

2016 Lachlan Merinos Ram Sale Summary

120 merinos were cleared at Lachlan Merinos 2016 annual ram sale. A record number of studs registered for this sale. The \$18,000 top price ram weighed 115kg, and sold to Tim Westblade, Pastora Poll Merino Stud, and was sired by Majestic Magic. The poll merino ram carried an 18.2-micron fleece, 3.2 SD, 16.5 CV, and a 99.8% CF. Stud masters have quoted this sire as the heaviest cutting poll they have come across, backing up our breeding goals, this sire cut 12.2kg at 7 months wool, without belly wool!!! The top priced 13-month-old, milk tooth horn merino ram sold for \$11,000 and was sold to repeat buyer, Sid Dickens, Booligal. Sired by Kamora Park 304, weighing 106kgs and carrying an 18.2-micron fleece. The 2015 August/September drop ram also presented a 2.9-micron SD, 15.1 CV and a 99.8 percent CF. Lachlan Merinos principal, Glen Rubie, said under trying circumstances on sale day, he was pleased with the turnout and total clearance. He said he will continue to push the boundaries with his sheep breeding and given the result of the sale, it's clear the stud is on the right path and ringing a few bells within the industry. It was a tussle between buyer for the second highest price ram, which fetched \$12,000 and was sold to repeat buyer, Adrian O'Keefe, Bungoona Merino Stud, Molong. The 105kg 2015 September drop poll merino ram was also a son of Kamora Park 304. It carried a 16.2-micron fleece, 2.9-micron SD, 17.9 percent CV and a 99.7 percent CF.

Volume buyer, Mark, Carol and Brad Jones, Condobolin, brought 26 stud rams, topping \$7,500, for a \$3,501 average. The sale was conducted by Elders and Landmark.



*Tim Westblade, Pastora Poll Merino Stud, Lockhart,
with Glen, Campbell, Kevin and Mitchell Rubie*



*Adrian O'Keefe, Bungoona Merino Stud, Molong,
with Mitchell, Glen, Campbell and Kevin Rubie*