

2010

# LACHLAN MERINOS

*"Breeding for big sheep with great wool"*

## LACHLAN MERINOS ADDS POLLS



*Campbell and Mitchell Rubie with one of Big Joe 449 sons on offer at this year's ram sale*

In 2010, Lachlan Merinos registered their Poll Merino Stud as "Lachlan Poll", with their foundation Poll sire, Big Joe 449. His semen has been used in studs around Australia, including New South Wales, South Australia, Western Australia, Victoria and Queensland.

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*Reg Flock no. 5022  
Reg Poll Flock no. 1415  
OJD vac, Brucc acc  
Footroot dec free*

**ANNUAL RAM SALE**  
**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September**  
**HORN AND POLLS**  
Inspections from 10.00am  
Sale at 1.00pm





## 2009-2010 SEASON

It has been good to get out and see how some of the flocks are performing. There have been some great lifts in productivity; including lamb percentages, sheep sales and wool cut.

Congratulations goes to the Jones Family, of Condobolin, for their win in the short wool flock section (LM blood), in Australia's most prestigious Maiden Ewe Competition, the Don Brown Memorial Ewe Competition earlier this year.

We'd also like to congratulate the Mulligan family for their success in the Alectown Wether trial (biggest wether trial in Australia to date) in 2009, with 50 teams, from other States, including studs. The Mulligan team (LM blood) were placed 6th overall (classed by Alison Rosewarne). The team averaged 6.7kg, 18.6micron and had the second highest yield, which is an outstanding result.

**This year has seen a significant increase in LM genetics going Australia wide, with semen sales from our horn and poll sires going to merino studs in NSW, VIC, SA, WA and QLD.**

## FLOCK HISTORY

- For over 20 years, Lachlan Merinos have been selecting for an early maturing sheep, which we believe is vital for modern sheep breeders, in terms of the major financial gains that can be made by selling merino lambs in the fat lamb market. This principle also has benefits in maiden ewes, with improved conception rates.
- In 1994, ABC Landline** produced a story about Lachlan Merinos selling merino lambs into the Sydney restaurant market. Lachlan Merinos were pioneers in this area, decades before the merino industry were selecting for not only wool quality, but also for early maturity and meat.
- 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 & Lachlan Merinos, using AI for over 20 years, and ET in more recent years.
- Flock average: 18.9-19.8 mic, 8.0-9.2 kg.**
- In **July 2004**, our merino lambs brought **\$128.00**, 6 wks off shears, making a new Midstate Saleyards record.
- In **2006**, we gained 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> in the merino wether challenge, beating 36 teams from 3 states including studs & commercial growers.

## NATIONAL SHEEP SHOW RESULTS

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



- 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.
- These results demonstrate you can successfully combine excellent wool cut & carcass.**

## LACHLAN MERINOS WOOL ACHIEVEMENTS



Mitchell Rubie with Lachlan Merinos Champion Show Fleeces

- 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**

## MUELSE FREE 2010 FAMILY

At Lachlan Merinos, we have developed a completely separate family for muese free 2010. Adding to our new family and demonstrating our commitment to this issue, Lachlan Merinos purchased the number "one" ranked ewe at the Severn Park Merino Stud dispersal sale for P.W.W.T (post weaning weight). This ewe ("Big Mama") was a standout for physical size and early growth characteristics. (She is a full E.T sister to the sire "Thomas More", a top ten national ASBVs for growth and muscle). 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. Lachlan Merinos will use Big Mama and others in our Embryo Transfer program we have selected for the 2010 family. The first of the progeny of Big Mama, LM 08.30 ("OX") is an exciting sire for the ongoing development of this new family. OX is a gentle giant, who is one of a kind, displaying extreme virtues including; early maturity, size **126.5kg at 12 months, 3 weeks of age**, brilliant temperament, balance, bone, fertility; with white, free growing wool, and bare breech score 2. **(SEE SIRES)**



## LACHLAN MERINOS SIRES

**SIRE: Big Joe 449**



**Proven impact sire**, stamping his mark consistently on his progeny, combining both frame & fibre in studs across Australia. Semen & progeny sold in NSW, VIC, SA, WA & QLD, outperforming industry leading horn & poll sires.

Mic	SD	CV	CF	EMD	
19.4	2.8	14.4	99.8	45	(at 16 months of age)
18.8	2.9	15.4	99.8		(at 4 years of age)

At 4 yrs: Cut 9.1kg, 8months wool

**SEMEN: \$40/ dose**

**SIRE: LM 8.30 ("OX")**



A gentle giant, who is one of a kind, with extreme virtues. Born as a quad via natural mating, displaying incredible early maturity, tipping the scales at **126.5kg** at 12months, 3 weeks of age; as well as the following; A brilliant temperament; make & shape; balanced sheep; bare breach (score 2); white, deep crimping wool; fertility; purity of face; feet and exceptional bone. Has 1/2 poll on both sire and dam sides.

**Body wt:** 126.5kg (12 months, 3 wks of age)

Mic	CV	SD	CF
18.4	15.2	2.7	99.7

(July 09)

**MORE INFO ON WEBSITE**

**SEMEN: \$40/dose**

**SIRE: LM 7.120 x Reggie**



Big, plain & free wool grower. Excellent wool cut & softness, with long, white, deep crimping, 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.

**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

**SEMEN: \$35/dose**

**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	99.1

(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



## 2009 SALE SUMMARY



- Lachlan Merinos sold top price merino ram for \$5000 to the Bredhauer family of Claverton Stud, QLD (**Cut 14kg (30.8 lbs) with only 8 months wool!!**) & \$4000 for the top price poll merino ram to the Gibson family, Croidon Stud, Hay.
- 58 of the 60, 12-13 month old rams were sold to new and old clients from NSW and QLD, with an average of \$1738, up \$154 on last years average.
- On display on the day, were seven of the **12 month old**, full sisters to the sale rams. They were shorn on the day, and cut 8.8-10.9kg, and tested 16.9-19.7 micron, and weighed 77.0-88.0kg.
- The \$5000 top price ram was an embryo transfer (ET) spring 2008 drop ram, weighing 99.0kg, with 19.8 micron wool, and was sired by Big Tom and from a dam by Junior 12, with 17.5 micron wool.
- Maurice and Liz Gibson of Croidon Stud, Hay, paid \$4000 for the top price poll ram, which they believe will help with outcrossing within a new poll merino stud their son, Robert established 5 years ago. This ram was ET bred, **testing 19.7 micron, 12.0 CV, 2.4 SD and 99.9 CF, weighing 105kg**. His sire, Big Joe 449 is breeding outstanding sheep across the country and his progeny have been sold at Hamilton and at other studs this year. His progeny have outperformed some of the industries leading horn and poll sires.
- Multi buyer, the Jones family, Condobolin, purchased 18 rams, averaging \$1939 for their draft.

## 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, 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, & 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." "In 2010 we sold 10-11 month wether lambs for \$106-109. Our ewes scanned to 160% lbs, and maidens scanned to 144%!"



## 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 & 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)
- **2009** (September): **Lachlan Merinos Ram Sale: \$5000** for the top price ram sold to Bredhauer family, Claverton Stud, QLD, and \$4000 for the top price poll merino ram to the Gibson family, Croidon Stud, Hay.
- **2010:** Lachlan Merinos **horn & poll sires** semen has been used in studs around Australia, including **New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia and Queensland**
- In **2010** Lachlan Merinos registered their Poll Merino Stud as "Lachlan Poll", with their foundation poll sire, Big Joe 449.

**We regularly have enquiries from people in search for LM livestock. If you would like to be on our email mailing list for updates, please send your details to the email address below;**

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