

2011

LACHLAN MERINOS

"Breeding for big sheep with great wool"



Principals: Glen & Margot Rubie

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ANNUAL RAM SALE

Wednesday 14th September 2011

HORN AND POLLS

Inspections from 10.00am

Sale at 1.00pm

Reg Flock no.
5022
Reg Poll Flock no.
1415
OJD vac
Brucc acc

**Grade rams are available from mid September 2011
(from \$600)**



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CLIENTS SUCCESS 2010/2011



Mark, Carol and Brad Jones, Condobolin, NSW.

Congratulations to the Jones Family, of Condobolin, for their wins in both the NSW Central West Merino Ewe Competition and the Condobolin Don Brown Merino Ewe Competition, earlier this year (pictured).

Graham and Liz Mulligan, Alectown, NSW.

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

FLOCK HISTORY

- For over 20 years, Lachlan Merinos have been selecting for fast growth rates in young 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 and 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 1st & 2nd in the merino wether challenge, beating 36 teams from 3 states including studs and commercial growers.

NATIONAL SHEEP SHOW RESULTS

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



- 1st champion pen of 3 lambs averaged **42.26 kg** a head dressed (\$153.54 a head).
- 2nd 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.
- Lachlan Merinos dual purpose sheep demonstrate you can successfully combine excellent wool cut & carcass.

MULESE FREE 2010 FAMILY

At Lachlan Merinos, we have developed a completely separate family for mulese free 2010. Adding to 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. We are also selecting for twins on the first cycle. 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

[MORE INFO ON WEBSITE](#)

SEMEN: \$50/ dose + GST

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 + GST

SIRE: LM 9.161



A son of Big Joe 449 with frame and fibre.

Upstanding and very correct with good bone.

Has exceptional wool quality, that is free growing, bold, medium & shafty. His super soft wool is backed up by his wool tests.

Body wt: 94.5kg (12 months)

Mic CV SD CF

17.6 14.3 2.5 99.9 (Sept '10)

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SIRE: LM 9.169



Another son of Big Joe 449 with frame and fibre.

His width, squareness and muscle is impressive.

This is backed up with a very long and productive, very deep crimping wool, with outstanding staple length.

Body wt: 98.0kg (12 months)

Mic CV SD CF

19.6 13.3 2.7 99.9 (Sept '10)

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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 @ 19.1mic); 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: 19.4 micron**

2010 SALE SUMMARY



The demand for quality Poll Merino genetics by stud and commercial Merino breeders continued at the 2010 ram sale, as Lachlan Merinos averaged \$2208. Buyers were active through out the sale, but it was the Pollies and sons of Big Joe 449 that attracted the most attention.

In a lineup containing 39 Polls all but one of the draft of 71 rams sold, to \$8000, with the passed in lot being retained in the stud, as the reserve price was not met.

Russell Jones, Darriwell Merino stud, Trundle secured lot 2 for the \$8000 sale top price. The 17.1 micron, August 09 drop, milk tooth son of Big Joe 449, weighed 99 kilograms and displayed figures of 14 CV, 2.4 SD, and 99.9 percent comfort factor. Mr Jones described the ram as a beautiful loose, rich skin sheep, which you don't often see in a ram, he has a very soft pure face on a correct frame. **He was shorn after the sale and cut 8.8kg with 6 months wool.**

Volume buyer was return client for six years, Mark and Carol Jones, who purchased 22 rams, including the \$5600 second top price, to average \$2481. Mr Jones said they run all pure Lachlan genetics; I like their size, constitution, nourishment and wool cut. They were the buyers of the heaviest ram, Lot 2, a milk tooth ram, weighing a massive 121kg, a **great example of the huge growth rates that can be achieved at that vital first 12 months.**

Other multiple buyers included Corona Pastoral Company, Condobolin, who averaged \$1571 for seven, while return clients the Taylor family, Caragabal secured five rams, averaging \$1400.

The sale was conducted by Elders with Andy McGeoch the auctioneer.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Over **20 yrs** of artificial breeding using 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, **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 & 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 **NSW, Vic, SA, WA & QLD**.
- In **2010** Lachlan Merinos registered their Poll Merino Stud as "Lachlan Poll", with their foundation poll sire, Big Joe 449.
- 2011 (Feb & March)**: Lachlan Client, M&C Jones, Condobolin won the prestigious Don Brown Memorial Merino Ewe Comp, Condobolin, as well as taking top honours in the NSW Central West Merino Ewe Competition.

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!"

Mark and Carol Jones, Condobolin

"Since changing to Lachlan blood 5 years ago, the improvement in our sheep has been dramatic. Our wool and sheep have improved in all areas, including whiteness, length, softness, cut, and our length of bodies are longer, making our sheep a great dual purpose sheep. The impact of Lachlan Merinos sheep has exceeded all our expectations. We were overwhelmed with our wins in Condobolin and NSW Central West Ewe Comp in 2011.

We wouldn't hesitate to recommend Lachlan Merinos.

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 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."

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, and 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

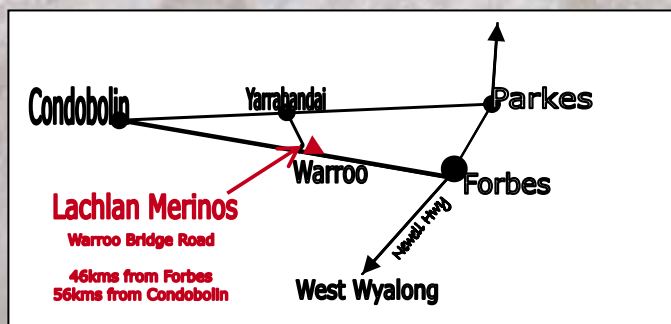
"The wether lamb progeny from Lachlan Merinos achieved target carcass weights earlier than the balance of our drop. Lachlan Merinos have earlier maturing, heavier bone & "do ability", all factors contributing to this result."

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%!"



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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