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# LACHLAN MERINOS

*"Breeding for big sheep with great wool"*



**You're invited to our 11th  
On Property Ram Sale**

**Wed 14th Sept '16**

*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  
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## 2016 SEASON NEWS

After a tough start to the year, hopefully for all it looks like being a very strong finish to the season. What a cracking year for dual purpose sheep, the profit drivers in the merino industry. Both wool and lambs very strong. This year, at Lachlan Merinos, we sold our 10-11 month April shorn, merino wether lambs at the Central West Livestock Exchange. LM shorn wether lambs brought an impressive **\$183** in the fat market, backing up our breeding goals, of meaty merinos with fast growth rates. These merino lambs made **\$219** after shearing with fleece and carcass.

Here is something to think about! When I left school, 5 wether lambs was the same value as 1 tonne of grain (5:1). in the current, 2016 season, this ratio has evened out to a (1:1) ratio. We must never forget our profit drivers, the basics are all about the number of lambs and kilos of wool and meat sold, in each season. There is no money in breeding small sheep or low wool cutting sheep backing the old wise saying, "there is no such thing as a good, little sheep."

At this year's NSW Sheep Show, in Dubbo, at the age of 15, our son Mitchell entered the Merino Junior Judging (15-25 yr olds) and came 1st, out of 126 entrants. At an early age, Mitch has had a passion for breeding livestock, and very keen to learn and listen to what I've learnt as I've travelled Australia and talked to stockmen from all around Australia and the world. It is comforting to know that the future is in good hands, so Lachlan Merinos will continue to surge ahead and improve.



### The Great Debate: HORNS or POLLS??

There are pros and cons for both. We have not culled rams for horns, but instead have selected for profit drivers, both wool and meat, as we move more into polls. NB. The no. 1 ranked sire for yearling weight, since Sire Evaluations started, "Superior Sires", since 1989, is still a horn ram, our Lachlan 30.

We have also sold semen this year to South America, they only want horn rams, they said, "when you have 183 000 ewes they don't want a poll ram running around lost in the ewes, horn rams are easily identified. This year, we will be retaining, 1 horn ram, who has poll genetics on both sides, a very special sire. We named him, "CONVERTER" (See info on sires).

## MARY MAKING A DIFFERENCE AT LACHLAN

Lachlan has added this ewe. "Mary" (*One Oak 311*, Supreme Ewe. & Champion Med Wool Ewe & winner of the production Class of the Royal Easter Show '13 (*Mic 17.4; SD 3.0, CV 17.2, CF 99.9*) to our elite stud ewes for embryo flushing and transfer programs last year. 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, cut 10kg, \$107.11. "Mary" 311 is also a full ET sister to the renowned 304, sold for \$21,000!

**The first of "Mary's" progeny will be at this years SALE!!**



## HISTORY & WHAT MAKES LACHLAN MERINOS DIFFERENT?

For over 25 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 & quantity, 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, classes tops to culls.

(e.g LM poll .77 CFW +33), 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 South America.

**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 carcass 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. 150 kgs Sold by RP to WA.

**2016:** 10-11 month wether lambs for \$183 + \$36 fleece = **\$219**

**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 Lachlan was founded on Peppin bloodlines, with small infusions of Mandalay (Roseville Park), Wallaloo Park, Charinga & Lachlan, using AI for over 25 yrs, and ET in the last 6 years.**

**Adult Flock average: 18.9-19.8 micron, 8.0-9.3kg (seasonal range)**

## WHERE IT COUNTS: CLIENT SUCCESS

### **Des and Helen Mohr, Weethalie**

A big congratulations to our long term clients, Des and Helen Mohr and granddaughter Sarah, for taking out the champion pair of flock ewes at this years Hay Merino Sheep Show. This is a massive achievement for the Mohr family, considering that their pair of ewes still hold their **lambs teeth**, beating adult ewes!! **Backing this up, then went on to clean up again at the Australian National Sheep Show in Dubbo, with the Champion pen of 5 maiden ewes.!!**



**Mark & Carol Jones, Condobolin** *"Since changing to Lachlan blood 10 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 crimp, 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 & Trynie Owen, Boloco Station, Beloka** *"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: AI LM 102 x PB 28



A very correct ram with width and stands square, and well on his feet. But His skin and wool growing quality and quantity is his standout feature. A super sharp crimp, with a rich, waxy and very white lock, from his head to his toes. I haven't seen a skin on a poll ram like this. A very special sheep!



Mic	CV	SD	CF
20.0	14.0	2.8	99.6

Body weight: 110kg (at 15 months)

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

## SEMEN POLL SIRE: AI LM 305 x PB 28



This sire has all the make and shape attributes; constitution, spring of rib, depth, hind quarters, giving him a very large surface area. He is also beautifully balanced on his feet. Just as importantly, his wool is a free growing, soft, rich, medium and very white wool.



Mic	CV	SD	CF
18.8	15.4	2.9	99.9

Body weight: 110kg (at 12 months)

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

## SEMEN POLL SIRE: ET LM 199 x Kamora Park 10.28



Dam: "Mary" One Oak 311 Supreme Ewe & Champion Md wool ewe & Winner of the production class, Royal Easter Show '13

This sire is a real looker! He holds his head up high with great neck extension and presence. His medium wool has a free growing lock & crimp.



Mic	CV	SD	CF
18.9	14.8	2.8	99.8

Body weight: 103kg (at 12 months)

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

**SEMEN POLL SIRE: Kamora Park 38 (bought privately for \$10,000) ("Snozza")**



We selected this ram for a combination of his beautiful white wool and outstanding carcass and bone.

His progeny are heavy boned, with square carcasses and rich wools.



Mic	CV	SD	CF
20.0	15.1	3.1	99.5

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

**SEMEN POLL SIRE: LM 107 ("Goofy") ET BRED x Kamora Park 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 & 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 bros 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 179 x Kamora Park 304**



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



Mic	CV	SD	CF
18.2	18.0	3.4	99.2

Body weight: 104kg (at 11.5months)

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



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



**Mic CV SD CF**  
19.8 16.2 3.2 99.7

**DOUBLE COPY POLL GENE**

**SEMEN: \$40/dose + GST** (limited supply)

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: LM 280 ("Converter") x Kamora Park Poll**



Named appropriately, this sire is a great converter. He has meat and muscle galore, with an extremely long, free growing, sharply crimped white



lock. He has poll genetics on both sire and dam sides. If this sire's progeny carry his amazing growth rates, they will be able to be sold months before traditional merinos.

**Mic CV SD CF**  
19.4 14.4 2.8 99.8  
Body weight: 139kg

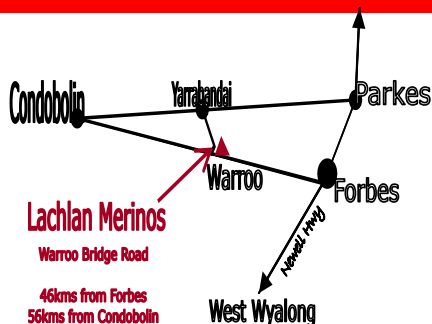
**SEMEN: \$40/dose + GST**

# 2015 SALE TALK



Topped at \$8400, 100% cleared, av \$2390, **with 60 rams selling for \$1400 & less, selling a total of 240 rams in 2015.** Top price ram was secured by Duncan Clowes, and was a 111kg, 13 month old poll, measuring; 18.4mic, 2.9SD, 16.2 CV, 99.6 CF. Volume buyers of the day included the Jones family, who put together a draft of 16 rams, averaging \$3050 0. Roger Warren secured five Merino rams and two Poll Merino rams for an average of \$1629 for the seven rams. The Knight family put together a line of six rams for an average of \$2533 while the Taylor family, paid an average of \$2667 for their draft of six rams. Phillip and John Lange took home four Merino rams for an average of \$1850, while the Harris family in Victoria took home the same number of rams for an average of \$1950. Graded rams offered following the auction were also met with strong demand. **People must never forget you sell wool and meat by the kg. We shear 12-13 month old ewe lambs, full sisters of the sale rams, on sale day each year, proving our fast growth rates on full grown animals still with lambs teeth. Most valuable lambs fleece this year, 17.7mic, cut 10.9kg with \$103.55 on her back.**

**LACHLAN MERINOS RETAINS 50% SEMEN MARKETING RIGHTS, UNLESS NEGOTIATED**



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