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WINTER/SPRING 2024 NEWSLETTER



Digby holding the Koonwarra Poll ram 22-191 being sashed Champion August Shorn Fine Wool Poll Merino Ram at the 2024 Australian Sheep and Wool Show, Bendigo.



WELCOME TO OUR WINTER/SPRING 2024 NEWSLETTER

with information about our Merrignee and Koonwarra Merino and Poll Merino Studs as well as Merrignee Poll Hereford Stud.

Jono, Anna, Digby, Toby and Zoe, along with Charlie and Pip

Koonwarra Poll Ram 22-191, held by Jono alongside Digby, Toby, Zoe and Anna, was awarded Grand Champion August Shorn Fine Wool Ram, after winning Champion August Shorn Fine Wool Poll Merino Ram, at the Australian Sheep and Wool Show at Bendigo in July.

Thank you to all buyers and under-bidders for their terrific support during 2023 at both our Koonwarra and Merrignee on-property ram sales as well as very good support for our paddock/flock ram sales. Our loyal clients – many of whom have been with us since we commenced C.T. Merriman & Son in 1990 – are much appreciated.

It is very pleasing to receive such good feedback on our stock and to have new people coming to inspect and buy. There has been terrific feedback on the quality of wool on both the Koonwarra and Merrignee sheep and their ability to be productive in all climatic conditions, especially around their wool coping so well in extremely wet conditions.

NEWS FROM THE FARM

2024 has been a very good show year for both Koonwarra and Merrignee Merino and Poll Merino Studs, which has been very pleasing for us all here at C.T. Merriman & Son.

The show year started in February with **GREAT SOUTHERN SUPREME MERINO (GSSM)** at Bathurst Showground, its new home. The move from Canberra was a positive one for the event and a particularly successful one for our studs with Merrignee "Brocky" crowned Supreme Exhibit in a unanimous decision with the fine wool judge commenting, "It's pretty hard to find a fault in this sheep. He oozes strength and depth". The ribbons our stud's took home from GSSM included:

- **Merrignee ram "Brocky" 21-087:** Supreme Exhibit via Champion March Shorn Fine Merino Ram. Progeny of "Brocky" will be available in this year's Merrignee ram sale group.
- **Merrignee ram "Tank" 21-189:** Champion March Shorn Superfine Ram. "Tank" will also have progeny on offer at Merrignee's upcoming on-property ram sale.
- **Merrignee ram NP 22-189:** Champion August Shorn Superfine Poll Merino Ram.
- **Koonwarra Poll ram 22-191:** Champion August Shorn Fine/Medium Poll Merino Ram.
- **Koonwarra ram 22-194:** Reserve Champion August Shorn Fine/Medium Merino Ram.

Moving onto the **SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW** in April, MGN "Brocky" continued his success, alongside some other pleasing results including:

- **Merrignee "Brocky" 21-087:** Grand Champion Fine Wool Merino Ram where he was shorn, cutting 14.6kgs, and testing 17.2 microns, 2.7 SD, 15.8 CV, 99.8% CF and 16.0 SpinF.
- **Merrignee "MK" 21-641:** Reserve Grand Champion Superfine Merino Ram.
- **Merrignee NP 22-189:** Reserve Grand Champion Ultrafine Poll Merino Ram, after winning Reserve Champion Ultrafine August Shorn Poll Merino Ram.
- **Koonwarra Poll 21-001:** Reserve Grand Champion Fine Poll Merino Ram.

The new show season saw us head to the **AUSTRALIAN SHEEP AND WOOL SHOW** in Bendigo mid-July 2024 with both Koonwarra and Merrignee Merino and Poll Merino Stud sheep. With studs attending from across Australia, including Tasmania, Queensland and Western Australia, ensuring robust classes, we were very pleased to walk away with four ribbons, including:

- **Koonwarra Poll ram 22-191:** Champion August Shorn Fine Wool Merino Ram, after winning Champion August Shorn Fine Wool Poll Merino Ram.
- **Koonwarra horn ram 22-136:** Reserve Champion August Shorn Fine Wool Merino Ram.

- **Merrignee Poll ewe 22-453:** Reserve Champion March Shorn Superfine Wool Poll Merino Ewe.

At the Bendigo sale, Merrignee offered two rams. Lot 104, a superfine Poll ram, sold to four New South Wales Merino studs – Conrayn, Hillcreston, Demondrille and Shalimar Park – while Lot 105, an ultrafine horn ram, was sold to Conrayn Stud. The buyers said they were impressed with the excellent style of these rams fleeces, with the Poll ram heading straight to Boorowa Vet Clinic to collect some quality semen.

August is a busy period full of events. Jono headed to **HAMILTON SHEEPVENTION** on the first weekend of the month with display groups from both studs. The five rams from each stud were well received by the public and our clientele down in Victoria. There was also a good level of interest and positive comments on how the sheep had been presenting over the last three years from other studs attending the event.

Next up was **RABOBANK NATIONAL MERINO SHEEP SHOW** in Dubbo on 27th and 28th August, where we took show teams from Koonwarra and Merrignee as well as fleeces from both studs. This event was capped off with a Merrignee superfine ewe fleece beating out 60 entries to be crowned the Supreme Champion Fleece Exhibit. From a ewe shown at GSSM earlier in the year, the ewe’s fleece weighed 8.1kgs skirted while scoring eight from a possible 10 points for trueness to breed, conformity of length, handle, character and style, and evenness, nine out of 10 for soundness and 27 of 30 for clean fleece weight. Other awards from Dubbo included:



Jono and Charlie with the Merrignee Champions and Supreme Exhibit at the 2024 GSSM. Jono is holding Merrignee “Tank” 21-189, Champion March Shorn Superfine Wool Ram and Charlie is holding Merrignee “Brocky” 21-087 Champion March Shorn Fine Wool Ram that went on to become the Supreme Exhibit.

- **Koonwarra Poll ram 22-191:** Champion August Shorn Fine Wool Merino Ram (the same award he received at Bendigo), plus Reserve Grand Champion August Shorn Merino Ram against a line up of 10 rams from four states in Australia. From the KWA RP family, he has progeny on the ground with tests of 18.3 micron, 2.7SD, 14,6 CV and 99.9% CV.

The final event prior to our on-property sales was **SOUTH WEST SLOPES STUD MERINO BREEDERS ANNUAL**

KOONWARRA 2024 ANNUAL ON-PROPERTY MERINO RAM SALE

OPEN DAY Friday 20th September, 10am–4pm | **SALE** Wednesday 25th September, 1pm auction, 10am inspections

MERRIGNEE 2024 ANNUAL ON-PROPERTY MERINO RAM SALE

OPEN DAY Friday 4th October, 10am–4pm | **SALE** Friday 11th October, 1pm auction, 10am inspections



MERINO FLOCK RAM SALES

Commence mid-October by appointment | \$1000 (ex. GST) per ram

MERINO SEMEN SIRES

\$50 (ex. GST) per dose

CLASSING SERVICES Jono and Charlie welcome the opportunity to **VISIT YOUR FARM** to discuss your Merino flock, understand your sheep and business aims as well as the topography and climate of your property.

MERINO HEALTH STATUS

BRUCellosis FREE C.T. Merriman & Son’s accreditation 76342 (expires 30.11.25) | Vendor declared **FOOTROT FREE**
All lambs **GUDAIR VACCINATED** since 2002 | **TRISOLFEN** used at lamb marking since 2005



FIELD DAY held on Tuesday 3rd September 2024 at the Harden Showground. This annual local event presents a great opportunity to see our sheep and fleeces prior to our annual on-property open day and ram sales, alongside 60 other member and guest studs. In the Pen of Three competition:

- **Koonwarra** placed third with the rams described by the judges as having "good quality fine wool".

2023 ON-PROPERTY RAM SALES

Last September **KOONWARRA MERINO AND POLL MERINO STUD** had a strong ram selling season. At the 46th annual on-property sale, 108 rams sold from the 120 May/June 2022 drop offered, for an average of \$2,199 (ex. GST). The top price of the sale was \$5,000 (ex. GST) for Lot 2. By Nerstane 043, his fleece tested 17.8 micron and 99% CF with a body weight of 98kg, while his meat indexes measured at 43mm depth and 90mm width.

Last October **MERRIGNEE MERINO AND POLL MERINO STUD** had solid demand for its 12-month-old August/September 2022 drop rams. At the 33rd annual on-property ram sale, 83 of the 90 rams offered sold under auction for an average price of \$2,247 (ex. GST). Lot 2, the top priced ram, sold for \$7,500 (ex. GST). By MGN "Magic" family 19-107 "Big Super", he tested 16.7 micron, 2.0 SD, 12.1 CV, 15.3 SpinF and 99.7% CF.

UPCOMING 2024 ON-PROPERTY RAM SALES

This year's on-property open days and ram sales for both Koonwarra and Merrignee studs will follow their usual formats with a preview day to be held one week prior to the sale with all rams offered under cover at Little Range.

At **KOONWARRA'S 47TH ANNUAL ON-PROPERTY RAM SALE** on Wednesday 25th September 2024, 120 May/June 2023 drop rams, shorn on 19th April and paddock raised as usual, will be offered. The on-property open day will be held on Friday 20th September from 10am to 4pm with all sale rams penned, plus some sires on display.

At **MERRIGNEE'S 34TH ANNUAL ON-PROPERTY RAM SALE** on Friday 11th October 2024, 90 August/September 2023 drop rams, shorn on 19th April and paddock raised as usual, will be offered. The on-property open day will be held



Koonwarra's 2023 on-property sale top priced rams, with (left to right) Emma Webb, Leswell Pastoral, Bowling, buyer of Lot 1 held by Charlie, while Jono holds Lot 2, alongside buyers Charlie and Tim Boyd, Murra Pastoral Company, Young, and Rick Power, Nutrien Stud Stock and Auctioneer.



Merrignee's 2023 on-property sale top priced ram, Lot 2, sold to Echo Cottage Stud, Lemont, Tasmania, and is held here by Jono, alongside his son Digby, Aaron Seaman, Elders Auctioneer, and Rachel Prtichard, Elders Stud Stock.

on Friday 4th October from 10am to 4pm with all sale rams penned, plus some sires on display.

We encourage clients to come to our open inspection days as they provide ample time to look through the rams as well as an opportunity to discuss your needs in full with Jono and Charlie.

If you are unable to attend these days and would like to inspect and/or purchase rams during the 2024 season, please contact Jono, Charlie or your agent/classer to arrange a private inspection prior to both stud's ram sales.



NEWS FROM KOONWARRA

The Koonwarra genetics continue to impress here at Little Range and for clients of the stud, proving they are highly productive, producing great quality, quantity and style of wool on large, framed ewes. Highly fertile and with great mothering ability year-after-year, no matter what the environment throws at them, they are able to consistently produce high quality and stylish wools, while still producing quality lambing percentages. This consistency provides a level of confidence that is critical to ever-evolving farming enterprises.

The blue tagged young rams being offered at Koonwarra's upcoming on-property sale, as well as flock sales later in the year, were born in May/June 2023. Born into a good season with feed in front of them, these rams have been able to express their genetics, impressing us as they have grown into this year's sale rams.

We have had a lot of good feedback from clients, agents and fellow Merino breeders on the direction and quality that is available from the Koonwarra genetics in both the horn and Poll side of the stud's genetics. We feel that this year's team of sale rams are an outstanding line up that will impress those that inspect them.



Jono and Toby holding Koonwarra Merino Stud's Poll 21-001 which won Reserve Grand Champion Fine Poll Merino Ram at the 2024 Sydney Royal Easter Show.

2024 KOONWARRA SCANNING RESULTS

(Maidens and mixed aged ewes included in all figures)

Koonwarra Stud Ewes (inc. maidens)			
December Paddock joining and AI program	Twins	Singles	Drys
	45%	36%	19%*
Total foetus scanned to total ewes scanned			126%
Lamb's market to scanned wet ewes – May/June lambing			112%

*One ram in our AI program had a very low conception rate, which overloaded the backup ram. With five KWA rams used in the AI program in the 2023 joining, there was a lot of pressure on the back up rams which also had the paddock joining ewes to cover as well.

Koonwarra Flock Ewes (inc. maidens)			
December joining	Twins	Singles	Drys
	47%	44%	9%
Total foetus scanned to total ewes scanned			138%
Lamb's market to scanned wet ewes – May/June lambing			101%

We did need to feed the flock twins through their lambing six weeks which had an impact on the twin survival rate.

2024 KOONWARRA FLEECE TEST RESULTS

(Taken at the March 2024 shearing of the Koonwarra blue tag maiden ewes)

Micron	18.3
Spinning Fineness (SF)	17.1
Standard Deviation (SD)	2.9
Coefficient of Variation (CV)	16.3
Comfort Factor (CF)	99.4
Greasy Fleece Weight (GFW)	7.5kgs*
Yield	72.8

*The maiden ewes were lighter in bodyweight compared to 2023, hence the lighter wool cut per head and finer wool test compared to last year's ewes.



Young Koonwarra rams ready for this year's on-property ram sale.

KOONWARRA'S UPCOMING RAM SALE

We intend to offer up to 120 young rams from the Koonwarra May/June 2023 drop. As usual, our 2024 Koonwarra sale rams have been outside in the environment their whole lives (besides the few head selected as show sheep for the March tagging system). Their pastures have been supplemented with oats through a lick feeder, pasture hay and minerals as required to meet their feed needs.

The first and only shearing for this year's sale rams was done on 19th April 2024, providing the fleece weight percentage for each ram's figures. This is the third year where the rams will be shorn only once prior to sale. Before 2022, sale rams were shorn twice, once in late October and again in mid-April.

The rams were side sampled and weighed in the first week of August 2024, with testing undertaken by Riverina Wool Testers in Wagga Wagga to collate each ram's fleece and body figures for the sale. Meat scanning (width, depth and fat) and a final body weight will be undertaken just prior to the preview day. All figures will be available via cards above each pen and in the Koonwarra on-property ram sale catalogue.

2024 KOONWARRA SALE RAM GENETICS

For the 2023 joining program for Koonwarra was all paddock joining. We did not do an AI program in November 2022.

We purchased a half share in a new horn sire at the Tara Park Merino Stud on-property sale in 2023 which we used in the paddock joining. The ram was Lot 3, sired by 7447 with tag number 035.

THE 2023 KOONWARRA BRED SIRES/FAMILIES USED FOR PADDOCK JOINED

Family	Sire	Ear Tag Colour	Grand Sire
Tara Park Horn	035	Pink	TP 7447
KWA Nerstane Poll	001	Black	KWA 013
KWA Nerstane Poll	013	Black	Nerstane 043
KWA Nerstane Horn	008	Black	Nerstane 043
KWA Glenpaen Magic Horn	126	Dark Green	KWA 186
KWA Glenpaen Magic Horn	186	Dark Green	Glenpaen Magic
KWA Glenpaen Magic Poll	100	Dark Green	KWA 214
KWA Roseville Park Horn	157	Yellow	KWA 165
KWA Roseville Park Horn	267	Yellow	KWA 156
KWA Roseville Park Poll	237	Yellow	KWA 156
KWA Claypans Poll	204	Sky Blue	Claypans 323



47th ANNUAL ON-PROPERTY RAM SALE

WEDNESDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2024 · 1PM AUCTION · 10AM INSPECTIONS

120 fine/medium and medium May/June 2023 drop unhoused horn and poll Merino rams

inc. progeny from Koonwarra Poll 21-001

Reserve Grand Champion Fine Poll Merino Ram, Sydney Royal Easter Show 2024

Rams are individually penned for the open day and sale, along with a display of Koonwarra stud sires, both horn and Poll.
All sale rams are unhoused and ready to adapt to clients' paddock environments.

All rams were side sampled in early August 2024 by Riverina Wool Testers and shorn on 19th April by Howard Horne's team (other than the March shorn rams that were tagged by NSW Stud Merino Breeders' Association).
All rams will have current fleece tests. Bodyweights will be done the week before the open day as will the meat index figures.
This ensures all information above each ram is current and accurate on sale day.

We welcome inspections of the Koonwarra young rams.
Please contact Jono, Charlie or your agent/classer to arrange a private inspection prior to the sale date.

ON-PROPERTY OPEN DAY · FRIDAY 20th SEPTEMBER, 10am–4pm

FLOCK RAM SALES COMMENCE MID OCTOBER, BY APPOINTMENT · SEMEN AVAILABLE

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KOONWARRA MERINO & POLL MERINO STUD SEMEN SIRES



**CHAMPION
FINE WOOL POLL
MERINO RAM
BENDIGO 2023**

**RESERVE
CHAMPION
FINE WOOL POLL
MERINO RAM
SYDNEY 2024**

**PROGENY
IN 2024 STUD
RAM SALE**

KOONWARRA POLL N 21-001

A very well built ram with great conformation and width of the body. A true testing fine wool Poll on all his tests during his showing, 21-001 has been an impact sire here at Koonwarra.

Micron	17.8	SpinF	16.3
S.D.	2.3	Bodyweight*	124.0kgs
C.V.	13.1	Shearing Tag	M27363
C.F.%	99.3		
Sire	KWA Nerstane 012 POLL		
Born	May/June 2021		



**GRAND
CHAMPION
FINE WOOL RAM
CHAMPION FINE
WOOL POLL RAM
BENDIGO 2024**

**RESERVE
CHAMPION
AUGUST SHORN
MERINO RAM
DUBBO 2024**

KOONWARRA POLL RP 22-191

A very good Poll sire that will have a strong impact on the Koonwarra Poll Stud in the years to come. Great conformation and structure with a large volume of fine wool to go along with the top body shape.

Micron	18.3	SpinF	16.9
S.D.	2.7	Bodyweight**	119.0kgs
C.V.	14.6	Shearing Tag	A20272
C.F.%	99.9		
Sire	KWA 157 Roseville Park family		
Born	May/June 2022		



**RESERVE
CHAMPION
FINE WOOL
MERINO RAM
BENDIGO 2024**

KOONWARRA HORN N 22-136

A very big framed ram with a great head and outlook for a sire. Very true to type fine wool with great length of wool.

Micron	19.0	SpinF	17.8
S.D.	3.0	Bodyweight**	115.0kgs
C.V.	15.6	Shearing Tag	A20270
C.F.%	99.6		
Sire	KWA 008 Nerstane family		
Born	May/June 2022		

*21-001 bodyweight done on 01.08.23. **22-191 and 22-136 bodyweights done on 01.08.24.



\$50 (ex. GST) PER DOSE • CONTACT JONO 0427 272 238 or CHARLIE 0467 853 396





NEWS FROM MERRIGNEE

Starting the year at GSSM was a satisfying event for Merrignee with some pleasing show results, topped off with Merrignee ram "Brocky" 21-087 being crowned the 2024 Supreme Exhibit, coming from the fine wool section. He was complimented by the four judges at Bathurst for his large frame, quality of fleece and excellent wool cover with its exceptional quantity through the hip and rump region and the back legs.

"Brocky" then headed to the 2024 Sydney Royal Easter Show where he was awarded Grand Champion Fine Wool Merino Ram. Shorn in Sydney by renowned Boorowa expert shear Ian Elkins, he cut 14.6kg of wool with a 12.4kg fleece after being skirted. His fleece measurements were 17.2 microns, 2.7 SD, 15.8 CV, 99.8% CF and 16.0 SpinF, with 122kgs bare shorn bodyweight.

Named "Brocky" after the famous motor racing driver, Peter Brock, the winner of the Bathurst 1000 many times over, 21-087 is from the MGN Glenpaen "Patriot" family.

Before being shedded for show, "Brocky" had been out working with 60 ewes for six weeks in March 2023 and so will have 12-month-old rams in the Merrignee 2024 on-property ram sale in early October. After Sydney, we collected 600 doses of semen, demonstrating his great constitution and fertility.

Also at Bathurst, Merrignee "Tank" 21-189 was awarded Grand Champion Superfine Merino Ram. Named for his very large frame and tremendously square build, "Tank" is from the DF family. He had previously been sashed Champion March Shorn Merino Ram at 2023 Australian Sheep and Wool Show as well as Champion March Shorn Superfine Merino Ram at 2023 Rabobank National Sheep Show before his GSSM 2024 success.

"Tank" will also have 12-month-old rams on offer at our on-property ram sale on 11th October 2024. His fleece figures are 18.1 microns, 3.0 SD, 16.6 CV, 99.7% CF and 17.0 SpinF, with a fleece weight of 12.6kgs and bodyweight of 134kgs on 01.09.24.



Merrignee's Supreme Champion Fleece at the 2024 Rabobank National Merino Sheep show at Dubbo in August.



Merrignee's "MK" 21-641, Champion Fine Wool Ram at 2024 Sydney Royal Easter Show, held by Charlie with his grandchildren (left to right) Zoe, Jack, Digby and Toby.

Another Merrignee superfine show ram will also have progeny on offering at our annual ram sale. Reserve Superfine Ram behind 21-189 at Bathurst, he was also named Reserve Champion Superfine Ram at Sydney this year. This ram is a large framed superfine sire whose fleece tests for Sydney Show were 16.4 microns, 2.4 SD, 14.6 CV, 99.8% CF, 15.2 SpinF, with a fleece weight of 11.8kgs.

Rounding out the show year, a Merrignee superfine ewe fleece won the Supreme Fleece Exhibit at the 2024 Rabobank National Merino Sheep Show in August. From a ewe that was Champion Superfine Wool Ewe at GSSM in February this year, this award reinforces the favourable opinions of judges across New South Wales and Victoria for our stud rams and our clients' fleeces in recent years.

Two Merrignee 2024 superfine show rams also had fleece wins this year at Dubbo. "Tank" 21-189's fleece became Champion Superfine Housed Ram Fleece, while "MK" 21-641's fleece was awarded Reserve Champion Superfine Ram Fleece, echoing his Reserve Champion Superfine Ram broad ribbon at Sydney Show.

Also at Dubbo, Merrignee won Champion Superfine March Shorn Poll Ram and Ewe. This success is developing into long-term genetic gain for Merrignee and onto our clients' commercial flocks as all these prize winning sires have 12-month-old rams in our upcoming Merrignee on-property ram sale on 11th October 2024.

Its been a great year with the Merrignee show sheep and seeing the quality fleeces performing so well in competitions has been very rewarding and satisfying for our stud.

In our previous newsletters, we've discussed the sire selection we use at Merrignee and the genetic traits we insist on before sires are used in the stud. These traits include fleece weights, micron and fleece figures, frame size, confirmation and the very definite attitude to bright, white and high quality style wool with correct crimp definition for our wool types.

To get these traits to be there for generations in stud and flock sheep takes a slower time frame to ensure they are locked in genetically. Merrignee aims is to ensure our clients' Merino sheep are continually improving these traits, leading to better profits for their businesses and the wider Merino sheep industry.

2024 MERRIGNEE SCANNING RESULTS

(AI and single joined ewes, including maidens)

Merrignee Stud Ewes (inc. maidens)			
	Singles	Twins	Drys
Early March joining	44%	39%	17%*
Total foetus scanned to total ewes scanned	122% = shows fertile sheep		

*The AI program was only 55% conception, which put pressure on the paddock joined sire's to cover their ewes, plus the missed AI ewes.

Merrignee Flock Ewes (inc. maidens)			
	Singles	Twins	Drys
Early March joining	46%	47%	7%
Total foetus scanned to total ewes scanned	140% = shows fertile sheep		

MERRIGNEE 20-MONTH-OLD FLEECE TEST RESULTS

(Shorn in May each year)

Wool Type	Mic.	S.D.	C.V.	C.F.	G.F.W.
2024 (Yield: 73.3%)					
Superfine	16.5	2.5	15.5	99.6	6.0
Fine	16.9	2.9	16.8	99.4	6.3
Fine/Medium	17.1	2.9	16.9	99.5	6.5
Poll	16.8	2.8	16.2	99.6	6.00
2023 (Yield: 72%)					
Superfine	17.2	2.9	16.7	99.5	6.5
Fine	17.3	3.0	17.0	99.5	7.0
Fine/Medium	17.2	2.7	15.9	99.6	6.9
Poll	17.9	2.8	15.7	99.6	6.0
2022 (Yield: 71.1%)					
Superfine	17.8	2.9	16.2	99.6	7.0
Fine	18.0	2.9	16.2	99.4	7.3
Fine/Medium	18.1	2.9	16.2	99.5	7.1
Poll	18.0	2.9	16.1	99.4	6.7
2021 (Yield: 69.6%)					
Superfine	16.7	2.9	17.7	99.6	7.39
Fine	17.1	3.0	17.7	99.5	6.83
Fine/Medium	18.4	3.3	18.2	99.4	7.2
Poll	17.7	2.9	16.4	99.4	6.4

MERRIGNEE'S UPCOMING RAM SALE

As usual, our 2024 Merrignee 12-month-old sale rams have been outside in the environment their whole lives (besides those selected as show sheep for the March shorn tagging system). They were shorn on 20th April 2024 providing the fleece weight percentage for each ram's figures.

All sale rams were side sampled and weighed in early August 2024, with testing undertaken by Riverina Wool Testers in Wagga Wagga, to provide each ram with their fleece test. Body weights will be done just prior to the Merrignee open day. All figures will be available via cards above each pen and in the Merrignee on-property ram sale catalogue.

2024 MERRIGNEE SALE RAM GENETICS

The Merrignee Merino type has had a hugely successful year in 2024 with our sire MGN "Brocky" 21-087 being the crowned Supreme Exhibit at GSSM at Bathurst in February, while MGN "The Tank" 21-189 and MGN "MK" 21-641 were awarded Champion and Reserve Champion Superfine rams at GSSM as well as the Sydney Royal Easter Show.



A selection of the Merrignee August/September 2023 drop paddock reared young rams for sale at our upcoming on-property sale.

Then to top off the show year, Merrignee had the Supreme Champion Fleece at the Rabobank National Merino Sheep Show at Dubbo in August. This fleece was from our Champion Superfine Ewe at GSSM back in February.

The fact that these rams and ewes, along with their fleeces, won champion ribbons at various major NSW shows in 2024 gives us great confidence that our Merrignee sheep genetic gains are being acknowledged by recognised Merino industry judges.

We are very pleased that these winning sires were all used in March 2023 for stud paddock joinings to their ewe groups for six weeks. They backed up their AI ewe groups of up to 50/60 stud ewes.

After joining these sires are then fed to gain weight in a paddock before going into the shed to prepare for the show season. This system allows us to have their 12-month-old ram progeny in our on-property sales each year, giving our clients the opportunity to follow their achievements through the show circuit and then select their sons at our ram sale.

This year's sale team have plenty of frame with bulky fleeces, as you can imagine they should have having been sired by our successful show team rams. Perhaps the progeny by the sire MGN "Big Super" 19-107 could be the "bell ringer". His ram group in this year's on-property sale are from an AI group of stud ewes, which he then backed up physically. His progeny have produced a high percentage of lambs which are as good as we have ever bred here at Merrignee.

SIRES FOR THE MERRIGNEE (MGN) 2 YEAR OLD MARCH SHORN RAMS

Code	Family
7S	MGN 19-107 "Big Super" x MGN super ewe
EF	MGN 19-111 East Strathglen family
CH	MGN Poll 19-204 Coromandel family
DS	MGN 19-007 Langdene Supreme family x MGN fine ewe
NP	MGN Poll "N" family

SIRES FOR THE MERRIGNEE (MGN) 1 YEAR OLD APRIL SHORN RAMS

Code	Family
7S	MGN 19-107 "Big Super" x MGN super ewe
DS	MGN 19-007 Langdene Supreme family x MGN super ewe
MK	MGN 21-641 "Magic" family
GM	MGN 21-087 "Brocky" Glenpaen Patriot AI
5F	MGN 19-107 "Big Super" x MGN fine ewe
DF	MGN 21-189 "The Tank" Langdene Supreme family x MGN fine ewe
AJ	MGN 21-016 7S "Big Super" family
U2	MGN 21-002 Demondrille Supreme family
65	MGN 19-247 "Magic" family
G4	MGN 21-084 Glenpaen Patriot AI

POLL SIRES

Code	Family
CH	MGN Poll 19-204 Coromandel family
P6	MGN Poll 20-148 Gray's Hills NZ family
N	MGN Poll "N" family



34th ANNUAL ON-PROPERTY RAM SALE

FRIDAY 11th OCTOBER 2024 • 1PM AUCTION • 10AM INSPECTIONS

90 superfine, fine and fine/medium Aug/Sept
2023 drop unhoused horn and poll Merino rams

inc. progeny from 2024 GSSM Supreme Exhibit, "Brocky" 21-087

Rams are individually penned for the open day and sale, along with a display of Merrignee stud sires, both horn and Poll.
All sale rams are unhoused and ready to adapt to clients' paddock environments.

All rams were side sampled in early August 2024 by Riverina Wool Testers and shorn on 20th April by Howard Horne's team (other than the March shorn rams that were tagged by NSW Stud Merino Breeders' Association).

All rams will have current fleece tests. Bodyweights will be done the week before the open day.

This ensures all information above each ram is current and accurate on sale day.

We welcome inspections of the Merrignee young rams.

Please contact Jono, Charlie or your agent/classer to arrange a private inspection prior to the sale date.

ON-PROPERTY OPEN DAY • FRIDAY 4th OCTOBER, 10am–4pm

FLOCK RAM SALES COMMENCE MID OCTOBER, BY APPOINTMENT • SEMEN AVAILABLE

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MERRIGNEE MERINO & POLL MERINO STUD SEMEN SIRES



SUPREME EXHIBIT
CHAMPION
MARCH SHORN FINE
WOOL RAM
GSSM 2024

PROGENY
IN 2024 STUD
RAM SALE

MERRIGNEE "BROCKY" 21-087

Micron	17.2	SpinF	16.0
S.D.	2.7	Fleece Weight*	14.75kgs
C.V.	15.8	Bodyweight**	135.5kgs
C.F.%	99.8	Shearing Tag	M27355
Sire	Glenpaen "Patriot" AI		
Born	August/September 2021		



CHAMPION MARCH SHORN SUPERFINE RAM
GSSM 2024

PROGENY
IN 2024 STUD
RAM SALE

MERRIGNEE "TANK" 21-189

Micron	18.1	SpinF	17.0
S.D.	3.0	Fleece Weight*	12.7kgs
C.V.	16.6	Bodyweight**	134.0kgs
C.F.%	99.7	Shearing Tag	M27352
Sire	MGN 19-007 Langdene Supreme family		
Born	August/September 2021		



GRAND CHAMPION MERINO FLEECE
BOOROWA
2022

EXTRA SUPERFINE MERINO FLEECE
BENDIGO 2022

PROGENY
IN 2024 STUD
RAM SALE

MERRIGNEE "BIG SUPER" 19-107

Micron	16.8	C.F.% ***	99.9
S.D.	2.2	Bodyweight**	130.5kgs
C.V.	13.1		
Sire	Glenpaen "Magic" family		
Born	August/September 2019		

*Fleece weights undertaken at Sydney Royal Easter Show 2024. **Bodyweights done on 01.09.24 ***C.F.% tested in 2023.



\$50 (ex. GST) PER DOSE • CONTACT JONO 0427 272 238 or CHARLIE 0467 853 396





2024 calves by the Eathorpe bulls purchased by Merrignee in June 2023.

POLL HEREFORD NEWS

Our Merrignee Poll Hereford Stud is progressing very well with our 2022 and 2023 calving to Tobruk Quantum AI and 2024 calving to our Eathorpe bulls purchased at Dubbo in 2023.

These bulls were selected for their moderate frame alongside, and more specifically, their terrific muscle patterns at the rear end. It is this main attribute agents and clients comment on

when visiting Little Range. We are looking forward to seeing how these bull calves progress.

In 2024, we are doing an AI program with the Poll Hereford bull The Ranch "Remington", which was sold at the Dubbo sale and that we've purchased semen from.

Please contact Jono or Charlie for a personal, on-property inspection of the 2-year-old bulls for sale this year.

2024/25 ON-PROPERTY POLL HEREFORD BULL SALES

2-year-old bulls | \$5,000 (ex. GST) per bull



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KOONWARRA MERINO & POLL MERINO STUD
FLOCK NO 1267 est. 1947 | **POLL FLOCK NO** 1585 est. 2018
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A selection of broad ribbons won by Koonwarra and Merrignee Merino and Poll Merino Studs across the 2024 show season.