



MERRIGNEE

MERINO & POLL MERINO STUD

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CHARLIE, PIP, JONO, ANNA, DIGBY, KARINA & MATT WISH YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY, HEALTHY AND SAFE NEW YEAR

Since our 2014-15 brochure we have had the excitement and celebration of the arrival of Jono and Anna's first baby, Digby John Bruce, born on 26th September.

Anna, Jono and Digby are going well and we are really enjoying Digby's presence and feel very lucky. Digby conveniently arrived between the Koonwarra and Merrignee on property ram sales!!

We sincerely thank all Merrignee clients for their support with some having been supporting Merrignee ram sales since we commenced in 1990.

Glenis and Lois Herrmann from Kanandah, Hamilton, Victoria, commenced buying Merrignee rams in 1992 at Hamilton Sheepvention and the Merrignee on-property ram sale and have continued to do so for the last 23 years.

Glenis turns 90 this week and he and Lois have truly lived life and are still independent and enjoying being on their

farm with the merino sheep and Hereford cattle, their great love and interest in their next three generations of family and their thoroughbred racehorses.

We certainly appreciate all buyers, bidders and under bidders for their support during 2014, at our 24th annual on-property ram sale and the flock ram sales during the year. Also at the two stud ram sale auctions Merrignee attended during 2014 – GSSM in January and Hamilton Sheepvention in August.

Merrignee held its 24th Annual on-property Rams Sale on Friday 10 October 2014. 76 rams sold from 90 rams offered, for an average of \$1,200, with the top price of \$2,800 for Lot 66. Lot 66 was by Merrignee NF, weighing 80.5kgs with a Greasy Fleece Weight percentage of 125% at 19.5 microns, 99.4 comfort factor.

The average current micron for the 90 rams was 18.0, SD 2.9, CV 16.4 and CF 99.4% and the average bodyweight was 70.7 kgs. All rams are Aug/Sept 2013 drop rams and paddock reared, not shedded

and are presented in good bodyweight condition, ready to work.

We do have some superfine and fine wool flock rams, August/September 2013 drop, available for autumn 2015 joining.

Jono Merriman holding Lot 66 (top priced ram) with the purchasers John and Hugh Roxburg, Clear Creek Merino Stud, Young and Charlie Merriman, Merrignee Stud Principal



COMING EVENTS FOR MERRIGNEE

FIELD DAY – Friday 16 January 2015

Merrignee Stud will be open (along with the Koonwarra Stud) at our property Little Range, from 10am to 4pm, as part of the Great Southern Supreme Merino (GSSM) Field Day.

On display will be the 4 rams for sale at the GSSM on the Monday at the Canberra Showground. Also on display will be the Merrignee show team and some of our Sires, Stud ewes with their progeny.

GSSM SHOW – Saturday afternoon and Sunday, 17 & 18 January 2015

AIR CONDITIONED FITZROY PAVILION,
AT THE CANBERRA SHOWGROUND (EPIC)

GSSM RAM SALE – Monday 19 January 2015, 11am

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AT THE CANBERRA SHOWGROUND (EPIC)

Merrignee Stud has decided to reduce its offering to three Merino rams and one Poll Merino ram for sale, due to wanting to focus on the on-property ram sale and use young sires in our own joining programs.

LANDMARK team:



Lot 1 is by Nerstane 9-10, a large framed ram with good body length, clean strong head with superfine wool – micron 17.3, SD 2.9, CV 16.8.



Lot 2 is a Poll sire by Merrignee GP and is a well balanced square standing ram with very defined crimp and well covered underline – micron 18.3, SD 2.6, CV 14.2.

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ELDERS team:



Lot 1 by Nerstance 9-10, this sire was used in the stud in 2013, has superfine wool with excellent style and crimp definition, with good staple length and cover all over the body – micron 17.5, SD 2.5, CV 14.3.



Lot 2 a ram by Supreme Monarch 62, very solidly built, square stance and good wool cover of fine crimping style with a heavy fleece weight – micron 18.2, SD 2.7, CV 14.8.

2014 has been a very fortunate year for us at Little Range, as we have had an excellent start to the season which continued throughout most of the year. The finish to our year was hot and dry therefore the crops did not do as well as hoped but there was still a reasonable result and we were able to fill up our silos and make plenty of hay.

Other parts of NSW have been in severe drought or the dry finish ruined their harvest prospects and we wish them a much improved season for 2015 and beyond.

This year's 24th Annual Ram Sale was successful averaging \$1,200 with a good roll up of return clients whom we thank very much for their confidence in our Merrignee rams. The rams for sale this year were all by Merrignee breed sires, due to the 2013 bushfire here we decided an AI program would not be practical.

Usually each year we do use some outside stud semen sires to keep trying to improve our genetic traits, so it was very pleasing to see our own Merrignee breed sires progeny and their performance figures stood up extremely well in this 2013 drop rams. The fleece weight actuals were very similar to other years and bodyweights were improved with some rams weighing into 90kgs, giving us confidence with the Merrignee genetics.

Our confidence is backed by our long term client Steve, Jude, Matt and Emma Merriman, Ravenswood, Yass weighing 7 kgs fleeces with their 2 and 4 tooth flock ewes. Another long term client, Tim and Bernie McGrath's wethers in the Bookham Wether Trial having fleece weights and body weights equal to many of the top group of entrants. The

McGrath's wethers showed no sign of colour or fleece damage, proving Merrignee merino genetics for bright white wool lessens body strike from the blowfly during wetter summer periods and therefore helps to lower costs for sheep per head for chemicals and labour.

25TH MERRIGNEE ANNUAL ON-PROPERTY RAM SALE will be held on Friday 9 October 2015 (the second Friday in October), 1pm.

Preview Day inspection will be held on Friday 2 October from 10am to 4pm, also at Little Range under cover and all rams individually penned

MERRIGNEE WILL ALSO BE TAKING A DISPLAY TEAM TO THE SWS MERINO FIELD DAY HELD AT ST CLEMENTS RETREAT, GALONG ON THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER.

FLOCK RAM SALES – commence mid-October 2014 by appointment

BULLS AVAILABLE FROM OUR MERRIGNEE POLL HEREFORD STUD BREEDING PROGRAM

We would like to wish Glenis Herrman a very Happy 90th Birthday and thank him and his terrific wife Lois for their support of Merrignee and their friendship.

One of the great joys of having a merino stud is going to various sales etc. where we meet and make some really wonderful life long friendships. We have really enjoyed following Glenis and Lois's other great passion for thoroughbred racehorses. They have had a few good horses, but their biggest thrill and their favourite is Dolphin Jo, who raced in two Melbourne Cups (2006 and 2007 finishing 15th and 5th) and as a three year old in 2005 won VRC St Leger.

Glenis used to come up for the Merrignee on property sales, now he lets Charlie select the rams for him. Besides checking out the rams we think he really came to meet and talk racehorses with Sandy Tait, another long term client and with generations of thoroughbred breeding and racing, with such wonderful recent Group 1 winners as Wild Iris, Spinning Hill and the famous Tie the Knot!