



47th Annual On Property Ram Sale **FRIDAY AUGUST 11th 2023**

170 Carousel Road BRIMBAGO SA 5267

(off the Dukes Highway between Keith and Bordertown)

Inspection 10am Auction 1pm live streamed on Auctions Plus, light luncheon provided

I hope this letter finds you, our valued client, both well and enjoying a good start to the season. We, like many, had a dry May but very wet June and as I write this July has begun wet also. Reports of excellent lambing percentages have been encouraging. We have had our best lambing ever marking 131% to scanned in lamb ewes or 116% to total ewes joined. It makes a big difference getting early feed and lambing onto green feed!!

We will be displaying our rams in Bendigo at the Australian Sheep and Wool Show, July 14th – July 16th, on property (in our new ram shed on Carousel Road) during the Keith Field Day on July 19th and at Hamilton Sheepvention on August 6th - August 7th. We have decided to offer 3 rams for sale at the Hamilton Sheepvention ram sale on August 7th and 4 rams at the Adelaide Ram Sale on September 8th.

Our on property ram sale is Friday August 11th at 170 Carousel Road, Brimbago. As we did last year, we will be offering a complimentary bus to and from our ram sale that will depart Loxton and can pick up along the way including at Pinnaroo. This bus service is available to anyone (even those that just want to come and have a look). Please pre-book with our local Pinnaroo agent Paul Kinnaird on 0431 537 631. Delivery of rams purchased by those on the bus will be arranged after the sale.

Our sale rams this year are predominantly July drop with only 27 of the 151 rams we are offering being our traditional April drop. This late drop was as a due to a delay with our spring shearing in 2021 meaning we didn't join until early 2022. We have since gone back to our normal April/May lambing so this years rams being younger will be a once off. Despite being so much younger, the rams have done very well. They average 98kgs with most of them still with lambs teeth. The wools are the softest and whitest wools we have ever produced. They averaged 18.9 micron, 2.8 SD, 15.0 CV and 99.7 CF.

We have DNA tested the entire sale team and used these 50k Genotype test results to strongly influence the ASBV data available in our ram sale catalogues. Interestingly, over 60% of the rams we are offering for sale rank in the top 20% of rams Australia wide for fleece weight. Fleece weight and quality of fibre is paramount in the merino defending its position as the ultimate sheep breed for dollar returns. Dual purpose sheep.

Going into the future, I will not be trying to breed bigger sheep. I know this might be somewhat controversial but a moderate sized merino will offer more profit whilst also ensuring you are able to attract shearers. I am not advocating for small sheep, however I believe an adult paddock run worker ram of 110 - 120kgs breeding a ewe flock that under the best of climate and management reaches adult weights of 80kgs is big enough. I have noticed a higher percentage of ewes scanned with twins in my moderately sized stud ewes and an over representation of those big thumpers in the ewes scanned with singles (or dry!) I will be breeding for width and depth of body (square bodied sheep). I do not like tall, "leggy" sheep as they tend to be "slabby" and hard to fatten and a deep sided sheep offers more wool cutting area. I would like to invite you to attend our annual ram sale to see for yourself the type of merino we are producing. Glenlea Park merinos are known for depth and width of body, strong bone and good feet and pasterns, along with bold but soft and white wool with lustre that not only tests well but weighs exceptionally.

You can view this year's catalogue on the Auctions Plus. By the end of July we will also have a wool photo and a brief video of each sale lot available for viewing on Auctions Plus also.

We will have private selection, price graded rams available for sale from September 1st. If you intend to purchase some of these private selection rams, I would encourage you to attend our on property ram sale anyway as due to numerous circumstances there could be an opportunity this year to purchase some of the top rams are very affordable prices.



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POLL MERINOS

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FRIDAY 11TH AUGUST 2023

INSPECTION AT 10:00AM / AUCTION AT 1:00PM (SA TIME)



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RAMS

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