

GLENLEA PARK

MERINOS & POLL MERINOS

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We would like to begin this newsletter by thanking all who supported us during 2016. The season to date has been a bit patchy but we hope there are good rains for the rest of winter and importantly, spring. There have been reports of good lambing percentages. With the booming lamb (and mutton) prices being paid, this will result in increased profit for producers. The wool market is at very high levels with the 19 micron indicator price currently at 1922 cents/kg. I have taken note of wool sales of our clients over the past 12 months, with many receiving prices in excess of \$10/kg.

2016 Highlights

In 2016, it was decided that we would offer nearly all of our rams on property to ensure our loyal clients had the opportunity to select from the best Glenlea Park rams. Only 4 rams were sold off farm in 2016. This is something we will do again this year. We do, however, intend to also offer 2 rams at the Adelaide Ram sale.

On property, we offered 162 and sold 152 rams. The sale averaged \$2467. The top priced ram, GP 150170 (Lot 14), was sold for \$33,000 to Len Matthews, Bulgandri Stud, NSW. Mr Matthews had already purchased Lots 6 and 8 prior to purchasing the top priced ram, so was a significant contributor to the sale. A special mention needs to be made of the under-bidder on Lot 14. Rob Russell, Sheepscope, Ballarat, operating on behalf of at least 5 parties, had been 'eyeing off' GP170 at the major field days all year and was understandably disappointed to miss out.

Other high prices on the day were Lots 17 and 37, both selling for \$7,200 to Superior Wool Merino Stud, Tintinara, and Urangara Stud, Cavendish, Vic. Lot 3 sold for \$7,000 to Boorana Merino Stud, Woorndoo, Vic. Across the whole sale, 18 rams sold to studs. An obvious highlight was the volume buyer in Lake Hawdon, Robe, purchasing 24 rams. Keilira Station and Boolapukee Station, both of Kingston SE, were great volume buyers again as they are every year. As I sit here trying to pick out who to mention in a great sale, I appreciate even more the loyal clients we have that over many years have invested considerably in

genetics from our stud. We hope the investments made over many years see your flocks kicking goals both in wool, fertility and growth rates that make the saying **"the good rams are always cheap"** true! I do believe the most expensive rams are those that don't advance your flock or worse still take your flock backwards (at whatever the purchase price).



Above: The top priced ram, GP 150170, sold for the SA season's top on property ram sale price of \$33,000. At the time of sale, he still had his lamb's teeth. This ram was sired from GP 013137. We have used the above ram in an AI program and his lambs look excellent.

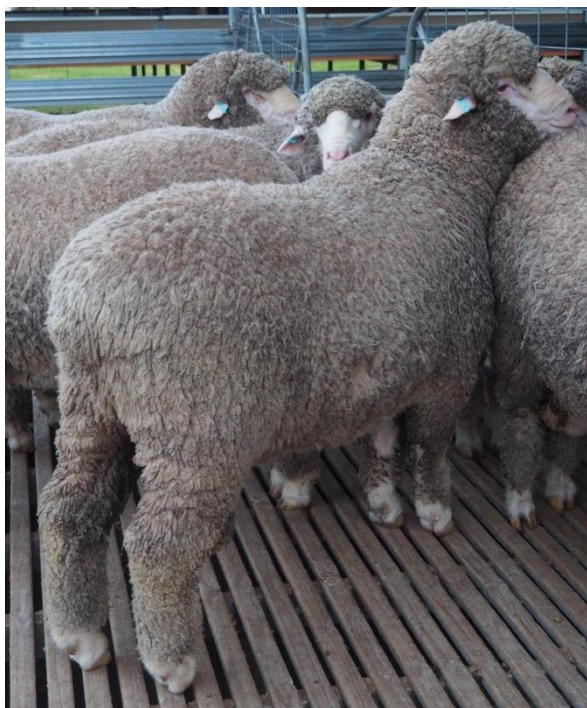


Above: GP 150844, equal second top priced ram purchased by John Huf. John reported that when shorn at 6.5 months wool growth, he cut 9.8kgs. This equals our stud reserve of last year, GP 150881 and is only slightly less than the 10kgs wool cut by another 2016 stud reserve, GP 150567.



Classings Classic 2016

We offered and sold 4 rams at the Classings Classic ram sale to a top of \$11,000 and an average of \$7875. Our top priced ram, GP 150482, pictured below, sold to Rob and Markeeta Gibson, Croiden Station, Hay, NSW.



2017 On Property Ram Sale

We will once again offer 160 Poll merino rams at our on property ram sale. Up for auction are the first sons of GP 140338 (retained in the stud) and GP 140350 (a ram sold at the 2015 Classings Classic to Boorana Merino Stud, Woorndoo, Vic). Two new AI sires, Banavie 130303 (Rifle) and Poll Bonooke 4.948, were also used to produce some of the rams on offer. We have more AI sons of Moorundie Park 306. As always the sale will have a lot of sons from both GP 011367 and GP 011739. GP 013137, the sire of last year's top priced ram, has also produced several more sons of interest which will be on offer. This year's rams are both bolder in wool type and also are thicker than previous years. The rams are just cutting their two teeth now and already average 96kgs.

As was the case last year, there will be a main auction team of 120 shed prepared rams with a starting price of \$800. A further 40 of the best paddock prepared rams will be offered in a second auction with a starting price of \$600. There are some terrific genetics available in those paddock rams that simply lack the "gloss" of the shed preparation. We respectfully request that buyers take their rams on the day wherever possible.



Above and below are some of the 2017 on property sale rams.



2017 Classings Classic and Adelaide Ram Sales

We will be offering 2 rams at both the Classings Classic Ram Sale at Murray Bridge and 2 rams at the Adelaide Ram Sale.

All 2017 sale rams have been Gudair vaccinated for OJD and were regulation shorn March 1st and back-lined with Avenge. Mid side samples were taken 20th June and the average results of the entire group are below.

Micron	CV	SD	CF
19.3	15.2	2.9	99.7

Fertility Trial

Glenlea Park has been included as one of eight studs across Australia to participate in an AWI and Murdoch University funded trial to look into genetic pathways to increase reproduction in merinos. As we all know, management of ewes, condition score and nutrition all have a major influence on reproduction. We know genetics play a big part also but how can we improve the genetic reproduction of our flock?

The project is being run by Australian born geneticist Dr Mark Ferguson, who is currently the project science manager for New Zealand Merinos. We look forward to working with Mark. We will keep you informed of the trial results which will have a big influence on the biggest profit driver of any sheep enterprise: the number of lambs weaned!

2017 Glenlea Park Rams**GP 160269**

This is a massive framed ram with terrific bone, muzzle and structure. He has a very low curvature wool that is white and deeply crimped. Sired by GP 011367, he is to be offered at our On Property Ram Sale. His fleece weight was 100% of the sale rams' average. He weighed 115kg on June 19th (with lamb's teeth).

Micron	CV	SD	CF
20.3	12.8	2.6	99.8

**GP 160037**

A top stud ram prospect, he is very pure and correct. He is a big framed ram with plenty of thickness but still with a soft, crimped wool. Sired by Poll Boonoke 4.948, he will be offered at the Adelaide Ram Sale. His fleece weight was 112% of the sale rams' average. He weighed 112kg on June 19th (with lamb's teeth).

Micron	CV	SD	CF
18.1	16.6	3	99.7

**GP 160709**

Whilst not as big as some of the other featured rams, he has great bone and is very pure. He has a very rich, long stapled, crimped fleece which is a wool that cuts and tests well. Sired by Poll Boonoke 3.0040, he is to be retained in our stud. His fleece weight was 121% of the sale rams' average. He weighed 95kg on June 19th (with lamb's teeth).

Micron	CV	SD	CF
20.1	15.4	3.1	100



You can see a selection of our rams at the Bendigo Sheep and Wool Show, Keith Field Days and Hamilton Sheepvention.



GP 160107

A very deep bodied ram with a meaty hind quarters, he has a thick, gutsy wool on a great skin. He was embryo transfer bred with his dam being One Oak 012249 (a top donor ewe purchased at the stud's dispersal sale) and his sire is GP 090004. This genetically superior ram will be offered on property. His fleece weight was 129% of the sale rams' average. He weighed 98.5kg on 19/6 (with lambs' teeth).

Micron	CV	SD	CF
21	12.9	2.7	99.8



GP 160129

A ram with great balance between a free growing elite skin and good fleece weight, he is very pure and correct. Sired by Poll Boonoke 3.0040, he is to be offered at Classings Classic Ram Sale. His fleece weight was 110% of the sale rams' average. He weighed 101kg on June 19th (with lamb's teeth).

Micron	CV	SD	CF
20	15.5	3.1	99.8



GP 160060

A very correct ram with a silky, pure muzzle, he stands square and has a quiet temperament. A huge wool cutter, with great lock and a deep bold crimping wool, he was sired by Banavie 130303. He will be retained in the stud. His fleece weight was 151% of the sale rams' average. He weighed 101kgs on June 19th (with lamb's teeth).

Micron	CV	SD	CF
19.9	3.3	16.6	99.4



We would like to invite you to our 41st annual ram sale on Friday August 18th. I hope to catch up with many of you over the next few months at one of the field days at which we will be displaying rams. I hope your sheep enterprise continues to improve its profitability and that genetics from Glenlea Park have done and may continue to contribute to that.

