

## 2017 Lachlan Merinos Sale Summary

The 2017 12<sup>th</sup> annual on property ram sale at Warroo, cleared 138 of 140 rams, selling to \$10,000 and averaging \$2683.

Buying the \$10,000 sale topper over the phone through Elders' Scott Thrift was Scott Bowden of Tasmania, who sells an 850 bale woolclip and recently produced the winning Elders clip of the year at the Hamilton, Victoria, Sheepvention. The purchase was a 109 kilogram August/September 2016 drop Poll Merino son of OC (by Pearler), growing 18.9 micron wool with a SD of 3.4 micron, CV of 18 percent and 99.7 percent CF.

Of the sale rams, 85 percent were only 12 to 13 months old and averaged 99kg.

Glen Rubie said that people shouldn't forget that they sell meat and wool by the kilogram.

"Each year we back this up by shearing ewe lambs (full sisters) in front of the crowd on sale day and this year they 78kg, 18.4 micron, and cut 9.4kg of wool with the top fleece valued at \$131.35, cutting 10.5kg at 18.5 micron.

Robert Green, Forbes, paid \$7250 for the second top price ram for a 93kg, 18.8 micron ram. As merino wether wool cutters are quite valuable these days, the Greens have kept last years drop with lambs wool at 7 months last year making 1667 cents/kg. Prior to keeping their wethers, most were sold at four months off their mothers as suckers and the year before they fetched \$145 a head.

Returning client for many years, Mark, Carol and Brad Jones, Condobolin, bought a mix of 31 Merino and Poll Merino rams while paying to \$5250 for the top priced horn merino ram, the 112kg son of Lachlan 179, growing 17.1 micron wool. They recently sold 745 2½ year old wethers averaging 86kg for \$140 a head to Fletchers International, adding value to their wool, averaging 10kg at 1100c/kg.

Another return client, Kevin and Therese Welsh, Eugowra, secured three rams at \$3750 each.



*Landmarks Brad Wilson, with the top price ram,  
With Campbell, Glen and Mitchel Rubie  
With Elders, Scott Thrift with Brad*



*Margot, Mitchell, Campbell and Glen Rubie,  
with Brad, Mark and Carol Jones, Condobolin*