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ON PROPERTY RAM SALE



Wednesday 18th September, 2019

Sale at 1pm (Inspections from 10am)

140 Rams Offered (Poll and Horn)

Grade Rams available from \$600 mid-September

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



Breeding for Quality with Productivity

2019 / SEASON NEWS

NATIONAL MERINO CHALLENGE (NMC) SUCCESS: MAY 2019



The NMC is an initiative of the Australian Wool Innovation (AWI), held annually, to provide young people with an understanding of the career opportunities within the sheep & wool industries. The competition is held over 2 days in Sydney, with more than 160 students from around Australia taking part in events to test their skills in areas such as feed budgeting, condition scoring, breeding objectives, wool harvesting & commercial classing of animals & fleeces.

A huge congratulations to Mitchell Rubie who was part of the CSU team who were named top tertiary team in the competition held in May this year, and he also placed second overall in the individual section. Mitchell has just completed his first semester of a Bachelor of Agricultural Business Management at CSU (Wagga).

SUCCESS FOR THE RUTLEDGE FAMILY!

Congratulations to our valued clients and friends, Stephen and Alison Rutledge, Woodstock on winning the flock of under 500 ewes and day 2 peoples choice, at the Mid Lachlan Merino flock ewe competition earlier this year. They now join 100% of their ewes to merinos rams, after their Merino lambs weighed heavier than their poll Dorset cross lambs.

Their family scanning results were 99% in lamb for adult ewes, with their overall average of 96.4% in lamb.



SHARPLESS FAMILY PLACE 1ST & 3RD IN THE MANILDRA MAIDEN EWE COMP

The 25th Manildra and district Merino Hoggett ewe competition was held on the 1st of June, with eleven teams participating. Congratulations to our valued client Joe Sharpless who placed first, winning the Col Riach Perpetual Memorial Trophy. Joe's surpluss ewes were shorn with 10 months wool, cutting 8.6kg, grossing \$130, and then sold at \$135/ewe and totalling \$265.

Congratulations also goes to our valued client, Harry Sharpless who placed third on the day.

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HISTORY

& WHAT MAKES LACHLAN MERINO'S DIFFERENT?

For nearly 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 is still Australia's leading sire for many growth rates +13.6 YWT.

Lachlan Merinos genetics have been sold to studs Australia Wide, including; NSW, VIC, QLD, SA, WA, TAS, 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 carcase (carcase 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. Originally Lachlan was founded on Peppin bloodlines, with small infusions of Mandalay (Roseville Park), Charinga, Wallaloo Park, & Lachlan, using AI for nearly 30 years, and ET for the last 8 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 716

(ET BRED) Sire: PB 28 Dam: BJ 104 x BJ 449



Micron	SD	CV	CF	BodyWeight
18.2	2.7	15.8	99.7	103kg (at 11 mths)

SEMEN: \$50/dose + GST

This youngster stands out in the crowd, holding his head high, standing square and well on his feet. He has beautiful purity and a velvety muzzle, with a clean, dry poll. He combines this with a super sweet wool and skin, that is waxy white, very aligned, sharply crimped, with density right through to his points and belly. Being another ET bred lamb, gives him more predictability with his ET siblings being balanced with huge carcasses and hindquarters as lambs, just like their mother (BJ 104).

SEMEN POLL SIRE: 05 290 X LM 305



Micron	SD	CV	CF
18.1	2.4	13.3	99.8

Body weight: 121kg (at 14 months)

This young sire Ozzes production, and is balanced, on a very long body, with width.

He also has a great Presence. His wool is very rich and aligned, and sharply crimped on a very loose skin.



SEMEN:
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SEMEN POLL SIRE: LM 179 x KP304



Micron	SD	CV	CF
18.2	3.4	18	99.2

Body weight: 104kg (at 11.5 months)

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

SEMEN POLL SIRE: AI LM 102 x PB 28



Micron	SD	CV	CF
20.0	2.8	14	99.6

Body weight: 110kg (at 15 months)

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



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CLIENT SUCCESS

WHERE IT COUNTS



Kevin & Therese Welsh, Eugowra

"Since changing to Lachlan blood 14 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!

We switched over to Lachlan Merinos' rams in 2003. We have been extremely happy with these large framed, fast growing, plain sheep. We have consistently focused on reducing micron and increasing wool cut. This year, we successfully switched to 8 months shearing because of rapid wool growth, with a length of 70-80 mm in this time. Our wool is consistently soft and bright, now with a top neutron strength of 60, with a low CV of 8!! We run 700 ewes of 18.2-mic wool and are currently increasing our ewe numbers. Our Wethers grow 8kg of fleece each year, equating to \$100 of wool/wether/year! We have decided to cease mulesing, as the sheep are long bodied, easy care and less susceptible to fly strike. We have proudly provided wool for, "The Fit for a Prince" and "The Baggy Green" projects. We congratulate Glen and Margot and the boys on their professionalism, ongoing assistance, support and expertise."



Mark, Carol & Brad Jones, Condobolin

We started buying Lachlan Merinos rams 8 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.

To top this off, we stopped mulesing in 2007.

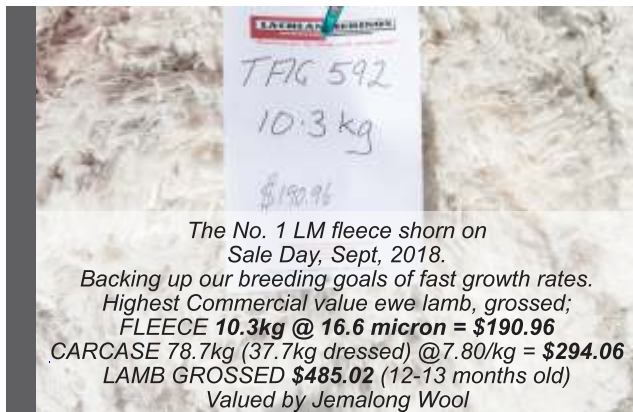


Roger & Karen Warren, Boorowa



71% of the sale rams were only 12-13 months of age, majority still carrying lambs' teeth. To back this up, to date, our sire, LM30 is still AUST no. 1 for Y.W.T +13.5, in Aust Superior Sires since 1989." The \$12,000 top-priced ram, (pictured above) bought by Green Partnership, Forbes, was a poll sired by LM102 from the August 2017 drop, with 18.9mic wool, 117kg and still showing his lamb's teeth. "Lachlan Merinos have produced good size, well-muscled sheep that produce results," Mr Green said.

Our 13th sale was held on the 19th September, with 136 rams of 140 sold at auction to \$12,000, averaging \$3294, selling to three states, including WA, with clients topping up with another 36 rams after the sale. "We like to let the sheep do the talking, which is why we shear ewe lambs (sisters to the rams) in front of the crowd during the day. The lambs averaged 9.7kg fleece (avg \$161.24), and the top ewe fleece was valued at: \$190.96 (16.6mic, weighed 10.3kg), valued by Jemalong Wool. Backing up our breeding goals of fast growth rates, our sale rams averaged 112kg, and the heaviest topped at 139kg.



"Lambs have the ability of being sold as suckers or grow out on grain depending on seasons but return well." First-time buyers from WA, D.F.D. Rhodes Pty Ltd, bought two rams averaging \$8500 including the second-top-priced at \$10,500, a May '17 drop by the 02 syndicate of LM179 growing 18.6mic wool and weighing 117kg. Another ram also by LM 179 with 17.4-micron wool was purchased for \$6500. Returning for his fourth year was Sid Dickins, paid \$7000 for the top-priced Merino ram, a May '17 drop of 18.6 micron weighing 122kg also sired by LM179. Mr Dickins (pictured below) joins 7500 ewes in his self-replacing flock of 19 to 19.5 micron, cutting 8kg-plus wool. The sale was conducted by Landmark and Elders, Forbes, with Dubbo stud stock auctioneers John Settree, Landmark, and Paul Jameson, sharing duties.



Pictured: Margot Rubie, delivering rams into QLD in March 2019. On their journey they came across this amazing Silo Art, just over the QLD border.

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