

2015

LACHLAN MERINOS

"Breeding for big sheep with great wool"



**You're invited to our 10th
On Property Ram Sale**

Wed 16th Sept '15

120 rams (Polls and Horns)

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

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



*Reg Flock no. 5022
Reg Poll Flock no. 1415
OJD approved vacci-
nates
Brucc acc*

 Find us on:
facebook®

www.lachlanmerinos.com.au

WELCOME TO A NEW HOME!



*One Oak 311 ("Mary"), **Champion Medium Wool Ewe**
& **SUPREME EWE** of the Sydney Royal Easter Show
(Mic 17.4; SD 3.0, CV 17.2, CF 99.9)
(picture Ross and Graham Wells)*

To have the chance to purchase a ewe of this quality and pedigree is a once in a lifetime opportunity. Lachlan has added this ewe to our elite stud ewes for embryo flushing and transfer programs (**picture on front page shows Mitch with 2 of 6 poll rams from "Mary's" first flush**). Her achievements include; taking out the **Champion Medium wool**, then the **Supreme Ewe** of the Sydney Royal Easter Show, to back this, she was then shorn, and then went on to win the **Production Class**. "Mary" 311 is also a full ET sister to the renowned 304, sold for \$21,000!

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 prime 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 & meat.

Lachlan Merinos uses commercial reality, by pregnancy scanning, classing, weighing, selecting ewes & rams at 10 months of age. We believe that the 1st 12 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 over the past few years 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.

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*)

2006 2 LM teams came 1st & 2nd in the National Lamb Challenge with highest value carcase and fleece

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

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

2014: A son of Lachlan LM 77 won the Production Class at Australian Dubbo Nationals 17.1 mic, 16.9kg. Sold by RP to WA.

We select for deep crimping, heavy cutting & silky white wools by 12 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 & Lachlan, using AI for over 20 yrs, and ET in the last 5 years.

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



WHERE IT COUNTS: CLIENT SUCCESS

Mark & Carol Jones, Condobolin *"Since changing to Lachlan blood 8 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 & then in the NSW Central West Ewe Comp in 2011. Our wool cut has gone from 6kg to over 9kg, and we sold our wethers this year with carcass & fleece, gross \$199 (not including the sale of bls & pcs) We wouldn't hesitate to recommend Lachlan Merinos!"*

David Hart, North-East Regional Wool Manager, Landmark "The first thing that struck me about the Jones's sheep is the size of the young ewes. I first saw them at shearing this year & at 18 months the maiden ewes were as big as you will find & as even as peas in a pod. They are the template for modern merinos, large frame, uncomplicated, easy care & productive.

At **9 months** growth they cut 6-7 kgs of very crimpy, stylish wool. The meat component of a self-replacing merino flock is so important these days. Two tooth wethers sold for over \$150 a head this year which speaks for itself. It is one of the best commercial flocks I have come across. These are the type of merino the wool industry need and demonstrate the potential that well bred & productive sheep have to compete against other farm enterprises. I like the direction and goals of Lachlan Merinos, they are putting more money in their clients' pockets"

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 straightaway. 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 for providing the genetics to make this possible."

AC, MF, TM & LC Knight, Grenfell Lachlan sheep are a genuine true dual purpose animal providing high wool cuts, early maturing attributes, high fertility rates with deep crimping well-nourished wool. "The fertility trait flows right through the flock, this year scanning 140pc in lamb, last year 160pc." Our wether lambs made \$167 and ewes grossing \$225.35.

Roger and Karen Warren, Boorowa

We started buying Lachlan Merinos rams five years ago, needing a sheep with stretch, staple length, bright, white wool and were quick growing. "They have delivered all of these traits I was after, They have handled two really wet autumns without a mark on them. The lambs grow really well, very quickly. We have no sign of fly or body strike and no colour in the wool. We sold our 20 week old wether lambs that averaged 35kg, this being a big improvement, with our flock coming from a fine/medium wool background. This year, our maiden ewes scanned brilliantly with 97% of our maidens in lamb, & out scanning our older ewes."

LACHLAN MERINOS SIRES

SEMEN POLL SIRE: LM 179 x KP304



A ram with great width & depth & spring of rib. He has great heart room & he stands very square with massive hindquarters, showing constitution plus. He stands very well on his feet with heavy bone. With his purity and softness all these strong virtues make him special. He has a pure, silky face & is a real woolgrower with massive staple length & follicle density.



Mic CV SD CF
18.2 18 3.4 99.2

Body weight: 104kg (at 11.5months)

SEMEN POLL SIRE: LM 107 ("Goofy") ET BRED x KP 1028 Dam: BJ 0174



A cracking ram that has always stood out. An upstanding ram, put together beauty fully, with great neck extension, with presence. He has huge bone & stands square and is very good on his feet. His wool is waxy white and super rich, with a deeply crimped lock. We think a lot of this ram, and he will get plenty of ewes this season. He also has 2 ET pure poll bro in our tops.



Mic CV SD CF
18.0 17.7 3.1 99.3

Body weight: 107kg (at 11.5months)

SEMEN POLL SIRE: LM.77 (DOUBLE COPY POLL GENE) *In his working clothes* @3½ yrs




A poll with width from his muzzle right through to his hindquarters, with great feet and hindquarters. He has true follicle density & staple, with a rich, deep crimping lock and coverage, with a very soft & loose skin. Leading sire at 2013 sale for no. of progeny and top averages. 21 progeny averaged \$2847. He has been used with great success in a huge range of studs from superfine, medium, strong and SRS. His best results coming when joined to modern merinos. A son of Lachlan LM 77 won the Production Class at Australian Dubbo Nationals 17.1 mic, 16.9kg, and 150kg body weight. Sold by RP to WA.

Mic CV SD CF
18.8 13.8 2.6 99.6

Body weight: 106kg (15 months of age)

SEMEN: \$40/dose + GST

	YWT	HWT	YCFW	YFD	MP+	DP+	F10%+SS	7% DP	7%
	8.5	8.3	41.6	-0.4	181	173	180	175	187

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. We have yet to breed a better ram for both meat, wool combination.

Mic CV SD CF

18.8 15.4 2.9 99.7

Body weight: 112 kg (11.5 months)

SEMEN POLL 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 luster. He is the biggest cutting poll we've bred to date. We have sold semen to a large range of studs and states in Australia

Mic CV SD CF

19.2 15.1 2.9 99.8

Body weight: 99 kg (11.5 months)

SEMEN: \$40/dose + GST

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: \$40/ dose + GST

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



Mic CV SD CF DOUBLE COPY POLL GENE
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.

SEMEN SIRE: LM8.SP30 ("OX")



10 months old

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 12 mo., 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. His impact on fertility, NLW is his biggest virtue. Ox has been entered in sire evaluations and uses as a link sire. He continues to be a trait leader in many traits, including ratio of tops to culls. Semen sold across the country to horn and poll studs.

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

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

	YWT 14	AWT 15.4	YCFW 17.2	FD -1.3	NLW .23	WEC -38	MP + 162	DP + 172	IMF 0.25
--	------------------	--------------------	---------------------	-------------------	-------------------	-------------------	--------------------	--------------------	--------------------

2015 SALE TALK



At the Lachlan Merinos 2014 ram sale, a total of 115 rams from 120 offered sold to \$12,000 with buyers from across 3 states paying an average of \$2163 for the draft. With the majority of rams 12 to 13 months of age, the current short-wool tests averaged 19.6 -micron, CV of 15.4 %, SD of 3 & a CF of 99.6% across the draft of Poll Merino and Merino sires.

The Lachlan Merino 5 year adult flock average is 19.4-micron & flock wool cut average is 8 to 9.3kg. The top priced ram was purchased by Brett and Jenny Woods of Rosedale Poll Merinos, Trundle (**pic above**). He was sired by BJ 449 Poll, the 115.5 kilogram Aug/ Sept drop ram tested 18.5 mic, 2.4 SD, 12.9 CV & 99.8% CF. It was the Woods' first time at Lachlan Merinos, making their way to the

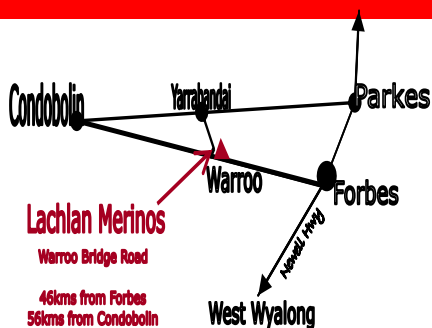
Lachlan sale after they saw the ram at Dubbo National Show & Sale in August. Mr Woods said. "I came here after the one ram and I am very pleased I got him." He said what attracted him to the ram was his long body and the quality and evenness of his wool. "The consistency of his wool is impeccable – his test results are all perfect and he stands well too. "I really can't see anything wrong with him." The second highest price ram of \$9000 was sold to return client, Robert Green, Green Partnership, Forbes. The 108kg ram, by Midas, measured 18.6 mic, 2.6 SD, 14.4 CV & 99.5 CF. The Green partnership has been buying Lachlan genetics for a number of years, looking for fast growth rates and wool cut. They recently sold their wether lambs for \$88, being only 5 months old.

There were some great buys again this year, with one third of the sale \$1200 and less!!

Clients were again treated to a shearing demonstration of the 12-13 month old full sisters of the sale rams. With the wool off comments were made on the long plain bodies of the sheep and wool quality and quantity. The most valuable ewe lamb cut 9.9 kilograms of 18.0 mic, SD 3.2, 17.7 CV & 99.5 CF, valued at \$80.69, by Jemalong Wool. The 12 ewe lambs averaged 81.5kg, with average fleece weight of 8.5kg, with micron averaging 17.5.

Volume buyer on the day was return client Mark & Carol Jones, "Booroola", Condobolin, who purchased a 19 strong draft of both Poll Merino and Merino rams. Mr Jones, who runs a pure Lachlan blood flock, said that the Lachlan sheep were doing the job for him, having helped increased his wool cut to from 6kg to now over 9kg per head. "We keep with Lachlan Merinos because of what they have done for our sheep," he said. For two years running they have won the productivity award at the Don Brown ewe competition (**Value: \$92.53**) with a Lachlan-blood fleece. They also won the 2011 Don Brown ewe comp and NSW Central West Ewe Comp.

LACHLAN MERINOS RETAINS 50% SEMEN MARKETING RIGHTS, UNLESS NEGOTIATED



CONTACT US

Glen & Margot Rubie
"Meadow Bank"

94 Warroo Bridge Rd
FORBES NSW 2871

T: 02 68572118

F: 02 68572162

E: lachlanmerinos@activ8.net.au
www.lachlanmerinos.com.au

