



MERRIGNEE

MERINO & POLL MERINO STUD

C.T.MERRIMAN & SON, BOOROWA NSW

Jono, Anna, Digby and Toby (yes very exciting, there has been an addition, Toby was born in November 2016) and Charlie and Pip look forward to welcoming clients and visitors to Little Range and to inspect the Merrignee Merino and Poll Merino one year old rams to be offered this spring.

The **Merrignee Open Day** inspection will be on Friday 29th September from 10am to 4pm with the **27th Annual On-Property Ram Sale** to be held on the following Friday 6th October 2017.

As of 1st July 2017, Jono has taken over management of C.T Merriman and Son, as well as both the Merrignee and Koonwarra Merino studs. However, Charlie will continue to be the classer and adviser for Merrignee Merino and Poll Merino Stud.

We thank clients for their support during the past 12 months and since we commenced Merrignee Merino and Poll Merino Stud and Merrignee Poll Hereford Stud on 1st July 1990.



Charlie, Anna with the latest addition Toby, Digby with Jono Merriman

Thank you to all buyers and under bidders who attended our 2016 On-Property Ram Sale and those who supported Merrignee at the August 2016 Hamilton (Vic) Sheepvention and the January 2017 GSSM (Canberra) sales.

At Merrignee's **26th Annual On-Property Ram Sale** held on Friday 7th October 2016, 78 rams sold from the 90 one year old, paddock reared rams offered, from superfine, fine and fine/medium wool type genetic families.

The average was \$1,225 (ex. GST) with the top price of \$2,500 for Lot 45, a fine wool 19.5 micron ram with a 17.9 CV and 99% CF from the Merrignee Nerstane family N165 with a GFW% 114.7 and BWT% 112.2.

While at Hamilton 2016 3 rams sold for an average of \$2,833 (ex. GST) and at the 2017 GSSM sale all 4 rams offered sold for an average of \$2,500 (ex. GST).

Lot 45, the top priced ram, at Merrignee's 26th Annual on-property ram sale of one year old unhoused rams held by Charlie Merriman with, left to right, buyers Tim and Toby McGrath, Simon Flick (Landmark Boorowa) and Aaron Simon (Elders Young).



UPCOMING SALES



Rams L to R: Shearing tags A22755, A22759, A22752, A22758 and A22756

HAMILTON SHEEPVENTION RAM SALE

TUESDAY 8th AUGUST 2017

Charlie and Pip will be taking five sale rams to Hamilton Sheepvention as usual.

Hamilton Sheepvention Merino Ram Sale is a quality stud ram sale and Merrignee has been selling there since 1991. Merrignee rams will be available for **inspection** all day on **Monday 7th August** and before the **sale commences at 10am** on the Tuesday.

These rams are a high quality team of superfine wool rams with large frames, strong bodies, good bone with quality fleece style. A balance that suits the fine and superfine wool profit lines, especially now that the prices for high quality superfine wool has lifted to near acceptable levels.

The Merrignee team of five rams at Sheepvention:

1. Shearing tag A22756; Station tag 043

One of the larger rams in the team standing square on his feet, with a big strong head and muzzle and good length of body. His fleece weight was high up at the one year age group shearing and has a very good length of staple with a well defined crimp.

This sire's figures are also very good with a very low micron of 15.3 and a comfort factor of 99.9%, plus the asset of a good fleece weight and frame size, he can definitely increase the profit line of superfine merino flocks.

Micron 15.3; SD 2.4; CV 15.7; ComF 99.9%; SpinF 14.3;
Sire Grassy Creek L.F.

2. Shearing tag A22758; Station tag 133

Another large framed sire with correct stance and well sprung through the ribs into a strong back end. He has a heavy fleece weight with very good cover down his legs and belly wool which with our prices for superfine wool is now a requirement to give extra income to the merino flock.

He has a stylish white and bright fleece which has defined crimp, highly suited to the superfine markets.

Micron 16.7; SD 3.1; CV 18.6; ComF 99.8%; SpinF 15.9;
Sire Merrignee O.F. (Nerstane family)

3. Shearing tag 22755; Station tag 042

A superfine sire with a good frame with square stance and well balanced on his feet. Plus width through his chest, well sprung ribs and solid rump showing his constitution and natural doing ability. These are qualities which develop into better health and fertility when running in the natural environment. In association with his fleece weight and high quality crimp and style of his fleece, this ram has a lot to offer to superfine flocks.

Micron 17.1; SD 3.3; CV 19.3; ComF 99.7%; SpinF 16.4;
Sire Grassy Creek L.F.

4. Shearing tag 22759; Station tag 033

A superfine ram with highly stylish wool, very defined crimp, good staple length and very well covered with quality wool down his legs and through his underline. In a team of which wool quality is a highlight this ram's fleece stands out.

He also is a large framed ram with good length of body and square stance, strong head and soft muzzle. His fleece figures give confidence to merino breeders of his suitability for the superfine wool flocks and with the frame size and body weight he has the ability to lift profits.

Micron 16.2; SD 2.5; CV 15.4; ComF 99.8%; SpinF 15.1;
Sire Merrigree 9S (Nerstance family)

5. Shearing tag A22752; Station tag 091

Another quality ram with a large frame and square stance, upright on his pasterns and with a strong head and muzzle. He is well sprung through his body and with plenty of length.

He has a heavy cutting fleece for the superfine wool type with very good staple length. He is showing lots of style in his fleece with defined crimp patterns which definitely suit the requirements of the superfine wool buyers.

Micron 17.0; SD 3.3; CV 19.4; ComF 99.6%; SpinF 16.3;
Sire Alfoxton 35 (Merrigree I.A. Sire)

2016 / 2017 SHOW RESULTS



Sydney Show March 2017

- Grand Champion Superfine Poll Merino Ewe
- Champion Superfine Wool March Shorn Poll Merino Ewe

Canberra Show January 2017

- Grand Champion Poll Merino Ewe
- Champion Superfine Poll Merino Ewe
- Reserve Champion Superfine Merino Ram
- Champion Superfine Merino Ewe

Boorowa Show February 2017

- Supreme Champion Merino Ewe
- Grand Champion Ewe
- Grand Champion Superfine Ewe

Dubbo Show August 2016

- Champion Superfine Ewe March shorn

Top photo: Sydney Show's Grand Champion Poll Merino Superfine Ewe.
Bottom photo: Canberra Show's Champion Merino Superfine Ewe.



2017 SHEARING RESULTS

MERRIGREE STUD 2 YEAR OLD EWES

SUPERFINE wool ewes averaged **16.7 microns** and **5.28 kgs fleece weight**

FINE wool ewes averaged **17.5 microns** and **6.2 kgs fleece weight**

MEDIUM wool ewes averaged **18.2 microns** and **5.7 kgs fleece weight**

POLL 2 year old ewes averaged **17.7 microns** and **5.2 kgs fleece weight**

27th ANNUAL ON-PROPERTY RAM SALE



MERRIGNEE'S 27th ANNUAL ON-PROPERTY UNHOUSED RAM SALE

FRIDAY 6th OCTOBER 2017, at 1pm

90 AUG–SEPT 2016 DROP RAMS ON OFFER

Ninety, one year old individually penned rams will be offered, by auction under cover, commencing at 1pm. Most family lines bred at Merrignee will be offered, from Superfine to Fine to Fine-Medium wool types and bloodlines.

Each ram will have individual fleece figures (taken about six weeks before the sale) for micron, S.D., C.V. and Spinning Fineness. Body weights to be done closer to the sale date. The rams were shorn on 27 April 2017 for the GFW%.

PREVIEW OPEN DAY FRIDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 2017, 10am – 4pm

Held on-property at Little Range, this preview day gives clients and others who are interested in merino sheep (all welcome) to come along and inspect the Merrignee's sale rams at their leisure.

PRIVATE INSPECTION BY APPOINTMENT

Alternatively private inspections of the sale rams prior to the on-property sale can be arranged by contacting Jono or Charlie or through your agent or classer.

All agents – 5% rebate (only if in attendance and registered by the buyers before the auction)

As the 2017 Merrignee ram sale will soon be upon us, in early October, we have been reviewing the 2016 drop of young rams. The growth rates have been very good considering the season, which has been virtually rainless since the beginning of May, although we did receive good rainfalls in March and April, which provided enough reasonable feed growth.

Some of the Sire groups to stand out are the A.I. Sires, Brilliant 10th, Glenpaen "Magic" and the Poll sire Merrignee "Willie O". We have already nominated some of these young rams for our show and sale team for 2018, with others to be the lead rams for the 27th Annual Merrignee on-property ram sale.

THOUGHTS FROM JONO AND CHARLIE



MERRIGNEE GENETICS / BREEDING

As mentioned earlier some of the Sires of the 2016 young rams that have stand out progeny are the A.I. Sires, Brilliant 10th, Glenpaen "Magic" and the Poll Sire Merrignee "Willie O". Other sire groups to stand out are the Merrignee Nerstane family 165-9M & 209-5M and sons of a Poll Sire 076-P5. This Poll sire was used as a two tooth sire and sold at the 2017 GSSM Ram sale at Canberra last January. Merrignee always use the best of the two tooth sires to improve attributes for the Merrignee Stud firstly and then offer some of these rams to clients through the stud sale venues such as GSSM and Hamilton Sheepvention.

Our next stud sale venue will be at Hamilton, Victoria on 8th August 2017 and these 5 sires to be offered are shown with their fleece figures early in this Brochure. These rams will be 2 years old in August/September and have been used in the Stud and flock ewes, here at Little Range to improve our merino genetics.

We definitely recommend these rams to our clients if they wish to view them, either before we head to Hamilton or at Hamilton Sheepvention on the Monday or before the sale commences on Tuesday 8th August.

Our 2017 A.I. program is due to lamb soon and because of the success of Glenpaen "Magic" progeny in the previous year we have used his genetics again. Also we have used a superfine sire Grassy Creek 171 who was very successful in the 2014 drop. Another sire which we are looking forward to the progeny of is the Claypans Poll 323 from Western Australia, owned by Steven Bolt. This Claypans Stud Poll Sire has been residing here at Little Range since late last year and we have shown him at the Canberra GSSM show in January and at the 2017 Sydney Show, where he was Grand Champion fine wool Poll ram at both shows.

He was shorn at the Sydney Show and bare shorn weighed 127 kgs with 12.9kgs of 17.4 micron fleece. Plus he had the correct

crimp style for the finer fleece spinning requirements. What we are really looking forward to seeing if his progeny can replicate his magnificent frame and body shape, which is as good as you could ask for structurally, with strong straight pasterns and square through his chest and back legs with well set feet and a strong backline.

WOOL MARKET

The wool market is going very well with the Eastern Market Indicator at 1524 cents/kg clean, compared to this time last year at 1410 cents/kg clean.

The medium wool 20 to 22 micron is still selling very well though the 2016/17 season, where we at Merrignee have finally enjoyed a much overdue rise in the price of superfine and fine wool types, which we strive to produce in our merino sheep.

At the close of this selling season 17 micron is quoted 605 cents/kg clean, up and 18 micron is 552 cents/kg clean, also up compared to the 2015/16 prices, very welcome news. Merrignee sold some best type superfine 17.2 micron and 18.3 micron wool which made 1811 cents and 1854 cents/kg greasy. Thus receiving over \$3,000 per bale, of course the fleeces were of the correct type for micron and all other fleece tests were very good.

Not all our wools are in that category due to lambing and seasonal variances, so we market our wool over the 12 month sale season, relying on our wool brokers to give quality guidance on market trends.

As a general rule we sell the lesser quality wools first, such as skirtings and wools which have lower strength or whatever, to gain some income cash flow for shearing costs and then wait for a market uplift to sell the better wool types.

The wool market has been showing price falls for two or three weeks, with prices slipping 40 to 80 cents a kilo and then rising again, generally to prices higher than before the fall. We have throughout the year withdrawn wool from sales when the market is flat or falling and sell after it rises again. An example of this marketing strategy is 2 bales of MPCS which were offered 12 weeks ago and passed in, and re-offered at 540 cents 3 weeks ago and passed in again, and then we re-offered the same wool last week and they made 690 cents a kilo. A bit of luck involved but we are quite happy to hold wool until the price improves, especially in this rising and fluctuating market.

The main component of these comments is that the wool market is going very well and there does not appear to be a particular concern about the near future, thus I am of the opinion that wool prices for the next 6 months will be similar.

Those merino breeders who have maintained a quality flock are now getting their financial benefits and should look to the future with confidence.

STABLE GENETICS

20 month old stud ewes fleece test averages; shorn in May each year.

(Results of the last ten years are shown, although we have been testing each year since we commenced in 1990)

YEAR	GROUP	MICRON	KGS
2017	Superfines	16.7	5.28
	Fines	17.5	6.2
	Mediums	18.2	5.7
	Polls	17.7	5.2
2016	Superfines	17.3	5.3
	Fines	17.5	5.5
	Mediums	18.2	6.1
	Polls	18.3	5.6
2015	Superfines	17.6	6.7
	Fines	18.1	6.8
	Mediums	19.3	7.7
	Polls	18.5	6.4
A big season which shows in the good fleece weights and the genetics show micron control.			
2014	Superfines	17.4	5.2
	Fines	17.4	5.4
	Mediums	17.8	5.9
	Polls	17.6	5.0
2013	Superfines	16.8	5.6
	Fines	16.9	5.8
	Mediums	18.1	6.6
	Polls	18.4	5.6

YEAR	GROUP	MICRON	KGS
2012	Superfines	17.2	5.17
	Fines	18.1	5.96
	Mediums	18.7	6.44
	Polls	18.3	5.68
2011	Superfines	17.9	6.00
	Fines	18.1	6.38
	Mediums	18.5	6.78
	Polls	18.2	6.57
Since we are building up our Poll Merino genetics, they are now being listed separately.			
2010	Superfines	17.3	5.9
	Fines	17.9	6.4
	Mediums	18.3	6.6
2009	Superfines	16.6	5.2
	Fines	17.1	5.9
	Mediums	17.2	6.0
2008	Superfines	17.4	6.2
	Fines	18.3	6.3
	Mediums	18.6	7.3

REMINDERS FOR 2017 / 2018

HAMILTON: Merrignee Stud will be offering five rams at Hamilton Sheepvention on Tuesday 8th August.

SOUTH WEST SLOPES MERINO FIELD DAY 2017: Merrignee will have a display at the field day on Thursday 31st August at Murrumburrah Showground from 10am.

OPEN DAY: The 90 rams to be offered at the annual on-property ram sale will be available for inspection on Friday 29th September, 10am–4pm.

ANNUAL ON-PROPERTY RAM SALE: 90 Aug–Sept 2016 drop unhoused (paddock reared) rams will be offered on FRIDAY 6th OCT 2017 at Little Range. Auction starts at 1pm.

GSSM: Merrignee will be offering rams at the Great Southern Supreme Merino Show and Sale at Canberra Showground on Monday 22nd January 2018.

HEALTH STATUS: Merrignee Merino and Poll Merino Stud has been vaccinating with GUDAIR since November 2002. All Merrignee lambs born since and including 2002 have been vaccinated as lambs. Therefore Merrignee can be safely called an APPROVED VACCINATED STUD.

Merrignee is an accredited BRUCELLOSIS FREE, under C.T. Merriman and Son's No CW 90/33 and Vendor Declared FOOTROT FREE.

NEW POLL SIRE



CLAYPANS POLL MERINO SIRE 232

Claypans Poll 232 was shorn at Sydney Show 2017, with his fleece testing 17.4 microns, GFW of 12.9 kgs, with an eye muscle of 37, fat score of 11 and a bare shorn body weight of 137.5 kg.

This Claypans Poll Sire 232 is now co-owned between Claypans Merino and Poll Merino Stud in WA and C.T. Merriman and Son, and he resides here at Little Range. Merrignee Stud has used semen from this sire and we are looking forward to seeing and assessing his 2017 drop progeny.

Semen is available from Claypans Poll Merino Sire 232.

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Top photo: Claypans Poll Merino Sire 232 at the 2017 Sydney Royal Easter Show where it was awarded Grand Champion Fine wool Poll Merino Ram and Champion March Fine wool Poll Merino Ram. Held by Steven Bolt, Claypans Merino and Poll Merino Stud (Western Australia).

Bottom Photo: Claypans WA Poll ram 232 shorn at Sydney Show 2017 and held by Jono Merriman when the ram returned to Little Range.

MERRIGNEE SEMEN SIRES

SEMEN PRICE
\$50 PER DOSE (+ GST)

Merrignee Merino and Poll Merino Studs have a number of semen sires available.

The Merrignee sires that we offer semen from are tried and proven sires.

FLOCK RAM SALES

COMMENCE MID OCTOBER
2017, BY APPOINTMENT

Flock rams are from the same drop as those to be offered at the 27th Annual Ram Sale. Contact Jono or Charlie to discuss your needs and arrange a private inspection. 2017-2018 flock ram prices will be the same as previous years with two price groups: \$880 and \$550 (inc. GST).

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MERRIGNEE POLL HEREFORD STUD

We have recently purchased two stud cows from Kidman Poll Hereford Stud at their female reduction sale in November 2016, to add to our Merrignee Poll Herefords.

Both these cows have the very successful South Australian Allendale Stud genetics in their sire line and the highly regarded sire Bowen Vincent in the dam breeding.

These Kidman cows had heifer calves at foot when purchased, and in calf to high quality bulls, Minlacowie Jubilant and Kidman Advancer. All these bloodlines are a total outcross to our Merrignee herd which will advance profit traits in our stud cattle and into the commercial herd.

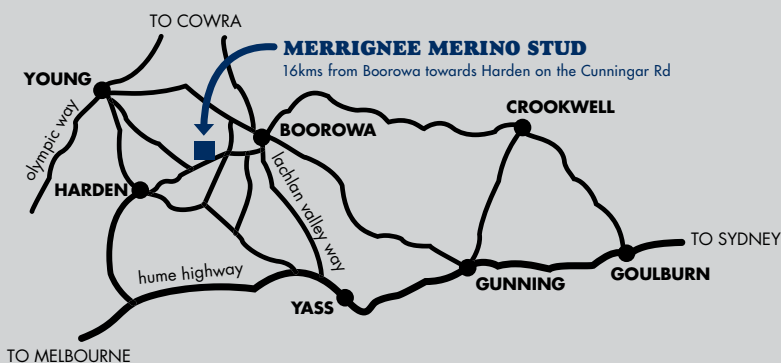
The rest of the Merrignee Stud

cows are in calf by an AI program to Doonbiddee Hustler and his sire Bond 36N. We have used these bulls before and they have produced excellent progeny with plenty of meat, milk and muscle that really develop a great carcass on grass.

Two year old Merrignee Bulls are still available for sale



The two Kidman Poll Hereford Stud cows with their heifer calves, by Minlacowie Jubilant and Kidman Advancer.



We would really appreciate receiving an email from all our clients so we can put together a comprehensive list of client emails so we can easily and quickly keep Merrignee clients informed.

Our email address is merriman@merrignee.com.au.

Also we would appreciate if clients would let us know via email if your contact details and addresses are incorrect.