

## Newsletter June 2017

## ...The Quiet Achievers

2017 sees us producing a much shorter newsletter than we usually do, but we have had a very busy and stressful couple of months personally leading up to now, and we will tell you more about this later in the newsletter.

As always, we hope that all clients, friends and fellow producers are in good health and spirits. 2016 was a hard year for many people and we can only hope that this year is proving more fruitful for all. With good rainfall over summer 2016/17, autumn and winter looked like they were set up to be great seasons—but now—the last week in June—some rain wouldn't go astray for any of us!

Thank you to bidders and underbidders and congratulations to all successful buyers at our 2016 sale. Ted and Fiona Hodges from Baldry purchased the top price ram at the sale for \$6750. He is an imposing Poll Sire with a yearling clean fleece weight (YCFW) +25; placing him in the top 4% of the breed in SheepGenetics MerinoSelect Australian Sheep Breeding Values (ASBV's). He also had a yearling weight of +7.2, so he was a great buy for the Hodges commercial flock. The Hodges Family secured 5 rams in total from the sale - averaging \$3150.

The second highest sale price was \$5750, for another Poll Sire purchased by Rowlan and Gwen Lyons from Euchareena. This striking ram had a YCFW of +21.9, also placing him in the top percentages of the breed for ASBV's. The Lyons Family purchased 10 rams averaging \$3475.

Of the 170 predominantly Poll Merino rams offered in the catalogue; 156 rams sold averaging \$1915—with a number of the remaining rams being sold after the sale.

As many of you would have seen on Facebook—Mark had a rewarding spending spree at the 2016 Royal Adelaide Ram Show, investing in two outstanding new Sires for the Stud.

"Bundy" (PB007) was purchased from Moorundie Poll for \$34,000. The day before our purchase, this exceptional ram worked his way through a field of over 100 entries at the Royal Adelaide Show, to be awarded **Grand Champion Poll Merino**. Bundy has an exceptional hindquarter (where all the valuable cuts of meat are) to back his physical looks, and has the data to support this with EMD 46, FAT 6.5 and top measured on a BW of 137kg. He stands up on all four feet, has a pure Sires' muzzle and his wool is white and well-aligned. He also has a very placid and inquisitive nature as you can see from the photo taken last year with our Grand-daughter Mackenzie.



**BUNDY:** Mic 21 SD 2.7 CV 12.9  
CF 99.9 EMD 46 Fat 6.5 BW 137kg



GullenGamble Merinos

## 2017 Events Calendar

**\*26 July—** Midstate Merino Field Day @ Dubbo TAFE Rural Campus

**\*5 August—** Nyngan Ag Expo @ Nyngan Showground.

**\*19 August—** Bathurst Merino Association Ram Expo @ Bathurst Showground.

**\*23-24 August—** National Merino Sheep Show @ Dubbo Showground

**\*31 August—** South West Slopes Stud Merino Breeders Field Day @ Harden Showground

**\*\*\*12 September \*\*\***

**19th GullenGamble On-Property RAM DISPLAY & SALE from 10am.**

**Auction starts @ 1pm.**



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We also purchased Roemahkita Regal Junior in partnership with Coddington Uardry Poll for \$28,000 at the Adelaide Royal.

Roemahkita 150092 "RJ" has wool that oozes quality as well as quantity. He has excellent deep crimp, whiteness and nourishment in his wool on a pliable and uncomplicated skin.



**RJ:** Mic 18.3 SD 2.8 CV 15.3 CF 99.7 EMD 46.2 Fat 4.4 BW 115kg GFW 7.7kg (6 months) SL 90mm (6 months)

### Merino ASBV 19.05.17

150092	YWT	AWT	YEMD	YFAT	YCFW	YFD	YDCV	YSL
"RJ"	3.6	3.3	1.0	-0.4	21.7	-0.5	0.2	2.8
Averages	3.0	2.9	0.3	0.0	10.5	-1.0	-0.6	5.1
	YSS	LMY	FP	FP+	MP	MP+	DP	DP+
	-1.9	1.50	140	145	150	158	133	162
Averages	0.4	0.37	124	128	130	130	123	133

Trait leader

We are looking forward to see the progeny of both these rams next year and are excited for the opportunities they will offer our clients into the future.

This year's ram sale will see approx 170 excellent fine-medium wool poll and merino rams being offered for sale to discerning sheep breeders. Within this group will be the first son

of WP 140368 (Ade) who was purchased at the 2015 Royal Adelaide Show. Ade has an



### Merino ASBV 19.05.17

140368	YWT	AWT	YEMD	YCFW	YFD	YDCV	YSL
"ADE"	5.5	6.0	0.3	21.8	-1.2	0.1	13.7
Averages	3.0	2.9	0.3	10.5	-1.0	-0.6	5.1
	YSS	FP	FP+	MP	MP+	DP	DP+
	0.3	140	145	151	155	139	155
Averages	0.4	124	128	130	130	123	133

extremely deep barrel and stands very wide and correct front on, and he carries this right through to his back-end—more like we are used to seeing in a terminal sire for meat only. Ade's wool has the deeply crimped whiteness that Wallaloo Park is renowned for and these above average visual traits are backed up by his measured ABSV's.

Our personal circumstances this year have seen our daughter Laura and her Fiancé Zac give us another beautiful Grandchild—a gorgeous little boy named Jock. Jock was born very prematurely in April, (at less than 26 weeks) and weighing only 912g. He has been and still is, under the fantastic care of the Doctors and Nursing staff at Nepean Hospital's

Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Penrith.

While we can never thank Nepean's NICU staff enough for the work that they do; we have decided to donate the total proceeds of LOT 5 in this year's Sale directly to the NICU to help buy some more of the very expensive equipment that they use to save lives. So a big **THANK YOU** in advance to the buyer of Lot 5 in this year's Sale—your money is going to a very worthwhile cause.

The Kerin Family together with our Assistant Manager Dan and his family; look forward to seeing you on **12th September** to view and purchase your rams for your upcoming joinings.

**GullenGamble Merinos ARE "The Right Balance Between Wool and Meat" ....** and will continue to strive to offer our clients the best Rams for your needs—enabling you to be able to adjust your Merinos rapidly between meat or fibre production—to meet current market trends.

Enquiries are always welcome.

Life is 10% what happens to us and 90% how we react to it.  
 Dennis P. Kimbro