!*

*We started blood testing and found that 25 of the 30 White Suffolks tested were infected with OB, along with some merino ram hoggets and some merino sires that may have had contact with the Suffolks. This included one sire that we had just paid \$5000 for which had yet to be used! We also tested rams we had sold to neighbours, as well as those that may have had contact with our stock. Luckily we only found one infected animal at a very understanding mate's place!*

*Getting rid of OB required ongoing blood testing and selling infected rams to slaughter; blood*

*testing was then repeated every 30 days until two negative results were received.*

*Rams needed to go out, so after mating we blood tested again, keeping remaining rams isolated in mating groups, we were extremely lucky that none returned a positive.*

*We used vet advice but did the blood testing ourselves until we thought we were clear and then did a test just to make sure. Then we got the vet to test all our rams. He commented that is was one of the quickest clean-ups of OB he had seen – that was just under 6 months.*

*The costs were huge probably over \$50,000 including 25 new white Suffolk rams, new merino sires, blood testing and our time. We did make enquires if it was worth trying to get compensation. The advice we received was that it was hard to prove where the disease had come from and would be too costly to take such action. Our money would be better spent double, and re-fencing and wear the costs from the disease.*

*I believe it would be good management to get the vet to check sires at least every two years in both stud and commercial situations. It's also important to note that a ewe can remain infected for 3 months and I would suggest to all to only purchase sires only from studs accredited as OB-free.*

*The cost of testing varies... \$8-10 in NSW or you can go direct to lab or have to go through a vet to get to Gribbles to do your own blood tests at \$10-\$15. To do workers and ram lambs (under 12 months) for accreditation it costs about \$1200 plus admin fee.*

*Our vet was well aware of the issues of OB at the neighbouring property. Vets don't or can't alert neighbouring properties of any disease issues but can only suggest communication between the two parties."*

*So there you have it! As casual and innocent as slipping a few strays in with the Whites suddenly turns into a \$50,000 nightmare with ram replacements for both breeds adding up to the majority of the penalty!*

*And this from a stud perspective....*

#### The Cost to be Brucellosis Free.

*"The cost associated with testing to be declared Brucellosis free would not be realised by many commercial producers.*

*The annual/biannual blood testing and inspection of rams by a vet is a considerable added expense.*

*We had a bad experience several years ago when we received an inconclusive positive test result on a worker ram. The advice given was that the only way to clear the studs Brucellosis status in a timely manner was to do a post-mortem on the ram.*

*The result was effective, timely and indicated the previous test proved to be a false positive, which was good news. When you add the charge for the postmortem, the lab tests, \$2,200 for the worker*





Don't want to dwell on the latch thing too much but when you stumble across new ideas it's hard not to spread the word.

What would be the preference? Threading a chain through a hole in tin, looping it around a pen post, back through the hole and slotted into an L shaped latch OR loop a both ends bolted chain over the knob of an upright! This gate was the gate divider between filling the race or drafting at Bruce Heddle's great yards at his Minnipa S.A. property.



Although this photo was taken well into November in 2014 during the cataloguing of Southrose's dispersal sale, August onward particularly in the South East dried off after a great start. It was my wettest classing year all the same with many postponements through June /July and close to living full time in wet weather gear!



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*ram, which only worked two matings and now has a replacement cost of \$4,000 - \$5,000 due to the increased popularity of the stud, it becomes an expensive exercise.*

*What also frustrated us, was that there was no compensation at all. We can't help but think that it would be helpful if there was a levy paid upon testing, even it was stud funded. In hindsight we are just glad he was not one of our 'super stars'."*

*Jed Keller Ramsgate-Tintinara S.A.*

Biosecurity is paramount here as it is for most sheep disease including OJD and lice which have been the topic of choice in the last two Cullings editions. As discussed with the lice issue in Cullings 2014, neighbourly communication in part is paramount in ensuring the security of one's property. To only purchase from accredited studs is a given as well as a big 'no' to market sale yard purchasing. Sheep Health Statements are mandatory so one of these must be sighted with any ram or ewe purchase.

The following is an insert - NSW DPI - added to a monthly circular distributed through the Western Division of NSW.

### **Ewes, Lambs and Brucellosis - DPI Broken Hill**

People are asking about how brucellosis works, what part ewes play, so they can manage this.

*Brucella ovis* organisms reside in rams: their testes and the organs in their pelvises that produce the fluids that protect sperm. Rams pass these organisms to ewes at joining. *Brucella* can live in rams throughout their life.

An infected ewe can conceive. The *brucella* organism infects the early pregnancy. What happens next depends on when and if the pregnancy is killed off.

A ewe can respond to the infection, and get rid of the *brucella* before the pregnancy is killed off, particularly if she has been infected in the past, and is immune.

In other ewes, the *brucella* multiply and kill the pregnancy before it implants into the wall of the uterus. Sometimes the *brucella* take more time, and kill the pregnancy after it implants in the wall. A ewe nearly always then eliminates the *brucella* and becomes immune.

Understanding how long these events take helps understand how to manage and test for the disease. It takes about 3 weeks for a newly-infected ewe to respond to the infection and start to eliminate it. It takes some time for a damaged embryo to die, to be eliminated, and the reproductive system to clean itself up and be ready to successfully conceive again. This might take the equivalent of 2 or 3 cycles for embryos to be killed (ewes won't cycle if they are pregnant).

If the pregnancy lasts until the foetus implants in the wall, it takes longer (4 to 6 cycles) to eliminate the

dead foetus and the uterus to repair and right itself. The general recommendation is to allow at least 3 months for infected ewes to get on top of infection, before putting them out with clean rams, to avoid the risk of rams being infected by these ewes.

All or nearly all ewes throw the infection off. In flocks with a high proportion of rams infected (50% or more), ewes are being exposed to a lot of *brucella* organisms during joining. It appears that in some but not all of these heavily-infected flocks, very few ewes can carry the *brucella* organism over from one joining to the next. It only takes one or two persistently infected ewes in thousands of clean ewes to re-infect clean rams. This doesn't happen often, but is always a concern. To be sure we've eliminated infection in both rams and ewes after a testing program, it is essential to join, then test rams with negative results after joining, to be sure that no ewes have carried infection over against the odds, and re-infected those disease-free rams.

The early maturity of the new breeds has meant that infection in ewes, and their lambs, has become more important. With Merinos, it was normal practice to put rams out for a period, usually less than 4 months, and for all ram lambs to be marked by 4 to 6 months of age. Merino ram lambs matured relatively late, at perhaps 9 months or more. There was little or no chance for Merino ram lambs to cover ewes that might still be infected from joining.

With breeds that grow and mature quickly, some ram lambs are able to cover and serve ewes at about 4 months of age, become infected, and then pass the disease on. With continuous joining, ewes never have the 3 months or more sexual rest needed to help break the cycle of re-exposure and be cured of infection that was possible with once a year mating. Early maturing ram lambs may not always be marked by 4 months of age, and can become infected and spread *brucella* before castration stops transmission. Double joinings also increase the risk of both persistence and spread of infection, even in Merinos.

We recommend that if Dorpers, Damaras and more rapidly maturing woolled sheep are infected, and are being tested to eliminate brucellosis:

- Rams be removed from ewes, and spelled for a period of at least 3 months
- All ram lambs be marked by 3 months of age for at least a year, or until we can confirm *brucella* have been eradicated from both the rams and ewes
- As with Merinos, have a secure ram paddock, with no other sheep (no killers, no pigs, no poddies, no ewes) that could be infected and re-infect clean rams

To schedule a second test, I work around the 3 weeks it takes for a ram to respond to new infection by producing antibody. If a clean ram becomes infected just before or when yarded for a test, we won't be able to detect that infection before 3 weeks. If there is little or no *brucella* in rams, and no evidence it spreading, I recommend waiting about 6 weeks between testing rams, to give rams with developing or hidden infection a chance to produce antibody in their blood that we can detect.



Two tag numbers amongst many to take note of at Ramsgate this year and both contenders for a Classic'15 guernsey.

296 & 338, both L858 sons and exuding great meat traits and fibre, typify all that this stud is about.

Pictured here is 296 with a stance, hock and pork that we all need more of in the industry.

Many studs including those that we are associated with are suffering from too many culls based primarily on back end setup.

L858 has been a great 'fixer' of this problem.

The just completed classing of around 900 ewe hoggets would have to rank as one of my best classing of all time with the mob in top order with staple length often reaching 120mm at 8 months growth.

Time to seriously think about that 6 monthly shearing chaps!

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professionals I have had to halt the Ovine Brucellosis discussion!

I did have a Q&A section planned from this point but a higher authority has deemed my questions and associated responses by one of their crew as risky business!

I believe that due to the nature of the issues associated with OB and exotic breeds, to venture further into that territory maybe of risk to some.

One can only conclude that there really is a serious problem with the 'exotics' creating havoc particularly in the bush regarding OB.

It's now too late as far as the publication of this newsletter is concerned to attempt another source to complete my needs.

I have replaced that available space with a letter of response to my OJD article two issues back from Jack Reddin. Jack has been the backbone of the Vet scene in Murray Bridge for decades and recently was the king pin of the workshops around the state with the OJD roadshows.

He happily allowed me to use his response following and also offered his services for future advice with any animal health issues that may need extra explanation in future Cullings.

I thank him at a desperate moment!

"Dear Bill,

I cannot tell you how delighted I was to hear that you had sent out in your newsletter CC 13, a well-researched article on Ovine Johnes. I was delighted because I had a healthy respect for your intellect, because you run a business based on science and objective measurement, and you get around in the Industry a bit.

But most of all I was looking forward to a South Australian commenting on how he was seeing the SA Industry respond to the control and eradication of OJD, unencumbered by the politics that is enmeshed in this disease which so gets in the road of good science elsewhere, in short an article without bias.

Such are the politics and implications associated with commenting on issues associated with sheep diseases and the like by some

What made it so much more interesting for me was being able to read what you had gleaned having had virtually no input into the State's position so far, and therefore not carrying any position or baggage that might get in the road of your research. You had a unique position in my view that I really looked forward to reading.

Imagine my dismay to find that while the bulk of the article is factually correct, there is considerable bias and inaccurate information entwined throughout. So I sat for a while wondering if I should respond at all, in the end deciding "in for a penny in for a pound".

Historically when OJD was diagnosed in Victoria and SA, eradication was on everyone's lips because it was known that in NZ where the disease was endemic production losses were significant, and it was the Australian experience in NSW that the disease could, at times, be catastrophic especially in Merinos. But the only known way in 1998 of effective eradication was thought to be total destocking and giving the infected pastures a spell for 2 Summers (15 months). In SA this type of OJD "control" was soon stopped because the disease detections rapidly escalated the bill to over \$3 million and in any event it soon became apparent that 15 months was not long enough.

Concurrently sections of the SA Sheep Industry, largely but not solely driven by your much maligned Stud Merino Breeders, instigated the SA Sheep Advisory Group (SASAG) which was funded by a 40% levy on sheep sold in SA. Together with the State OJD Committee (providing scientific advice on OJD) and supported by the State Government, they then tackled OJD in a different way. This included financial support for infected properties and their neighbors in various ways, including paying back to Government the \$3m debt from de-stocking.

Were mistakes made initially? Certainly. Could things have been done better? Absolutely.

Have we learnt from our mistakes? You betcha. Are we now running the program in SA with the best science and the latest information? Couldn't agree more. Has the information of SASAG and the levy been beneficial in the desire to stop the spread of OJD in SA? Absa-bloody brilliant! Do people come from all over the world to see why the SA program has been so successful? Yes. Is Kangaroo Island the jewel in the crown of that success and have Debbie and Greg (Johnsson K.I.) been at the forefront of that success? Yes and yes!



And crucially has the overall OJD program been driven and funded by the sheep industry with tacit support by Government? Yes and it has been this side of the program that has made this such a success story.

I will not bore you with the details of how SA has been controlling the spread and eradication of OJD off infected properties and their flocks, but anyone in the program from Animal Health Advisors right through to every member of SASAG and the OJD Committee will be happy to enlighten you and your readers.

Bill, given that SA has a very low level of OJD and is prepared to protect the SA Industry with continued funding of testing and vaccine use, is it not reasonable for them to ask that people bring sheep into the state that are of similar risk of having OJD as home bred sheep? Is it not a mistake to regard sheep breeders in SA as being somehow different from breeders in other areas of Australia? Are we not all in the same country, Australia?

Is it not reasonable to expect that sheep breeders across the country would not want to wittingly or unwittingly infect other sheep breeders in Australia with say footrot, lice, drench resistant parasites or OJD?

If there are some elements within the Industry prepared to put their fellow breeders at risk in their willingness to make a buck and forget the disease consequences how do the risk averse breeders protect themselves? SA and Queensland and parts of Western NSW have taken an approach to reduce the risk of importing disease into their seedstock.

Victoria had an opportunity to manage differently their infected and non infected areas and opted out leaving their uninfected areas to hang out to dry. Similarly WA had the same opportunity and decided to follow the path of Victoria. That state has gone from around 2% flocks infected at the turn of the century to something over 20% in 2013. WA has gone from almost nothing to around 5% in a decade.

SA has gone from about 1% to less than half that in the same decade!

Without waiting for your answer and taking a line from your article in CC'13 I suspect that your response will be, "forget the control/eradication measures, abandon any disease barrier bullshit, and vaccinate young man, vaccinate."

Oh that it was that easy. Unfortunately Bill the latest science surrounding the vaccine has shown that correct use of the vaccine will still leave up to 10% of a flock fully susceptible, that these vaccinated but still susceptible individuals will become infected is challenged with OJD bacteria and that they still pass out

roughly the same number of bugs in their faeces as if they had never been vaccinated, and as you would expect from this they still up and die.

Does this mean that a fully vaccinated flock can become infected and eventually pass the disease on either to their neighbours and/or to buyers? Very definitely yes. Does vaccination slow the progress of the disease both within a flock and between flocks? Almost certainly. Does vaccination prevent a flock from being infected? Definitely NO.

Does the vaccine drop the death rate in an infected flock? Wonderfully well. Does the vaccine stop flocks in the MAP and vaccinating from getting infected? No, no, no.

Does this mean that if the whole of SA stopped all of its current measures of OJD CONTROL (currently costing around 12c per sheep sold) and reverted to just vaccinating (currently around \$3 per sheep) that eventually most of if not all of SA would become infected? YES.

So what then is the cost of OJD in an infected but vaccinated flock? This is the 'how long is a piece of string' type question. However an infected and vaccinated flock still has the potential to have 10% get infected and die. Not all will get infected at once, typically in an uninfected flock once the disease gets onto the property the disease grows exponentially but with an incubation period of two years that rate of growth probably means that many sheep will be marketed as crackers well before they express disease and die.

But given that 10% of the flock is susceptible it is reasonable to assume that over a period of say twenty years, the average annual death rates will double (the Australian average in non infected flocks is 2 to 3%) to perhaps 5%. The vaccine currently is around \$3 and given that the manufacturer has a monopoly it is reasonable to assume that it will not go down in price. So you work out the cost for which ever farm you have under consideration.

And one final comment Bill. What if a country or countries start acting on the suspicion that OJD is implicated in human disease, irritable bowel syndrome and Crohn's Disease? What if they decide they will no longer take food from areas with OJD? Pie in the sky? Not really, for Japan has already gone down the path of limiting food from appearing on super market shelves which has come from OJD animals, so we know it is only a matter of time before the same restrictions will be applied to imported food.

When and if that happens where would you rather be Bill, SA or Victoria or WA?

Cheers, Jack Reddin."



Gunallo had about fourteen potential Classic'15 polls at classing on June 22nd with the stripped down team of eight or so looking sensational.

The bloke pictured, 067 named 'Sandilands', due to his huge size and presence (Think Freo!) and weighing in at 128kg in July is a rip snorter and worthy of lead-off ram for Classic'15.

Check the following:  
Fleece Weight 124% ASBV YCFW +14.0  
Actual Body Weight ASBV YWT +10.9  
(1st July) 128kg

'067' was ET bred by SuperSire L858 (who has stamped his greatness nationwide) over a proven Gunallo donor mother OR75 in turn E.T. bred by Wallaloo Park's Maximus.

Actual test figures are equally as complimentary: 18.1u 2.2sd 12.2cv & 0.2pf.

To have the fibre density of which '067' exhibits, the above intriguing test results (AWTA) combined with excellent pedigree makes this Double Copy Poll ram easily appreciated.

'Sandilands' will follow on with the Gunallo tradition of breeding multitudes of top end animals due to intelligent breeding techniques....

And don't get me started on Gunallo 007 who will also grace the stalls of the Classic'15 sale! Bred by the famous 'Pride' and ET bred by Special Mum 120415 also ET bred.

As with '067' he has the Double Copy Poll gene:

Fleece Weight 115% ASBV YCFW +20.0  
Actual Body Weight ASBV YWT +9.1  
(1st July) 111kg

Witness these potential SuperSires and more at Classic'15 Monday September. 7th



## CLASSINGS CLASSIC '14 MURRAY BRIDGE RACECOURSE

TOP \$18,000 AVERAGE \$3,208 85 OFFERED 75 SOLD



In its thirteenth year, the Classic '14 lived up to its reputation as a sale to meet all commercial and stud requirements whilst addressing issues that affect the industry including mulesing, difficulties of shearing, the possibilities of no crutching, management and fleece rot! The sale team was a picture with every invited stud displaying poll rams that fit the bill.

The average was back on the previous year but had we had another \$51,000 screamer at the top of the heap things would have been very similar to the 2013 sale. The Gunallo sale topper at \$18,000 was a corker.

**Glenlea Park-Pinnaroo S.A.** marched on in similar fashion to last year's effort and averaged a handsome \$5,015 over their offering of ten rams. E.T. bred L33 sons graced lots one and two with the first (with a muzzle like a horse!) blasting away to \$11,000 and selling to formidable duo - Calcookara and Pepperwell studs. (19.5 YCFW 6.6 YWT). Peter Gilbertson-Lameroo S.A. picked up the next for only \$3,500 in similar fashion to the lot two pickup the previous year at \$2,500 by Lucernbrae after the \$51,000 blast! Peter also latched onto the fifth ram on offer at \$2,500.



I bought a very well proportioned GP380 son for Angus McLachlan's Rosebank for a trusting \$3,000 with 19.6 YCFW & -2.1 YFD and Trevor Voight chipped in \$3,000 for lot 4.

The team topper though came in at lot six and sold at \$14,000 to a partnership of Will Lynch's Boorana-Lake Bolac Vic., Ray and Brad Schroeder's Gunallo and the McMahon family's McPiggery-Lameroo S.A. This bloke had the same presence as lot one and both rams could easily have topped the sale. The fibre on both was close to exotic and combined with their huge meat attributes were quite a sight.

Hynam Poll-Hopetoun Vic., combined with another Mexican, Bruce Dean's Forest Hills Poll Vic. and picked up a winner for \$6,500. Tony Martin-Karoonda S.A. bought a square GP367 son at \$4,250 and Gary Ferguson-Tintinara and Trevor Gameau-Cummins S.A. picking off great rams at \$2,000 and \$1,400.

After an excellent 2013 result, **Roemahkita-Cummins S.A.** offered three bred from there own sires and didn't disappoint yet not selling to the more enjoyable heights of the previous sale. Lucernbrae-Callington S.A. bought two at and easy \$3,000 and \$2,750 with the other going to Jeff Aitken at Keith for \$2,250.



**Rice's Creek-Tintinara S.A.** were close to not entering Classic '14 due to their perception that they had nothing suitable! On inspection of their rams at the South East Field Days there was an absolute standout in their team that was brought in late from the paddock that we all agreed was a chance. This same ram subsequently made lot fourteen of the sale and sold to Gunallo for \$4,000!

The two **Wallaloo Park-Marnoo Vic.** polls were possibly the best that they had ever entered and were met with great bidding for the first selling to Ramsgate-Tintinara S.A. for \$12,000. Bred by WP54 the ram was a great all rounder and can only add to the quality of the stud. A WP33 son

was next and was snapped up effortlessly by the Lehmann's Flairdale-Cooke Plains S.A. for a bargain \$4,500. Productive yet with an SD of 2.8, this guy will have a huge influence at the stud just as all previous Wallaloo Park infusions have. I actually saw this bloke at classing yesterday (4th May) and that price looks to be far too reasonable!

**Ridgway Advance-Bordertown S.A.** offered ten Autumn drops and looked great and sold well. The ten offered averaged \$2,800 to a top of \$6,500 selling to the David Farr clan at Wunkar S.A. for a RA Holy son. 'Holy' because that sire's sample when tested through our laboratory could only be described by with word....two actually but we'll save that for a grotty bar! Three other sons graced the team with O'Brien Poll-Kyancutta S.A. securing a beauty for \$3,750, Gerard Woitd another for \$3,000 and one of the bargains of the day for \$1,500 to Netallie-Wilcannia N.S.W.

The Fitzgerald family bought the first on offer at \$4,000 ET bred by RA194 and looked tremendous. 19.3u 2.4sd 12.4cv ensure predictability with breeding. Another son sold to O'Brien Poll for \$3,500 with similar figures. David Woodard-Eden Valley S.A. stole two at \$2,250 & \$1,000 and two stations at Little Topar and Wilcannia NSW secured the last for \$1,000 & \$1,500. Broughton Vale NSW and Netallie NSW were the perfect backstop for any rams in the sale that weren't going to make their true worth.

The first of the **Southrose-Tintinara S.A.** was in my opinion in the top five of the whole sale which was also recognised by the astute Les Hamence-Pimbena S.A. who snapped him up for a paltry \$7,000! '405' a ram I promoted heavily throughout the year was massive with the boldest crimp in the entire lineup, bred by that SuperSire L858 and boasting real figures of 17.2u 2.9sd 17.0cv and a YCFW 18.8. This guy will further enhance the serious inroads Pimbena has made in the last few years.

GP201, a ram that Jono share purchased from Glenlea Park on property a few years back produced three of the five penned from Southrose all fetching commercial money at \$1,500, \$1000 & \$1,000 with a WP Bartel son selling to John Weincke-Wynarka S.A. for \$1,750. That fella boasting YCFW 24.7 & YFD -2.0!

**Kamora Park-Karoonda S.A.** didn't reach the heights of other years but found new clients all the



# CLASSIC SALE CONTINUES.....

same with O'Brien Poll-Kyancutta S.A. snatching the top son of KP522 for a budgetable \$4,000. KP522 sold to Brookdale W.A. for \$10,000 at the Classic two years previous and has bred well for both studs. In fact he bred four of the six in the lineup.

Ramsgate-Tintinara S.A. jagged a \$2,500 ripper with a tram like backend, Pimbena-Wirrulla S.A. a KP522 son for \$2,000, Trevor Gameau secured a KP17 son for \$2,250 and the Dutschke's from the Mallee stole the first offered, another KP522 son for \$1,250!! This poll had excellent real figures backed up with YCFW 21.1.

**Gunallo-Pinnaroo S.A.** was probably always going to top the sale with the general public and stud breeders alike considering their pick ram ('Lustre' 55) the best in the state! At 114Kg and standing like a rock, the \$18,000 fetched was a figure that can't be sneezed at yet most people's thoughts were that he may have made a lot more. The W.A. duo of Leovale and Derella Downs had a budget around that figure and were the successful collectors. Bred by the now dead SuperSire, Kamora Park 37 which sold at the Classic three years previous for \$14,000, the pedigree of this guy suggest his predictability is guaranteed.

KP37 also bred the next winner which sold to Pimbena-Wirrulla S.A. for \$5,000 with a YWT 7.8. Another son fronted up next and if it wasn't for a slight blemish around his moosh might of made much more than the \$3,000 paid by Glen Tilley-Kapunda S.A. The astute McPiggery-Lameroo S.A. did well to secure a bargain at \$2,000 for a nourished cutter bred by WP160. Local Murray Bridge identity, Wayne Schenke bought a L438 son for \$2,000 while I bought the last beauty for another local, Grant Wageknecht at \$1,750.



**Ella Matta-Parndana-Kangaroo Island** had a great day out selling all four of their offering and averaging \$4,000. Allen Stewart-Stockton Stud-Bairnsdale Vic., was a great appreciator of the stock to secure three of the four, all bred by L1452. The first on offer topped Ella Matta's group at \$5,500 due to his carcass attributes and fibre quality particularly in the area of whiteness. YWT 8.6 YCFW16.0 at 17u & 2.4SD MP+ 160 helped the attraction.

A direct E.T. bred son of SuperSire L154 dropped in at \$5,000 and went to quality appreciator Glen Tilley-Kapunda S.A. 7.9 for growth and YCFW

20.1 matched the elite fibre he possessed. Of the three that he bought, Allen Stewart nabbed the last two for his nephew at \$1,500 each, both with great 'actual' test figures.

**The Ridgway Advance Spring** drops were high in quality but slightly neglected by the punters and made for great buying. Maybe their age and slightly smaller size had it's effect but it made for happy customers! Davis Woodard-Eden Valley S.A. outlaid \$3,500 for a Holy son yet everything else made under the \$2,000 banner.



Netallie Station-Wilcannia NSW snapped up four and couldn't believe their fortune. Glen Tilley was there at \$1,500 for a nugget with great fibre while Neil Wormald picked up well at \$1,750. Stevens Farming-Little Topar NSW a bargain at \$1,500, Kym Hooper-Pekina S.A. at \$1,500 and O'Brien Poll-Kyancutta S.A. an absolute corker for .....\$1,000!!

**Ramsgate-Tintinara S.A.** had their best ever outing and averaged \$2,667 for their four including a \$4,500 son of WP115 to Tom Freeth-Buckleboo S.A. 20.6u 3.3sd 16.0cv ensures fleece weight potential to a flock that is going along just nicely! Quality hunter Les Hamence bought the first, a KP17 bred screamer to add to the quality pile at Pimbena. John Weincke-Wynarka S.A. and Gary Ferguson-Tintinara S.A. bought the last at \$1,000.

**Ridgway Poll-Lameroo S.A.** surprisingly sold at good commercial prices only without a biggy along the way which pleased the commercial buyer no end! Glen Tilley-Kapunda S.A. again surprised even himself by only spending \$2,750 for lot 1 a WP160 son. McPiggery bought well at \$2,500 & \$2,000 which possibly included the pick of the bunch at lot 68 except for the Lone Gum purchase at lot 67 for \$2,250. The Ferguson, Bane and Wachtel families outlaid \$1,500 each for their selections with John Weincke cleaning up the last for \$1,000.

**Lucernbrae-Callington S.A.** had a typical day and sold well including a top of \$4,250 for a WP Bartel son and sold to that great upper Mallee stud Borung-Waikerie S.A. Caught up with this animal at first ram classing a few weeks ago and he looks a picture! Silky and loaded with nourishment, we can't wait for the progeny to surface.

I bought two sniffers for Sean and Bec Freeman-Penong S.A. for two more Bartels at \$2,000 each

with one at lot 75 deserving much more buyer attention. Liam & Jen McInerney-Marooka Keith S.A. inherited themselves a great L858 son who was also high on my list. Netallie bought the last for \$1,000 with the passed in one deserved and should never have made it to the racecourse!!

**Borung-Waikerie S.A.** entered a WP syndicate bred thumper which I bought for Sean Freeman-Penong S.A. for a typical price of \$2,000. Stud Principal, Brenton Kroehne had rotten luck with his Classic team where two other possibles had to be pulled due to a broken leg and .... death!

**Lorelmo-Keyneton S.A.** would still be beaming over the success of their two entries. Craig Eckert-Elders Finance pulled the rabbit and found Alan Hall from Hallett S.A. to compete and win the rights to own the second on offer for \$4,400. Matthew Ipsen-Wareek Vic. who also runs an A.I. and pregnancy scanning business named Ewe-Wish, bought the first for \$1,800. Both rams exuded fibre quality and didn't disgrace themselves being only one of two genuine fine wool studs in the whole sale.

**Superior Wool Merino S.A.** Mt. Boothby Props. bought the best of the two SWM rams bred by the SWS purchase from Leahcim for \$38,000 three years ago. '022' was a thumper with huge staple length like the sire and will maintain the good things that have happened to this flock since the SWM infusions over quite a few years now.

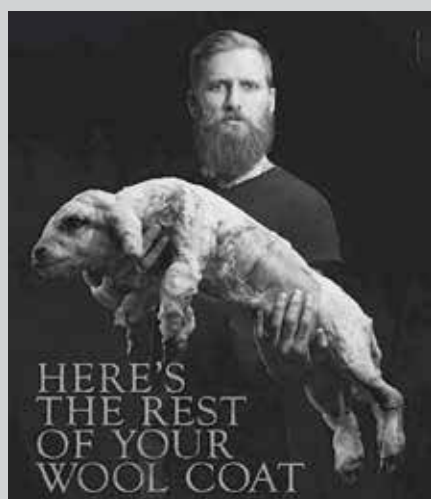
**Hynam Poll-Hopetoun Vic.**, delivered Classic'14 a thumping great WP961 son, filling the pen and selling to new stud on the block, Forest Springs Vic., for \$5,000. I'm hoping that for those who inspected this ram on the day will now realise the great quality this stud possesses and will keep and eye out for future submissions into the sale.

**Woodoona-Borrika S.A.** were the only 'wild card' entry into the sale after what I thought was a great display at the Mallee Merino Field Day in July'14. Whilst the ram didn't quite make reserve, I made an offer immediately after the sale of \$2,750 which was accepted and sent him to Roger and Ben Frances at Maitland S.A. It appears that classer Jim Wilcox is belting this joint into great shape!



# CLASSIC 2014 SALE SUMMARY

## (2015 SALE ORDER)



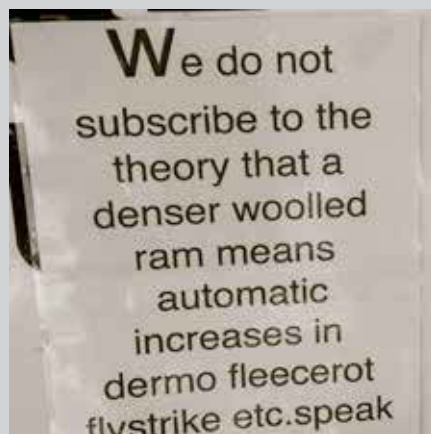
PETA have felt they have had some good reasons to have a crack at the wool industry again lately and in some cases justifiably so.

This effort using a fibreglass replica of an assumption pushed the boundaries though. The promotion of the wool that was left behind on a skinned lamb was close to laughable.

No doubt this portrayal cost their subscribers millions of dollars for something that is now the laughing stock across the industry.

The replica lamb (made of plastic) hinting that if you can't find the real thing or facts just make something up!

Thanks PETA for this one...woolgrowers are now the focus of many non farming Australians and people from other countries who now rapidly realise that all Australian growers hold their stock in high esteem especially in the area of animal health and husbandry.



There is a lot of banter flying around at the moment suggesting that fleece weight increase is all that counts. Surely more lambs is at the top of the list followed closely by their subsequent survival.

And that fleece weight thing...we get around a lot, classing over four states and particularly with new jobs see stud results on commercial properties that belong in crime comics. All this due to ill bred genetics exposing all the vagaries that traditional skin types can offer.

This came to the fore when we had a very wet June/July in 2014 and all of those traditional 'dense' woolled animals retained the moisture equating to disaster. Correct density combined with length conquers all yet cannot be bred using traditional techniques.

STUD	OFFERED	SOLD	TOP	AVERAGE
WALLALOO PARK VIC.	2	2	\$12,000	\$8,250
GUNALLO S.A.	6	6	\$18,000	\$5,292
GLENLEA PARK S.A.	10	10	\$14,000	\$5,015
HYNAM POLL VIC.	1	1	\$5,000	\$5,000
ELLA MATTA S.A.	4	4	\$5,500	\$4,000
RICE'S CREEK S.A.	1	1	\$4,000	\$4,000
SOUTHROSE S.A.	5	3	\$7,000	\$3,417
LORELMO KEYNETON S.A.	2	2	\$4,400	\$3,100
RIDGAWAY ADVANCE S.A. (AUT)	10	10	\$6,500	\$2,800
BORUNG S.A.	1	1	\$2,750	\$2,750
SWM S.A.	2	1	\$2,750	\$2,750
WOODOONA S.A.	1	1	\$2,750	\$2,750
RAMSGATE S.A.	4	4	\$4,500	\$2,667
ROEMAHKITA S.A.	3	3	\$3,000	\$2,667
LUCERBRAE S.A.	6	5	\$4,250	\$2,200
KAMORA PARK S.A.	6	6	\$4,000	\$2,167
RIDGWAY S.A.	10	8	\$2,750	\$2,000
RIDGWAY ADVANCE S.A. (SPRING)	11	10	\$3,500	\$1,750

## CLASSIC '14 OVERVIEW

Before any critiquing of Classic'14 I must pay homage to sponsors and donators to this great event. **Thomas Foods International (TFI)** don't blink when approached for a bit of the ol' spondoolie to help toward the ongoing costs of such an event. I thank Darren Thomas through Carrie Edwards for their valued support. **BankSA** actually approached Classings to offer their support and sponsorship which certainly makes it easy instead of the typical reverse situation! Thanks especially to Steve France and Chris Rowney for the approach and hope this can continue on down the track.

**AWI** through Wendie Rigley and Stuart Hodgson have to be appreciated for their presence and the swaths of merino related booklets and videos they brought that most people forgot to take home! We have heaps to give away from the laboratory reception bench if anyone cares to drop in and grab them.

**Rod's Stock Blocks** and Rod Daniel's presence on the day certainly can't go unnoticed and by all accounts his product is on the top side of good! His donation of a shite load of blocks helps the day immensely. **Tru-Test**, **Allflex** tag vouchers through Duncan Pixley, Heidi Sutherland of **Elanco** I offer thankyou's. Colin Andrew's of **Virbac** generously offer product every year

and has done for quite some time now. **Magnus Australia** through Brendan Loechel are a big presence in our industry and I can commend their yard and race designs as to allow me personally to keep classing until I'm 100!

Now back to the sale.

Twenty three of the seventy five rams sold went to studs leaving fifty two for commercial slather. This is fairly typical for the Classic sales over the years where initially the sale was designed with the commercial grower in mind. All invited studs became an eye piece for growers nation wide to see what many 'unheard' of studs were up to across this state and Victoria i.e. initially many growers had never heard of Roemahkita let alone pronounce it!

But due to human nature and the subsequent healthy competitiveness of the sale environment, better rams appeared over time evolving the sale into a dual affair-Ideal for studs and commercial breeders alike.

The, at the time record priced \$51,000 two tooth poll bred by Glenlea Park and sold in Classic'13 was the top point of the triangle as to the involvement of the sale since it's in-ception in 2002.





I think this latch could revolutionise in-yard gates and the like forever! Made in Iowa under 'Sure Latch' branding for cattle use, Bruce Burbidge stumbled across it in Miegel Brother's shed in Murray Bridge.

On loan, he welded it to the end post of the classing race, fitted a gate and presto! The two 'spikes' at the top of the latch lift up independently for release yet the gate quickly slams shut due to the 'slider' tracking the gate's male thingy into shut position. Make sense?!!



Three different studs represented here and despite 'the game' being associated with a bit of rivalry and associated evils at times, there is a lot of camaraderie along the way which is worth bottling at times!

Left to right here: Ray Schroeder-Gunallo S.A., John Clarke-Brookdale W.A., Scott Pickering-Derella Downs W.A. & Andrew Clarke-Brookdale W.A. happily pose for the camera before a dust up and an all out brawl out on the flat seconds after the picture was taken!

There are always comparisons drawn between the once decrepit Adelaide sale and the Classic. At one stage it appeared our sale just might overtake the mighty Royal due to an apparent lack of support and quality for it yet full bore support for that other sale that appeared to be broaching issues that the public needed or wanted to see.

Thanks to entries by progressive studs who made their debut into Adelaide as well as entering Classic sales combined with the 'traditionals' finally lifting their game (and breeding techniques), Adelaide is now close to a genuine stud sire sale barring obvious exceptions!

Adelaide's top priced poll in 2014 was over \$60,000!

Providing Adelaide retains it's Stud sale promotion and the Classic sales promote poll rams to suit Studs and Commercial growers alike, there will be no relevance to comparing averages as both sales have two totally different designs, ambitions and agendas.

I commend Gunallo's Ray and Brad Schroeder for breeding yet another absolute rip snorter from that great SuperSire KP37 and adding to the kit a very acceptable \$18,000.

Would the ram have made more in Adelaide is a great debate but I don't believe so. Many admirers across the field day and selling season in 2014 from four states made all kinds of suggestions on just how far they would go to get him yet on the day were no shows with only two bidders operating after the \$10,000 mark! Some said that they assumed he would make too much so it wasn't worth bidding.....

Glenlea Park's decision to heavily back ASBV's but more so to identify top mothers (as well as the obvious sire) via Matchmaker and thrust pedigree records 'in the face' of potential and existing clients has paid dividends for the stud. Boorana/Gunallo/McPiggery's syn-dicate purchase of GP769 at \$14,000 and the E.T. bred \$11,000 lot one pickup by Calcookara/Pepperwell for GP383 epitomises it's worth. E.T. programs utilising existing proven mothers is also bolstering the stud's progress with huge leaps.

Southrose's final Classic sale will be remembered especially for their number one slotted poll '405' selling to another ascending West Coast stud. Pimbena will harvest great reward from this fella **but in the hands of a traditional stud the impact would be even more pronounced.**

Ella Matta via Andrew, Tracey and Jamie Heinrich are a shooting star amongst the Classic sales with this year's effort eclipsing the last two years and winning a whole new audience. It's a question of how and why which can partially be answered by their huge success in the White Suffolk world and transferring much of that knowledge across to their merino enterprise - in particular there total understanding of the potential of ASBV's. Embryo work again has them in good stead with proven mothers breeding predictable progeny.

Ramsgate with Craig and Jed Keller at the helm win the persistence tag with their \$4,500 '134' bred by evergreen WP115 the best price the stud has seen in it's relatively short ex-istence. Netting \$9,000 worth of sales for four animals and three new clients (on the day) is a good look!

Borong now run by Brenton and Penny Kroehne suffered a few knocks throughout the year none more tragic then losing two of their three Classic potentials of which one was possibly the best ram the stud had bred. The \$2,000 reward for their surviving entry helped but what could have been...



## RAM SALE

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# GLENLEA PARK ON PROPERTY

OFFERED 133 SOLD 128 TOP \$8,400 AVERAGE \$1,996



If there was any sale in 2014 that represented just how a sale should look aesthetically and conclude, the Glenlea Park sale would have taken top gong! Over fifty registered buyers from W.A., Vic., NSW and naturally S.A. of which it felt like they all bought something by day's end, a full car park and animals of extreme quality, this sale was always destined for success.

Through diligent breeding via A.I. & E.T., identification of top mothers utilising Pedigree Matchmaker hence a match winning Dam battery, retaining only one or two potential sires per year only of pedigreed history and the careful purchase of 'outside' genetics all adds up to guaranteed success.

I personally had some good orders for the day from various studs and commercial growers who could not attend with purchasing rams only hindered by clients who were actually at the sale! The following descriptions are client purchases (highlighted) followed by a general wrapup.

**Gunallo-Pinnaroo S.A.** bought the lot 1 thumper for \$5,000 bred by WP988 and the sale never looked back! New clients of ours, the Dempster family not far from Northam W.A. gave me permission to secure a ripper which just happened to be in lot 2. Stretchy with a great backend, YCFW 16 and bred by L33 I want this poll to have a huge impact with this new flock.

On the morning of the sale I thought lot 3 was the pick ram of the sale and had three stud clients in mind of whom I could have purchased for. Calcookara-Cowell S.A. won out due to the highest realistic budget and earned themselves one of the best L858 sons in the county! Yes, Calcookara actually own L858 but through the pedigree of a great mother adding a whole new slant I'm confident this bloke will keep excelling this ever improving stud.

If not for a microscopic blemish on a lip and a small stub on lot 4, he was probably the ram of the year!! Deep barrelled and extremely wide in the backend, Will Lynch-Boorana Vic. outlaid the top money at \$8,400 for this GP739 corks! Looking at the photo of him right now

from sale day, his presence is enormous! The ram had a great pedigree with his mother being a full flush sister to the highly revered GP380. Will has since commented that this excellent pedigree plus the progeny growth rates are a huge attraction. He also latched onto lot 45 with exquisite fibre and bred by WP988.

**Stuart and Gav Brophy-Tintinara S.A.** have been admirers of Glenlea Park in the last few years and confidently bought lot 6 at \$2,600 for an AI bred Boorana 138 son with a YCFW 16 and glossy, white fibre. They added a long bodied lot 13 for \$3,000 bred by GP380 with YCFW 18.

A realistic budget from the **Prime's Nantoura Poll-Wharminda S.A.** allowed me to secure them a thumping deep, long bodied, SuperSire bred (GP004) lot 12 for \$6,250. With a YCFW 22 and visually loaded with fleece weight as well we all look forward to the 'goods'!

**Ramsgate-Tintinara S.A.** identified an elite woolled poll in lot 31 which had been used as a ram lamb such was his impending status as a youngster. At a mere \$2,600 for a future sire, he was worth the find! YCFW 18 for an animal used in a ram lamb syndicate a bonus. They backed this up with another purchase in lot 46, a cutting WP988 son, for the same moolah.

Bought one for **Munrose Nominees-Tintinara S.A.**, an extreme fibred GP380 son and four for **Wilkatana-Port Augusta S.A.** including a ripper lot 92 for \$800 bred by GP739. Yep \$800! **Dean Pearson-Murray bridge S.A.** couldn't help himself and bought a lot 60 for \$2,600 bred by GP739 with a YCFW 22. Rob Thiele from the same neighborhood buys a ripper per year with his lot 16, WP988 bred, \$3,000 purchase a beauty!

**Mount Boothby-Tintinara S.A.** bought two great flockies for not much after being impressed with the GP's at Hamilton Sheepvention. One horny in lot 126 for \$1,000 got full marks for everything yet the 'timberhead' connotation now certainly affects the fundraising side of things!

Peter Gilbertson-Lameroo S.A. always secures rams that I would be happy for my clients to enjoy as he did again in 2014. A long bodied lot 14 bred by GP367 at \$3,400 hit the mark while his lot 42 purchase for a GP 739 at \$2,100 wasn't far behind. Will be keen to hear about the results from his lot 55 purchase at \$2,800. Bred by GP739 who was a very popular 'show' sire, this guy exhibited YCFW 30 with a MP+ 158.

He was thicker and visually a real cutter which historically equated to a bit of danger. But knowing the Gilbertson flock a bit, there would now be room for such a ram to explore

the virtues of carefully monitored fleece weight lift. Let me know Peter!

*One over avid stock agent rant and raved about an animal that in my eyes should never have made the sale team! Dangerously though at cataloguing, there was a thought that he actually could be popular due to the unfortunate 'rammit down your throat' attitude of to many stockies at that time that fleece weight is all that counts-unsurpassed! The ram made it into a lot, sold very well and I haven't slept since!!*

Len Matthews-Bulgandri Poll NSW, an ever supporting client of Glenlea Park bought a very good lot 11, bred by GP988 for \$5,400 as well as a big bugger in lot 26 bred by GP739 for \$3,600. Len added another for \$4,200 at lot 70. Goldalea bought a cutter at YCFW 31 & MP+ 167, possibly the highest in the catalogue. This turned out to be the second highest priced ram in the catalogue yet a vastly different animal from the highest.

Roger Vogelsang bought a great pair in lot 50 & 57 for \$2,400 & \$3,500 respectively the second with a YCFW 20 and a great pedigree. Boolapuckie Nominees-Kingston S.A. and Alan Bennett Lawloit Vic. bought eighteen rams between them and put the perfect floor into the sale. The Stimpson Family bought a YCFW 21, GP739 son for \$6,000 at lot 6.

Heathdale, Colwell, Helyar, Janmac, Humphries, Schiller, Dilemma P/C, Nadia Farms, Shields, Eustice, Watson, Mill Park, Keilira, Eichler, Dabinett, Glynn, Shield were all names that lent great support all day to make this sale one to remember for years to come.





# BROOKDALE AND SOUTHROSE FAREWELL!

Disappointingly we say goodbye to two 'young' studs that both were heading toward their full potential through sheer hard yacka, embracing latest technologies and utilising the best genetics the country had to offer via large AI and ET programs.

Both were willing to sacrifice expense in lieu of quality gained. Both of their last on property sales and subsequent dispersals were a genuine indicator of the depth of quality of both outfits due to every sheep on both properties on full display on a single day.

I muster the knowledge gained by new classing jobs around the country utilising various bloodlines, that the genetics used in both of these studs rapidly put them on a pedestal far exceeding those more traditional outfits whose staid approach sees their animals represented as they were far too many years ago.

Soft supple skins producing lustrous silk like fibre yet productive with fleece, body weight and lambs was a hallmark quality of these two outfits with many old and new clients subsequently experiencing satisfying results due to the afore mentioned.



Individual animals will stick in my mind as a culmination of all of the third paragraph as well as a great relationship between both parties in identifying and discussing genetics to suit with many of my personal suggestions taken on board.

Southrose '130405' E.T. bred by that SuperSire L858 was just one poll that I will always hold memory to as the best the stud offered in 2014. Selling to Pimbena Poll-Wirrulla S.A. at Classic'14 for an over realistic \$7,000 yet the highest price the stud had achieved in my tenure as classer was satisfying for both of us. 17.2u 2.9sd 0.3pf with YCFW 18.8 and exhibiting a bold lustre on a great frame put this ram in my top three of the sale.

Brookdale '130034' also bred by L858 via E.T. will similarly stick in my mind as one of the stud's best and could easily have graced the pens of Classic'14 right next to the Southrose effort. He too exhibited a bold

crimped lustre and sheen that was becoming commonplace at the stud. A surprising 16.2u yet loaded with fibre density made it easy for Westwood Poll-Cascade W.A. to secure a future sire at Brookdale On Property Sale.

The pedigree systems incorporated in both camps put them on a leading edge compared to a majority of studs. We knew through mothering that Brookdale 34 had a special mother aptly named 'Elle' 10112 who in turn was bred by that other SuperSire GP004 who needs no introduction. Just ask the Premier.....

Jono Ashby's embracing of latest technologies including Sapien Technologies software incorporating MerinoSelect generated ASBV's with the info on full display in the yards via plasma TV made the classer's inquisitiveness easy with a mere glance. His wise choice of semen from various camps, sometimes quietly without too much fuss, proved a winner generally with even the classer surprised with some results from, at times surprising, sources!



I recognise Jono as the most fastidious of studmasters in all associated facets and a great judge of the merino particularly with structure and a full appreciation and understanding of how to grow top end fibre.

Andrew Clarke's twenty, single sire joinings via a very successful feedlot regime, encouraged exactness with progeny results. His astute purchasing of necessary sires as to influence an already exploding flock hit the mark with exciting results. The securing of Kamora Park 522 for \$10,000 at Classic'12 and the resultant progeny looking first class is a testament to his keen eye. Four of these topped the ram lamb category at the dispersal at \$950 each selling to Derella Downs-Cascade W.A.

Both on property sales were continually on the up where averages and top pricing was concerned. Southrose experienced their best

with their last sale, selling nearly all 72 offered to average \$1,328 to a top of \$2,900 twice.

Our clients were on hand to ensure nothing escaped at over realistic figures at both dispersals. Daniel Dempster and father Vern from Northam W.A., were on hand at Brookdale to put a dent in the sale securing nine lots! They also added some classy ram lambs to their list. David Westbrook-Parndana K.I. was the Dempster equal at the Southrose day securing hundreds of stock due to realistic pricing.

I enjoyed the gloomy, frustrated look on a couple of stock agents faces at the Brookdale day when I enforced the idea that we had to split up some specially bred ram lambs to be penned next to their E.T. mother at the sale. It was always going to be a winner for all parties with the first pen of special ET mother, 'Miranda' selling with three of her progeny for \$625 each followed by two mums and three progeny for \$525 each all sold to Westwood Poll.

The list of highlights from both parties is endless and could take a few pages but the one standout feature of both studs is the developed friendship through business and social that will never cease. Both of these fellas have great families and supportive partners whose friendships both Rose and I will keep secure for a lifetime.

It's now July 2nd and have just completed a second stage ram hogget classing at Westwood Poll. This includes ram lambs bought from the Brookdale Dispersal. Brookdale12, a son of L858 popped up at classing amongst the Westwoods and didn't disgrace showing tremendous fibre lustre. He will start another stud family for the Welkes.

I classed the Lorelmo Keyneton hoggets a few weeks ago and saw rams and ewes that they purchased at the Southrose Dispersal with outstanding visuals! Bruce and Jen Cleland-Penneshaw K.I. and Glen Tilley-Kapunda S.A. have both sent great reports back of the ewes that I purchased on their behalf.



# KARAWATHA PARK ON PROPERTY

**OFFERED 80 SOLD 80 TOP \$4,400 AVERAGE \$1,566**

There's always a few stories associated with ram sales over the years. I flew back from Perth the night before the Karawatha Park sale after a serious fortnight's classing. Rose and I caught the flight to Whyalla the next morning, hired a car from the airport, hung out at the shopping center for a while with plenty of time up our sleeve!

Finally moved on yet once arriving at Iron Knob was turned back due to a shocker of an accident on the Eyre Highway. Zooming right ahead, we arrived at the sale with about ten minutes spare before sale start! The panic being that we had clients present who ask for opinions on rams etc. I was given about another ten minutes grace before sale commencement.

The sale was a roaring success with a belting \$1,566 average and a top of \$4,400 for the best horny in the country. **Paul Schaeffer-Buckleboo S.A.** knew it and fought hard to secure this R1137 (sold at Classic '10 for \$25,000) son with frame and horns as strong as a buffalo! YCFW 22 & 4.8 for growth & 105kg from the paddock, with 18.1u 2.8sd 15.6cv we will track this guy carefully as his SuperSire potential awaits! Paul also went on to buy three more including a Lucernbrae 295 son for \$2,800 at 16.7u & 0.0pf.

Another great R1137 son went to Shannon Larwood-Buckleboo at lot 5 for \$3,400. Tim Larwood got the sale away to a good start at \$2,600 for a big bastard bred by L663 and well liked by most. The Larwood name was synonymous with top picks all day and by day's end had a great group of sires to influence their high quality flocks.

Big deal supporters, Wayne and Sam Young-Orroroo S.A., were again there in force and picked up lot 2 for \$2,700, a L282 son with zingy fibre, a ripper LU295 bred lot 4 for \$2,000 and four other purchases throughout to average \$2,500.

The Woolford Brothers-Kimba S.A. bought five including three L663 (bought at Leahcim on property for \$14,000) sons averaging around \$1,300.

Trengrove Partners-Spalding S.A. through Paul Cousins-Burra bought three including a \$3,900 LSYN bred cutter with YCFW 25 at 153 DP+ and a WP578 softy at 17.7u & 0.0pf for \$2,400.

Newcomer, Reece Hull-Elliston S.A. latched onto lot 3, a L282 framed poll for \$2,400 and lot 25 for a YCFW 19 poll for \$2,400 as well. The local Inglis family supported well with their three purchases including a lot 45 purchase at \$2,000 with a YCFW 22. Kym Allen-Kimba bought two to \$3,000 with that ram spruiking YCFW 25 & DP+ 154.

I bought six for **Andrew Smart-Wilkatana-Pt. Augusta S.A.** who disappointingly couldn't make the sale and averaged somewhere around \$800. One of these, lot 7 with tag 130162, and bred by SuperSire R1132, was a stunner and easy on the budget at \$1,500. I thought Smarty might be ringing me possibly once a week in appreciation of my purchasing power!

**Matt Cook-Minnipa S.A.** and near neighbor **Bruce Heddle** also couldn't attend so I picked up a great poll exuding fleece weight backed up with YCFW 23 at \$2,000 for Matt and another for \$800 for an L663 thumper at YCFW 20 in the last pen! Bought two good polls for Bruce including a \$1,200 LSYN bred ripper in lot 53 at 16.5u 2.5sd 15.4 & 0.0pf.

The Barlows with family interest at stake, bought two including a good lot 12 for \$1,000. Mark Baldock bought well including a \$2,400 ripper in lot 24. GB Frances and Co. bought the highest YCFW poll at 29 in lot 40 for \$2,400 and bred by R1137.

Robert Koch-Orroroo S.A. had a season so he was active in buying seven throughout the sale and didn't have to pay heaps to fill up the trailer. The Bruce and Julie Nutt-Pandurra-Pt. Augusta enterprise are always valuable support and like Rob Koch and Andrew Smart, put a beautiful base into the sale. They bought four or five during the sale and I think cleaned out most in the outside 'selection' pens. They could possibly

share the plane with Paul Schaeffer and Wayne Young for a Karawatha sponsored, all expenses paid, holiday to San Gimignano in Italy for two weeks due to their large investments!

The Rayson, Seale, Beinke, Hermann, Grocke, Davie, Girdham, Zibell and Page families was there throughout and without those one or two ram purchasing support, this sale would begin to run out of puff half way through the sale.



**KARAWATHA PARK**  
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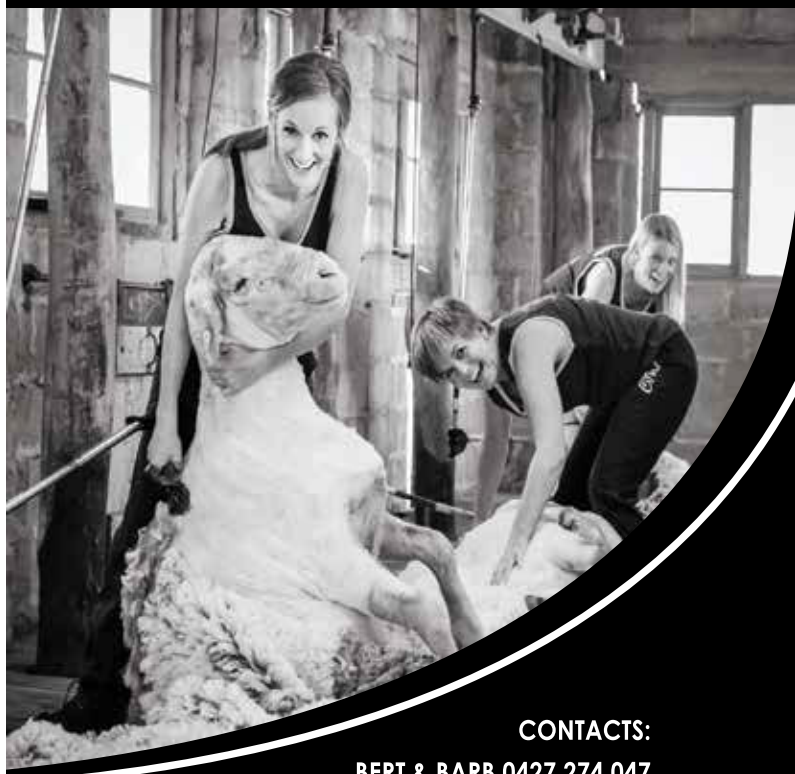
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# BRIA ROE's RESEARCH PROJECT

**Bria Roe attends Sacred Heart College and enjoyably interrogated me as part of her Research Project regarding all facets of mulesing in today's climate. The following is a part reproduction of that interview with only irrelevant detail left out. (Feb 2015). Bria's family farm is near Streaky Bay S.A.**

## **Is it possible to not mules?**

Yes! It is possible not to mules every merino but there is a version that is still of old fashioned design which cannot survive the rigours of the destruction caused by the Australian blowfly. These sheep have excessive skin fold and wrinkle combined with short, thick wool staples which trap moisture and humidity thus creating the perfect environment for maggot larvae.

## **What reasons support people still mulesing? e.g. wool cut, sale of sheep**

Breeders who continue to breed the afore mentioned style of sheep need to mules just to keep the animal safe from the nasties. Even those who breed the ideal merino with 'free' skins without excessive wrinkle full of staple length and whiteness are still happy to mules as for peace of mind especially when unable to muster thousands of sheep on huge properties on a regular basis. We have clients who have not mulesed over 5000 lambs of progressive genetics who still lost over 200 sheep to the vicious fly. It wasn't hard for them to swing back to selective mulesing with pain relief for total confidence.

## **What percentage of studs and commercial producers don't mules?**

Can only estimate this figure but amongst our own clients possibly 20% would not mules with 20% of our stud clients doing the same.

## **Is wrinkle score important in reducing breech strike?**

Totally! There is a direct correlation to breech strike and wrinkle score. Less wrinkle = less strike. The added bonus amongst this is the now proven advantage that per every drop in wrinkle score equates to 12 extra lambs! Thick skinned ewes are very prone to low fertility and over so many animals measured within the Merino Select system this can be now taken as gospel!

## **How important is wool quality in reducing breech and body strike?**

Our business prides itself in being associated with over 100 clients who strive in breeding a merino that is free skinned that is able to produce a fleece of paramount staple length, lustre, softness yet productive. These attributes come from a skin that is soft and pliable so far removed from a tight, wrinkly, unprogressive skin that entices the green blowfly to lay eggs amongst a warm, moist skin fold hosting low quality fibre.

## **How has your selection process evolved since animal rights groups demanded change to the mulesing practice?**

It didn't take animal rights groups demands, often unsubstantiated, to alter our selection process. Our company has been harping on the skin discussion for over a decade, encouraging everyone to benchmark their old breeding strategies against new progressive efforts. New era techniques have certainly caused woolgrowers, especially our clients less pain

than old fashioned breeding still practiced by 'in denial' stud breeders nationwide! The hardest part about appeasing animal rights advocates is actually attempting to get THEM to listen to us about exciting progressive breeding results. Regularly they are guilty of thrusting information on to the ill informed yet appear to be deaf to exciting breeding results out in the field that have been relayed on to them. As hosts of the progressive, Classings Classic Ram Sale annually, I invite PETA to the event annually without reply! This typifies my dismay with that organisation.

## **Is a combination of modified mules coupled with plain bodied sheep the best practice at present?**

Yes!! Modified mules but add pain relief, coupled with plain bodied sheep is the only worthwhile breeding practice. Many breeders have trouble acknowledging just what a plain bodied animal actually looks like!

## **Is the bare breech gene very heritable in combination with retaining wool cut kg/head?**

Calcookara Stud on Eyre Peninsula was used as a focus property by Adelaide University a round a decade ago in the evaluation of bare breech and other traits. I think it would be fair to say that there was no fleece weight loss by utilising bare breech genetics but fleece weight was retained combined with the huge attraction of plain or bare breech in relation to manageability and attracting youth into the market in the promotion of ease!

## **Is there a premium for non mulesed wool?**

Only in recent months has a premium been struck for unmulesed wool. Up to \$2 per kilo has been suggested and I will give you contacts to further explore the prospects.

## **Does the long term benefit of mulesing outweigh the short term discomfort and stress to the animal versus flystrike?**

Limited mulesing with pain relief over progressive plain bodied merinos easily conquers the evils and devastation of fly strike. A heavy traditional mules over ill bred traditionally bred sheep is still better than the stress of fly strike but these animals should not be allowed to be bred. This group needs attack from the likes of PETA not the industry as a whole!

## **Is the use of pain relief on mulesed lambs recommended and why?**

Yes it is recommended and most of our clients who mules do so. It's use is yet another situation where most growers care for their stock - NO ONE enjoys the mulesing task so pain relief along with better breeding and minimal mules reflects the care factor of most breeders.

## **Do you think the phasing out of mulesing is practical and economical for studs and commercial producers?**

Another great question! I often visualise the holocaust and carnage that would eventuate if mulesing was to be banned over a phase out period. Traditional studs who continually attempt to whack more and more wool on animals (and subsequently more skin wrinkle therefore less lambs!) yet are incapable of doing so need to be mulesed! There are other studs and commercial flocks that are ready for non mules tomorrow if the need arises yet they are happy to still mules for peace of mind that no animal is being eaten alive in the paddock by the hungry maggot! With

a possible 200c premium for unmulesed fibre this would outweigh those losses but can you imagine the PETA response to that discussion!

## **Do you think they will eliminate mulesing?**

'They' being PETA?? No! They or no group can possibly police what every grower is up to yet most growers, due to their caring nature, will do what's best for the animal before profit. Slight mules, pain relief and plain bodied genetics (doesn't have to be bare breeched) is the only answer only bettered by no mules and constant monitoring. (ok if you live in the Adelaide Hills!)

## **Is there anything I haven't covered that you feel is important?**

Bria if you want me to elaborate more on any points let me know. You may find something of interest on AWI's website (Australian Wool Innovation) by searching for this topic.

Check our website in CLASSING tab for our thoughts on breeding. ([www.classings.com.au](http://www.classings.com.au))

Cheers, Bill



The two polls on the right are reserved for Classic'15 from Roemahkita. One of the two is from JC&S 102 with the irony of that for a few to savour! ~ Details advertised on the Roemahkita advert. All three exhibit the whiteness and lustre we have become accustomed to over the years. Two are double copy polls.

Roemahkita won the single ram class at the recent Eyre Peninsula Merino Field Day at Wudinna on July 6th and earnt themselves a ride on mower sponsored by Pringles/ Crouch Wudinna. Add that to the two four wheelers as reward for great wins in the only class worth it's salt at Burra in the last few years and it's almost time for a new shed to house the artillery!



This year signals our 30th year of classing in the Cascade area, 120km north east of Esperance W.A.

Received a call from Rob Rollond in 1984 suggesting we should travel 3,000km plus to class his 400 hoggets! (Ed & John Rollond's classing we had been doing for years at Rockleigh S.A.) He settled my protest by suggesting that all we had to do was get to W.A. and there would be more work than just his own. 1985 saw Rose and I head over and the rest is history!

I now class three studs in that district - Derella Downs, Penrose & Westwood with Rose testing all three ram submissions annually through the laboratory. Add three commercial clients, the Walter, Nankivell and West families and add Westfield-Frankland and the Dempster family at Northam and we now spend around three working weeks per year in the West.

Sue Pickering's (Derella Downs) folks were our first clients in the area that weren't Rollonds! Scott Welke's (Westwood) father Mike took us on very soon after and always threatened me that I had to wait until Scott returned from Uni as to fulfill my full ambitions with the flock! Obviously Scott's home!

Scott Pickering opened his house to Rose and I unconditionally when he was farm based at Munglinup which allowed us to canvass an area and extend the business radius.

Disappointments along the way with the loss of a few flocks with the demise of the Reserve Price Scheme and hefty interest rates in the early 80's.

The Clarke family's Brookdale Merino-Arthur River has now changed hands with Clarkey still at the helm albeit with different ownership. I'll miss that job as the mighty Brookdale was heading into some great territory with quality and appreciators. Won't ever spoil the friendship but!

Back to Cascades though, I thank all existing clients for their welcoming in those initial years which still holds today through hospitality and a good bunk and a feed whenever in need!



# RIDGWAY - LAMEROO

OFFERED 128 SOLD 114  
TOP \$3,600 AVERAGE \$1,214



Unfortunately due to some urgent sale cataloguing and classing work on the West Coast, I was unable to attend the Ridgway sale for the first time in years. The following is Ian Turner's interpretation of the day's proceedings and I thank him for letting me replicate it.

RIDGWAY Merino Stud continued a run of successful sales from Hamilton Sheepvention, Vic, where they sold five rams to \$4250 and averaged \$2700, to their on-property Poll Merino sale last Monday at Kulkami.

Ric, Gail, Matt Ridgway and family offered a very even team of 128 quality rams, 13 to 14 months, in their main auction with 114 sold at a good clearance rate of 89 per cent.

The top price of \$3600 dropped \$400 on last year's sale, with the average at \$1214, also down \$90, Fifty per cent of rams sold for \$1000 to \$1900, while only 11 sold for more than \$2000. Eight rams sold in the mini auction to \$700 and averaged \$544. A further 13 sold after the sale.

Brett Woods, Trundle, via Parkes, NSW, proved the adage that lot one is often the cheapest, he bought the first ram offered, R129, at \$2800. The top price was reached seven lots later with successful bidders Brian Martin and Wayne Sheriff, McLaren Vale, paying \$3600 for Ridgway 27, a superb son of R29.

R27 had impressive wool figures of 18.9 micron, 2.8 standard deviation, 14.8 coefficient of variation, 99.9 per cent comfort factor and +22 for yearling clean fleece weight. Its multi-purpose (DP) index was an impressive 160, the second highest in the catalogue.

They will use the ram to breed flock rams at their Keith property.

Return buyers Alastair and Deb MacAllan, Woodchester, purchased the second top priced ram for the second year in a row at \$3300 for R9. They bought three rams for an average price of \$2600.

Other buyers included regular supporters S&Y Brady, Rhymney, Vic, four to \$2100, averaging of \$1775.

The strength of the middle ground was on the back of support from seven volume buyers who collectively purchased 73 rams or 64% of the main auction offering.

First time clients, Rob and Sharon McCarthy, Yalpara Station, Orroroo bought nine rams to \$900 in the main auction, then added four others from the mini auction and privately.

Landmark's Malcolm Scroop and Gordon Wood auctioneered.

*\* Just to add to this report there were clients of ours who did attend the sale and bought well. Mt. Boothby-Tintinara S.A. lent big time support with their eight purchases, Rob Chalk-Keith S.A. bought four for \$1,000 each and Aaron Freeman one at \$2,100.*



A casual shot yet these two Ridgway polls are two of the best that this enduring stud has entered into the Classic ever possibly in front of the mighty R1137! Both of these leading two of eight bred by SuperSire L858.

Matt at left holding 140-721 bred by that sire of the decade L858, is loaded with density and shine backed up by enviable figures:  
19.0u 2.9sd 15.4cv 0.2pf  
ASBV's YCFW 26.3 & YWT 8.8.

Ric is holding 140-715 also bred by SuperSire L858 is a lustrous cutter with the following: 19.4u 3.0sd 15.6cv 0.5pf aided by....  
ASBV's YCFW 16.3 & YWT 8.5.

715's mother, 110417, incidentally was bred by WP115 a very successful results ram used extensively by Ramsgate and SWM.

...and the complete eight Classic rams from Ridgway for Classic'15....

## RIDGWAY CLASSIC'15 TEAM

Tag	Sire	FD	SD	%>30u	YCFW	YWT	MP+
504	L47	20.9	3.1	0.6	20	8	148
517	Big Joe	18.7	2.6	0.3	21	4.8	156
632	146	17.8	2.5	0.1	18	3.6	150
640	1137	18.1	3.1	0.4	22	3.8	158
715	L858	19.4	3.0	0.5	16	8.5	141
721	L858	19.0	2.9	0.2	26	8.8	155
808	387	19.5	2.7	0.3	14	4.7	147
839	27	18.7	2.9	0.1	19	4.8	153



# SUPERIOR WOOL MERINO - TINTINARA S.A.

OFFERED 70 SOLD 59 TOP \$3,400 AVERAGE \$1,404



One of our oldest family named clients in the Tintinara district bought the best ram from one of our oldest family named studs in the same district sired by one of our most influential parent studs. **Neil McKenzie** whose father **Graeme** started having his flock classed by my father, **Don** in the early 60's, secured the top ram from the Richard Harkness' SWM stud of whom my father started his father **Rob's** commercial classing in the same decade!

Lot 9 was a bloody beauty and sold to Neil for \$3,400. Lustre and sheen on a great frame attracted most buyers to have a crack or just enjoy the view! Bred by W/PK 14 and a later drop, Neil and I both look forward to an individual progeny result. The McKenzie flock is easily one of our best in the state and well worth a look at once in your life for all things good about the merino!

**Garry Hansen - Hansen Farms-Coomandook S.A.** was very active early with some great quality purchasing and snared his first at lot 3 for a pick Lorelmo/Willalooka bred scorcher for \$2,900. A L282 thumper was to follow at \$2,200 for lot 11 straight from the paddock.

His half brother was next for \$1,700 then a zooming lot 18 bred by WP160 for \$2,500 got many punters gritting their teeth as he was

another they missed. Mine are still sore! A heavy cutting lot 26 bred by L282 at \$2,200 and a few more to follow created a trailer full of quality that was astounding. Garry averaged \$1,857 for the lot.

Scott Harlock-Bool Lagoon S.A. who now owns old clients, Roger and Sally Haines'-Shepherd Way jumped in early and bought three on the same page. A very good lot 1 Lorelmo/Willalooka (LW) son for \$1,800, a Sohnic 16 son that won my attention in lot 5 and another LW for \$1,700 in lot 8.

New client the Richardson Bros.-Coonalpyn S.A. made their presence felt whilst securing nine rams across the sale. They certainly put a great floor in it yet by no means were they buying to a low budget. They averaged just under \$1,250 to get them. A L282 son in pen 29 showed the goods as well as a lot 45 bred by LW who was a late catalogued ripper for \$1,900.

Peter Blacket-Wynarka S.A. was great support with his six and clinched an absolute monty at lot 20 and outlaid the necessary \$2,600 to get him! Bred by L282 if it wasn't for a bit of stub he just may have stayed at home for stud duties! Not you Peter! He added another from the same breeding at pen 27 with great nourishment and again at pen 39 for \$2,300 for yet again another L282.

*The original outlay of \$38,000 for L282 three years ago by the Superior Wool Syndicate (of which Richard is a member) becomes realistic after his progeny topped the sale by thousands. What establishes a good buy (or not) is reflected in part by ram sales from those studs and commercial flocks that use him via A.I. only. In his first drop at Richard's he created over \$27,300 worth of sales and averaging over \$1,500 per ram. Lucernbrae also have a share in the ram so will reconvene at their sale report and add Ramsgate to the list as an outside semen share.*

**Brian Landseer's Narilla-Milang S.A.** can't resist quality even when he doesn't really need more and picked up five averaging just under \$1,500. A WP Bartel son in lot 14 with whiteness and cutting potential was the first to Narilla at \$2,400 and possibly the pick of the bunch. Two more Bartel's at \$1,900 each weren't far off though!

**The Johnson's-Mt. Boothby-Culburra S.A.** were good for four and bought two of the best in the first ten including two L282 sons in pen 2 for \$1,500 and pen 4 for \$1,600. Their two WP Bartel buys in pen 35 was a standout for \$2,000 and well marked in my book as well as lot 51 for \$2,400 for similar animals.

**Bill Cameron-Tinline Park-Mt. Torrens S.A.** held off for one of the best at lot 66 for \$1,800 and a son of Westwood 282, semen used from this quality new W.A. stud.

**Munrose Nominees-Tintinara S.A.** through Aaron Freeman got hold of a good looking pen 47 horny for \$2,300 and bred by SuperSire WP955 (Bartel).

John Weinke-Wynarka S.A. knows quality and picked up four or five for not much yet all were loaded with the good oil! The Mitten family bought four including a good lot 6 for a steal at \$1,000. The Burge clan from Naracoorte S.A. bought four with a ripper L282 horny for \$900 in pen 28.

Greg Kennett-Tintinara S.A. secured three good buys at \$1,000, \$1,000 and \$600 while the O'Malleys were good for three budget buys. The Guthries-Mt. Pleasant S.A. picked up one for \$900.

Of great interest to the principle, Vanessa Hooper bought two including a beauty in pen 58 for \$1,700 bred by WP160.

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# NANTOURA POLL MERINO - ON PROPERTY

**OFFERED 64 SOLD 58 TOP \$3,500 AVERAGE \$1,328**



There was once a stud in the Mallee named Benefield owned by the Burbidge family that phased out a couple of decades ago. If ever there was an excuse to crank up the old name again now could be the moment!

Chad Burbidge pictured here with father Bruce is breeding top quality animals not only due to his passion for the industry but the combination of utilising top genetics via AI due to his membership with the Superior Wool Syndicate and the securing of quality 'live' genetics.

Things aren't that great for season the closer you get to Bowhill from Murray Bridge but these hogget rams were a treat to class and were well above weight. SWM, Gunallo, Wallaloo Park (via Bartel 955) and Leahcim genetics have combined to push this commercial flock into stud territory if Chad so requires!



A beautiful day greeted the prospective buyers as they arrived at Nantoura Poll Merino Studs 7th annual on property auction.

26 registered buyers

64 unmuselsed, paddock run rams were penned and ready to find new homes.

26 registered buyers purchased 58 of these rams to a top of \$3500, up \$500 from 2013, and an average of \$1328 also up from 2013.

Lot 1; tag 606 a 108 kg ram, with 20.2 micron wool, had much interest prior to the sale eventually was knocked down to Berryman Enterprises, Lipson, for \$2200. They also added lot 15 for the same money.

Lot 2, tag 123 an Embryo Transfer ram sired by Leahcim 858, weighed in at 105 kilograms and had wool measurements of 18.1 micron, 3.3 SD and 18.1 CV. His ASBV's were even more impressive with a YWT of 10.8, YCFW 19.3, YFD -1.1 combine for a MP+ of 151. After some

spirited bidding he was sold to first time buyer TJ Freeth, Kimba, for a new but brief record top price of \$3400.

Under bidder JL & LM Sampson went on to purchase lot 7 a Ridgway 110357 progeny with ASBV's of YWT 6.1, YCFW 23.7, YFD - 0.7 and MP+ 156 for \$2800. Sampson's picked up 3 more rams later in the sale.

Tim Ottens picked up a bargain at lot 5 for a 858 ET son, for \$1600 and added lot 10 Ridgway 357 son for \$2000. Lot 11, tag 114 a full flush brother to lot 2 then went about breaking the newly set top price received on property for Nantoura. He weighed in at 101 kilograms and had wool measurements of 19.9 micron, 3.2 SD and 16.2 CV. His ASBV's also impressed an YWT of 9.8, YCFW 16.6, YFD -0.8 YSL 15.6 combining for a MP+ of 142. Evan Hunt, EC & CG Hunt, Wharminda was the successful purchaser at \$3500.

"He had great staple length, good back end and his width and depth of body will be a great blend over our ewes." Mr Hunt said.

The Hunts added 4 more rams during the sale. First time Nantoura buyers PG & LM Masters also purchased at the top end of the sale 2 to \$2400.

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

"While our top price and averages went up, clients were still able to purchase good quality rams at an affordable price. 28 of the 58 rams sold were \$1000 or under." Mr Prime said.

**Take A closer Look at our Rams**

# Nantoura Poll Merino Stud



Offering

**60 Poll Merino Rams 60**

**Tuesday 25th August**

**2:00 pm**

**All rams with**

**ASBV's and current wool tests**

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# RAMSGATE - TINTINARA S.A.

OFFERED 70 SOLD 56 TOP \$1,900 AVERAGE \$1,042

After missing the early morning flight from Port Lincoln and catching the mid morning version, I arrived at Ramsgate's sale with about 15 minutes up my sleeve. After a reprieve of another fifteen so that I could catch up with clients on possible selections and recheck penned rams, the sale was away! (More on that missed flight hidden away in this newsletter elsewhere!)

The sale went along as many do. Once the top quality rams made their worth plus more, the sale fell into the buyer's favour where still very good quality polls became affordable to all at hand. For the sale to average as it did with a top price of 'only' \$1,900 means that it was a true 'peas in a pod' lineup loaded with the right stuff yet affordable for all.

Thirteen rams sold to one station is the perfect backstop for any stud only bettered

by more than one having a go as well! Just the one this sale day though and god bless Keilira-Kingston S.A. for arriving safely!

Manager Shane Rooke with Elders gun Steph Brooker-Jones did the homework and selected some beauties amongst the group. Their start at lot 12 for a great KP17 son for \$1,600 followed by a super long bodied L916 son at \$1,500 really had the quality ball rolling early. At days end with a few coming in at the \$600-\$800 price bracket they averaged just under \$1,000 for the 13.

A \$1,900 top was achieved twice with my local client, **Dean Pearson-Murray Bridge S.A.** taking dual honours with an L1545 son at 106kg of great stature in pen 9. Rod Marsson-Meningie S.A. bought the other top seller in pen 2 and bred by that other Leahcim sire of the moment L282. (see SWM report) He two was top class and deserved the 'top' accolade. Rod added another, a big square monolith in 51 for \$1,500 and bred by WP115.

**Mt. Boothby-Culburra S.A.** bought three of the top 10 and six over the sale duration. This included lot 1 for \$1,400 who was positioned there for a reason and bred by Kamora Park 17, purchased at Classic'12. 18.2u & 2.9 aided an easy purchase. Another KP17 was added at lot 7 and a very good L1545 at pen 29 maintained the quality.

Greg Kennett-Tintinara S.A. was a great competitor in securing six but maybe bidding on alot more to snare what he did. His lot 10, \$1,000 purchase for a L282 son at 106kg was a ripper but didn't have to pay anywhere near that price for the rest where all were bought between \$600-\$800.

Anthony Foster-Bull Lagoon S.A. continued on with his previous year's support with another four secured to average around \$1,200. The Thomas clan from the Adelaide Hills through Dave Wittenbury explored four including a good GP004 son in lot 33 for \$1,300.

First timer David Miles-Tintinara S.A. needed to put some bounce back into a Dohne job and did well with his lot 3 WP115 bred purchase for \$1,500. John Miell-Tintinara picked up two framey KP17 sons for \$1,400 & \$600.

I bought four for Netallie Station-Wilcannia NSW including two screamers on the first page. I was surprised yet happy to get lot 6 bred by L916 for \$1,000 and lot 8 bred by GP004 for a mysterious \$800! Both rams were a treat and positioned early in the sale for a reason but competition was lack lustre. Jeremy McClure a happy chappy! Another two at \$800 saw the group come in well under budget.

Nathan Wegener-Callington S.A. picked up two good WP115 sons for \$1,400 & \$1,000, Gary Ferguson-Tintinara S.A. two including a bold crimper with huge staple length in pen 13 for \$1,000. James Keller, Shane and Burnie Vowels, Stott Brothers and Jim Norman-Karoonda S.A. chipped in with their ones and twos to finish off a good day for the Kellers.



Borung's LKSYN 083 is a well proportioned poll that will be enjoyed at Classic'15 through sheer presence.

Showing boldness of crimp and density and standing like a poll should, I'm hoping to be outbid on sale day and the ram off to a new customer as a testament to just how well this stud is travelling under Brenton Kroehn's helm.

I have the Brophy boy's classing this week which reminded me of the spread of fantastic tucker always on offer at lunch amongst the job from Mrs. Brophy.

The following is one of her recipes....

## EASY AND DELICIOUS CHOCOLATE CAKE

2 CUPS FLOUR  
2 CUPS SUGAR  
1 TSPOON BAKING POWDER  
2 TSPOONS BAKING POWDER  
1 CUP MILK  
3/4 CUP PROCESSED COCOA  
1 TBL SPOON VANILLA  
2 EGGS  
1 CUP HOT COFFEE

Mix all ingredients together in large bowl and pour into greased 9x13 pan.

Bake at 160c (350f) for 30-35 mins.

Top with your favourite frosting, powdered sugar or whipped topping.

Da dah!



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## Fibre & Fertility on Frame

# WORLD MERINO INSIGHT ADELAIDE SEPTEMBER 2016

## A new and exciting global sheep industry event

Designed to run every four years in a biennial rotation with the World Merino Conference, this first World Merino Insight will be a practically oriented six-day event with the focus being on information exchange, networking with delegates from South Australia, Australia, and from across the globe. Hosted by 'Merino SA' the program will entail:

### **Sunday 4th September 2016 : Welcome**

Delegates arrive. Meet at Hilton Hotel by conference representative. Welcome drinks social function.

### **Monday 5th September 2016 Murray Bridge S.A.**

Attend the World Merino Insight Innovation Day held at the Murray Bridge Racecourse incl. Trade Display, Merino Display, **Classings Classic'16 Sale**.

Optional Evening Cocktail Function in Adelaide.

### **Tuesday 6th September 2016 : Conference**

Main conference day ('Global Merino Unity'), Schools' Session, and Conference Dinner.

A Partners' Tour around Adelaide and the Adelaide Hills will be offered to those not attending the Insight

### **Wednesday 7th September 2016 : Adelaide Show**

Attend Royal Adelaide Show and view industry competitions and the schools' merino wethers competition. Small group 'behind the scenes' tour with local guides.

Delegates to attend evening Rabobank drinks function and TAFE students' fashion parade in Stud Sheep Pavilion, Adelaide Showground.

### **Thursday 8th September 2016 : Adelaide Show**

Delegates to attend Royal Adelaide Show at their discretion.

Social Day option for Delegates to the Adelaide Hills or Barossa wine regions, including farm visit.

### **Friday 9th September 2016 : Ram Sale + Goodbye**

SA Stud Merino and Poll Merino Ram Sale with formal acknowledgement of delegates at sale preamble. Farewell social function after the sale.

– The event will offer two tremendous opportunities for commercial businesses involved with the sheep and wool industries to exhibit their products and services at either Murray Bridge or at the Adelaide Hilton on the conference day. Merino studs will be encouraged to display sheep at the Innovation Day at Murray Bridge. –





# PIMBENA ON PROPERTY RAM SALE

**OFFERED 80 SOLD 70 TOP \$3,200 X 2 AVERAGE \$1,171**

I can't help but grin when I hark back to this Pimbena ram sale. Running just a bit late for the sale due to a classing job that morning, to come over the rise in Les Hamence's driveway and see a multitude of vehicles and trailers at the sale shed was a sight to behold! This was the fourth sale in a row where the clientel now match the great quality at hand. Ten rams passed out of eighty is a mighty feat in such a testy (at times) environment topped off by an average that reflects avid support and competition.

Pimbena has had enormous success with the quality dealt by A.I. and carefully selected sires. SuperSire L858 weaved the magic again despite a very poor AI result with that year's drop. Had that been successful maybe the first two sale rows would have been chock a block full of his sons.

The first twenty rams averaged \$1,765. The five L858's within that twenty averaged \$2,300 including lot 1, bought by Mick Baldock-Haslam S.A. for \$2,500. The ram had an extremely long body and a square backend that really made him fill the pen. His YWT 6.3, YFAT 0.1 EMD 0.3 backed up with real fibre figures of 17.8u 2.8sd 15.7cv & 0.0 made him well sought after. Mick also bought another '858' in lot 5 for \$2,100 with great test figures again including YFAT 0.1 and YFAT 0.2 then added his 3rd '858' in pen 19 for \$2,400.

**Tom Freeth-Buckleboo S.A.** knows his stuff, went to purchase only the top ram and bought pen 2 for \$3,100, another L858 son. Extremely long bodied and the pick ram of the sale in my eyes, if Les was to send one ram to the Classic in 2014, this was the boy! YCFW 19.1 YWT 9.3 YFAT 0.6 and 108kg, I was happy this bloke went to a client where we can monitor his progress.

Top price though went to John Duncan & Di Thomas-Wirrulla S.A. for a thumping framed Calcookara 077 son at YWT 7.4 EMD 0.8 & 105kg. A great shaped animal who will throw big stock to meet early maturity needed for meat market premiums. **Neville Jericho's, Trevina Park-Minnipa S.A.** whose hoggets I classed that morning bought well early and secured four rippers in the first 8 pens for \$2,400, \$1,500, \$2,000 & \$1,700 all from Calcookara sires.

Trevor Pittaway-Haslam S.A. was tremendous with his attendance buying five all the way up to \$2,600 and this was

all the way down at pen 73! It was quite a sight with many clients still needing rams and the end of the run was close at pen 80! Prices had been dropping down to realistic levels! YCFW 14 & EMD 0.8 and descent fibre figures were also an attraction.'

Anthony Nicholls-Ceduna S.A. put together a fine group of six including a thumping Nantoura bred lot 17 with a rare EMD 1.1 & YFAT 0.0 for \$1,300. New client, Rob Payne-Poochera S.A. was also great support with his five snares including a CAL077 lot 10 at \$1,700 at 18.3u & 2.9sd.

Paul Brown-Uworra Pastoral-Ceduna S.A. and again new to Pimbena maybe wins the Pimbena sponsored week long stay in Sydney Harbour for two with all grog supplied for his great support in purchasing seven polls to \$1,300.

Myles Tomney-Poochera S.A. topped his lot of three at \$2,600 for a Nantoura bred biggy at 101kg from the paddock at YWT 5.1, YFAT 0.3 & EMD 0.3. Jamie Baker-Poochera S.A. bought four up to \$1,400 which had YSL13.9, second highest in the catalogue.

New clients, Broand Family Trust-Ceduna S.A. secured five to \$1,000, Ricky Miller-Penong S.A. with 4 to \$900, Andrew Watson-Wirrulla S.A., 2 to \$1,400 including an '858' son with YWT 8.6 & YCFW 14.5. and the Shiphards-Penong S.A. with three to \$800 all made the day a great success.

I bought Netallie Station-Wilcannia NSW two with an '858' with horns one of the best in the catalogue! Exquisite fibre and YCFW 18.2 and 7.1 for Growth at \$1,400....

Ooralin P/L, Tim Vanloon, Scott Trewartha, Milton Tremaine and the Nielsen Family all bought one to three polls to help almost make the day a total sellout although by day's end another twenty had left the place.

**CLASSINGS CLASSIC '15**  
**MONDAY SEPTEMBER 7th 2015 AT 1.30pm**  
**POLL MERINO INVITATIONAL**  
**Murray Bridge Race Course S.A.**

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## Sheep Numbers by State: 2012 -2013 (AWI)

NSW 27.6 million  
VIC 15.9 million  
WA 14.4 million  
SA 10.9 million  
QLD 3.5 million  
TAS 2.4 million

## Average Cut Per Head: (AWI)

1991-1992 4.4kg  
2001- 2002 4.7kg  
2012 - 2013 4.5kg

## Sheep numbers shorn (AWI)

1991 - 1992 180.9 million  
2001 - 2002 118.6 million  
2012 - 2013 78.8 million

# GUNALLO - PINNAROO S.A.

**OFFERED 90 SOLD 89 TOP \$3,000 AVERAGE \$1,152**



The Charra Hogget competition has been running for years and is held at various properties throughout the Penong district every June. Based on objective measurement and meat appraisal, three ewe hoggets from each entry are assessed.

This year Critter and Bec Freeman were outright leaders in the two tooth class with some outstanding results. The top hogget cut 6.2kg of 15.5u silk followed by another 6.2ukg girl at 17.5u and a 5kg at 15.1u to have a total fleece value of \$227.28.

The dressed weight was impressive at 26.7kg, 27.7kg & a high of 28kg for the top hogget with a total meat value for the three at \$436.

Critter has been accessing Lucernbrae and Borung genetics for some time now with this year's hogget classing easily the best over the last decade.

A three animal competition is not the be all and end all but is a loose guide that the visually best animals selected can fare well in such an event as to enhance owner and classer confidence.

Pictured here with young ewe hoggets is Critter Freeman and HR manager for the property Keith!



Simple, quick, cheap and accidental! I stumble across alot of simple ideas in yards across the country including this effort at Mitch Willson's property just out of Penneshaw-Kangaroo Island. No chain wrapping afetr every pen of sheep just a length of linked chain as a permanent fixture slipped over the panel lug!

After a more mediocre sale in 2013, Gunallo's 2014 sale was back up to scratch with a handy average up \$239, great top price and selling all but one for the day. At days' end 108 rams were sold including the mini auctions.

Stuart Everett proudly representing his Lone Gum-Crystal Brook S.A. enterprise noticed a seemingly ill catalogued poll at lot 42 and didn't let on until he had secured him at \$3,000, the sale topper. Bred by KP37, a twin, and weighing 97.5kg from the paddock this guy will maintain all the good things that is Lone Gum.

**Aston Station-Pooncarie NSW** kicked off the sale with a \$1,500 bargain which often happens at lot 1 before the groove is set! A KP37 at 110kg and a twin, he may be called for ram breeding duties to further enhance a great station flock.

There were a lot of single purchaser higher prices in the first twenty or so pens. Michael Altus, lot 2 at \$2,200 for a Gun593 son & lot 17 for a KP37 for \$1,900, McPiggery at pen 3 at \$1,700 for a L190 son, Toogood Pastoral-Lameroo S.A., at pen 5 for \$2,200 for yet another KP37, Marra Farms Vic., \$1,700 for a L456, Wayne Schenke-Murray Bridge S.A. paid \$1,900 and Glen Richards-Murray Bridge two at \$1,600 early and totaled five by sale finish.

After this multi purchasing early things began to pan out into more bulk purchasing with

single clients securing groups of rams. The Jensen family-Pinnaroo S.A. were the biggest and ended up with 13 rams at day's end. Their initial purchase at pen 41 was an L456 son, at 100kg from the paddock, was a beauty.

Marra Farms-Netherby Vic., were great support with their six, including the pre mentioned plus a great lot 53 for \$1,000. Rejall Park-Miga Lake Vic bought a handy group of four whilst the Meyer family from Kaniva Vic., bought five to \$1,500 including a pick lot 59 for \$1,100.

Pine Springs Farms-Pinnaroo S.A. ended up with four including an impressive collection item at lot 22 for a great KP37 son for only \$1,500. 20u 2.8sd 14cv & 0.1pf aided the conquest! Not surprisingly it seems they were keen to get all sons of KP37 of which all four were! CA & KM Smith-Yanac Vic., bought six which lot 56 was part of at a sneaky \$700! Great sheep that!

The MacArthur family also snagged six for the day and the Atze clan had seven in the trailer by 4pm! Jock Krause-Mannum S.A. lent a hand with support in securing four including a lot 55 bred by Gun545 at 105kg for \$1,400.

There were a lot of single and double purchasing on the day and a long list at that. The Flack family, new clients from ....Canberra ACT bought two from the auction and three from the selections. The Heintze, Dodson, Howe, Yard, Nuske, Wheeler, Sheldon, Beneir, Day and Thiel's support was essential in making this one of the more memorable on property sales for Gunallo....more to come hey boys!

SuperSire KP37's impression on the sale was substantial. This guy was purchased by Gunallo for \$14,500 at Classic'11 from Kamora Park. 28% of the whole auction team were bred by him including the \$3,000 sale topper! Semen available? Not likely...he kicked the bucket just as we were finding out just how good he really was! There is some semen in a tank but it's yours for mmm... \$500 per dose!!

## ANNUAL ON-PROPERTY AUCTION THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 3RD 2015

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# CALCOOKARA-COWELL S.A.

OFFERED 80 SOLD 77 TOP \$3,600 AVERAGE \$1,182



A much improved result and look compared to the year previous will keep Brenton and Jane Smith keen for many years down the track I'm hoping. The presentation was great and the now ever proven results from SuperSire L858 could only enhance the good things happening here.

He bred the top priced poll with great glitzy fibre as well as a frame that filled the pen with an outstanding muzzle and legs structure second to none. A rare double circle in my catalogue hinted that probably someone on our 'list' was going to be new owners. 19.5u 3.1sd & 0.4pf typical figures of Calcookara top end animals. Hansi Graetz-Pepperwell S.A. the worthy recipient to further enhance his 'on the move' Barossa stud paid \$3,600 for the privilege.

Arguably the second best in the catalogue and naturally an '858' at lot 8 was snapped up by Tom Freeth-Buckleboo S.A. Except for a slight blemish on a lip this ram was of Classic sale potential as was the Pepperwell purchase. At an over realistic price of only \$1,900 and a 'caught napping' gallery, Tom capitalised and we both look forward to the result. The ram hosted

impressive figures: 18.7u 2.8sd 15.0cv 0.8pf.

DL & PS Turner bought the lot 2, second highest priced poll at \$3,600 for yet another '858' whilst lot 1 kicked off the sale well at \$2,000 and was bought by Freeman Puckridge- A Calcookara bred lot 6 saw spirited bidding to \$2,800 which was third highest for the day and bought by Len Hill's Faraway Hills W.A.

Volume buyers were prominent on the day with four standouts. Typically due to many years of great results, the Byerlee's from Orroroo S.A. had a season and supported well with a pickup of eight rams. I liked their lot 13 purchase one, because he was an outstanding Calcookara bred ram and secondly, without Brenton and Jane in mind, \$700!! An '858' son in lot 15 was as good yet just made it to a meagre \$900. A WP150 son made his worth at \$2,600 and affordable by the Byerlee's due to budget styled pickups earlier.

Cooyerdoo Station-Iron Knob S.A. made a welcome return and picked up six including a pure horned L858 for \$600 at lot 63 and a belter of a ram. JC & KA Eckert were great with six with one to \$800 and the rest all at \$600. Brad Wake-Darke Peake latched onto five at around \$700 average including an impressive lot 46.

New clients, Border Park Organics, bought four rams to \$1,900, including one '858' son. The Elson clan-Cummins S.A. bought two in the first row including and 858 for \$1,800 and an RA199 bred goody in lot 10 for \$1,900.

Long time client Peter Story bought two '858's, one for \$3,000 in lot 27 who was probably good to stay on at Calcookara as a backup to AI styled ram due to his superior quality. A bit of stub was

the decider and Pete got himself one of the best rams in the book.

The Hunts from Mundulla endured the trek and picked up two including an 858 in lot 3 for \$1,800. Lot 74 at \$1,000 was a bargain pickup by Prospect Stud W.A.

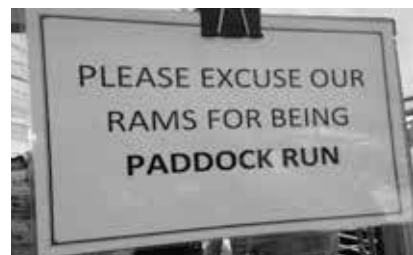
The support from the Hanneman and Puckridge families over the years might only be rivaled by the Story clan and showed up again and bought well. Lot 12 bought by Freeman Puckridge was a nourished goody whilst one of the best of the Hanneman's was a stealer at \$700 for lot 34 bought by Grant Hanneman. Jodi Hanneman bought lot 44 for \$700, Rod lot 62 for \$1,600 and Mark secured lots 31 & 33 for \$900 & \$700.

Peter Puckridge bought a long bodied 858 in lot 20 for \$2,200. He also bought the top priced horny right down at lot 73 \$1,700 for a WP150 son with real figures of 19.5u 2.8sd 14.2cv & 0.4pf. He added two others to complete a neat four.

The Cathrow, Paterson, Foster (ripper pen 5 pickup) and Wildman support with their two or three purchasing power was essential as to turn the sale into a memorable one at that.

L858 has certainly made a huge mark with the progress of this 'reinventing itself' stud.

More of his gear to front the pens this year as well as sires purchased two years ago making their presence felt with fine young progeny.



# CALCOOKARA



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# WALLALOO PARK ON PROPERTY

194 OFFERED 158 SOLD TOP \$18,000 AVERAGE \$2266



This was Wallaloo Park's 23rd auction and I'd hazard a guess to suggest that we have been to most of them! What is always noticeable is that this stud always displays animals that meet the market at that time without going too far East or West chasing fads. The fibre has always been soft, the fleece weight component has never been an issue and they push out heaps of lambs. Their skins have been on the money for a long time now making this stud the perfect seed stock choice to so many of our clients.

As in other years it would take half of this newsletter to describe the whole sale so I'll stick with client purchases and then summarize the rest.

WP54 appears to be the sire of the moment at WP with the first three sale rams all bred from him and filling the coffers with over \$25,000 of loot in the process! **Joe and Sal Keynes-Lorelmo Keyneton S.A.** appreciated the look of lot 2 and outbid all rivals to secure him for \$18,000. Butt shape and head perfect, fibre impressive with it's nourishment and whiteness and a YCFW 22.8, we all look forward to good lambing results.

The choice horny in the catalogue came up at lot 6 and with a very realistic budget on hand from **Jon Beasley-Westfield Frankland W.A.** This bloke, another WP54 son, filled the pen and will hopefully continue on the WP success at Westfield created by that SuperSire WP20 who kicked the bucket last year.

**Bert and Barb Woolford's Karawatha-Buckleboo S.A.** after a hugely successful on property sale in 2014 were on the hunt for a few sires to keep the quality momentum flowing. A long bodied WP33 son loaded with nourishment fit the bill in lot 7 and was secured for \$7,500. He was a double poll.

Karawatha added another WP33 son to their battery in picking up lot 9 for \$5,000 with YCFW 17.1 and loaded with fluid nourishment and fleece weight. Lot 15 at 153 DP+ and a spring drop was the next and last choice at \$7,500 to round off a great team - all within the first fifteen pens! Wait there was another! Lot 179 was a bloody beauty and while we were all trying to work out what the diggins he was doing so far down the list, Bert snapped him up for \$3,000. A small bit of stub was all that we could decipher for his low positioning.

I spoke to **David Ridgway-Ridgway Advance S.A.** just prior to the sale who asked me in his absence to keep an eye out for a top poll. A double copied poll in lot 8 was an easy selection with top conformation and I bid to \$7,500 to secure this WP188 son. Bert's pickup in lot 7 and this guy were choices for many at the sale.

A great WP184 horned son was snapped up by **Pioneer Bend-Parndana K.I.** at \$2,500 displaying the pure white fibre that is needed in this higher rainfall part of S.A. Another horny in lot 26 was added for \$2,000 followed by another for \$1,000 at lot 84 loaded with fibre density. With the average sale price slowly on the slide, Rob Kelly picked up some absolute bargains in lots 144 at \$800 and 155 for \$1,000.

Five great flock rams purchased by Pioneer Bend to average a little over \$1,400 suggests that this sale really does cater for all spectrums of the buying fraternity within the bounds of realistic budgets.

**Brenton Kroehne's Borung Poll** at Waikerie were on the hunt for a possible three sires due to the success of Wallaloo Park genetics at this Mallee stud. Many of his earlier picks made big dough and I'll never forget the look on his face with a quick glance mid auction, when at around pen 30 he had nothing in the locker!



His persistence paid off when he broke the shackles with the purchase of lot 31, easily one of the top 10 of the sale. Bred by a favourite SuperSire of mine, L858, his lustre and nourishment appealed to all. Add to this YWT 6.8 and plenty of fleece weight potential, we are all impatient for his progeny result. A double copy poll was the next purchase at lot 36 bred by WP700 for \$3,500 and a lot 177 purchase for \$1,000 clinched the deal.

An L858 son with white fibre took my eye in lot 23 that became a collection item until the sale finished as I wasn't sure where to send him at purchase. I buy many rams this way when they don't make their apparent value and sort things out later! **Oigle & Sonya Irwin's Bonshaw-Keith S.A.** was the fortunate recipient!

**Ramsgate-Tintinara S.A.** grabbed a bargain at lot 29 for a syndicate bred poll at \$2,500. Bold and nourished with plenty of fleece weight appeal and a spring drop this guy should add a little spice to the job! **SWM-Tintinara S.A.** bought a WP54 fella for \$2,500 that will be syndicated with other WP purchases to maintain the great quality of that stud.

Mark Barr-Newdegate W.A. was again a huge player in making the Wallaloo Park sale an absolute winner with his purchase of 13 horny's to send back to the west. The best in my eyes, a \$3,000 snorter in lot 49 with a huge length of body and great square backend-a real stud sire way back when horn was king!

John Flannery NSW outlaid \$7,500 for a WP54 son with a YCFW 22.9 and looked it. Don Mudford-Wagga NSW bought a \$4,000 ripper in lot 10 bred by WP184 and a double poll. Moorundie Park bought a double polled lot 20 at \$4,250. Mark Kerin's Gullengamble Poll outlaid \$6,000 & \$7,000 for two sires with the lot 14 purchase the pick with the extra whiteness of fibre and very square backend. Smoky Dawson's Winyar let go \$6,000 for a great lot 22, bred by WP188 and a DP+ Index of 152.

Too many other buyers to mention here but another great sale from this parent stud.





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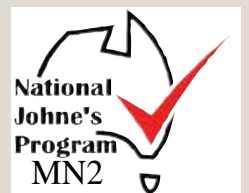
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# **Wallaloo Park** MERINO & POLL MERINO STUDS

Here at Wallaloo Park, 2014 continued to be another successful year for genetic sales. Good breeding results helped create many new sales across Australia and overseas. The development of the new selling structure enabled us to tether the auction team. This allows buyers the opportunity to compare all attributes and evaluate structure, without the hindrance of straw or pens.



Our visual appraisal and classing is now fully backed up with assistance of the latest technology and ASBVs. This year's sale rams will have actual fleece and body weights with full ASBVs to assist buyers with their selection.

Wallaloo Park is using the following strategies;

- Mothering our top ewes with pedigree matchmaker
- Daily weight gains from weaning to yearling.
- Total Fleece measurements & weights, tested off the board, by an independent tester, over the entire annual drop.

These with our stringent visual appraisal gives us good traction to move forward.

The tough seasonal conditions together with the monitoring of body weights and condition scores have been ideal tools to fine tune our ewe base.

The key profit drivers of fecundity, meat and wool have always been the highest priority in our section and keeping these in balance has been instrumental to our clients success.

## Fecundity

- Our number of lambs weaned on an 11 year average is 119%
- Twinning mobs up to 165%, Ewes are culled if they don't rear a lamb.

## Meat & Wool balance

- This has always been a talking point, but as a rule, we like to see our clients ewes cutting a fleece that is 11% of her body weight and rearing a lamb. Generally pushing this % higher restricts her ability to rear twins.
- Our breeding ewes are shorn every 8 months & cut an average 0.75 kgs/ month of av 19 mic.



2014 On property top price \$18,000 sold to Joe and Sally Keynes, Lorelmo Keyneton Station Keyneton, SA

## 2014 SALE RESULTS

**Classing's Classic sale - Top \$12,000 & 2 rams av \$8,250 • Adelaide ram sale - Top \$30,000 & 3 rams av \$12,666**  
**On Property Sale - Top \$18,000 with 19 stud rams av \$6,263 and 145 flocks av \$1,640**

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# ESPERANCE RAM SALE PENROSE & WESTWOOD POLL



Two of the three studs we class in the Cascade's area north west of Esperance are represented in this multi vendor sale. Derella Down's pulled their involvement with the sale a few year's back and now sell 200 rams by auction, on property.

**Westwood Poll-Cascade W.A.** run by Scott Welke was first off the rank after topping the averages the year previous. The entire team sold outright albeit with over realistic prices that would have pleased the purchasers yet possibly deserved better due to the extreme quality on display.

Lot 1 was a ripper bred by L285 with YCFW 24.6 & YWT 8.2 and filled the pen. He was bought by Mark Walter-Cascade for \$1,200 which was top price for the group. Mark went on to secure another six of the Westwoods from \$600-\$1,000, all Leahcim bred.

Karleigh Farms-Esperance W.A. owned by Leigh and Karina West have supported Westwood from the onset and were there to pickup three thumpers. Lot 10, bred by L1259 for \$1,150 at YCFW 15, YWT 7.2 & YFD -1.5 was hard to resist. Lot 11 also at \$1,150 was another standout and backed by YCFW 21, YEMD 0.4 & YFAT 0.2 and bred by L918. They added another L1259 for \$600. Leigh added another three later from the property.

Two new clients were a huge support for the quality at hand with K & M Norman-Ravensthorpe W.A. selecting two at lots 2 & 4 at \$700 & \$1,100. The lot 4 pick had the great figures that should entice the Normans to return with YCFW 23.1, YEMD 0.3 & YFAT 0.2.

Will Harvey-Moorine Rock W.A. were the other newies who latched onto lot 6 for \$1,100 and bred by L1689 as well as the last of the day for \$700 and bred by homegrown sire WW273 who in turn was bred by L33 via A.I. a few years back. He added another five later on property.

The bargain of the day might of been a \$600 pickup at lot 3 for only \$600! Bred by L1689 and boasting YCFW 21.4, YEMD 0.5 & YFAT 0.2 and positioned in three can only suggest snoring in the gallery! The ram went to Simon Stead's Hargate Park.

**Penrose Poll-Cascade W.A.** had a great day with many rams reaching close to their value potential. They sold 23 from 24 to a top of \$1,700 and averaging \$1,074. This guy, Penrose 49, was bought by John Wallace-Walbrook Farm W.A. In Bruce's words, "He came, he saw, he bought!" was his description of the Wallace purchase who regularly buys from another source.

P49 boasted an outstanding MP+169 including YCFW 24 & YSL 14.1 and was bred by L33 who has done well at the stud over two A.I. joinings. The ram had great barrel depth and easy care attractions. At classing and cataloguing in August it was common knowledge to us all that Penrose had bred one of their best ever rams in P49. After not too much discussion we thought it best that he was made available for purchase as to get the Penrose name out there a bit.

As Bruce mentions, "...the L33 son was strategically placed in front of the door so all could see!"

Paul Ietto-Allanaluke deserves the all expenses paid excursion to Burswood

Casino for a week following his seven ram haul including a great WP662 (this sire turned the stud upside down) son for \$1,500. The next six purchases included an L858 son for \$1,200 at 18.4u & 2.8sd two more L33's for \$1,400 & \$1,100 and a WP Maximus bred son for \$1,100 with MP+ 147.

Mark Walter-Cascade W.A. secured one of the Penrose L33's for \$1,200. New buyers, Brad Lewis-Brissley Park-Scadden W.A. lent a great hand in buying 4 including a WP 662 for \$1,200 and yet another L33 for \$1,100.

Another multi purchaser was Bott Livestock Trust with five putting a great base in the sale. These multi ram buyers are paramount to a good sale mostly in the fact that they often bid on more than double their desired requirements as to finally secure the rams that most suit.

These two studs are making their presence felt around the traps not only with the quality exhibited at the Esperance sale but the follow up purchases back at the stud where many more rams have been sold.



## PENROSE POLL MERINO



**Annual ram sale at the Esperance ram pavilion on the 4<sup>th</sup> of September**

**With rams to be displayed at the Katanning Rabobank Sheep Expo on the 20-21<sup>st</sup> of August, our on property field day on the 28<sup>th</sup> of August and the Newdegate Machinery field day on the 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> of September.**

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# DERELLA DOWNS W.A.

OFFERED 200 SOLD 181 TOP \$6,500 AVERAGE \$1,216



Drone technology was part of the classing day at Evansdown-Wunkar S.A. on June 23rd with Daniel Evans taking a variety of jaw dropping stills from 100 metres above the classing yards.

Whilst appearing to be the ultimate toy Daniel's main reason for the purchase was as an aid in finding mobs of sheep over a huge undulating expanse to then direct bikes etc. for mustering, crop and seeding inspections.... and I believe him!



I added the fibre shot shown below to my facebook page that received alot of attention. Taken at Keyneton Station's ewe hogget classing it represents hundreds that were close to the quality or similar to this girl over two day's on the job.

The Keyne's family's purchase of a sale topping, \$18,000 sire from Wallaloo Park's on property sale can only enhance and multiply this look.



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CLASSINGS: In the race and Classic Sale



As is the norm I can't make the Derella Downs on property sale due to the commitment it takes to 'pull down' the Classic sale only two days previous. Once again I have relied on the excellent skills of Caitlyn Burling of the Farm Weekly in covering the sale and I thank that publication for allowing the reproduction.....

YOU wouldn't call the Derella Downs and Pyramid Polls Merino on-property sale just another ram sale, as this year the Pickering family once again delivered a sheep show like no other and recorded a \$6500 new stud record top price to boot.

Complete with live music and lamb carving demonstrations, the family's shearing shed was packed full of buyers who had travelled to the Cascade property from across the State, keen to buy their share of the latest genetics.

Once the clock struck sale time, the music was turned off and buyers switched on, focusing on the 200 rams that filled the pens from end to end, with 181 knocked down during the sale to achieve a \$1216 average.

The sale got off to a cracking start with the first run delivering the record top price of \$6500 for an outstanding Merino ram that commanded every buyer's attention. The man on a mission was regular top-priced buyer Rod Taylor, Epasco Farms, Condingup, who instantly recognised the potential of the trait-leader and pursued the sire until it was knocked down to the Epasco account.

With structure, size and wool to match, the ram hit the trifecta of traits Mr Taylor was searching for in order to use in their nucleus flock of 800 Merino ewes, from which they bred their own rams for commercial production. Mr Taylor purchased two sires at the sale, the second for \$4500 and has such confidence in the Merino industry that over the next few years he is looking to build the number of Epasco ewes mated from 16,500 to 20,000.

"Last year we mated 15,000, this year it was 16,500 and we are building towards the 20,000 mark," Mr Taylor said. "We are a 100 per cent Merino property and we have great confidence in the direction the Merino industry is heading. "This ram had very correct structure and the size we are looking for. "He's an outstanding ram with the right kind of wool. "Scott is renowned for breeding rams with that extra wool length." Measuring 19.3 micron, 2.9 SD, 15 CV and 99.9 per cent comfort factor was impressive enough, but it was the ram's trait-leading 5.6 YWT and 17.2 YCFW that really sealed the deal.

Of the 92 Merinos offered, 86 were snapped up during the sale to amass a gross of \$111,150 and the higher average of \$1292. Once again there were more Poll Merinos penned, with 95 of the 108 sold under the hammer to gross \$109,000 and average \$1147, with many of the passed-in lots sold afterwards to buyers keen to fill the space in their trailers.

The \$5000 top Poll Merino was purchased by familiar faces Roger and Joanne Nankivell, Ridge-E-Didge, Condingup, who make their one ram purchase each year count. Mr Nankivell said he was looking for a sire with both wool and meat traits that had good production figures to accentuate their flock of 1000 Merino breeding ewes.

"I basically wanted something that was going to fill the bales and get top quality wethers on the truck," Mr Nankivell said. "He had good figures, long wool staple and a meaty frame. "It's a dry season for us this year and something had to go, so we have decided to sell our old Merino ewes that we were mating to Poll Dorsets.

"Now we can just concentrate on our Merino production and this ram will be part of that." It was the second ram offered at the sale, standing proud with 18.2 micron wool on its back, measuring 2.9 SD, 14.8 CV, 99.9pc CF and a huge yearling eye muscle depth of 0.6.

This year's sale was also attended by a first time client that firmly established himself as a serious contender, with the trading name Bott Livestock Trust almost replacing the term "volume buyer". Munghlinup farmer Andrew Bott recently returned to breeding sheep on his property after he purchased 1300 Merino ewes, predominantly with Derella Downs breeding. He wasted no time at the on-property sale to secure his sire battery, operating throughout the entire catalogue to purchase a whopping 33 Merino and Poll Merino rams for a top of \$1900 and average of \$1058.

But Scott and Sue Pickering had the foresight to put up a large offering, so there was plenty of rams for every buyer to fulfil their requirements. Other clients paying decent values included Mark McCrea, RN & IK McCrea, Salmon Gums, who purchased a Poll Merino ram for \$2000 and a Merino ram for \$5250. Meanwhile Brad Whiting, BT Whiting, Munghlinup, again



made the volume buyer's list after purchasing 12 sires, topping at \$3000 twice and averaging \$1683.

Matt Hill, Young Hill Farms, Beaumont, purchased the same number of sires as last year and loaded 11 onto his ute for an average of \$1491, while Tandara Traders took home the same amount for a top of \$900.

Two Lake King buyers travelled to the sale with intentions of bulk buying, with Milarup Grazing purchasing 14 sires for a top of \$1600, then Owen and Terry Grahame, Mallee Farms, put together a team of 11 rams for a \$1045 average.

Fang Pty Ltd was chasing more rams this year, purchasing 12 for a top of \$1300, while the Sanderson Brothers paid a top of \$2000 for their eight sires. Landmark Brindley and Gale auctioneer Neil Brindley said the buoyant sale was a reflection of the amount of effort the Pickerings put into their breeding enterprise.

"It was an excellent result and one that reflects the time and effort the Pickerings put into their breeding," Mr Brindley said. "The outstanding presentation of these 200 rams reflects Scott's dedication to the Merino and Poll Merino industry. "Considering the dry start to the year down here, the result was excellent and particularly achieving a record top price."

Early July and just completed the Pickering's ewe classing. We were all ably assisted by Jamie Pickering who was on break from Uni. She helped with IED scanning and recording comments as we progressed over two days and certainly made the job easier with her professionalism and at times patience!

I like a kid who kept asking questions at the right moment on reasons why I made certain assessments on some animals without affecting concentration.



Satisfying for both owner and classer to witness huge gains within individual commercial flocks. Geoff and Sue Zacker-Coonalpyn S.A. came from a very traditional base with fibre and meat traits way below average.

Through the careful use of genetics from a handful of bloodlines the flock is now highly ranked on my list of 100 classing jobs across the nation. SWM, Ridgway, Ridgway Advance and Wallaloo Park have been the perfect tools to 'construct' what is now a now super flock.

With a clip average of 19.1u yet the length climbing to 110-115mm it;s now time to seriously consider 6 monthly shearing as to appreciate gains in tensile strength, animal health, lambing and premiums for quality short fibre as mentioned in the report from Rod Miller-AWN.

## A TEXT CONVERSATION WITH ALI JOHNSON-MT. BOOTHBY TINTINARA S.A.

"2964 unscanned merino ewes including maidens.

3335 lambs at 112%. Maidens independently 101%.

Two mobs mid age to oldest did over 120% unscanned!"

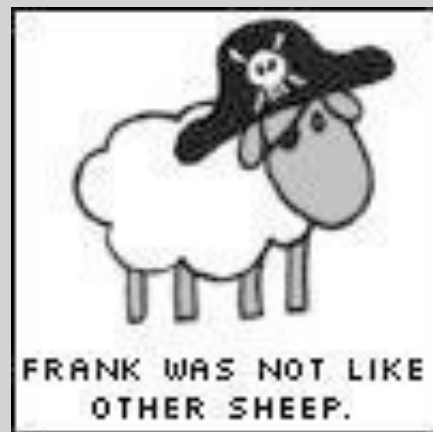
"Phaaark!"

"Minimal sup feed, about 15-17 tonne of a grain mix: Beans, Lupins, Barley Screenings from seed cleaning of all grains: wheat, lupins, barley, beans.

All mixed together and trail fed for 4 weeks before lambing.

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"!!!"



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# O'BRIEN POLL WUDINNA SHOWGROUNDS

**POLL MERINO: OFFERED 40 SOLD 31**

**DOHNE MERINO: OFFERED 49 SOLD 49**

**TOP POLL: \$1,700 X 3 TOP DOHNE: \$2,500**



The Monarto Ewe hooget competition has been run for decades with many commercial growers from the Monarto district entering a single ewe and pen of four for a visual judgement, this year by Tom Ashby.

Congrats to all who entered and it was great to see familiar faces up at the pointy end! Keith and Judy Paech-Lucernbrae were only allowed to enter commercially bred hoggets, not stud bred.

## MONARTO EWE HOGGET COMPETITION 2015

Judge Tom Ashby,

### Single Ewe

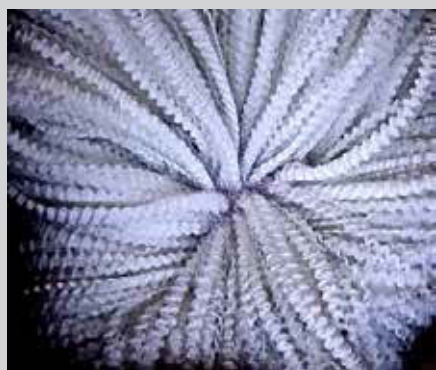
1st - Keith & Judy Paech (Lucernbrae blood)  
2nd - Wayne Schenke (Gunallo blood)  
3rd - Nigel Pheiffer (Ridgway Advance blood)

### Pen of Four Ewe Hoggets

1st - Keith & Judy Paech (Lucernbrae blood)  
2nd - Wayne Schenke (Gunallo blood)  
3rd - Robert Thiele (Glenlea Park blood)

There was also an objective measurement class combining meat and fibre over two years.

Thomas Farms with pure merinos came out on top of a pure SAMM entry! \$165.97 vs \$161.39 so, very close! Next year I will have a full report on the day but I just had a chance to sneak this in in it's rawest form.



I'm yet to attend an O'Brien Poll sale as yet but the way the quality here is on massive improve things may have to be put aside to make sure that that is a thing of the past.

I have relied on Darren and Jodi's information from the day's event to summarize their sale.

Three clients, Pineslope-Warrambo S.A., Dumonte-Wudinna S.A. and MP and KM Tomney-Poochera S.A. payed \$1700 each for the top-priced rams at O'Brien Poll Merino stud's third ram sale at Wudinna Showgrounds.

The first \$1700 top-priced poll was bought by Dumonte to add a dash of nourishment and length of staple over their Dohne flock. The ram was bred by Ridgway Advance 110453 who was bought by us for \$10,500 @ Classic'12. They also bought another five and were great competition over the sale duration.

The second \$1,700 priced ram went to Brett and Rachel Sampson (Pineslope) again bred by 110453 at 20.4 micron with the next going to MP and KM Tomney, a Leahcim 111232 sired ram, with crimp, heavy cutting wool.

Penna Bros had the horn merinos to themselves and bought three to go to Mt Wedge S.A. GV Hull Nominees, Mt Cooper took 5 Poll Merinos to \$600. TN & MJ Bartel-Cleve S.A. took 2 Poll Merino rams to \$1500.

Kartoona Pastoral-Minnipa S.A. picked up 'Bill's Pick', tag 130292 for \$1100 a well-nourished Leachim 111232 sired ram. Darren's favourite 130404 sired by GP 090004 went to Dishy McKenna for \$1500 a 19.2 micron ram with an ASVB YEMD of 1.1

Henry, Blue and Ty McKenna-Kyancutta S.A. bought the top priced O'Brien Dohne Merino for \$2500. He was a heavy cutting ram, with YCFW 20.9. He was 15 months old and carrying a 22.0-micron fleece.

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 four Dohne rams.



## Auction

**Wednesday 5th August 2015 @ 1pm**

**Wudinna Show Grounds**

**Inspection from 10am**

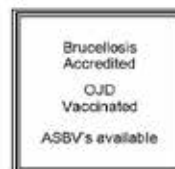
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We're never going to get back into this skin fest but it's great to view the odd black & white as a reminder just how far the industry has come over the decades.

With the popularity of ASBV's forever on the rise particularly with the younger brigade within the industry I don't want to fear that by concentrating on fleece weight with some stock now YCFW 30 and 'better' that we may head toward this direction in small increments.

There is a 'call' suggesting backing off with micron and quality and just fill the bales from the over enthusiastic advisor, stud breeder, agent and some classers. Thirty odd years ago there were close relatives to the above photo that were cutting loads of wool but became almost unshearable and were another reason the industry was coming to it's knees.

Low fertility, fleece rot and shearer retaliation due to stacking it on over time has to be a learned experience. Our animals are now highly fertile, fleece rot resistant, and productive enough with fleece and bodyweight as to meet all associated markets.

It's intriguing to talk to those who heavily promote fleece weight above all and have a bit of a knock at our success with maintaining fleece weight yet have huge improvement in all other facets with fertility high on the list.

Fortunately for our company, we get around the bush alot and see individual stud performances not connected with our ideals with many breeding results unfair to the industry and the client due to poor performance. Another reason we continually pick up new clients!

To conclude and to add a fact that the national greasy fleece weight has barely moved since the eighties would suggest that we may have reached a safe pinnacle and more concentrated effort needs to be focused on, especially with lamb survival.

# ELLA MATTA - PARNDANA KANGAROO ISLAND - S.A.

**OFFERED 40 SOLD 34 AVERAGE \$960 TOP \$2,000**



Ella Matta's Poll Merino sale has always coincided with classing in W.A. so unfortunately can never get to it. The following is Ian Turner's account of the day....

## IAN & WENDY TURNER - SUPERIOR SELECTIONS

At their annual ram sale at Parndana in October, Andrew and Tracie Heinrich and family defied a trend towards seasonally induced lower producer optimism and sale averages.

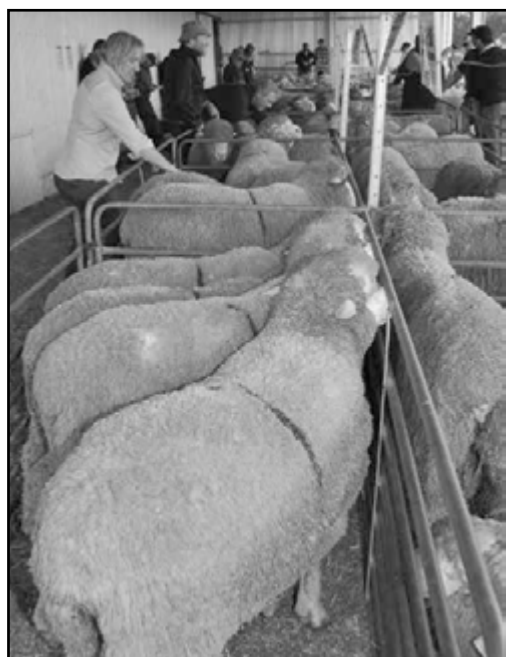
They sold 204 head from the two breeds at a superb overall average of \$1189, and an increase of \$14,150 (6%) in sale gross. In the current circumstances, to be able to achieve this was a remarkable effort and a reflection of the quality of the offering, backed by elite and verifiable Sheep Genetics data.

The Poll Merino offering of 40 rams produced a very solid result under the hammer of Elders auctioneer Tony Wetherall with thirty four topping at \$2000 and averaging \$960.

DB & BA Westbrook, Parndana paid the \$2000 top price for EM 130187 sired by AI sire Leahcim 111452. A clean fleece weight EBV of +17.5, staple length of +10.7 and a Multi-Purpose index of 155.6 placed this ram in the top 10% nationally on this index.

Three buyers in particular contributed strongly to the clearance. Geoff Nutt, Parndana purchased nine from \$600 to \$1200, Simon Veitch, MacGillivray purchased seven from \$600 to \$1300 and regular volume buyer, Simon Kelly, Mine Creek Partners purchased six from \$600 to \$1400.

While the overall Poll Merino result was back very marginally on last year, when one considers Ella Matta sold their four top rams at the Classings Classic in September to \$5500 and averaged \$3375, it was another very good year in their progression and recognition as quality Poll Merino breeders.



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# KAMORA PARK-KAROONDA

## OFFERED 149 SOLD 141 TOP \$7,400 AVERAGE \$1,250

Had a chance to drop in to the Kamora Park sale en route to some urgent classing down south so have relied on the excellent tidy work of **Ian Turner's** spiel for the **Stock Journal** to relive the day and I thanks both parties for letting me reproduce it.

Thanks to Ian & Wendy Turner-Superior Selections

There were many positives at Kamora Park's annual ram sale in August. The biggest crowd for many years created stronger competition, several highlights and a big lift in average prices.

In the main auction 141 rams sold to \$7400 and averaged \$1250, up \$170 on the 2013 result. Outside of that, the highlights started early with the finalisation of a sale of a half share in the impressive stud reserve ram, KP137 to Peter and Paul Routley, Almondvale Bond stud, Lockhart, NSW for \$10,000.

The Routleys saw the ram, a son of KP522 when displayed at the 2014 Bendigo ASBA show and were impressed by the wonderful stylish and well defined wool he carried on a long and deep body.

In the following main auction sale the stud's second highest ever annual sale auction price of \$7400 was achieved just three lots into the top run. KP627, sired by KP304, a former Fibre Meat class winner at Adelaide that has bred so well, attracted a lot of pre-sale interest, with representatives from several studs in attendance. However it was Scott Tyler, on the phone to Nigel and Kate

Kerin, Kerin Poll Merinos, Yoeval, NSW who placed the winning bid. With a very appealing 19.9 micron and free growing fleece on a structurally correct and well-muscled frame, he showed real stud sire potential.

Peter Stockman Jnr, Springvale North stud, Burra was one stud principal in attendance who did not miss out, picking up KP903, an embryo brother to the ram the Routleys invested in. He bid \$3800 to win the bidding. Steen Paech, Callington was very active at the top end of the sale. He purchased six top rams from \$1200 to \$2700 for three buying accounts; Shirley Willison, Mt Pleasant, Inglebrae Holdings and Paech Brothers.

The sale's second top price of \$4000 was bid by Landmark wool officer, Steve Davidson on behalf of McPiggery, Lameroo for their one purchase for KP27, a son of the famous Leahcim 154.

Another ram to attract a lot of pre-sale interest was KP210 at lot 19, a son of the \$14,000 KP37. Kamora Park regular Scott Dinham, Tailem Bend was the successful bidder at \$2900, this being one of four excellent quality rams he purchased.

Ian Symonds, Why Gee Pastoral was another regular and prominent Kamora Park supporter and was successful in picking up six rams, paying from \$1100 to \$1500, but also underbid many of the higher priced lots.

John and Paul Wegner, Wegner Brothers, Karoonda were again very prominent buyers and arguably Kamora Park's most important annual sale supporters for many years.

They regularly purchase 20 plus rams from throughout the catalogue. They purchased 21 rams with their average pushed up to \$1464 because of the stronger competition.

However the overall volume buying was again provided by Andrew Wall, Wall & Neindorf, Langidoo Station, via Broken Hill. Andrew picked up 16 rams in the main auction from \$600 to \$900, and then added another 12 in the mini auction. His 28 purchases averaged just \$602, highlighting the great value that could still be found throughout this sale.

AK Hagger & Sons, Jamestown made their trip down well worthwhile by also purchasing volume at value. They picked up 12 in the main auction from \$600 to \$1000, and then added eight in the mini auction, twice going to the \$950 top in this section. Their 20 rams averaged \$787.50

The strong main auction flowed on to the mini auction with another 27 rams selling to \$950 and averaging \$769. Landmark Greenfield, Karoonda was the conducting agency with Malcolm Scroop and Gordon Wood separating the bids as auctioneers.

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# LONE GUM-CRYSTAL BROOK S.A.

48 OFFERED SOLD 33 TOP \$2,900 AVERAGE \$1,142



*The Maroona-Keith S.A. sheep enterprise run by Liam and Jen McInerney is taking the game seriously with constant modifications to the yards and surrounds.*

*The clanky, noisy and sluggish wrap-around-the-post chain effort has been replaced by this simple alteration. One end of the chain welded to a gate point which simply slides in between a welded lug and existing post.*

*Many end race gates have been reconstructed to include vertical bars as opposed to the leg breaking horizontals. In this case the Maroona clan kept the existing 'killer' but simply added height and fill to avoid the 'Modra' like effort every second racefull.*



**2015 sees the conclusion of ram selling from this everlasting stud and this year's crop are naturally the best ever produced! I'm hoping that anyone who has ever supported Lone Gum could make it to this year's sale as a form of send off and good wishes to Stuart and Nancy. Our company's relationship with the stud has endured since the 1960's!**

The ever supportive Baker family from Port Augusta S.A. outlaid \$2,900 to top the sale with their lot 4 purchase that took the eye of most. Bred by L1 of Leahcim influence, the 19.8u 2.7sd 13.7cv hulk was met with great competition.

**Butch and Jody Dunn-Penong S.A.** hold the Lone Gum horned rams with high regard and was there to latch on to a trailer load taking home the best six and averaging bang on \$1,500 in the process. Five of the six were from the Wallaloo Park ram that Stuart entrusted me purchase for him unsighted a few years back.

**Wilkatana-Port Augusta S.A.** stuck with the polls and was huge support with Manager, Andrew Smart procuring seven at day's end. The lot 8, \$1,300 purchase bred by L1 was the boldest crimping ram I saw through all of 2014 and looking forward to checking up on him at next classing. 21u at 3.2sd reflects cutting ability especially adding his huge staple length.

With an order from **Aston Station-Pooncarie NSW** to pick up the best flockies in the country for a realistic budget of around \$1,000 it wasn't hard to secure three from Lone Gum. Lot 3 at \$1,500 was the pick,

bred from the Leahcim bred LG sire and loaded with fleece weight potential. A bold crimper in lot 7 at \$1,200 was too cheap! Bred by Ridgway Advance sire, 'Holy', that Stuart purchased at Classic'11.

**The Pym family's Rockleigh S.A.** property now has one of the best fibred horns in the country running around on it with a lot 9 pickup for only \$600. Horns were a bit close for most yet the fibre was amazing and that head gear....lop them off!

**Craig Rule-Wirrulla S.A.** didn't really need any but couldn't help things happening after he eye balled lot 11, bred by L1 and a real stand out. \$2,100 later he owned one of the best in the catalogue! 19.1u 2.7sd at 13.9cv & 0.3pf aided the purchasing process!

Nev Simpson-Wudinna S.A. appears every couple of years and secured two. Lot 22 a great Lucernbrae bred snorter for \$1,700 and lot 20 just as good at \$1,600 sired by the Wallaloo Park sire. Long Valley Props picked up a thumping lot 12 and added two others including a very good lot 23 at \$1,600.

The Beyer, Graetz, Seidel and Kelly clan were valuable with their one or two pickups each yet there wasn't quite enough support to clinch the fifteen rams left at sale completion.

**Hope to see you all at the very last Lone Gum On Property!**

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SEPTEMBER 14th 2015**

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**Final On-Property Ram Auction**

**Monday, September 14th, 2015 at 1pm - Crystal Brook, SA**

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# REGULIN OR OUT!

A brief insight...

The use of Regulin around the traps appears to be on the rise as more results are coming through in the positive.

Ideally the best time to join a ewe is in the Autumn due to that period being the peak of her reproductive cycle due to a high melatonin levels combined with shorter, cooler days which also impacts ram libido as well.

Regulin contains a substantial amount of melatonin which allows the user to shift that high reproductive cycle to another part of the year usually in the springtime. The ewe's system is 'fooled' into thinking the days are more compact thus impacting the hormones and increasing production.

The makers of the product insist the following benefits:

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- Maximise genetic gain.
- Increased fertility.
- More productivity and income per ewe.

The 18mg capsule is entered under the skin behind ear with a special subcutaneous applicator. One for the ewes and three for the rams forty days prior to joining. The makers threaten that no ram can be in sniffing distance of the ewe 42 days prior to joining.

Nathan Wegener-Colrae Farms-Callington S.A. is now an advocator of Regulin after a successful trial where half mobs were treated and the other not.

The % results of his 2014 scanning as follows:

Merino: Regulin 152%  
Control 123%

Terminal: Regulin 142%  
Control 123%

Combined average: Regulin 146%  
Control 123%

The Wegener flock has always been renowned for high lambing percentages so one could ask why the effort? With the way wool is travelling at the moment backed up by a tremendous meat equivalent more lambs is better in almost every situation!



## LORELMO KEYNETON STATION KEYNETON S.A.

OFFERED 50 SOLD 45 TOP \$3,000 AVERAGE \$1,044

Straight to the crunch! Jed Wilson-Yalda Downs-White Cliffs NSW bought almost half of the auction catalogue and deserves more competition to get 'em! So does Lorelmo Keyneton Station! The 2014 sale team looked a treat and yes it was a successful sale but more potential growers need to see the quality of these quality wools.

Daniel Doecke of Spence, Dix and Co., bid for the Wilsons and took 22 in all putting a tremendous floor the sale. He averaged around \$730 and a top of \$1,100 but in my eyes the pick was a Syndicate bred ram right down at pen 31 for \$600.

Lot 1 was coincidentally the sale topper at \$3,000 and went to Alan and Janet Hall-Hallett S.A. 17.8u 3.2sd & YCFW 11.7 at MP+ 143 and bred by SuperSire WP955 'Bartel' he was shoved into the first pen for a reason!

Another 'Bartel' graced pen 2 and made the spondoolee at \$2,400 with YCFW 15.4 and going to local, Bill Evans. Another ripper 'Bartel' in pen 8 was added to Bill's stash for \$2,300 with the ram admired by many one of the best in the sale. Visually a cutter backed up with YCFW 17.2 and fibre exotica I remember thinking that I wished that I'd tried just that bit harder to get him! What's he like now Bill?!

Kane Stewart, Bairnsdale NSW, bought two including a Chevy327 son in lot 7 for \$1,300 and a framey lot 21 for \$1,000. Jeff & Sue Aitken-Keith S.A. love fibre quality and snared a Colt 45 son for a measley \$700 and added another later toward the end of the sale as a ute mate for \$1,100.

Neville Rathjen-Mt. Torrens S.A. is also aware of what quality represents with fibre and bought two very good Bartels in lots 24 & 26 both for \$1,600.

Peter Clarke-Penneshaw K.I. has been a fine wool fan for decades and lent great support in firstly making the trip and secondly purchasing four to average \$750.

I bought lot 30, a ripper July drop for \$1,200 to store away in my bargain bin for later when I was approached mid sale by mastermind Malcolm MacDonald, who felt he needed the ram more than I did! Relenting because I like the guy a lot, he latched on to the pick ram of the day for daughter Helen who has property at Naracoorte S.A.

I had the order for the great Andre family-Kangaroo Inn S.A. for six rams to average hopefully around \$1,100-

\$1,200. They have been long time supporters of the Lorelmo brand initially buying for years at Willalooka/Lorelmo-Willalooka S.A. Brian Jefferies was their classer at the time who did a brilliant job in setting the place up for me to stumble in to and now take all credit!!

A Colt 45 son in lot 6 was multi circled in my sale book and I was surprised to get him at a staggering \$1,500! He did have a little bit of stub protruding but the quality of fibre and body was up there. YCFW 13.8 & WWT 2.2 added to the attraction. Two Syndicate bred screamers followed at lot 9 and lot 11 and were collected at \$1,500 & \$1,600. An average breaking lot 12 and bred by the mighty Bartel fell in at \$700 which was worrying...no competition on a great ram so when no-one was looking I double checked testicles, jaw, feet, blemish.....A Colt45 boomer in pen 22 made \$1,500 with YFAT 0.4 & EMD 0.4.

The July drop next to Malcolm's new acquisition was nearly as good yet half the price so at \$700, he was irresistible. Average for the bunch...\$1,250 for six so slightly over budget but for the quality....

This stud is in good hands and will continue to grow. The Keynes Klan are embracing all that is necessary with stock technology including EID's and ASBV information as well as procuring top genetics. In 2014 this consisted of a top sire purchased from Wallaloo Park's On Property, topping the sale at \$18,000.



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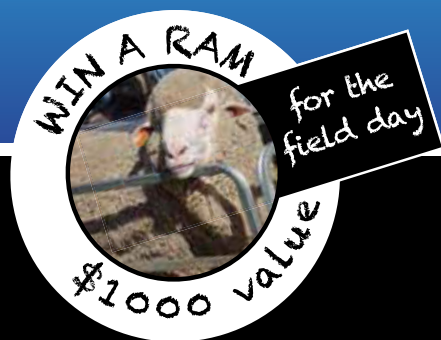


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# MERNOWIE - MARRABEL S.A.

## OFFERED 60 SOLD 52 TOP \$4,500 AVERAGE \$1,493

Mernowie's sale falls at a heavy duty classing time of year and it's one sale that I have never been able to attend. The following is a brief summary from Ian Rowett of the day's successful effort.



The 27th annual on property auction was held on 19th September at the Marrabel property of Ian, Roz and David Rowett. Elders auctioneer Tom Penna said in his opening remarks "I have not seen whiter wool than on these Mernowie rams this selling season"

Bidding was brisk at the top end of the auction with many potential buyers chasing the star lots. Lot 4 made the top price of \$4,500, going to top commercial breeders Brendon and Wayne Groves of Booleroo Centre.

He was the complete package according to Brendon Groves with outstanding crimp white wool on a huge 118 kg carcass.

Alex Horne, Morley stud at Cowell paid \$4,000 for a superb wool ram at Lot 2 with wool measurements of 20.7 micron.

Ian, Merrilyn and Genevieve Kelly travelled from Lock to add five quality sires to their flock.

Ray Andriske and son David, Galga, also took five rams as did Patrick Neal Eudunda.

The Solly family from Yednalue station at Carrieton were volume buyers with nine rams.

A number of local buyers took one or two rams along with buyers from Mannum and Bordertown.

A number of rams were sold for \$800 to \$1,000 giving buyers real value for money. In all sixty rams were sold at auction on the day for an average of \$1,543.

A further 70 rams were sold privately in the weeks following the auction.

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In the Mernowie flock he stamps his lambs, displaying an impressive bubbly wool growing skin within a few weeks of age. Lambs are robust from an early age, and early growth rate is obvious. A feature of progeny is their ability to rank highly at classing with a low percentage of culls. No wool pigment or other nasties have been observed in progeny. His progeny group in the 2014 lambing blitzed other mating groups, including some highly credentialed sires, in almost every measured trait.

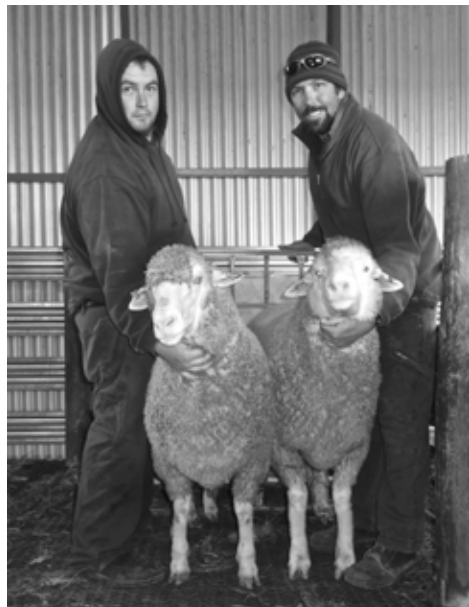
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# BORUNG ON PROPERTY SALE

OFFERED 50 SOLD 32 TOP \$1,700 AVERAGE \$853



Rural Press sale summaries can be too much of just that. I generally have a glance at already printed sale reports mostly to make sure that I have a few non client property or surnames spelt correctly. If you were to read the report-only without the summary table at the top of the page you could be forgiven into thinking that only eleven rams sold. One top priced poll selling to Lyndon and Brian Hampel and ten to me! If you get the chance have a glance at the photo of the sale topper and you maybe concerned that there is a kidney stone involved there somewhere! Joieeezus!

Purchased Wallaloo Park ram, WP985, has certainly left his mark again at Borung topping this sale as well as the 2013 version with great progeny. Lot 1 from the said sire went for \$1,700 to Lyndon and Brian Hampel who would have been impressed with the suffolk like proportions he exhibited! A massive square backend at 103kg, this guy filled the pen and met with competitive bidding.

Lot 2 and equal second highest price for the day, was secured for **Sean and Bec Freeman-Penong S.A.** by their trusted classer! WP567 bred, and costing a paltry \$1,600, this ram will continue to enhance an already top end, far West Coast flock.

Lot 4, WPSyn bred and an absolute stunner, matched this price and he was bought for **Aston Station-Pooncarie NSW.** Not enough competition on these top three polls that deserved higher accolades. Lot 5 was also added at \$1,000 with an extreme backend.

I had actually bought lot 19 for Aston Station for \$1,000 when days later disaster struck the Borung Classic team with the top ram dying for no apparent reason! After approval from the Ingrams of Aston, Borung 371 attended the Classic and made \$2,000! Now that's good return on investment.

The Hampels marched on and bought another three rams after their initial lot 1 steal! A Kelvale bred lot 3 for \$1,000, an LSyn bred lot 6 for \$1,100 and another for \$800 in lot 12. Mick Evans-Mantung S.A. lent great support to the Kroehn's in picking up five polls throughout the sale with maybe his lot 16 pickup the best for only \$600 and bred by WP985.

The Falting family-Loxton S.A. bought three including a WP985 bred lot 8 for \$900, the best, a WP Syn bred ripper in lot 14 for \$1,200 and another nourished fella in lot 17 for \$900.

*I bought seven beauties for **Netallie Station-Wilcannia NSW.** These are not your average station order looking debacles that are too often sent from traditional studs to bush clients who don't get a lot of choice generally in what they're dealt out! At a budget to not average more than \$1,000 here's how it looked on price only...\$800, \$1,000, \$800, \$800, \$800, \$600 & \$600. That's a \$770 average for handpicked flockies that actually stand upright and resemble merino's with quality fibre on their back!!*

The Halls again bought great flockies at \$600, \$600, \$600 & surprise...\$600 mid to late sale. The Hoffman and Durden support was appreciated and were vital in the with their attendance for the sale's viability.

There's another great crop of young polls oozing with quality on the deck in 2015. After first classing I can recommend these polls as trial sheep, benchmarking other bloodlines from other studs as a true surprise package with quality and especially value for money.



A little plug for Jesse our eldest who has a sideline business with all things electrical. Facebook the best place for contact.



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# FLAIRDALE - COOKE PLAINS S.A.

## OFFERED 58 SOLD 73 TOP \$4,100 AVERAGE \$1,395



Daryl Frahn-Murray Bridge S.A. topped the Flairdale sale with a \$4,100 ripper that was supposed to go to Classic'14 but was inserted into the on-property sale as a bolsterer as well as a replacement for a sale drop out.

Ironically the ram was bred by another, Flairdale 20, that was supposed to be included in the Classic'12 sale except for breaking his back leg weeks before that sale in a classing race mishap! GFW% 128, BWT% 109 and ranked 6th over the whole drop, this guy filled the pen and deserved the accolade.

The sale hit it's straps right from the start with the first ten pens averaging \$2,340.

Graham Buchanan-Lameroo S.A. purchased the lot 1 pen filler for a healthy \$3,600 and bred by

L627 and a Body Weight at 114% with great wool figures. He also outlaid another \$2,800 to secure a WP908 son with GFW116% at 17.9u 2.5sd 14.0cv.

Trevor Laske-Ararat Vic. began his seven ram haul at lot 2 for \$3,800, bred by Flairdale 40 at GFW 113% & BWT% 120 and two pens later added a L627 goody at \$3,000 with great fibre figures of 18.4u 2.5sd 13.6cv and ranked 16 over all ram tested within flock.

Dale Paxton's-Parndana S.A. arrival is always a relief as he is a major contributor toward a successful Flairdale sale. He bought eight polls including a great lot 3 for (only) \$2,200. I had this guy ranked highly in my book. Bred by WP908 he looked every bit of his EMD 43.

He added a ram at lot 19 boasting figures that even a super fine stud would be proud to own! 16.5u 1.9sd 11.5cv & 0.1pf!

His background maybe not surprisingly went back to Nerstane genetics via Turkey Lane K.I. and combined with GFW 113% & BWT 108% and ranked 8th overall Dale was happy especially in the fact that he only had to pay \$800 to get him!

Maybe the pick lot 51, bred by the best ever Flairdale sire, '20' was highly ranked at 4 and actually looked the part especially this far down

the catalogue lineup. He made \$1,700 and could have made more had he been listed higher. Did I really catalogue him this far down!

JW & LR Burgess bought three for the day including lot 5 for \$4,000 and bred by Turkey Lane 56 with GWT 125% and BWT 115% and ranked 2 overall.

Graham Price of Ben Nevis Farms-Ararat Vic. stole their first mysteriously at \$600 and went on to buy another six including lot 41 for \$2,000 that had a body weight 25% above the rest of the field. He was bred by Gunallo 230.

Pitlochery Station-Kingston S.A. bought six on the back run to average around \$700.

There were a lot of single and double purchases with Steph Brooker Jones hooking onto a great lot 23 for \$1,400. Peter Kubenk a beauty at \$1,300.

Bormann, Feast, Lane, Mason, Bonza, Clark, Allan and Pete Battersby were great support in filling the gaps amongst the multi purchasers.



There's a couple of rams that have done a lot of good over the years and once they have moved on usually the next hero outweighs the previous' great work and all is forgotten.

WP20 bought in 2007 for \$8,000 from Wallaloo Park On Property sale and sold to Frankland River Grazing's-Westfield in Frankland W.A. was a legend and that legacy still lives on.

Most age groups on the property have '20' filtered through them within both sexes with no danger of over doing it due to strict breeding planning.

This flock was desperate for a boot from a new genetic and this guy was the answer. Through A.I. and paddock joinings his numbers were always good especially with lambing percentage and his top to cull classing ratio.

Shown here in skull form from the paddock and now proudly hangs near the shearing board where his influence is keeping many a shearer happy!



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# RIDGWAY ADVANCE ON PROPERTY SALE

OFFERED 100 SOLD 100 MAIN AUCTION

OVERALL OFFERED 170 SOLD 153

TOP \$6,800 AVERAGE \$1,885 (100) OVERALL \$1,499



Those vertical bars with race gates have certainly put a cessation to tendon and bone injuries in the race during classing around the traps.



Ella Matta had had enormous success at every Classic sale it has entered with last year's result a credit to the stud. (See Classic'14 sale report)

The two rams pictured typify their efforts and could be part of Classic'15. Check the following results as one of the reasons for the stud's popularity.

Front poll is 140417 has Ycfw 25, Yfd -1.1 MP+169, Ywt 9.3, Yfat 0.3, Yemd -0.3. Sire is Leahcim 123139.

Ram behind is 140420: Ycfw 29, Yfd -0.9, MP+ 177, Ywt 5.1, Yfat -0.4 Yemd 0.2. Sire is WP 080124



## CLASSINGS CLASSIC '15

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 7th 2015 AT 1.30pm

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A lift in average price for a main auction of 100 rams of \$275 is no mean feat considering the year before's sale was outstanding! Thus the success of Ridgway Advance through smart breeding via large AI and ET efforts and the retention of a handful of top sires annually as well as the odd 'outside' pickup carefully selected and purchased only when all boxes are ticked.

The auction lineup was the best going 'round and any stud fella would have been proud to pen 100 polls looking as they did. Glen Farr-Wunkar S.A. couldn't contain himself and gleefully secured lot 1 of the main auction for a respectable \$5,400, bred by RA001 and as square as the backend of my car!

A RA194 bred lot 3 also made the bucks going to long time supporter Senior Park-Bordertown S.A. for \$5,200 reflecting his 43 EMD with a visual look of carcass plus! Alanvale Vic., bought a nourished RA194 in pen 7 for \$4,100 and from then on and amongst those higher priced pens, things settled into an affordable buyer's market in the end averaging just under \$1,900.

JJ Hallum was again active and supported well with a great pickup in lot 10 at \$2,600 for a ripper RA Syn bred poll. 18.1u 2.9sd 16.2cv 40emd typified quality fibre figures all day long. The Hallums went on to buy lot 45 at \$2,000 for a 'Holy' bred ram and \$1,600 for a spring drop but maybe their purchase of the sale was a screamer in lot 53 for a Syndicate bred bloke who was one of my picks of the day. Fibre perfection and carcass supreme and only \$2,200.

The highest price gong for the day was \$6,800 and selling to Ian and David Rowett's Mernowie Poll-Marrabel S.A. The spring

drop poll was bred by SuperSire L858 and looked tremendous with white crimp fibre proven by 17.2u 3.0sd and 42emd figures. Ian Rowett was particularly impressed with his growth rate for a Spring Drop ram.

The Lockhardt clan were once again in early and purchased two within the first ten pens, one at lot 2 for \$2,200 and bred via Syndicate joining and similarly at lot 9 for \$2,000.

I don't know the RG Brown family from Wolsely Vic., but going through the catalogue now I realise just how valuable their support was which could make them contenders for the RA sponsored holiday in the Maldives for seven days! Lot 11 for \$1,600, lot 14 for \$1,900, lot 15 at \$1,500, lot 17 for \$1,300, lot 44 at \$1,900, lot 46 for \$1,500, lot 74 for \$1,700....have they returned home yet?!

Dirk Stevens' Broughton Vale-Little Topar NSW was there for quality polls that didn't reach their true value and picked up well. He picked up nine rams in the main auction followed by sixteen in the mini auction and should be enjoying a Campari with the Browns right now on that beautiful atoll in the middle of the Indian Ocean!

CR Graham-Maitland S.A. backing up his excellent support in 2013, bought another three up to \$4,800 and was also runner up to the top priced, Mernowie purchase. That \$4,800 pickup was for lot 100, a L282 (SWS \$38,000 purchase 2012) bred thumper at 44 emd.

Big time supporter, David and Dianne Farr-Wunkar S.A. opened their account at lot 39 for a RA532 son for a spring drop effort at 16.4u and 2.5sd and emd of 40. They also acquired lot 54 at \$1,700 but the absolute pick was their \$4,000 purchase for a RA194 bred wizzer at lot 51 with emd 42. Everything was right about this poll if not for a slight stub which would have kept him away from stud exercises.

The McGorry clan from Wagga NSW supported well with six pickups in the top 100 and averaging around \$1,350 in the process. DD Long-Bendigo Vic., started their acquisitions at lot 4 for \$1,500 and then latched onto two of the smartest pickups of the day-both bred by (potential) SuperSire, RA 'Holy.'

Lots 16 & 19 were two of the boldest wools I'd seen throughout the year but exuded a lustre, glean, length and softness that reminded me of the reasons we went to the Marnoo district in the first place! Both in the 19u area and



The Tim Ottens, Nantoura based flock near Wharminda S.A. is now one of great quality including this great ewe hogget I marvelled at during classing.

Around 18u and likely to cut 7-8kg she was given a double tag and named 'Eileen' by Tim! He was adamant the name had to stick which bemused me all morning until his explanation cleared all. She had so many tags in one ear that "I lean" was the only name for her. Get it.....



Wallaloo Park dish up the best going 'round with this fella, 140469, a possible for Classic'15 but there's a hint he may never leave the property!

Bred by WP196 (x Casper) he cut 5.8kg at 5 1/2 months at 20u 3.2sd 16.0cv 0.5pf. Porky backend and standing upright on all fours adds to the attraction. C'mon John and Trent...Murray bridge bound?!

41 & 43 for emd, I'm looking forward to hearing how these two sires throw with their respective progeny results.

Neville Rathjen-Mt.Torrens S.A. accrued a great group without much fuss starting at pen 8 at \$2,100 for an L282 thug followed by four or five more purchases including an ET bred L858 son for \$2,000 at lot 38 and possibly the pick of the group at lot 43 for \$1,500 for a 17.8u softy.



Banes Brothers spent up, opening up their account with a \$3,000 RA60 son with a emd 42 and another of the same breeding at lot 30 for \$2,200. Lot 37 at \$3,000 kept the flow going but maybe the pickup of lot 56 for

another RA60 was the choice pick at \$2,200. This guy was well marked in my catalogue.

I picked up a lot 18 for \$1,200 and sent him to Netallie-Wilcannia NSW. Geoff and Sue Zacher-Coonalpyn S.A. spent the dosh at \$3,000 for lot 27 for a well bred RA194 son.

The Pym clan at Rockleigh S.A. possibly secured the glitziest fibred animal of the sale with their \$2,200 purchase of lot 52. 17.0u 2.7sd 15.8cv you can just picture it...Their grab of the day though was lot 64, a great all rounder at 17.3u 2.4sd 14.0cv & 0.2pf.

This flock is evolving into one of the best in the Adelaide Hills due to the Pym's recognition of great fibre and skins which is converting a more traditional flock into an absolute eye opener! Wait...and then there was lot 84 with similar figures...

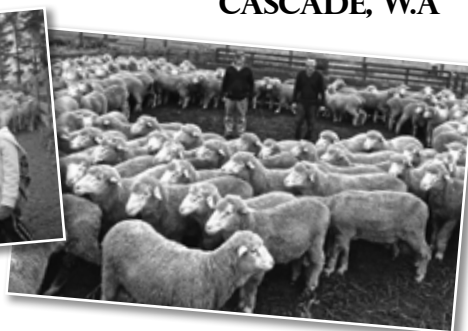
Rob Germein-Port Vincent S.A. asked me to keep an eye out for the ram of the century so I bought him lot 58 at \$2,400! Bred by an RA syndicate this guy featured an EMD of 45, a 6 for FAT and weighed 107Kg at 18.9u and looked like....

Warrawee P/C, Vasey Farms, Verco, Nankivell, Dart, Grocock and others were again all familiar names who were great supporters for another successful day.

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# ROEMAHKITA ON PROPERTY SALE

## OFFERED 108 SOLD 72 TOP \$4,600 AVERAGE \$1,628

The only thing that got in the road of an, as per usual red hot sale, was the absence of three Far West coast clients who elected to save the distance and shop locally, negating the potential sale of around fifteen to twenty rams. That said the average of \$1,628 (up on the year previous) for those seventy two sold, and of the better quality end, can't be sneezed at!

Nor can the top price of \$4,600 for a WP Casper bred thug in lot 11 sold to mates of Gary West, the CJ Barnes outfit from Wilmington. Elite fibre full of whiteness, nourishment and fleece weight at YCFW 18 on a magnificent frame, this guy was destined to be the sale topper and was ranked #1 in my book. The quality didn't only start at lot 11 though! Another Casper son, also bought by the Barnes family for \$3,200 in lot 3, was also top class.

The mighty Baines Brothers again had a huge influence on the sale beginning with their lot 5 purchase at \$2,600 for a Ridgway bred hooer! Typical Roemahkita figures of 18.9u 2.5sd 13.2cv & 0.0pf added to his physical presence. They could have topped the sale with their \$4,400 Casper bred purchase in lot 6. With 43.4 EMD and top real figures for fibre, this guy was only knocked off by the pre mentioned Barne's purchase. They went on to buy another four including a \$3,000 Ridgway bred lot 12 with fleece weight.

Claughton Family Trust were great with their support starting their bidding conquests at lot 14 and outbidding others and myself with a slightly better budget. Lot 14, with exceptional wool figures including 17.3u & 2.7sd, sold for \$2,200 bred by RO532 and the following lot 15 for \$2,400 for a Casper son. These were followed by four more including a great fibred cheapy for \$800 in lot 69 of all pens and \$2,800 for a WP214 son in lot 24.

Toben Pastoral-Nyngan NSW, were a great floor buying nine rams throughout the sale including a handy lot 74 for \$800.

CD Watson-Cummins S.A. was there for three including a thicker RO352 son in lot 10 for \$2,000. He added lot 20 for \$1,800 with a EMD 41 and then the pick of the three, lot 27 for another RO352 son for \$3,200. With EMD 42 and HFAT 8.0 I had this poll marked for Rob Germein but lost the race!

I did though procure two polls for Rob Germein-Port Vincent S.A., both rippers and met the budget easily. \$2,200 for lot 8 may have been the steal of the day with a YWT 8.3 & 43 for EMD on a great square ram. A poll bred by RO1156 for \$1,500 was the perfect travelling companion for the arduous ketch trip across the gulf to get these fine poll rams to their new home.

Borthwick Estate were strong with their six pickups, the best at lot 29 for a RO1156 boy for \$1,600, a cutter with 41.4 EMD.

I also bought four for Aston Station-Pooncarie NSW at \$1,000, \$1,000, \$1,200 and \$1,000 for a great team that certainly didn't look like a typical 'station order' effort. With a \$1,000 budget, this makes for a quality team that I would proudly put my name to.

Alan Howell-Calbroma Kapinni S.A. bought two in succession in lots 33 & 34 at \$1,400 and \$2,400 both RO1156 sons. Peter and Bucky Mickan rocked up for there one purchase, a very good WP214 son in lot 13 for \$3,200. Ross Mickan-Cummins bought three and Mark Sheehan-Cummins there for a single purchase.

I could predict that there will be a sale this year with less numbers as to cater for those clients who had a change in tack yet supporting studs of similar design, but at the same time filling every sale pen with a winner.



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**Thursday July 23rd**

Inspection Day

Roemahkita 10.30am-4 pm

**Tuesday JULY 28th, 2pm**

**25th On Property Ram Sale**

**90 quality poll merino rams 90**

**Sale Rams Averages:**

**Micron 18.8 CV 15.0 SD 2.8 CF% 99.5**

Figures as at June 19 2015

**August 3rd & 4th**

Hamilton Sheepvention, Display Team

**Monday September 7th**

Classings Classic Sale, Murray Bridge

TAG	MICRON	CV	SD	CF%	POLL
140043	19.9	13.1	2.6	99.7	PP
140305	17.1	15.8	2.7	99.5	PP
140644	18.4	12.0	2.2	100	PH

**Friday September 11th**

Adelaide Show Ram Sale

TAG	MICRON	CV	SD	CF%	POLL
140055	20.2	14.9	3.0	99.9	PH
140606	19.4	17.0	3.3	99.5	PP
140827	21.3	14.6	3.1	99.6	PH

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# 2014/15 WOOL SELLING SEASON

I bumped into Rod Miller of Australian Wool Network at Keyneton Station's ewe hogget classing this year and asked him to give me a report on his views of the current highs of the wool market as follows...

**The 2014/2015 Wool Selling Season: Prices gain significant ground.**



A number of factors affected the various categories within the market, the stars being the Merino Cardings (MC) and Cross bred wools, and different stories for the combing categories of Fine (18.5 micron and finer), medium (19 to 21 micron) and strong Merino (22 and 23 micron).

The Merino Cardings indicator of 1134 cents clean is historically the highest ever (your locks have been making around 550 cents greasy) whilst in August 1993 it was around 200 cents clean (when your locks made 105 cents greasy). Spread across crutchings, locks stain and premature wools less than 50mm makes a big difference to clip averages. Cross bred wools in the 30 micron range have been able to gross around \$1100 per bale, and you would know better than I the value of the lambs they produced.

Global economic and political forces have created a historically unbalanced relationship between the Merino Cardings and Crossbreds compared to the fine and medium Merino wool markets. The 3 dominant factors at play are;

1. Chinese Government Policy on credit control, environmental standards, and corruption

2. The Knitwear market and fashion, a multi

season trend (over 3 years).

3. An Australian dollar around 20% lower against the \$US.

To a lesser extent, although still a positive factor, is wool's growing 'green image' and consumer preference in home living applications (carpets, drapes, floor rugs, furniture coverings, sofa throws etc.), as well as outer wear like Ice Breaker, coats with heritage look fabrics, and handbags etc.

Chinese New Year in 2014 coincided with the Chinese Communist Party policy announcements regarding strict environmental standards on wool mills, the tightening of credit, and stamping out corruption. As an expat Chinese analysts once told me "when the Chinese Government wants to do something they will, and Chinese business people and citizens have no choice or options to do any different, or else!"

Remember Chinese wool customers purchase 72% of our greasy wool exports.

The wool market immediately ground to just more than a holding pattern (EMI went under 1000 cents), and took to the following October/November to gain any real ground. During this period the cardings and crossbreds continued quite healthily, and was the key activity of business in to China.

Global fashion was embracing knitwear, from the elite brands (e.g. Zegna and Burberry) to the high quality next level (e.g. Country Road and Sports craft), and quick fashion change global chains (e.g. Zara).

The traditional tweed makers of the Isles of Western Scotland in the Hebrides couldn't keep up with demand.

**Neither could we at "Merino Snug" from our factory in Melbourne (Frankston).** We are part of driving the demand for wool

with our Merino Snug high quality knitwear range, distributing Australian made products throughout 230 retail outlets in Australia.

**Our products also utilise premature shorn fine and medium Merino wools in the 52-70 mm range. This has been part of a general market change to increase the value of shorter wools, and discount longer wool (over 100 mm).** This is due to more efficient processing and manufacturing techniques that deliver more yarn and fabric with less wastage. Our own computer driven high tech full garment knitting machines are an example, and have enabled us to be internationally competitive with high value products from here in Australia.

We plan to retail globally in the future to the tourism travel market, and place some iconic Australian brands in consumers hands that will give them the story behind the wool and the people that produce it and of course the experience of light weight luxurious feeling clothing for them. Our processing journey from greasy to yarn (then garment) does include China for early stages, but we are going back to Italy for yarn production and some of our original Australian Wool Network (AWN) partners and shareholders from 1997.

In recent months the Chinese Government has been concerned about the slow growth rate of their economy (mind you that's around 7 %!), and has taken some steps to stimulate growth, without adding inflationary pressures. So with access to working capital, ways of working with mills that can meet environmental standards, or early stage processing done somewhere else (even back here in Australia), there has been a new energy in China to get business going again.

So from May this year the market overall took off and went from around 1100 cents clean up to a recent high of 1400 cents. This is restocking the pipeline, a mood change to get on with business, and some global increase in demand for wool products (Europe and America are the two key influencing consumer economies, and watch for an emerging India).





We also saw the shrinking of the mid-point discount (over 60% mid pob) with this stronger demand, **but there is no doubt over long wool with a high mid-point break will continue to be discounted.** This can be around 120 cents clean for mid-point break, plus another 50 clean for length. Also 42 newtons per kilotex is the markets new definition of sound, as mid-point overlong discounts can still occur between 35 and 41 Nktx.

At the time of writing the market has corrected to around 1300 cents, but in a manner in line with the markets within the Wool market. The Merino cardings and crossbreds have not fallen of their high points, the Fine/medium Merino combing types have come back around 70 cents clean as they are the most common China types and had proportionally experienced the greatest gains. This had to happen as restocking reaches an end point, and we now meet the underlying demand for the end of the wool selling season.

I expect it will take well in to the spring period before we see the relative price levels emerge within trading band time periods. No one predicted or saw the recent price surge coming, but it does seem we have gone to a new level with a fairly positive outlook for next season.

I thank Rod for the time and effort in putting this piece together. The Merino Snug product is top class as Rose and I found out on our last visit to Melbourne. We purchased two outer wear garments which were made up of wool 50%, possum 40% and 10% nylon. I have not had a jumper of such quality and when tested on the skins of some very choosy Texan friends of ours they just wouldn't come at the fact that there was wool involved!



This could be Ramsgate's biggest year with their on property sale team showing huge depth with no wasty families upsetting the stats.

Amongst the pile were these two snorters exhibiting everything about the poll merino that we adore.

Craig at left holds Ramsgate 338 bred by the mighty L858 with the following:

GWT% 118 21.2u 2.8sd 13.4cv 0.0pf

Jed at right holds Ramsgate 296 also bred by SuperSire L858 and is **double copy poll**.

GWT% 118 21.0u 3.1sd 14.7cv 0.4pf

Both rams cut 5.1kg with the average of the group at 4.3kg.

Bill in the middle is just happy to hang out with progressive breeders producing animals that is the reason for his existence!!

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LAMB	26.1 - 28.0	16-20	1	26.3	5.30	139.39
LAMB	30.1 - 34.0	11-15	3	98.5	5.30	522.05
LAMB	30.1 - 34.0	16-20	2	65.1	5.30	345.03
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Total LAMB			27	1,005.8	5.30	5,330.74
Total			27	1,005.8	5.30	5,330.74
			Skins			351.00
			TOTAL			5,681.74
			TOTAL PAYABLE			\$5,681.74

The Karawatha Park-Buckleboo S.A. 'second glance' ram classing on the 27th of May was nothing short of phenomenal with the young rams at only ten months of age jumping out of their skins!

With all progeny families firing, wastage was minimal and the final top 30 of which the Wudinna Field Day team will be selected were of extreme quality. As I left the yards I bravely mentioned to Bert and Dion that the top group were the best I had ever seen....in my career!

The icing on the cake though would have to be the value of the young rams that were culled on the day with 27 youngsters off to TFI one month later and the proceeds enough to even stun the owner!

Bert's comment of, "Perhaps we should hook the lot!" feasible yet certainly not practical due to the great quality of the rest of the 'pack'!

# PEPPERWELL - KEYNETON S.A.

**OFFERED 36 SOLD 20 TOP \$2,100 AVERAGE \$890**

Pepperwell-Keyneton S.A. is in restructuring mode with the stud's quality ahead of it's supporters at this stage. The 36 polls presented well with many highlights along the lineup which, with more competition warranted, are capable of raising \$1,500+ with future sales.

Ol' primary school mate, Brenton Kubenk-Tepko S.A. and I never fought in the school yard yet we had a slight bidding duel here for the star of the show in lot 3.

Bred by that SuperSire L858, super long bodied with the lustrous stuff booming from the pliable skin, and a 106kg body from the paddock, he was certainly the standout poll...and Brenton won him! \$2,100 was a good price for a ripper backed up with 19.8u 2.7sd 13.8cv & 0.0pf. Brenton also nabbed lot 1 for \$1,700, another L858 with 20.4u 2.6sd 12.8cv 0.2pf for typical figures and why not add another son in lot 6 for \$1,500!

Richard Henschke-Thorlindah jagged four polls at \$600, \$600, \$800 & \$1,000 representing extreme value! RG Seidel-

Sedan S.A. took home three including a big bold crimper in lot 2 bred by...you guessed it!

Dean Schirmer-Cambrai S.A. was also good for three including a very good Syndicate bred lot 21 for \$550 with his lot 23 at \$600 not far off the pace either. Ruben Noak-St. Kitts S.A. was there for the single for a great figured L858-try these...20.8u 2.4sd 11.6cv & 0.2pf! White Park also grabbed the one for another L858.

Lot 10 with a freaky great set of horns and bred by the master, was spotted by Brenton Smith-Calcookara S.A, months earlier and gave me a budget bigger than his actual sale price of...\$800! 19.4u 2.5sd 12.6cv a help!

I bought lot 4 and immediately handballed him onto the Holts-Keyneton S.A. at \$600 who showed some interest post sale.

This stud deserves more attention which should be automatic once the general public view what's on show. This year's vintage? Come and check them out!



Ridgway Advance has always loaded the Classic sales with quantity and especially quality. No exceptions here with both examples showing lustre and density and bred by RA sires and off to Classic'15.

The Ram David is holding is RA B005 - ET bred from RA 493 with Dev holding Y409 bred by RA532.



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## CLASSINGS P/L INSERT FOR BUCKLEBOO FARM IMPROVEMENT GROUP

Due to all micron price categories squeezing together without premium for some time now, there is a huge push from many merino advisors, agents and studmasters in suggesting to their clients to pile on fleece weight at all cost. Whilst this makes economical sense the concept can be fraught with danger unless well planned with the undertaking and utilisation of 'safe' genetics.

An evolving climate toward possibly wetter summers and unpredictable winters suggests that new era merinos with free pliable skins of great staple length are able to withstand the testing effects that are created by such events. A so called heavier cutter, often over nourished and short stapled growing from a tight wrinkled skin can only trap moisture impeding drainage and regularly displaying water stain, fleece rot and dermatitis. This type also supplies the scourge of the nation the perfect home to lay and watch their prodigy fester into ripe, flesh eating maggot infestations. PETA and animal protection groups naturally thrive on their existence!

Concentrate on ewes and rams that exude length with density from an easy care productive skin thus improving management, shearability and of highest priority, more lambs. It is now a given that for every extra breech score wrinkle on the merino ewe there is a void of twelve lambs from thousands of flock data entries collected and tabulated by MerinoSelect. The most fertile ewe is one of easy care stature able to cater for all traits in maximising returns within your enterprise.

The Karawatha Park merino epitomizes all of the pre mentioned positives and I recommend these progressive genetics for you to trial and benchmark against your own program as to see where you sit within industry comparison.

Please call me if you have any queries regarding this insert or any related industry qualms including the ways and means of making the break from that stud you've outgrown and in need of new horizons!

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# LUCERNBRAE CALLINGTON S.A.

OFFERED 50 SOLD 32 TOP \$2,600 AVERAGE \$961

Lucernbrae averages \$2,200 at Classic'14 yet barely scrapes home at around \$1,000 for the on property sale which frustrates the hell out of me! These poll rams are right up there with the best in the state and the Classic sale by no means pinch all of the best!

Anyway...top price was a terrific poll that easily could have made the stalls at Classic but at least he made his money here with good competition to \$2,600 and positioned carefully into the lot 4 slot. Bred by GP008 (\$14,000 purchase share with Derella Downs at Adelaide sale way back) I bought him for **Sean and Bec Freeman-Penong** who only collect quality. 18u 2.7sd 15.2cv & 0.4pf attached to silk a good look.

**Nathan Wegener-Colrae-Callington S.A.** began his collection at lot 2 for a great WP Bartel son with a -1.8u and added a GP008 at lot 12 for \$1,000. He finished with three when he added an L858 fella for \$650 loaded with carcass and meat attributes.

**Netallie-Wilcannia NSW** don't even confirm their order with me now prior to the Lucernbrae sale...they know the superb quality and the realistic pricing and just let me go for it.

There is no way that I should have been able to but lot 1 for \$1,000! Bred by GP008, bold and long stapled and filling the pen he was the perfect gift for the Netallie consignment. Followed this up with a \$1,700 jag in lot 3 and bred by that super long stapled L282 the \$38,000 sire of which the Paechs are a share of. Now for the budget fixers. Lot 13 at \$600, lot 17 for a magnificent L858 son at \$1,100 and a super bold crimping '858' in pen 21 with the lowest curvature of 59 degrees to seal the deal. \$5,000 for the lot at average \$1,000!

Kym Frahn-Mannum S.A. was very welcome as he picked up four for bargain pricing. A Lucernbrae Y306 son for \$1,000, two Bartel boys in lots 32 for \$1,000 and 43 for \$500 and a L858 cheapy at \$600.

Dean and Kerry Helyar-Murray Bridge S.A. bought well starting with a \$1,100 WP Bartel poll in lot 7 followed by an L282 for \$1,100 then a Bartel in lot 41 at a realistic \$800.

**Geoff Keynes-Springton S.A.** was away the previous year but arrived on cue to snave one of the picks of the day. An '858' burster in lot 9 at 18.5u 2.5sd 13.7cv & 0.2 could have been a contender for Classic'14 but now in good hands. A reasonable Bartel right down at lot 44 was a worthy ute mate for the short trip home.

Kym and Michelle Thiele-Pompoota S.A. know their stuff and bought three. A well figured L858 for \$1,400 kicked their bidding off with 19u 2.7sd 14.4cv a feature. Yet another ripper 858 in lot 16 at \$800 was just value for dollar spent-typical scenario at Lucernbrae sales! They snuck in a Bartel at lot 36 to complete the trio.

Rob Paech-Tepko S.A. was good for three and bought a Y306 for \$800, a better GP008 for \$900 and a Bartel for \$500.

I bought a snorter at pen 14 for a GP008 for \$1,000 and still waiting for the Ingrams to ring me up for praise!! Double circled in my catalogue is a rarity so at \$1,000.....

Other single purchases went to Max Paech, Darryl Pahl and long timers Eric and Murray Frahn.

I have classed the ram weaners for 2015 and no surprises here...they're magnificent so come'n'get 'em!

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# RICE'S CREEK-TINTINARA S.A.

**OFFERED 48 SOLD 45 TOP \$4,600 AVERAGE \$1,664**

*By Carla Wiese-Smith - Stock Journal*

ASTUTE buyers from across SA kept bids coming thick and fast at the Rices Creek Poll Merino ram sale at Tintinara. While it was the Vandeleur family's sixth annual on-property sale, it was just their second stand-alone sale after holding a joint sale at Bordertown for four years.

The move continued to pay off, with the top price of \$4600 eclipsing last year's high of \$4000. Indicating the quality on offer, the first run of 13 rams averaged a staggering \$2938. Strong competition on the top end of the catalogue - six rams made more than \$3200 - ensured 45 rams sold from 48 offered at a solid \$1664 average.



Topping the day was lot 11, a 21.2-micron ram from a Rices Creek syndicate mating, with a standard deviation of 3.0u, 14.7 per cent co-efficient of variation and 99.4pc comfort factor. The 112-kilogram ram was secured by Peter Fiegert, Poverty Corner, Ponde. Graham Thiele, who bid on Mr Fiegert's behalf, said the ram appealed for its micron and other good figures. "He's also nice and deep with soft white wool," he said. Mr Fiegert secured four rams in total, averaging \$1975.

Not to be outdone, lot 12 attracted spirited bidding before being knocked down for the second-top price of \$4400. The 21.3M ram, also from a syndicate mating, had 2.7SD, 12.7CV and 99.7CF. Prosser Family Holdings, Tintinara, won the bidding on the ram after having a go on some of the sale's earlier lots.

Rounding out the top sales was a ram at \$4200 to Glynnard Pty Ltd, Riverton, one at \$4000 to J&J Keller Holdings, Coonalpyn, and one at \$3800 to Stark Grazing, Naracoorte, which also took another at \$3200.

Locals AJ&JM Zacker, Tintinara, were the sale's volume buyers with eight rams to \$1700, averaging \$1013. Stark

Grazing took four at a \$2550 average, and Richardson Brothers, Tintinara, took the same number at a \$1075 average.

With three rams each were LG Slape, Sherlock, averaging \$2200; GA&AO Mickan, Coonalpyn, averaging \$1500; and JK&SMM White, Clare, averaging \$1400.

## **And up North.....by Jacinta Rose - Stock Journal**

THE Vandeleur family's decision to introduce a Mid North ram sale for their Rices Creek Poll Merino stud has paid off in spades.

Bidding was fast and frantic at Saddleworth on Tuesday last week with all 70 rams snapped up to a \$3400 top, averaging \$1321. Mark and Marilyn Phillips, Eudunda, paid the top price for the second ram offered - a big-barrelled, 122-kilogram April/May 2013-drop ram.

The ram, along with a 20.9M sire bought at the sale for \$1900, will head to the Phillips' grazing property between Morgan and Burra, where the couple run 4500 Merino ewes.

Stud principal Jim Vandeleur said he was thrilled with the total clearance. "We're very pleased, especially since we didn't know what to expect or how many rams to offer," he said.

"We're trying to produce big-bodied rams with well-nourished medium wools that do well in all environments."



The stud has hosted on-property sales at Tintinara for the past six years, but this year added a Saddleworth sale for their Mid North clients for the first time - offering a total of 118 rams, compared with 46 in 2013.

And the result at Saddleworth vindicated the decision.

JW&ACA Allison, Yalcowinna Station, Broken Hill, NSW, were the sale's volume buyers, taking home eight rams at \$1000 and one at \$800.

Active throughout the auction, Paul and Michael Doering, Walmona Pastoral, Truro, secured eight to \$1600, av \$1300.

While local clients showed continued support, the sale was also well attended by buyers from further afield, with GR,CE&PD Finlay, Quorn, purchasing six to \$1300, av \$1133, and Fromm and Sons Pty Ltd, Minnipa, securing five to \$1000, av \$960.

## **RICES CREEK POLL MERINOS**



### **On property Auction Tintinara - 6th of August Saddleworth - 1st of September**

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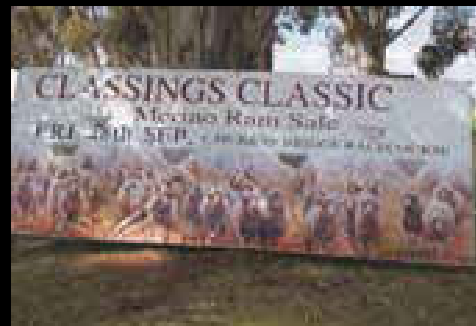


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**Monday 7th September**

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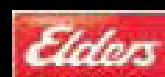
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## DONE AND DUSTED...



Due to the frustrations associated with the creating of the Ovine Brucellosis piece, Cullings'15 missed a common deadline which regularly has been just prior to the Bendigo Sheep Show of which we normally have first draft copies at hand.

A few studs including Roemahkita, Borung and Pimbena hinge their advertising on the publication's release with their on property sales right at the end of July.

Considering their stud's exposure in the Cullings at Bendigo, South East Field Day and Karoonda Field Day it's critical to get their promotions out as early as possible.

I aim to have all of this year's ram sale reports done and dusted by year's end instead of wading through them the following year whilst writing the Cullings. This would leave more time spent on industry concerns and issues like Regulin for one.

There have been fantastic scanning percentages for some who have reported their success with the drug. At \$6 per effort things have to go well all the way through with numbers weaned a critical figure. With some scanning figures at 140%-150% things come under review at only 90-100% weaning percentage due to high losses.

Was fortunate to be asked by Geoff Lindon-AWI to be part of the Lifetime Productivity Advisory Committee. The group's objectives is to muster existing and new performance data (Merino Sire Evaluation) and compare the early performance of stock with its lifetime productivity thus providing better predictability in the long term.

There are fears that maybe sheep are assessed at too early an age and that later comparisons for productivity will be of greater value to the industry.

AWI with Stuart Hodgson hosted a Sheepclasser's forum in February of

which about twenty attended for a day in Sydney head office. It was quite an educational day with the likes of Jim Watts, Rob Russell, Gordy McMaster, Craig Wilson, Ian Lilburne, yours truly and others eager to put in their two bob's worth mostly in the ways and means of educating the young to be part of this great industry.

As a result there will be Sheepclassing and Stockmanship workshops down the track focusing on merino improvement with a balanced approach.

Interesting numbers come out of days like these with AWI naturally up with latest stats. One surprising one was that the national average for weaning percentage stands at only 80%! Another, that the merino flock population is declining at two million animals per year!

The World Merino Insight makes it's debut on 5th September 2016 with the first day combining an expo with the Classic'16 sale at the Murray Bridge Racecourse. The focus of the week long event is industry information exchange from around the globe and nationally.

Predictions suggest that the Monday will be a massive event with hopefully all S.A. studs represented and not just those entered in the Classic sale.

As a lead up to 2016, I am putting the feelers out right now and inviting all S.A. studs to sell at this year's Classic'15 as suggested by letter in April. Not much response at the minute yet a reminder will go out soon. All selections will still be scrutinised as to the suitability due to the host's strict protocol!

My old sparring partner from the local rural tabloid passed on this year and I'll miss the jibe exchange which was always productive and full of passion!

While on the subject I'd like to thank Farm Weekly, Stock and Land and Mark Scown-SJ for a bit of report and photo help with some sales in Cullings'15. Ian and Wendy Turner-Superior Selections I thanks as well for the same.

The ASBV adoption rate is on the rise with many animals now actually looking like their figures. Accuracies are always on the climb now with more data in the system improved by testing more ewe progeny.

It's rained in the Southern part of the state with the 10th July onward period of showers and rain a huge help for sub soil moisture. A bit cold and icy for immediate pasture response yet things certainly fresher now especially in the Tintinara/Keith precinct.

And that plane I missed? I woke up to pull the quilt up in the Woolford's shack at Arno Bay at exactly 7am.....the precise time that my Rex flight left Port Lincoln but one hour away! I promise the alarm did not go off yet the stout did taste great at Frickey's pub the night before!

Have only just received word from an excited Ray Schroeder-Gunallo S.A. who is displaying at the Bendigo Sheep Show suggesting there has been alot of interest in with one of his Classic'15 rams, Gunallo 007 (see Gunallo Classic potential writeup) by a South African stud. Generally there is a good vibe around the event due to a wool market which now appears stable and the meaty component still going through the roof making our type of merino a serious commodity!

And good luck in retirement Malcolm Scroop. The understudy is doing a great job but you will be missed!



See you at the Classic!

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- Glenlea Park ewes averaged 5.2kgs in their last 6 month shearing (September to March).
- We weaned 118% lambs from our stud ewes in 2015, achieving up to 129% in maidens.
- Our ram lambs averaged 6.1kgs in their last 6 month shearing. Wool sold for 875c/kg.
- In 2015, cull Glenlea Park ram lambs dressed out at 37kgs at 11 months of age.
- A Glenlea Park client achieved the highest price paid in Australia in 2014 for 1.5 year old ewes at an off shears sale.
- Glenlea Park rams are performing across different climates from high rainfall (summer and winter) to station country.



**GP140338**

**Sire:** GP 011367 **Dam:** GP 012376 (ET)  
**Grand Sire:** WP 988 **Grand Dam:** GP 090099  
**Micron:** 19.4 **CV:** 13.9 **SD** 2.7 **CF** 99.6  
GP338 cut 10.1kg in 6 months as a ram lamb.