

July 2018

.... The Quiet Achievers

Strong support at the 2017 sale, saw numerous repeat clients as well as a number of new clients introduced to GullenGamble genetics. 151 rams were sold at auction averaging \$2,067.



Top priced sale ram held by David Henderson (Molong); auctioneer Paul Dooley (Tamworth), Mark Kerin (GullenGamble) Don Macdonald (Molong) and Scott Darmody (Dubbo).

A top price of \$6,000 was paid for GG S161498 by Macdonald Grazing Company, Molong. Don Macdonald said that the ram was selected for his beautiful bone structure, correctness, beautiful white wool and soft skin, and that he had particularly good figures for greasy fleece weight, eye muscle and fat depth. He will be first joined to ewe hoggets at Brewarrina in November and then go for a joining at Tilpa in the middle of March.

Second top priced ram sold for \$5500 to long-standing clients Ted and Fi Hodges from Avoca Grazing at Baldry, who were looking for and got high DP+ figures in their ram.

After the sale, we were very pleased to donate \$5,000 to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Nepean Hospital in Penrith.

This year has again seen us carry out two large AI programs. It has also seen us introduce DNA testing to the Stud; when we tested 3000 ewes and lambs recently. DNA testing results along with

observable traits and pedigree data; increases the accuracy of Australian Sheep Breeding Values (ASBVs), allowing ram breeders and buyers to use ASBVs to select animals based on genetic merit — the best prediction of breeding value.

GullenGamble joined SheepGenetics MerinoSelect in 2004. GullenGamble's genetic trend has continued to increase in a positive direction over the 8 major traits currently measured by MerinoSelect. The reason we measure these 8 particular traits is that they have the most impact on the bottom-line of the GullenGamble commercial flock but ultimately on our Clients' bottom-line.

Our belief is that if you want to change something genetically; you have to record your measurements and continue to monitor the data collected in order to achieve desired outcomes.



Technicians conducting DNA testing

2018 DATES

27th July	Midstate Merino Field Day @ Dubbo TAFE Rural Campus
4th August	Nyngan Ag Expo @ Nyngan Showground
11th August	Bathurst Merino Association Ram Expo @ Bathurst Showground
28-29 August	National Merino Sheep Show @ Dubbo Showground
4th September	South West Slopes Merino Breeders Field Day @ Harden Showground
18th September	20th On-Property Ram Sale @ "GullenGamble" Yeoval. Display 10am, Sale 1pm



Along with using measured data; we place great emphasis on visual selection; as we believe the make and shape of the sheep to be number one - and is to be used in conjunction with measured traits.

Further improving the accuracy of this data and mothering the sheep; are the reasons we have initiated the large DNA program this year.

The Merino ewe shows her versatility once again, with outstanding results in strong commodity markets—why would you want any other breed?

Despite the dry time we are all going through, we are receiving amazing prices for our commodities, with many of our clients — including our son Nathan and his partner Hannah — achieving well above average prices for sheep and wool through various markets. Congratulations to all of our clients for choosing to breed a sheep that **IS** 'The Right Balance Between Wool and Meat' — allowing you to meet the meat trade and/or



Nathan and Hannah with our gorgeous new Grand-daughter Stella

the wool market as and when you desire.

1. First Cross lambs out of GullenGamble bottom-end ewes, sold to and fattened by Nathan Kerin and his partner Hannah Turnbull of "Happy Valley" Tomingley set a new Dubbo Sale Yards record price @ \$253.60 / head on 25.06.18 Congratulations and well done!

Add to this the wool value of \$24 giving a gross of \$278.

2. Nathan and Hannah again fattened and then sold GullenGamble bred merino wether lambs for \$226. Add the wool value of \$58 (5 months wool) and each lamb gives a gross of \$284.

3. GullenGamble shears every 6 months and we recently sold our 6 month shearing offering of 138 bales averaging \$2,538/bale — showing that commodity prices for quality products are remaining at great levels.

4. GullenGamble recently took out a contract with Japanese company Motohiro & Co Ltd; who provide most if not all of the textiles to Japanese retailer Muji — who have 200+ stores in China alone as well as having retail outlets in Sydney and Melbourne and soon to be opened in Canberra. Motohiro & Co prides itself on its environmental ethics, and only purchases wool to use in garments from un-muessed sheep. As GullenGamble has genetically bred sheep that do not need to be muessed; we have not muessed for over 10 years. Yuta Motohiro (4th generation in the company) and Sean recently visited GullenGamble to see where some of the wool

they buy comes from; as the company likes to follow the story of the wool from paddock and producer – to garment manufacturer – to the retail outlets They like to know the background of their products.



Mark Kerin (GullenGamble) with Yuta Motohiro (Motohiro & Co. Ltd)



We are proud to include the results from the MerinoLink Limited Sire Evaluation — **within flock Analysis Site Report 2016 Drop Yearling Assessments** ... published 27.06.17 – again this year FYI — where **GG Generator** topped ALL indexes including Classers Tops to Culls.

GG Generator has semen available for purchase.

Contact Mark or Dan for further information.

We are very excited about the rams that we will be offering at our 20th Annual On-Property Ram Sale on 18th September, 2018.

As always, Mark and Dan always appreciate the opportunity to speak with you on how GullenGamble Genetics can maximise your profits in any market — Enquiries are always welcome!



GullenGamble
lets its Rams do the
talking on visual
and measured
performance
traits.....

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MerinoLink Limited Sire Evaluation Within Flock Analysis Site Report

2016 Drop Yearling Assessments Published 27.06.17



SEMEN AVAILABLE

GG Generator—also topped the Clean Fleece Weight (CFW) combined visual and measured performance index.

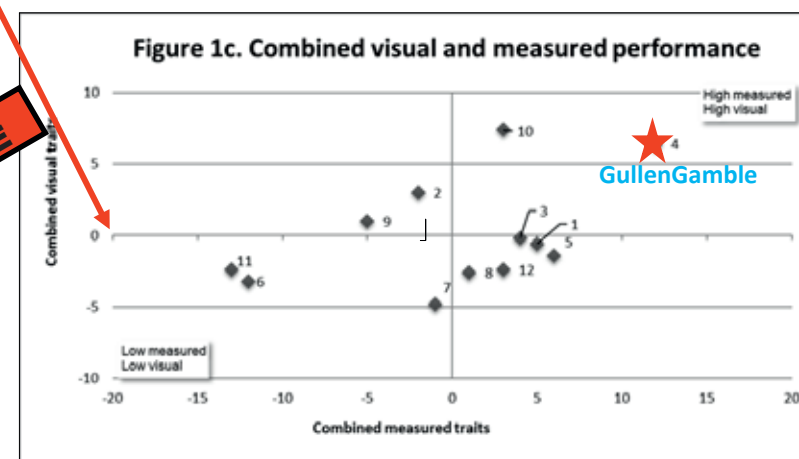
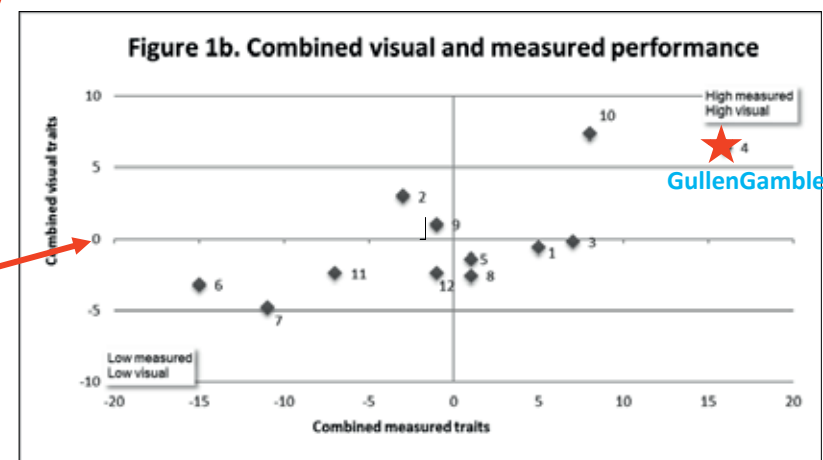
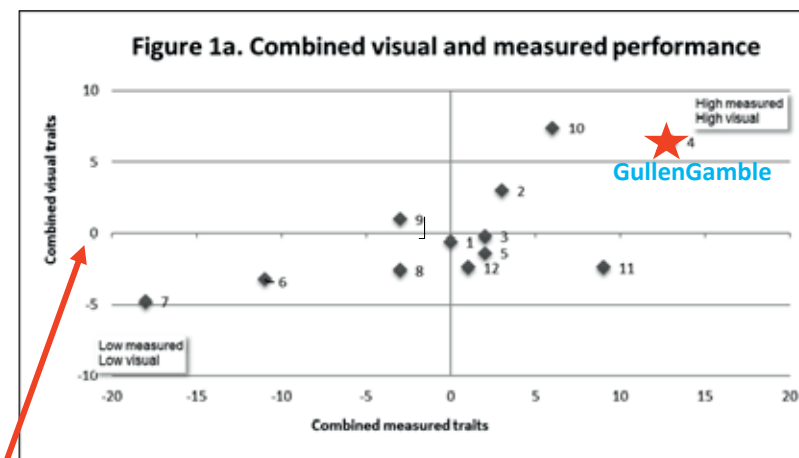
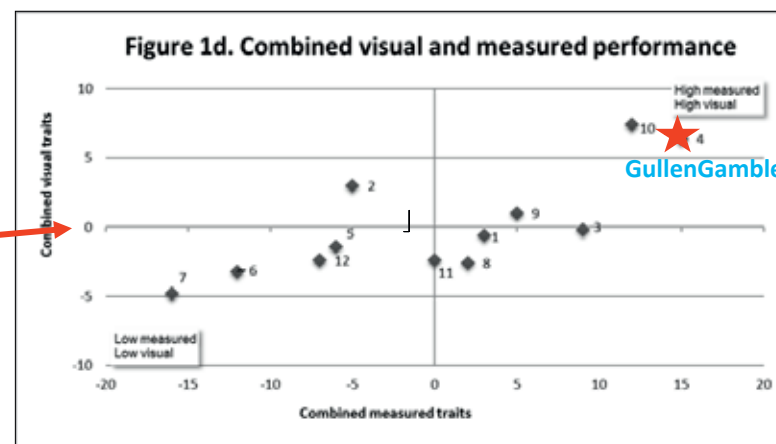


Figure 1a is based on an **AMSEA Dual Purpose Plus (DP+) index** – (Based on a meat focused production system where surplus progeny are sold as lambs and a portion of ewes are joined to terminal sires).

Figure 1b is based on an **AMSEA Merino Production Plus (MP+) index** – (Based on a balanced wool and meat production system where surplus progeny are sold as hoggets).

Figure 1c is based on an **AMSEA Fibre Production Plus (FP+) index** (Based on a wool focussed production system where wethers are retained, operating in an environment where worms cause economic losses)



Wool Production Plus (WP+) (Based on the MP+ production system with a greater emphasis on increasing fleece weight, while maintaining fibre diameter and a moderate emphasis on increasing body weight).

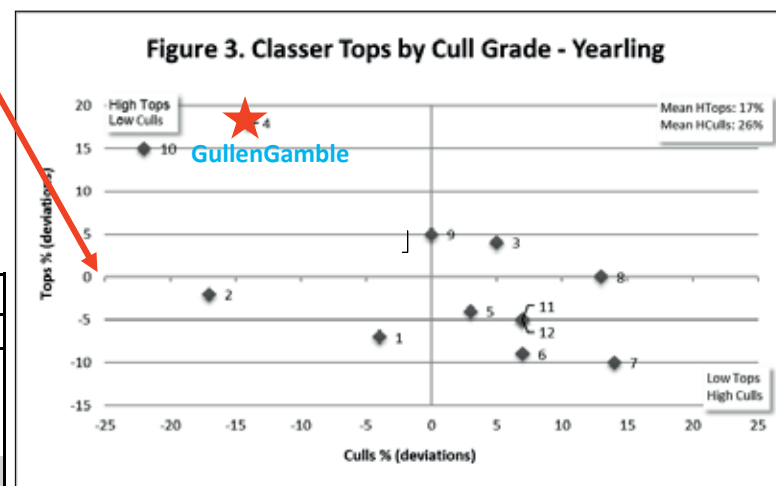


Figure 3 Classer's Tops by Cull Grade (Yearling) – describes performance for Classer's Tops Grade on the side axis and Cull Grade on the bottom axis. Sires that have above average Tops and below average Culls are in the top left-hand quadrant. Classer's Tops (23%) and Cull (30%) is based a visual assessment where the progeny performed well for growth, structurally sound with good wool.

Table 1. AMSEA Index values and Classer's Grade

	Breeders flock, Ram number		AMSEA Indexes values				Classer's Grade	
Ram code		No of	Fibre Production	Merino Production	Dual Purpose	Wool Production	Tops % (dev)	Culls % (dev)
		Progeny	Plus	Plus	Plus	Plus	Y^	Y
1	GullenGamble Poll, 121070	27	105	105	100	103	-7	-4
2		41	98	97	103	95	-2	-17
3		35	104	107	102	109	4	5
4		32	112	116	113	115	18	-14
5*		41	106	101	102	94	-4	3
6*		34	88	85	89	88	-9	7
7		31	99	89	82	84	-10	14
8		35	101	101	97	102	0	13
9		22	95	99	97	105	5	0
10		30	103	108	106	112	15	-22
11		37	87	93	109	100	-5	7
12		18	103	99	101	93	-5	7
Average performance		32	100	100	100	100	17	26

***The highest performing 3 sires for each trait (i.e. trait leaders) are highlighted by shading

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*****18 SEPTEMBER '18 *****

20TH ANNUAL ON-PROPERTY RAM SALE—from 10am

Auction starts at 1pm.

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