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# LACHLAN MERINOS

*"Breeding for big sheep with great wool"*



## **On Property Ram Sale** **Wed 18th September 2013** *(Polls and Horns)*

**Inspections from 10am**  
**Sale at 1pm**

*Grade rams available*  
*mid Sept from \$600*

*Reg Flock no. 5022*  
*Reg Poll Flock no. 1415*  
*OJD approved vaccinates*  
*Brucc acc*  
*Footroot dec free*



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## WHAT MAKES LACHLAN MERINOS DIFFERENT?

For over 20 years, Lachlan Merinos' has selected for fast growth rates in young sheep, which is vital for modern sheep-breeders, in terms of 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.

Lachlan Merinos use commercial reality, by pregnancy scanning, classing, weighing, selecting ewes & rams at 10 months of age. We believe that the 1st 12-15 months is the most important for growth. This turns into commercial profit. The size of the sheep after this age, as an adult is not as important.

Our sires success has been exciting, with a number of rams dominating, and excelling in sire evaluations and ASBVs for growth rates, CFW (e.g LM poll .77 CFW +40), WEC, N.L.W.N, setting new standards and being used as link sires around Australia.

Lachlan Merinos semen has been sold to studs Australia Wide, including NSW, VIC, QLD, SA, WA and also to South Africa.



*Classing of ewe lambs in classing box*

**1995:** Broke the record for the heaviest merino lamb over the hook at Burrangong Abattoirs, Young. Dressed **39.8kg.**

**2004** (July): Merino lambs **\$128.00**, 6 wks off shears (*new Midstate Saleyards record*).

**2009** (May): **9 month old** Merino Lambs **\$109** (off shears)

**2013** (June): 10 month old wether lambs brought \$137+\$48.40 fleece = **\$185.40**

We select for deep crimping, heavy cutting & silky white wools at 13 months of age, and select for superior genetics and not for the 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 the last 5 years.

**Adult Flock average: 18.9-19.8 micron, 8.0-9.3kg.**

***Lachlan Merinos offer free sheep classing and sheep management advice to all our clients to enable you to gain maximum dollars from your sheep!***





## WHERE IT COUNTS: CLIENT SUCCESS



AWI Ambassador, Catriona Rowntree presented **Mark Jones, Condobolin** (pictured), with his winning Lachlan blood entry in the 2012 Don Brown Productivity Charinga award valued by Moses & Son, wool broker, **with a fleece value of \$92.53.**

*"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, ease of shearing 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 the*

*Don Brown and then in the NSW Central West Ewe Comp in 2011. We wouldn't hesitate to recommend Lachlan Merinos*

**Graham and Liz Mulligan, Alectown** won the 2012 Parkes Show Merino wether comp with their Lachlan blood team. This team had the highest fleece value & took out the fleece-carcass combination class, beating all Merino and Dohne teams. This followed their success in the Alectown Wether Trial, (the biggest wether trial in Australia 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!!!

### **John and Luke Doecke, of West Wyalong**

won the best pen of sheep at the 2013 West Wyalong Breeders Sale for their 1½ year old, Lachlan blood maiden ewes.

### **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%"

### **Glyn Owen, Corona Pastoral Company, Condobolin**

"We changed to Lachlan Merinos in 2010. We entered into this change fully expecting a gradual change over a number of years, and ended up with a huge change straight-away. Our lambs were a lot more uniform in type, with dramatic improvements in early growth rates, plainer bodies, wool quality and quantity. Our lamb percentages also increased by 20%. This year we sold our 10 month old wether lambs plus wool for \$151. This is something we wouldn't have been able to achieve on our previous bloodline. We are most impressed with the improvements to the overall flock, and thank Glen and Margot Rubie & co. for providing the genetics to make this possible."

# LACHLAN MERINOS SIRES

## SEMEN SIRE: LM8.SP30 ("OX")



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

In Balmoral Sire Evaluation, leading trial **P.W.W.T, WEC (-63)**, and other traits, and is now being used across Australia as a link sire. Semen has been sold to studs Australia wide, as well as to South Africa.

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

**Mic CV SD CF**

18.4 15.2 2.7 99.7(July 09)

**SEMEN: \$40/dose + GST**

## ASBVs

Y.W.T	A.W.T	Y.C.F.W	F.D	N.L.W	W.E.C	M.P +	D.P +
9.6	11.1	11.7	-1.3	.23	-62	179	178

**His dominating modern merino traits ASBVs (N.L.W, P.W.W.T, Y.W.T, A.W.T) against other merino and dohne sires across Australia, make him very special.**





## LACHLAN MERINOS SIRES

**SEMEN SIRE: MAJESTIC "MAGIC" 111144 (ET bred) DOB June 2011**

Sire: Majestic     Dam (ET POLL) Coll A6166



Mic	CV	SD	CF
19.8	16.2	3.2	99.7

**SEMEN: \$40/dose + GST**



We purchased Majestic "**Magic**" privately from Collinsville in 2013.

Collinsville is known for balance, scale and bone.

Majestic Magic not only has balance, scale and bone, he has an impressive fibre and skin. His breeding is impeccable, with top quality ET siblings. What makes him exciting to us is his strong virtues of wool and skin quality coming from his potent dam. It is the best fibred Majestic son we've seen, with his rich, silky crimped white wool going right through to his points and belly, carrying no colour anywhere.

## LACHLAN MERINOS SIRES

**SEMEN SIRE: ET LM 289 x Big Joe 449**



A beautifully balanced ram that stands square, with a very loose skin, and a fibre that is sharply crimped and nourished.

Mic	CV	SD	CF
19.0	16.3	3.1	99.9

**Body weight:** 102 kg  
(11.5 months)

**SEMEN SIRE: ET LM 100 ("HONDA") x PB 01 sold for \$50,000**



Bred by one of our biggest & best poll ewes. From day one, he has looked special. He has a pure, soft face and a very long body, with flank & width. He has a massive free growing staple with length and lustre. He is the biggest cutting poll we've bred to date.

Mic	CV	SD	CF
19.0	16.3	3.1	99.9

**Body weight:** 99 kg (11.5 months)

**SEMEN 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, TAS & QLD, outperforming industry leading horn & poll sires.

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

At 4 yrs: Cut 9.1kg, 8months wool

**SEMEN: \$50/ dose + GST**



**SEMEN SIRE: LM 002 x PB 01 sold for \$50,000**  
 Dam SSE (OX)



We think a lot of this sheep, a very special ram for meat, fibre, constitution plus!! We will use him extensively at Lachlan Merinos.

**Mic CV SD CF**  
 18.8 15.4 2.9 99.7

**Body weight:** 112 kg (11.5 months)

**SEMEN SIRE: ET LM 949 x RP 14**



Pedigree ET bred. A beautiful combination of frame, fibre quality & quantity.

**Mic CV SD CF**  
 18.1 16.0 2.9 99.6

**Body weight:** 100 kg (11.5 months)

**SEMEN SIRE: MIDAS**



Midas is a modern merino without compromising wool cut or width. A unique sire that stands square, that is deep sided with width & great constitution. Amazing, white, long, lustrous & aligned fibre, deep crimped, with true follicle density on a plain body. Silky & pure muzzle and big ears. A great poll with a great temperament.

**Mic CV SD CF**  
 18.6 13.4 2.95 99.9

**Body weight:** 100 kg (11.5 months)  
 At 6 months cut 7.4kg, 95mm

**SEMEN: \$40/ dose + GST**



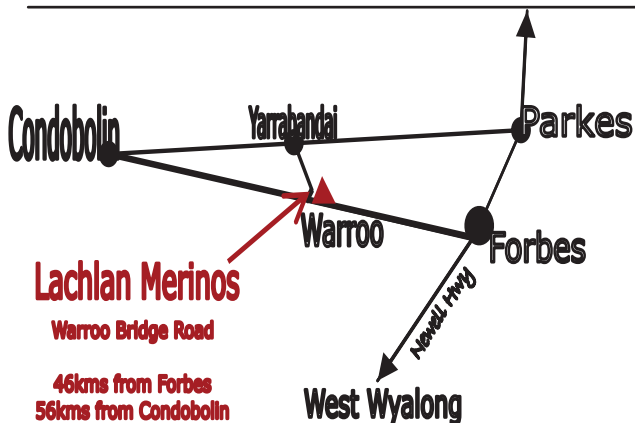


*Robert Green, Forbes, with his top price poll ram, with Glen Rubie, and Mark and Brad Jones, Condobolin with the top price horn ram*

## 2012 SALE TALK

A mix of new & repeat clients from a wide geographical range, clearing 100% of rams offered, to an average \$1962. By offering 20 more rams in the line up, opportunity provided themselves at both ends of the market, with rams selling to a high of \$5000, while just under half cleared for \$1600 or less. Return client, Robert Green, Forbes, outlaid the \$5000 sale top for a 19.9 mic poll son of BJ 449. This ram was a 12-13 month old ram, 105kg, correct with very heavy muscle; with a long, deep crimping wool.

Volume buyer and purchaser of the \$3200 merino horn ram (a 12-13 month old, 127kg, the heaviest ram, very correct & balanced, with very long, white wool) was Mark & Carol Jones, Condobolin, who averaged \$2711 for their draft of 18 rams. Graham & Liz Mulligan, Alectown, paid to \$3400 for their 2 rams, with the family using Lachlan genetics for 9 years, with excellent results in wether trials. Multiple buyers included, Knight family, Grenfell, Taylor family, Caragabal and Forest View Farming, West Wyalong. To demonstrate the extra benefit of Lachlan Merinos early growth rates each year, we shear the 12-13 month old ewe lambs, full sisters of the sale rams, in front of the sale crowd. The best ewe was 17.9 mic, 2.5 SD, 14.5 CV, 99.7 CF, 77.0 body weight, with a fleece of 10.5kg. All the ewe lambs weighed 70kg+, with an average fleece weight of 9.1kg, and an average mic of 18.4. People are always blown away by what Lachlan Merinos' lambs, with plain bodies can achieve in the 1st 12 months of their lives.



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