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ON PROPERTY RAM SALE

FREE RAM
DELIVERY
AVAILABLE

Wednesday 13th September, 2023

Sale at 1pm (Inspections from 10am)

180 Rams Offered (Poll and Horn)

200 Grade Rams available from \$1500 mid-September

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



Breeding for Quality with Productivity

2023 / SEASON NEWS

We want to sincerely thank everyone who supported us during our 2022 ram selling season. Each year we continue to strive to improve and make our sheep more profitable for you, breeding for quality and productivity.

The 2022 season brought with it some unique challenges for many, with one being the record floods that hit Central West NSW in September through to November last year. This led to us relocating our 2022 ram sale into the Forbes Show grounds. It also posed some real challenges for our November artificial insemination (AI) and embryo transfer (ET) program (1 of 2 programmes we run each year). These programs are planned and scheduled well in advance, by Rozie & David Kennett, Genstock Reproductive Technology. With 2 days out from our AI programme, and the peak of the flood yet to arrive, we knew we had to do everything possible to stick with our breeding goals and to do everything in our power to ensure the program could go ahead. We looked for alternative methods to transport Genstock vets, and we were able to get approval to use the local Rural Fire Service truck, to transport them and all their equipment from Condobolin and returning the following day through 0.8m of water in some places, in the dark of night (Pictured below). Six days later, we were scheduled for embryo harvesting and transfers for our elite stud ewes. Transporting them back via road wasn't an option, and we didn't want to back our foot off the accelerator of our breeding program, because 2 months earlier, the stud's top price ram, (which was ET bred), had sold for \$80,000 at our annual ram sale. There were many helicopters in the Forbes district due to flood rescue efforts which led Glen to charter a helicopter privately, flying the vets out from Forbes one afternoon and returning them the next day, which significantly added to the cost of the breeding program (Pictured below). We've decided to call one of next year's sires, CHOPPER! Despite the stress of the situation, and calling off the program not being an option, it resulted in one of the most successful programmes for our stud to date, with one ewe giving 28 embryos!!



Congratulations to **Neil Harris**, from Victoria, who was named the 2022 ACM Lambition Awards winner of the Elanco sustainable producer of the year. Sustainability is something that Neil has been passionate about and working hard at for more than 20 years now. Focusing on sustainability of soil health on his properties over this time, has certainly paid off, and he is now reaping the benefits in terms of improved yields, animal health, productivity and land health.

We applaud you for your innovation and look forward to what you do in the future.

Winner of the Elanco sustainable producer of the year, presented at the Bendigo Sheep Show.

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Congratulations to **Ben Schlig and family of Piney Range Pastoral** on their recent success at the Hay Sheep Show. Ben and family 1st introduced Lachlan Merinos back in 2014. Their 2023 Hay results include: 1st pen of flock ewes, 2nd pen of flock ewes, Champion flock ewe, Reserve Champion flock ewe, 1st Best 2 ewes from any class, Supreme Champion pen flock ewes, Most Successful Flock section. Great to see passionate Merino Breeders being recognized, and also great to see the next generation getting amongst it!!



In the 2023 Australian Merino Production Trial, **Mark, Carol & Brad Jones's** sheep have performed extremely well.

Out of 50 teams from 32 different bloodlines, including Dohnes, Jones' wethers had the highest body and carcase weights.

Congratulations on these exciting results, backing up our breeding goals, that have set Lachlan Merinos' apart for the past 2 decades!



Congratulations to **Maree Stockmann, Greg & Linda Thomas**, Lake Cargelligo, who won the people's choice awards at the 2023 Lake Cargelligo Maiden Ewe competition earlier this year. The change and improvement in their sheep has been remarkable, since changing to Lachlan genetics in 2014. They have a breeding nucleus of 1800 ewes, with last year weaning 2200 lambs, and they have gone from cutting 5 ½ kg of wool to 8 ½ kg of wool in the press. The width and shape, as well as nourished white wools and follicle density improvement has been a standout.

The Schneider Group based in Italy, a 100 year old family business, who source, process and supply wool to assist their customers in producing sustainable, fully traceable, high end quality products.

Purchased all but one of our fleece lines, that was sold in October 2022.

RUBIE LIVESTOCK
ADVANCEMENT

Our eldest son, Mitchell started his own business, Rubie Livestock Advancement, earlier this year, with the goal to assist sheep and wool producers in improving the profitability of their enterprises.

Mitch has classed 50,000 young merino sheep for clients in the last 12 months. Check out Mitch's new business venture on INSTAGRAM and FACEBOOK.

LACHLAN MERINO SIRE

SEMEN POLL SIRE: LM 220118 PP

(AI BRED) Sire: GP180030
Dam: LM170639



ASBVs Top 1% Top 5%, Top 10%, Top 20%

Micron	SD	CV	CF	Body Weight
17.7	2.3	13.0	99.9	109.5kg @ 14mths
YWT	PWT	YCFW	YFD	MP+
8.01	6.68	40.86	-1.97	191.20

This young sire stood out as a young ram lamb, and we've already collected and joined him to 70 ewes. His correctness, balance and presence always stands out, with all 4 feet standing very correct and square in each corner. His hindquarters and perfect shape shows as he walks, very correct and balanced. His width flows right through his top line, and his muzzle is soft with perfect purity. To top it off, his wool is long, soft and free growing on an uncomplicated, free, loose skin, carrying whiteness down underneath. He is the type of ram that could be joined to a variety of different types of sheep.

SEMEN POLL SIRE: LM 220170 PP

(AI BRED) Sire: M200132
Dam: LM160367



ASBVs Top 1% Top 5%, Top 10%, Top 20%

Micron	SD	CV	CF	Body Weight
20.0	2.9	14.3	99.6	119.5kg @ 14mths
YWT	PWT	YCFW	YFD	MP+
9.53	8.99	34.19	-0.06	165.08

This fella always looks special amongstst his peers. LM220170 has a lot of extreme virtues, including: his width and depth in his hindquarters right through to his head. He has the bone and balance to carry the extreme flesh he carries, standing right up on his toes. His head is a mirror of his body, with width between the ears and wide muzzle and wide bite. His muzzle is pure and soft, like his wool. He has a sharp crimping, white lock that is free, with density. A great ram to have in our toolbox.



SEMEN: \$60/dose + GST



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LACHLAN MERINO SIREs

SEMEN POLL SIRE: LM 210052 PH

(ET BRED) Sire: Will180447
Dam: LM180785



ASBVs Top 1% Top 5% Top 10% Top 20%

Micron	SD	CV	CF	Body Weight
19.6	3.0	15.3	99.7	117.5kg @ 15mths
YWT	PWT	YCFW	YFD	MP+
8.63	7.82	32.62	-1.30	175.07

This young sire's pedigree is impressive, embryo bred from an almost perfect phenotype ewe, who has both make and shape, with an almost perfect wool growing skin. This ewe was shorn on our sale day, with lambs teeth (13 months old), Dam cut 12.8kg of 17.1 mic wool as a 13 month old lamb. LM 210052 has it all, bone, balance & width, with a wide, broad, loose pure muzzle. He stands very square on his feet with wool right to his points. His wool is extremely white all over, which is sharply crimped, with lock. This fella has constitution PLUS!!

SEMEN POLL SIRE: WP 220450 PP

(AI BRED) Sire: WP 200037
Dam: Lm180490



ASBVs Top 1% Top 5% Top 10% Top 20%

Micron	SD	CV	CF	Body Weight
19.6	2.8	14.1	99.3	117kg July 23
YWT	PWT	YCFW	YFD	MP+
9.49	8.13	38.74	-0.93	182.27

An opportunity to buy a ram like this doesn't come around often. He was to be kept as a stud sire at Wirringa Park, WA, but following negotiations, weprivately purchased him for \$70,000 with a 50% semen share, at the Bendigo Sheep Show. "This sire stood out at weaning & has continued to grow into a tremendous well balanced young sire. He was used at WP as a ram lamb, AI and naturally, such was the faith we had in him. He has all the virtues of a true modern stud sire. Structurally very correct with short pastons & squareness, carrying wool oozing nourishment, lustre, staple length & density." His wool quality between his hips & at the back of his head is hard to find anywhere.



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CLIENT TESTIMONIALS



Ben Schilg - Piney Range Pastoral

We run a mixed farm operation (80-20) sheep cropping on our 500ha property at Walbundrie joining around 1400 ewes annually.

We introduced Lachlan rams in 2014 chasing that early growth and shape but not wanting to deviate away from the white well-nourished waxy wools of our ewe base.

We have been really impressed with what the Lachlan genetics have added to our flock. Moving to a 8 month shearing 3 years ago with wool cut anywhere from 5.5 to 6.5 kg to average 9kg per year (18.7micron latest test result in March main ewes) without compromising on fertility (130% lambs weaned to ewes joined consistently).

The Lachlan sheep have got the balance right and provided us with the production we were chasing!



Mark, Louise, Richard & Amy Ellis, Panuara

"We started buying Lachlan Merino Rams in 2019, looking for improved growth rates and carcase traits, and increased wool cuts. Since purchasing our first rams we have seen back-to-back well above average wet years and have yet to see any colour or blemishes in the ram's wool, while still achieving exceptional wool cut, with one ram cutting 12kg for 6 months growth. We have found the rams to be exceptionally fertile with very pleasing scanning results. This year when a line of 530 3yr old ewes were scanned, after 125 ewes ewes were scanned without a single empty ewe found, we opened the gate and let them go, and 94% of ewes scanned in lamb across the rest of the flock. Sam Beath of Uralba Livestock Scanning, says he has never scanned that many ewes and had no dry ewes. Glen and his family have been extremely helpful and have been a pleasure to deal with. We are excited and looking forward to seeing where we can take our flock with Lachlan Merinos."



Neil Harris, Victoria

We have been using Lachlan Merino rams now for a few years now. What we have noticed is that the wool is becoming very pronounced in the crimp, has great whiteness and softness in handle. Last two years our broker has received comments from buyers on the wool being offered, is that on the show floor it looks like "ice-cream" one of them stated.

When selling the wool, it is actively bid on by many buyers which is pleasing. The sheep are now of bigger frame, plainer and very productive, mature quickly and can produce a considerable quantity of wool per head at high stocking rates. They had no problem withstanding the almost 1000 mm of rain last year as well.

2022

RAM SALE SUMMARY



Our 17th ram sale was strong, with a new record for top price ram, achieving a 98% clearance, average of \$4492, & selling to stud & commercial clients in NSW, VIC, QLD, WA & TAS, **with 52 rams selling for \$2000 or less, accommodating for all price levels, giving great value for money!** The top price ram, LM210820, sold for \$80,000, purchased by Mianelup Poll Merinos, WA. The price tag was even more significant, as 210820 is a spring drop ram, still with his lambs' teeth. Sired by PB160612, the PP ram measured 18.5 mic, 2.5 SD, 13.5 CV, CF 99.9, EMD 44.5, FAT 6.5. His PWT 3.6, YWT 5.5, YCFW 21.5, fibre diameter -0.5, DP+ 173. He featured excellent follicle density while still pushing out 95mm of wool at 6 months. Elliott Richardson, Mianelup Poll Merinos said seeing the ram 1st hand, convinced him to bid. "People who I talk to about sheep said they saw good things from Lachlan Merinos at Bendigo," he said. "So, I flew over and had a look for myself. The top price lot particularly impressed me. He is such a well-balanced ram with great wool quality and quantity, & strong physical aspects as well." Mr Richardson said more than wool & structure appealed to him. He is very well bred, & his genetics are breeding well," he said. "His Mum bred the best ram at last year's sale & in my opinion, the best ram at this year's sale." "We are going to use him for artificial insemination of 200 ewes, on three or four donor ewes for embryo transfer & put him in the field too. Glen Rubie was pleased with the result, "Buyers are seeing that we are producing sheep that are productive & well built." "Even though we have numbers on our sheep, we put a strong emphasis on body shape, which is very important. Mr Rubie said, the top price ram has a lot going for it, a heavy cutting white wool, good staple and a solid carcase as well. A lot of rams have one or the other, but this ram has both! We're excited to see what progeny LM210820 will breed. His dam, ET bred LM180744, continues to breed elite stud sires, including Lot 1A, Lot 10, and in 2021, bred our stud reserve, LM200102. "She continues to perform when joined to a range of different sires. The second top price ram, Lot 10, LM210827, 13 mth old, is a full embryo flush to the top price lot, & sold for \$12,000 to Gerald, Claudette & Lachlan Woodhouse, of Myack Poll Merino Stud. He measured 18.4 MIC, SD 2.5, CV 13.6 & CF 99.8, EMD 46.5, FAT 7, while also producing a massive staple length, with width and with good eye muscle depth. "He has good, white wool and is a very correct ram. It is our 9th year buying rams from Lachlan Merinos & what they have done to our flock is outstanding. They have improved our sheep's wool & frame size," said Mr Woodhouse.



**SEMEN
AVAILABLE
SOLD FOR \$80,000**

2023 TOP PRICE RAM

Lot 1A LM 210820,
13 mth old lamb, ET bred,
PP, BWT: 107.5kg, Micron,
18.5, SD: 2.5, CV: 13.5,
CF: 99.9, EMD: 44.5,
FAT: 6.5

Glen, Margot, Mitch and Cam Rubie
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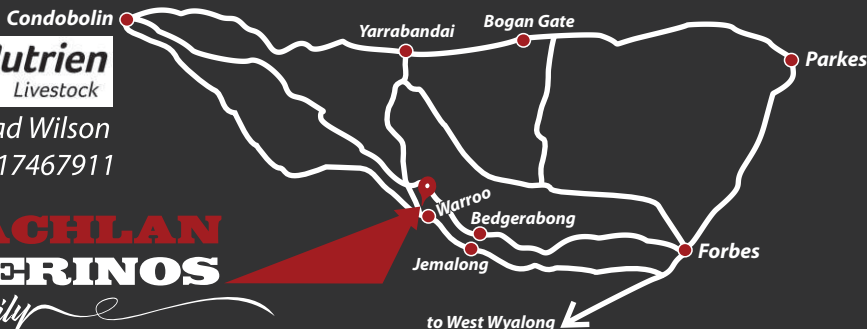
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