

# LACHLAN MERINOS

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## ON PROPERTY RAM SALE



FREE RAM  
DELIVERY  
AVAILABLE

**Wednesday 16th September, 2020**

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

140 Rams Offered (Poll and Horn)

Grade Rams available from \$800 mid-September

**Ram Inspection Day Friday 4th September from 10am**

Reg Flock no. 5022 | Reg Poll Flock no. 1415 | OJD approved vaccinates | Brucc acc | Footroot dec free



**Breeding for Quality with Productivity**

# 2020 / SEASON NEWS

We would like to sincerely thank you again for your support over the last couple of seasons, it's a relief for many areas to see the cycle has broken. Your support has enabled us to keep moving forward, by doing 2 Embryo Transfer and Artificial Insemination programs per year.

The onset of COVID-19 has proven its never been more important to have a true dual-purpose merino. The lamb and mutton market are still extremely strong and young surplus ewes are selling for \$250-\$400. Even though the wool market has been upset, dual purpose merinos have proven in the last 10 years that they are still the shining light and most profitable enterprise within the livestock industry. Lachlan has conducted its first annual eye muscle scanning this year, selecting for muscle depth and fat measurement, using Rick Power of PowerScan who is the only scanner in Australia accredited with both Sheep Genetics Australia and Stock Scan Australia. Lachlan has commenced collecting measurements this year and in the coming years will provide clients with results to further enhance the productivity of their flocks.

We're having an **ON PROPERTY RAM INSPECTION DAY** on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September from 10am**, for those of you who would like to inspect rams prior to the sale. Our **2020 sale** will be interfaced with AuctionsPlus (**livestreaming**), to make it more accessible to everyone on Wednesday 16th September.

Lachlan Merinos is a registered COVID SAFE business, committed to following our COVID SAFE plan, to keep everyone safe during the ram selling season. We will keep you informed of this information as the sale gets closer. For our interstate clients, please contact us, or your preferred agent regarding obtaining border permits for ram purchasing.

Follow Lachlan Merinos on **Facebook** and **Instagram**, to keep up to date with our latest info, pictures, and videos. Don't forget to also check out our website by going to **[www.lachlanmerinos.com.au](http://www.lachlanmerinos.com.au)** Just a reminder, that we provide a free classing service for any of our clients, as well as helping to select rams on sale day. We also offer a free ram delivery service.



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# HISTORY

# & WHAT MAKES LACHLAN MERINO'S DIFFERENT?

**For 30 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, & excelling in sire evaluations & 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 has a growth rate, +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 (carcass dressed at 42.2kg) & 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:** 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**.

**2018:** 10-11 month old wether lambs sold for **\$200 + \$71 fleece = \$271**.

at the CW Livestock X Change in June.

**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. Lachlan have been using AI for over 26 yrs, and ET for the last 9 years.**

**Adult Flock average: 18.5-19.6 micron, 8.0-9.3kg (seasonal range)**

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**Lachlan Merinos retain 50%  
Semen Marketing Rights**



# LACHLAN MERINO SIRE

## SEMEN POLL SIRE: LM 1

(ET BRED) Sire: WP 422 Dam: 76



Micron	SD	CV	CF	BodyWeight
21.1	3.5	16.6	99.3	127kg (at 14 mths)



**SEMEN: \$50/dose + GST**

He was tagged **No.1** for a reason, exhibiting all the strong virtues needed to be a real sire. He has tremendous outlook and presence, balance and bone, which a sire needs. Standing over him, you can see the width, from his hips through to his head and muzzle, which is, wide, silky soft and pure. His wool growing ability is extreme. He has it all, combining length, alignment, density and surface area. His wool is gutsy, sharp, free growing, with a very long, soft, rich lock. His ET siblings are also no fools, with industry impacting genetics on both grand-dam (Charinga Pearler) and grand-sire (Wallaloo Park Real Deal) sides. This ram undoubtedly could be the best sire we've bred to date, who has the potential to be real game changer.

## SEMEN POLL SIRE: LM 706 (TRIPLLET) x WP422



Micron	SD	CV	CF	BodyWeight
17.9	2.6	14.5	99.7	116kg (at 13 mths)



**SEMEN: \$50/dose + GST**

A young sire, who is a triplet has created a lot of interest around in the 2019 season. We have retained him within our stud for his correctness on his feet and hindquarters, but until you open him up, is when you see his almost perfect wool, of super sharp, rich, free growing white wool. It is a wool that people keep opening up again and again. His tests show what you can really feel. To add to this young sire, is his pedigree, and his 2 sisters are also standouts and display all his attributes.

## SEMEN POLL SIRE: AI LM 102 x PB 28



Micron	SD	CV	CF	BodyWeight
20.0	2.8	14	99.6	110kg (at 15 mths)

A very correct ram with width & stands square, & well on his feet.

But his skin and wool growing quality and quantity is his standout feature. A super sharp crimp, with a rich, & 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! 1st progeny sold in 2018 for \$20,000, \$15,000 & \$12,000



**SEMEN: \$50/dose + GST**

## SEMEN POLL SIRE: LM 179 x Kamora Park 304



Micron	SD	CV	CF	BodyWeight
18.2	3.4	18	99.2	104kg (at 11.5 mths)

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.

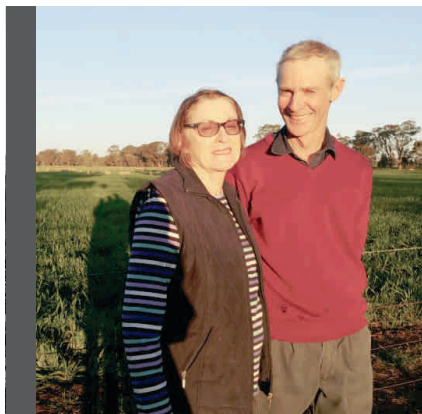


**SEMEN: \$50/dose + GST**



# CLIENT SUCCESS

WHERE IT COUNTS



**Des & Irene Ryan, Gidginbung**

"We changed to Lachlan Merinos in 2010, at the time being based in Condobolin. 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 became a lot more uniform in type, with dramatic improvements in early growth rates, plainer bodies, better wool quality and quantity. Our lamb percentages also improved by 20%. In 2016 we moved to Dalgety in the Snowy Mountains. We took our ewes with us, and with Glenn's knowledge and support, the bloodline is thriving in a very different climate and topography. Our wool yields are exceptional, and the brightness and crimp very evident. The progeny have maintained very good early growth vigour, and we are able to turn off wether lambs to a good target weight. We thank Glenn, Margot, Mitchell and Cam for their continued support, and for the improvements that the Lachlan Merino genetics have enabled us to achieve over the last ten years. We look forward to the next ten years."

"We have been using Lachlan Rams for 9 years and in that time our micron has dropped by almost 2.5 micron whilst maintaining cut. The wool on the Lachlan sheep was what attracted me to the stud initially with their long stapled, bold, deeply crimped, lustrous, waxy white wool which is coming through in our sheep now. It looks like 2020 will be the first season for many years where these traits will be able to express their full potential. Frame and fertility are also pleasing aspects of our sheep, with hogget ewes weighing up to 95kg. Pre-lambing and mature ewes averaged 153% scanning over the past 5 years. Shearability has also improved, I recently overheard our shearers discussing another client and the suggestion was made that he should buy his rams where the Ryan's buy theirs."



**Glyn, Trynie, Nell & Eve Owen, Boloco Station Dalgety**

"Since changing to Lachlan blood 15 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 & 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 3 yrs ago with carcass & fleece, gross \$199 (not including the sale of bls & pcs).

We wouldn't hesitate to recommend Lachlan Merinos!"



**Mark, Carol & Brad Jones, Condobolin**



Our sale was held on the 18<sup>th</sup> September, with 134 of 140 cleared at auction to \$14,000, avg \$3007, with rams going to Victoria, all over NSW, QLD and WA. Another 23 grade rams sold after the auction to \$1000, averaging \$991. Stud co-principal Glen Rubie said, "it was great to see a lot of commercial breeders and studs again from a large range of climate areas and states. We continue to back up our breeding goals of breeding for quality with productivity, with most of these rams, only 12-13 months old, avg 107kg.

We shear maiden ewes, sisters of the rams in front of the crowd, to highlight these breeding goals. This year, the top fleece (pictured below) of 17.1 micron, fetching \$148.35 and weighing 12.8 kilograms, sired by Lachlan 130, sold for \$18,000, and the ewe lambs averaged; 17.5 micron, cut 10.84kg, body weight of 71.1kg.

John Humbert (pictured above), Kedleston Park Poll Merinos. Victoria, purchased the top priced ram, LM33 750 who was an August 2018 drop lamb, carrying a 19.6 micron fleece and a coefficient of variation(CV) of 14.8 percent and a comfort factor (CF) of 99.4 percent, weighing 122.5kg. Mr Humbert loved the rams dense, long stapled crimped wool and his sound structure. "Hopefully he will breed a bit of wool thickness and keep the wool on our sheep. "This is the first time we have been to this sale, but we have purchased semen previously." I like the cut ability and growth rate of the Lachlan rams."

Volume purchasers, Mark, Brad and Carol Jones, bought 22 rams for a draft average of \$3750, and a top of \$5500 twice. The family has been coming to this auction since it started and Jones said, "We selected the rams for nourishment, wool density, wool cut and frame."

Commercial purchasers from WA, Australia who run over 20,000 ewes included Phil Corker who took home three rams.

"We are after bone and structure, correctness. They are sirey types, "We look to early maturity, we want to grow out wether lambs, we want big growth rates with beautiful wool."

The sale was conducted by Elders Stud Stock & Landmark Stud Stock with Paul Jameson and John Setttee.







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