GLENLEA PARK
MERINOS & POLL MERINOS

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We would like to begin this newsletter by thanking all who supported us during 2015. The season 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 has had some good results in recent times. At the time of writing this newsletter, the Eastern Market Indicator price is 271cents/kg higher than at the same time two years ago.

2015 Highlights

2015 was the first year for some time that we decided not to offer rams at Hamilton Sheepvention or the Adelaide Ram Sale. It was decided that we would like to 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 2015. This is something we intend to do again this year with no Glenlea Park rams being offered at either Hamilton or Adelaide.

We offered 133 and sold 123 rams at our on property sale in 2015. The sale averaged $2030. The top priced ram was $8,000 (Lot 1) sold to Jeff, Daniel and Lincoln Evans, Evandown, Loxton. Other high prices on the day were Lot 4, selling for $6,500 to Nareen Station, Coleraine, Victoria; Lot 2 selling for $6,250 to Boorana Merino stud, Woorndoo, Victoria; Lot 3 selling for $6,200 to Peter Gilbertson, Lameroo and Lot 32 sold for $6,200 to Penrose Stud, W.A, through Bill Walker, Classings Ltd.

Above: The top priced ram, a GP 090004 son, weighed 135kgs and sold for $8,000 to the Evans family.

A highlight of the 2015 on property sale was the volume buyers. Keilira Station, Kingston SE, and Moralana Station, Hawker both purchased 9 rams at auction, with Boolapukee Station also from Kingston SE purchasing 8. Nadia Farm, Loxton and the Schiller brothers from Karoonda purchased 7 and 6 respectively.

Above: GP 603 was Lot 3 and sold to Peter Gilbertson, Lameroo. He had a greasy fleece weight of 126%.

Above: Will Lynch, Boorana Merino Stud, Woorndoo bought Lot 2 Tag 333 (ET bred). This ram went on to cut 14.5kgs (32 pounds) in 11 months without supplementary feeding.

We are so proud to have such loyal clients that have supported us over many years. All of the names mentioned above plus so many others who consistently buy our rams and appreciate their quality.

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On Property Ram Sale 12th August Inspection 10am Auction 1pm

Classings Classic

We offered and sold 4 rams at the Classings Classic ram sale to a top of $14,000 and an average of $9937. Our top priced ram sold to O'Brien Poll Stud, Wudinna, SA. Our second top priced ram sold for $12,000 to Boorana Merino stud, Woorndoo, Victoria. The other two rams were bought by Rob and Markeeta Gibson, Croiden Station, Hay, NSW.

Above: GP 354 (ET bred) purchased at Classings for $9,500 by the Gibson family, Croiden Station, Hay, NSW.

2016 Sale Rams

I am very pleased with the progress of the sale rams for 2016. Due to a high lambing percentage in 2015 and steadily improving genetics, we have more rams to choose from, which always helps put selection pressure on. A month ago I thought this year's rams may be second only behind the 2014 ram sale line up but I now believe them to be, on average, the best rams I have ever offered. Growth wise, they are already averaging over 100kgs (most still with lambs teeth). However it is the wool types and associated skins where I believe they surpass other offerings. They are "richer" wools with bolder crimps, which all equals heavier cutting rams.

The two stand out sires continue to be GP 011367 and GP 011739. These two rams will dominate the offering. I experimented with the use of semen from Collinsville 242 (sold for $66,000 Adelaide ram sale 2014) and Moorundie Park 306 (sold for $53,000 Adelaide ram sale 2014). I have a small number of sons for sale from these two rams.

Above: Some of the 2016 sale rams.

In 2014 I purchased a Poll Boonoke ram. Unfortunately he didn't leave many lambs, however those he did leave are very good. The best of these will be offered at the Classings Classic Ram Sale (see back page). We are also offering the first sons of GP 013137 and GP 013891. Both rams have left distinctive types. 137 has left thicker, heavier cutting rams with great bone and meat traits, whilst 891 has left long stapled elite skins and wools.

Above: Lot 1 On Property 2016. GP 150890 Bred by MP 306. GP 890 reached 100kgs at the age of 9.5 months. He is also one of the heaviest cutting rams we are offering.

On Property Ram Sale

Because of the extra depth we have this year, we are going to offer more rams than we have before. There will be 150 Poll rams for sale on the day. This is likely to be made up of 120 Auction rams and 30 Mini Auction paddock run rams. The Mini Auction rams will start at $600 with the auction rams starting at $750. Below are the averages from the mid side samples recently taken. I was very happy with these results given that we are promoting bolder wool types with increasing fleece weights.

Micron	CV	SD	CF
19.4	14.7	2.9	99.7

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2016 Field Days

We will be displaying some of our rams at the following: Australian Sheep and Wool Show, Bendigo, July 15th- 17th; Keith Field Day, July 27th; Karoonda Field Day at Murray Bridge, July 29th; Hamilton Sheepvention, August 1st – 2nd and World Merino Insight Innovation Day at Murray Bridge, September 5th.

Above: GP 150032 sired by GP 011367 to be offered at our on property ram sale. 100mm staple length at 4 months wool growth. One of the most elite wooled rams we've produced combined with fantastic meat attributes. His wool tests 19.0mic, 2.5SD, 13.2CV and 100CF. See him at Sheepvention.

Above: The wool from ET bred GP 150567. We have decided to keep him to use in the stud. See him at the field days.

Marianne and I would like to invite you to our 40th on property ram sale on August 12th. I hope to catch up with many of you over the next few months at one of the field days. I hope your sheep enterprise continues to improve its profitability and that genetics from Glenlea Park, have and may continue to contribute to that. Offering so many rams, we are relying on your support which ensures we are able to continue with our only goal of breeding a more profitable merino.

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On property sale: Friday August 12th
150 Poll Merinos

Elders

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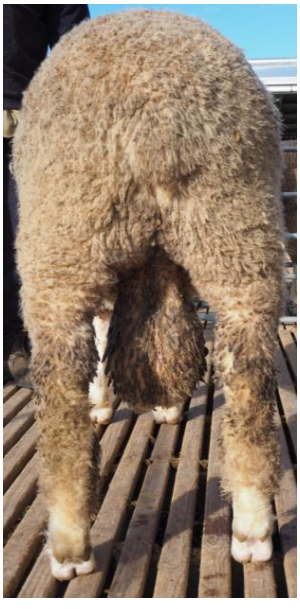
150411 – Sire: Poll Bonooke 3.0040
Grandsire: Wallaloo Park "Real Deal"
Micron: 18.6, S.D. 3.5, C.V. 18.8, C.F. 99.7
A heavy cutting ram with a bold nourished wool. He is structurally very correct and is an upstanding ram with a very long body. To be offered for sale at Classings Classic Ram sale.



150881 – Sire: Moorundie Park 306
Micron: 19.9, S.D. 2.8, C.V. 14.1, C.F. 99.8
A heavy cutting ram with a quality, gutsy wool. A meaty ram that is structurally correct and very pure. 881 has a very quiet temperament.
Stud Reserve.

Offering rams at our On Property Ram Sale and Classings Classic Ram Sale
Displaying rams at Bendigo, Keith, Murray Bridge and Hamilton

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