

# LACHLAN MERINOS

*"Breeding for big sheep with great wool"*

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



*Source: The Land (7.9.06)*

**Wether lamb**

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Over 20 yrs** of artificial breeding using artificial insemination (AI), and embryo transfer (ET) in more recent years using genetics from Lachlan Merinos, 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, **1<sup>st</sup>** med wool (9.1kg @18.3 mic), **3<sup>rd</sup>** med wool (10.5kg @ 18.9 mic), **1<sup>st</sup>** 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, **1<sup>st</sup>** & **2<sup>nd</sup>** in lamb challenge, defeating 36 teams from 3 states with fleece and carcass.
- **2007 Lachlan Merinos Ram Sale**: **\$4000** top price ram sold to Gullengamble (SRS) Merino Stud.
- **2009** (May): 9 month old Merino Lambs **\$109** (off shears)



# NATIONAL SHEEP SHOW RESULTS

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



**1<sup>st</sup> Place      2<sup>nd</sup> Place**



**Other Competitors      Lachlan Merinos entry**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> place: 20% lighter      displaying extra body length**

- 1<sup>st</sup> champion pen of 3 lambs averaged **42.26 kg** a head dressed (\$153.54 a head).
- 2<sup>nd</sup> reserve pen of 3 lambs averaged **40.26 kg** a head dressed (\$150.05 a head).
- **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.**

## 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 20 yrs, and Embryo Transfer in more recent years.
- **Flock average: 18.9-19.8 mic, 8.0-9.2 kg.**
- During 2008/2009, we have continued to make positive steps in the direction of overall improvement and development of our sheep. We continue to develop our breeding program, focusing on artificial breeding, adding embryo transfer.

## MUELSE FREE 2010 FAMILY

At Lachlan Merinos we have developed a completely separate family for the muese free 2010. Adding to our new family and demonstrating our commitment to this issue, we purchased the number one ranked ewe at the Severyn Park dispersal sale. This ewe ("Big Mama") was a standout for PWWT (post weaning wt), size and early growth characteristics. Big Mama also has outstanding fertility (being paddock joined and had 4 big, live lambs), and an amazing temperament. Her wool is rich, long and soft. We will use Big Mama and others in our ET program we have selected for the 2010 family.

## LACHLAN MERINOS WOOL ACHIEVEMENTS



- **2003 Australian National Sheep Show, Dubbo:** 1<sup>st</sup> med wool (9.1kg @18.3mic), 3<sup>rd</sup> med wool 10.5kg @ 18.9 mic), 1<sup>st</sup> strong wool (9.4kg @ 19.1mic); all skirted ewes fleeces.
- **2004 Bendigo Sheep Show:** Three 3rds; medium wools testing 17.3 to 20.3 micron; 4<sup>th</sup> 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:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the medium and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the strong sections
- **5 year adult flock average: 19.3 micron**



# LACHLAN MERINOS SIRES

## SIRE: LM 7.120 x Reggie



Big, plain & free wool grower. Excellent wool cut & softness, with long, white, medium wool. Backed up with great test results.

**Body wt:** 93.5kg at 13 months of age.

Mic	SD	CV	CF
18.9	3.0	15.8	99.3

## SIRE: Big Joe 449



His lambs so far look to be the best polls we've bred to date. Big, with bone & width. Lambs are smooth with great skins, & stand out at weaning for growth and good condition. He has been used in other studs with a very high strike rate of tops. His head and muzzle says it all!

Mic	SD	CV	CF
19.4	2.8	14.4	99.8

(at 16 months of age)

## SIRE: LM 5.05 x Jr 12



An outstanding sire's wool, combining softness & lustre, and a very heavy cutter. Progeny: long, soft & productive. Breeds a lot of tops.

Mic	CV	SD	CF
20.1	16.4	3.2	0.9% >30

## SIRE: LM 7.510



A sheep that created a lot of interest at the Dubbo NtIs, many people commented he probably had the best wool of all the hogget rams. Superb wool quality & eliteness on a structurally sound frame. Velvet muzzle & free of pigment.

**Body wt:** 91kg at 13 months

Mic	SD	CV	CF
18.1	2.8	15.3	99.7

## SIRE: LM 6.32 x Charinga 19



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: LM 5.03 (B DOUBLE) x Jnr12



His name says it all!! His fleece is very productive and white. Length of body and top line combined with width on his top line and hindquarters make him a very unique sheep.

Mic	SD	CV	CF
21.8	3.6	16.7	99.0



# 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, 18-20mic, heavy cutting sheep with super soft wool & well-defined crimp, with luster & 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 & were purchased by heavy lamb exporters. Their 2004 lambs broke another mid state sale yards record, of **\$128.00** for merino lambs, & **\$98.00** in 2005."

## Alison Rosewarne, Sheep Classer, Woodstock

"A productive combination of heavy cutting, soft handling, crimpy 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, & 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 & much sought after in the wool trade."

## AC, MF, TM & LC Knight, Grenfell

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

## 2008 SALE SUMMARY



- Lachlan Merinos rams sold \$3200 twice, with 58 out of 60, 12-13 month old rams selling to average \$1584, up a massive \$492 on the 2007 average.
- On display before the sale, full sisters to the sale rams were shorn, still with their lamb's wool, fleeces ranged from 17.9-19.9 mic (av 18mic), wool cut ranged from 8.1-9.9kg. They were valued on the day for over \$90.00 by A.W.N.
- Alan and Gordon Larkings, pictured above paid \$3200 equal top price for a May 07 drop ram, measuring 19.8 micron & 99% CF. Mr Larkings averaged \$1933 for his 3 rams
- Repeat buyer, Graham Mulligan, pictured above, purchased one ram for the \$3200 equal top price, testing 19.8mic, 2.8SD, Aug-Sept 07 drop.
- Volume buyer was Mark, Carol & Brad Jones paying to \$3000 for their draft of 16 rams, averaging \$2125.
- Other buyers included the Knight family, who averaged \$1200 for their 7 rams. Also, the Rosewarne family took home 4 rams to average \$1575.
- 1<sup>st</sup> time buyers, Angus & Nigel Taylor were attracted to the early maturing ability of the Lachlan Merinos sheep. The Taylor brothers averaged \$1480 for their 5 rams
- Repeat buyer, Trevor Toole, pictured below with Sheep Classer, Alison Rosewarne, purchased Lot 4 (ET bred) for \$3000.



## RAM SALE

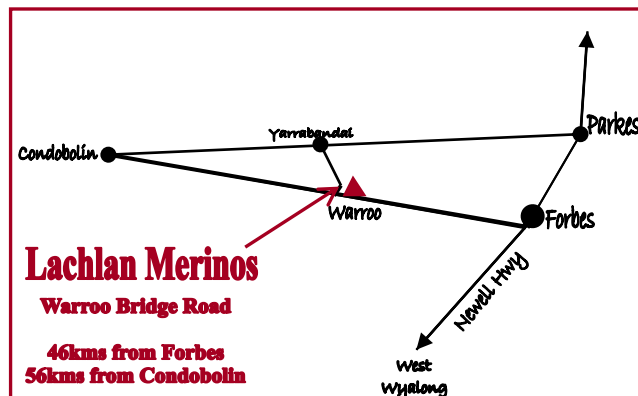
**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September**

**HORN AND POLLS**

**Inspection from 10.00am**

**Sale at 1.00pm**

*Grade rams available from mid September*



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