

LACHLAN MERINOS

"Breeding for big sheep with great wools"

2006 National Lamb Challenge, Dubbo
Defeating 36 teams from 3 states: both studs and commercial growers



Source: The Land (7.9.06)

Wether lamb at 13 months of age

ACHIEVEMENTS

- **19 yrs** of artificial breeding using artificial insemination (AI), and embryo transfer (ET) in more recent years using genetics from Charinga, Roseville Park and Wallaloo Park.
- **1995:** Broke the record for the heaviest merino lamb over the hook at Burrangong Abattoirs, Young. Dressed- **39.8kg**.
- **2003** (August): Merino lambs- **\$95.00** (8 weeks off shears).
- **2003** Australian National Sheep Show, Dubbo, **1st** med wool (9.1kg @18.3 mic), **3rd** med wool (10.5kg @ 18.9 mic), **1st** strong wool (9.4kg @19.1 mic) ewes fleeces.
- **2004** (July): Merino lambs **\$128.00**, 6 wks off shears (*new Midstate Saleyards record*).
- **2005** (July): Merino lambs **\$98.00**, 8 wks off shears.
- **2006** (July): Merino lambs **\$87.00**, 6 wks off shears, & cut 5.8kg of 18.2 mic.
- **2006** (Aug): National Sheep Show, **1st** & **2nd** in lamb challenge, defeating 36 teams from 3 states with fleece and carcass.
- **2007:** \$4000 top price ram sold to Gullengamble (SRS) Merino Stud.

FLOCK HISTORY

- Selecting for deep crimping, heavy cutting and silky white wools at 13 months of age.
- Originally founded on Peppin bloodlines, with infusions of Mandalay (Roseville Park) Banavie, Wallaloo Park, Charinga and Lachlan Merinos using AI over the last 19 yrs, and ET in more recent years.
- **Flock average: 18.9-19.8 mic, 8.0-9.2 kg.**
- During 2007/2008, we have continued to make positive steps in the direction of overall improvement and development of our sheep. We have continued to develop our breeding program, focusing on our artificial component, adding embryo transfer.
- We continue to expand, and were able to sell over 100 rams for the first time during the 2007 season.
- We were loosing bidder on the top price ewe (\$8600) at a Dispersal Sale (Severn Park Merino Stud). We purchased another ewe at this sale (see picture), who was a standout in the whole stud for frame and early growth characteristics. We plan to use this ewe in our ET program, with other Lachlan Merinos ewes to develop a new, separate family to our stud, breeding for mules free sheep.
- Roger Polkinghorne (of Charinga Merino Stud, Victoria) continues to guide and advise us, we truly value his breeding skills. His sheep continue to have a huge influence on many major studs in Australia and overseas today.



LACHLAN MERINOS WOOL ACHIEVEMENTS



Mitchell Rubie with Lachlan Merinos Champion Show Fleeces

- **2003 Australian National Sheep Show, Dubbo;** 1st med wool (9.1kg @18.3mic), 3rd med wool 10.5kg @ 18.9 mic), 1st strong wool (9.4kg @ 19.1 mic); all skirted ewes fleeces.
- **2004 Bendigo Sheep Show:** Three 3rds; medium wools testing 17.3 to 20.3 micron; 4th highest clean fleece weight of the show (Lachlan Merinos fleeces were paddock run, competing against shedded and coated fleeces).
- **2005 Australian National Sheep Show, Dubbo:** 1st and 2nd in the medium and 1st and 2nd in the strong sections
- **5 year adult flock average: 19.3 micron**

DUBBO NATIONAL SHEEP SHOW 2006 RESULTS

Lachlan Merinos group of 3 lambs received 1st & 2nd, defeating 36 teams from studs & commercial breeders from 3 states at the Dubbo National Sheep Show, August 2006



1st Place

2nd Place



Other Competitors
3rd place: 20% lighter

Lachlan Merinos entry
displaying extra body length

- 1st champion pen of 3 lambs averaged **42.26 kg** a head dressed (\$153.54 a head) @\$2.70/kg.
- 2nd reserve pen of 3 lambs averaged **40.26 kg** a head dressed (\$150.05 a head) @\$2.70/kg.
- **Highest fleece value & heaviest wool cut: 6.5 kg. Best carcass value:** 43.6kg dressed, 50.7% yield.
- Lachlan Merinos lambs were **20%** heavier than the next closest competitor.
- 6 lambs **averaged 41.3 kg** a head dressed; **49.9 %** yield.
- **The above results demonstrate you can successfully combine excellent wool cut and carcass.**

LACHLAN MERINOS SIRES

SIRE LM 6.419 (Mr Brick) x LM Doc



Comments:

Heaviest ram ever bred at 14 months of age.

Naturally stands & walks square & wide. Carries whiteness & wool quality down his points & underline. Shorn at 14 months of age, cut 12.1kg, 6.5 months wool.

Body wt: 121.5kg (14 months of age)

Mic	CV	SD	CF
19.4	17.2	3.3	0.7% >30
(24months)			

SIRE: LM 6.253 x LM



Comments:

A wool sire, with beautiful, rich, lustrous white wool from head to toe. Shorn at 14 months of age, cut 11.8kg, 6.5 months wool.

Body wt: 101kg

Mic	CV	SD	CF
19.4	18.1	3.5	0.8% >30
(24months)			

SIRE: LM05 x Jr 12



Comments:

An outstanding sire's wool, combining softness & lustre, with a huge cutting ability. Progeny: long, soft & heavy cutting

Mic	CV	SD	CF
20.1	16.4	3.2	0.9% >30

SIRE: LM32 x Charinga 19



Comments:

Progeny are looking just like their sire; Big, long, smooth, free growing with great bone & balance.

Body wt: 113kg (14 months of age).

Mic	CV	SD	CF
19.4	18.0	3.5	0.9% >30
(24months)			

SIRE: WC58 x Jnr

Comments:

Purchased in 2003 from Charinga (\$5500), at 10 months old.

Cut 10.2kg, 8 months wool, with milk teeth. Breeds very productive, white rich wools, with pure, silky faces.

Progeny topped the averages at the LM 2006 sale (averaging \$2475).

Mic	CV	SD	CF
19.5	18.8	3.4	0.4% >30
(24months)			

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FEEDBACK ON LACHLAN MERINOS

Roger and Donna Polkinghorne, Charinga Merino Stud, St Arnaud, Victoria

"Congratulations to the Rubie family on the sheep you are breeding in your stud Lachlan Merinos. The flock truly reflects your aims in breeding. They are big, structurally sound, 18-20micron, heavy cutting sheep with super soft wool and well-defined crimp, with luster and brightness. Commercially these sheep are market leaders. The wool industry needs more people like you Glen!"

Kevin Miller, Stock and Station Agent, Forbes

"The Rubie family has been marketing their Merino wether lambs through the Forbes Midstate Saleyards for more than a decade. 2003 lambs were sold in August and as usual set a new record price of **\$95.00** for Merino lambs. The lambs displayed exceptional depth of body and were purchased by heavy lamb exporters. Their 2004 lambs broke another mid state sale yards record, of **\$128.00** for merino lambs, and **\$98.00** in 2005."

Alison Rosewarne, Sheep Classer, Woodstock

"A productive combination of heavy cutting, soft handling, crimping wools on an animal with outstanding carcass size. In almost all cases these wools speak for themselves, however can be backed up by objective measurement which reinforces their suitability of Lachlan Merinos as an elite fibre factory."

Kevin and Therese Welsh, Round Range, Eugowra

"We purchased our first Lachlan Merinos rams in 2004, and in that time, we have seen our cut per head increase significantly, with our micron remaining relatively stable at 18.1. The lambs are larger than previous years, & the ewes are lambing easily. The lambs are born with pliable skins, but grow out to be easy shearing, with bright, dense, gutsy wool. We've been very happy with our ram purchases over the last 4 years. In 2007 the top 2 rams (13 months of age) from our newly purchased draft cut 7.5kg with five months wool. (Including the heaviest ram at the sale which tipped the scales at 111.0kg, 20.4mic, 3.4 SD & 16.5CV."

Stephen Rutledge and John Rosewarne, Woodstock

"The wether lamb progeny from Lachlan Merinos achieved target carcass weights earlier than the balance of our drop. Lachlan Merinos have earlier maturing, heavier bone & "do ability", all factors contributing to this result."

Bill McFeeters, Wool Agent, McFeeters Wool, Forbes

"We have sold Lachlan Merino clip for many years. The clip shows outstanding quality & type. The length of fibre is consistently long and much sought after in the wool trade."

AC, MF, TM & LC Knight, Forbes

"We find Lachlan Merinos have the rare combination of long stylish, deep crimping wool on big frame, heavy cutting sheep."

2007 SALE SUMMARY



Top price \$4000 sold to Gullengamble (SRS) Stud

- 66 rams sold, Averaging \$1121
- Top 10 rams averaged 100kg, 13 months of age
- Top priced ram, Lot 21 (18.7mic, 95kg) @ \$4000, Mark Kerin, Gullengamble Merino Stud (registered SRS stud).
- K and T Welsh, "Round Range", Eugowra, bought four rams, including the heaviest ram in the sale, weighing 111kg at 20.4 mic, 3.4 SD, 16.5CV. He shorn all his rams after the sale, and his top two rams cut 7.5kg with five months wool.

Principals: Glen & Margot Rubie

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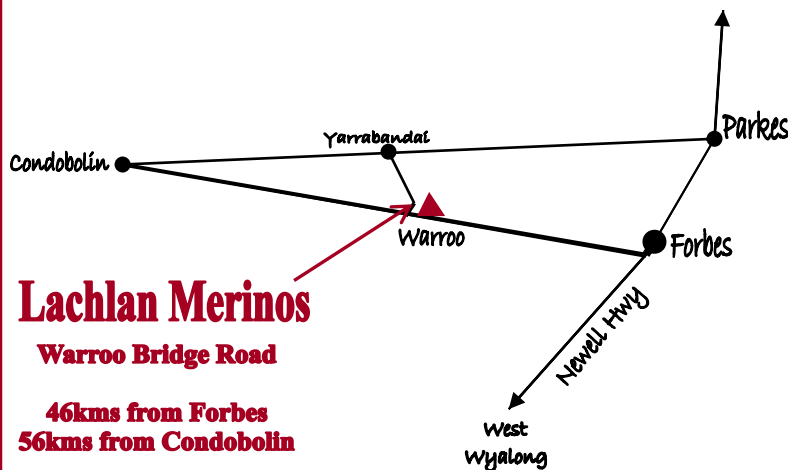
Stud Advisor: Roger Polkinghorne

RAM SALE WED 17th SEPT

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**Inspection from 10.00am
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