

2017

LACHLAN MERINOS



You're invited to our 12th On Property Ram Sale

Wed 13th Sept 2017

140 rams (Polls and Horns)

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

Grade rams available mid Sept from \$600



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Reg Flock no. 5022

Reg Poll Flock no.

1415

OJD approved
vaccinates

LACHLAN IN THE WEEKLY TIMES

The Weekly Times came to Lachlan Merinos in February this year, go to Lachlan Merinos [f](#) page, or follow this link <http://www.weeklytimesnow.com.au/agribusiness/on-farm/lachlan-merinos-growth-the-rubie-diamond/news-story/bad74ab1b0d8a48824d714fb212da228> for a read.

See pic below of the Maiden ewes 8 months wool (The Weekly Times).



2017 SEASON NEWS

After some extreme weather, wet & some dry for the last 12 months, its been a cracking year once again for the dual purpose merino sheep, the biggest profit driver in the merino industry. EMI staying steady at 1500 & rising to a new record of over 1600 with merino wether lambs and wool grossing \$200+ in 12 months. We must never forget our profit drivers, the basics are about the number of lambs & kilos of wool or meat sold, in each season. There is no money in breeding small sheep or low wool cutting sheep, backing the wise old saying, "there is no such thing as a good, little sheep. Backing up from last year's success in the NSW sheep show, Dubbo coming 1st in the merino sheep junior judging competition at 15 yrs old, Mitch placed 5th in the meat breed sheep junior judging competition at the Sydney Royal Easter show earlier this year, competing against 15-25 year olds. It is comforting to know that the future is in good hands, so Lachlan Merinos will continue to surge ahead and improve.

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 in Australia for yearling weight, since Sire Evaluations started, "Superior Sires", since 1989, is still a horn ram, our Lachlan 30. We have sold semen 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.



HISTORY & WHAT MAKES LACHLAN MERINOS DIFFERENT?

For over 26 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. WEC, N.L.W.N, setting new standards and being used as link sires around Australia.

NB. LM 30 is still Australia's leading sire for many growth rates eg. +13.6 YWT.

Lachlan Merinos semen has been sold to studs Australia Wide, including NSW, VIC, QLD, SA, WA and Argentina and Uruguay.

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**

2017: Top price Poll, \$18,000 cut 12.2kg wool, 18.2mic **only 7 months wool**

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 Pep-pin bloodlines, with small infusions of Mandalay (Roseville Park), Wallaloo Park, Charinga & Lachlan, using AI for over 26 yrs, and ET for the last 7 years.

Adult Flock average: 18.9-19.6 micron, 8.0-9.3kg (seasonal range)



MARY CONTINUES TO MAKE 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!

WHERE IT COUNTS: CLIENT SUCCESS

Des and Helen Mohr, Weethalie

A big congratulations to our long term clients, Des and Helen Mohr, for taking out the champion pair of flock ewes at the 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. A great achievement going into retirement!!**



Roger and Karen Warren, Boorowa

We started buying Lachlan Merinos rams six 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."

Mark & Carol Jones, Condobolin "Since changing to Lachlan blood 11 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 last 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"

Neil Harris, Victoria I have been using Lachlan rams for a few years now. The wool style and quality is fantastic. This year at the Australian Fleece competition, I was awarded Highly Commended on 2 fleeces, both Lachlan blood, both shorn at 8 months length (not a bad effort as most of the competition would have been 12 months length). I am impressed with the growth of wool and the size of the progeny and wool cut. Cutting \$100 worth of wool from a wether with 8 months wool growth has my tick of approval!!

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.

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."

LACHLAN MERINOS SIRES

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.



POLL SIRE: LM 01020 ("Toes")

Sire: PB 01 sold for \$50,000



Sire 01020, nicknamed "Toes" by Mitch, as he stands right up on his toes, and has a great constitution with beautiful, rich, lustrous and waxy wool. He not only has amazing wool, but a lot of it too! This year his progeny stand out with their attribute being soft waxy white wools on a solid robust frame just like their sire.

Mic	CV	SD	CF
20.7	12.6	2.6	99.7

Body weight: 110kg (15 months of age)

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 & 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

SEMEN: \$40/dose + GST



SEMEN SIRE: LM 280 ("Converter") x Ka- mora Park Poll

Named appropriately this sire is a great converter. He has meat & muscle galore, with an extremely long, free growing, sharp-ly crimped white lock. He has poll genetics on both sire & 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

SEMEN: \$40/dose + GST

Body weight: 141kg at 15 months

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: LM 179 x KP304



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)

2016 SALE TALK



120 merinos were cleared at Lachlan Merinos 2016 ram sale. A record number of studs registered for this sale. The \$18,000 top price ram (pictured above) weighed 115kg, and sold to Tim Westblade, Pastora Poll Merino Stud, and 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 horn merino 13 month milk tooth ram fetched \$11,000 and was sold to repeat buyer Sid Dickens (pic below left), it weighed 106kg, and carried an 18.2 micron fleece, 2.9 SD, 15.1% CV and a 99.8% CF. The second highest price 13 month milk tooth ram, fetched \$12,000, and was sold to repeat buyer, Adrian O'Keefe, Bungoona Merino Stud (pictured below right). The 105kg ram carried a 16.2 micron fleece, 2.9 SD, 17.9% CV and 99.7% CF. Also \$10,000 paid Towalba Merino Stud, Peak Hill.

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