



MERRIGNEE

MERINO & POLL MERINO STUD

C.T.MERRIMAN & SON, BOOROWA NSW



*Merry Christmas
and a happy, healthy and
rewarding 2016!*

*from Charlie, Pip, Jono, Anna, Digby,
Karina and Matt*



Lot 1, the top priced ram – sold for \$3,600 – held by Charlie with Steve Ridley, Elders Goulburn, who has been the auctioneer at all 25 Merrignee on-property ram sales, and Craig Pearsall, Elders Yass, who was the agent for buyer, Euralie, Yass

We sincerely thank all our clients for their support throughout the years, and particularly at this year's Merrignee annual on-property ram sale as it was our 25th Annual Ram Sale.

We commenced trading as CT Merriman and Son as well as Merrignee Merino, Poll Merino and Poll Hereford Studs in 1990.

Some clients have been supporting Merrignee ram sales since we commenced in 1990 and we are pleased and honoured to have the responsibility of breeding rams for clients for up to 25 years. We take the responsibility seriously and enjoy the challenge. We have the passion for the merino sheep and the drive to be always looking and learning to improve and develop out Merrignee sheep and cattle, for both our betterment and for our clients.

We appreciate all buyers and under bidders for their support during 2015 at our 25th Annual on-property ram sale, stud ram sales at GSSM and Hamilton Sheepvention and through flock ram sales during the year.

Merrignee held its 25th Annual Ram Sale on 9 Friday 2015 with 78 of 90 twelve month old rams sold, for an average of \$1,280 (up \$80 from 2014). These August / September 2014 drop rams were all paddock reared, not shedded.



The fleeces from the four rams purchased by Samka Pty Ltd at our annual ram sale, including the top priced Lot 1 ram

Euralie purchased the top price ram, Lot 1, for \$3,600, as well as Lots 2, 5 and 24 at this year's Merrignee Annual Ram Sale. These young rams were shorn on 27 November 2015 (32 weeks fleeces) and the four fleeces averaged 6kgs (6kgs, 6.2kgs, 5.9kgs and 6.1kgs respectively).

These rams were previously shorn on 17 April 2015 for our on-property ram sale, therefore the estimation for 52 weeks fleece growth is around 9.75 kgs for these August / September 2014 drop rams.

The micron average was 17.0 for Lots 1, 2, 5 and 24 (16.5 microns, 17.9 microns, 16.4 microns, 17.2 microns respectively) when side sampled on 20 August 2015.

We do have some superfine and fine wool flock rams, August / September 2014 drop, available for Autumn 2016 joinings.

THOUGHTS FROM CHARLIE & JOHN IVE

Merrignee always join the best of our two tooth Merrignee sires to our stud ewes and the rest with our commercial superfine and fine wool ewes. Several of our clients know that we offer some of these best Merrignee merino genetics through the stud sales, such as the GSSM and Hamilton Sheepvention. These clients have sourced some of their rams through these sales knowing that these Merrignee sires are some of the top of the drop and that we use them before offering them for sale.

Mr John Ive, Talaheni, purchased a Merrignee sire, Merrignee Green 001, at the 2014 GSSM ram sale. At the 2016 GSSM sale we are offering two sires, both of which are by the ram John purchased in 2014.

John purchased the 2014 sale ram to see how the Merrignee genetics would perform in his quest for an elite ultrafine merino enterprise. John and his family supply merino wethers to a specialist ultrafine producer who grows the finest wool fibre possible under a shedded sheep system.

The sire John purchased in 2014 was from the Merrignee Alfoxton family, with a micron test of 14.8 and 100% comfort factor. John had the ram shorn on 20th January 2014 and knowing his proven capacity joined him in April 2014 to 60 ewes which produced 92% progeny at marking time. The ram was shorn again in August 2014 with a 15.4 micron and greasy fleece weight of 6.3kgs (adjusted for 12 months growth) which ranked him second in John's merino sire group.

He was joined again in April 2015 to 80 ewes to produce a lambing percentage of 94% at marking time, then shorn again in August 2015 with a 15.7 micron and GFW of 7.2kgs. This sire, Merrignee Green 001, is now ranked number one in John's group of sires of which he has been carefully putting together from other merino studs that suit the strict requirements and assessment criteria of staple strength and length, bright white colour and correct style for the ultrafine type.

John informed us that the number of Merrignee blood 2014 drop wethers sold onto the specialised shedded wool growing program was 67% of the total one year old wethers sired by Merrignee Green 001 A.S. The remaining 43% of selected one year old wethers were from John's other bloodlines 43%. Reasons given for the Merrignee blood being at a higher percentage was their distinctive crimp and style of fleece.

John and his family are very pleased with the way their 2014 purchase has developed their ultrafine genetics.

At Merrignee we also understand the potential of this sire, Merrignee Green 001 A.S. The two sires to be offered for sale at the 2016 GSSM are by him, as are the two Merrignee show ewes, which have microns of 15.2 and 15.5. These sheep demonstrate the consistent genetic reliability of this Merrignee sire and our breeding program.



John Ive, with daughter Carolyn, inspecting the fleece from Merrignee Green 001 A.S., which they purchased at the 2014 GSSM ram sale

Merrignee Green 001 A.S. is from the Merrignee Alfoxton family group, which is in its fourth generation since its establishment within our superfine families. This group has high fleece weight and large frames for their wool type adding profits for merino breeders.

COMING EVENTS FOR MERRIGNEE

FIELD DAY – Friday 22 January 2016

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

Our display in the ram shed will include the rams for sale at the GSSM on Monday at Canberra Showground and in the sheep yards nearby stud ewes and their progeny, plus sires.

GSSM SHOW – Saturday afternoon and Sunday, 23 & 24 January 2016

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

GSSM RAM SALE – Monday 25 January 2016, 11am

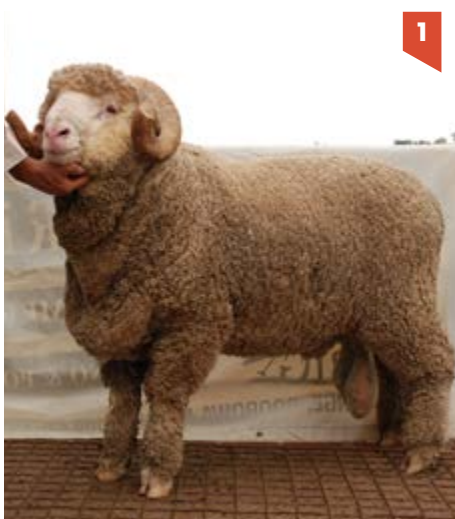
AIR CONDITIONED FITZROY PAVILION,
AT THE CANBERRA SHOWGROUND (EPIC)

Merrignee Stud will be offering the following two rams (pictured below) at GSSM in 2016.

Both of offered rams are from the Merrignee Alfoxton family (A.S.), demonstrating the genetic repeatability at Merrignee Merino Stud.

LOT 1

Micron 14.4; **SD** 2.3; **CV** 16.0; **ComF** 99.8; **SpinF** 13.5; **Curvature** 78; **Sire** Merrignee Green 001 A.S. (sold to John Ive at 2014 GSSM sale)



This sire – yellow tag 038, 27 months old – has very good fleece figures and is a big upstanding sire with good length of body. As the micron suggests, along with the curvature measurement, this ram is a true ultrafine ram in the traditional Italian wool type.

LOT 2

Micron 17.1; **SD** 2.3; **CV** 13.5; **ComF** 99.7; **SpinF** 15.7; **Curvature** 69; **Sire** Merrignee Green 001 A.S. (sold to John Ive at 2014 GSSM sale)

This sire is a top quality superfine ram with high fleece weight (130.4% GFW% at 12 months) and low micron. As his fleece figures suggest this ram has a stylish and very soft handling fleece. He is a square standing ram with well set pasterns and soft clean muzzle.



HAMILTON SHEEPVENTION – Early August 2016

Merrignee will be offering five rams. Further details to follow in our Winter newsletter.

SOUTH WEST SLOPES MERINO FIELD DAY – 1st September 2016

Merrignee will have a display at this field day to be held at St Clements, Galong. Further details to follow in our Winter newsletter.

MERRIGNEE'S 26th ANNUAL ON-PROPERTY UNHOUSED RAM SALE FRIDAY 7th OCTOBER 2016, at 1pm

90 AUG–SEPT 2015 DROP RAMS ON OFFER

PREVIEW OPEN DAY FRIDAY 30th SEPTEMBER 2016, 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.

CHARLIE, PIP, JONO & ANNA MERRIMAN

LITTLE RANGE PO BOX 29 BOOROWA NSW 2586

T 02 6385 3396 M 0467 853 396 / 0427 272 238

merriman@merrignee.com.au www.merrignee.com.au

ABN 79 841 445 104 FLOCK NO M4417 POLL FLOCK NO 1100

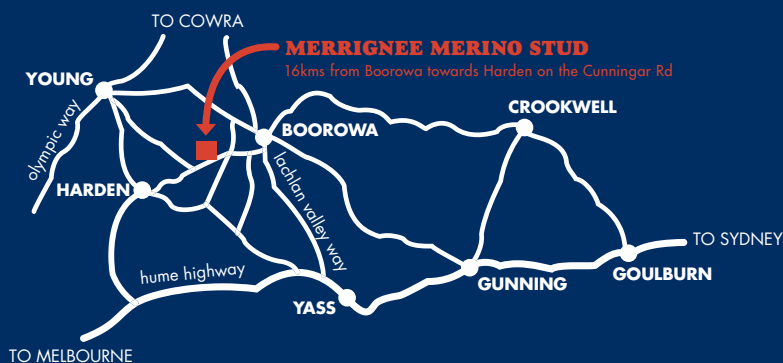


Jono, Anna and Digby with the Champion Superfine March Shorn Ewe at the Dubbo National Merino Show, August 2015



MERRIGNEE POLL HEREFORD STUD

Bulls now available from our Merrignee
Poll Hereford Stud breeding program



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.