



**C.T. MERRIMAN
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SUMMER 2020 NEWSLETTER





WELCOME TO OUR SUMMER 2020 NEWSLETTER

We were hoping to be able to say that 2020 has commenced with hope and rain, but unfortunately it has been a very sad and tragic start for many areas of eastern Australia and beyond. So many are now dealing with the bushfires and their devastation, plus the on going drought. We are in the process of building small drought lot yards, for intensive feeding in drought times.

However we hope everyone was able to gather with family and friends over the Christmas and New Year period, and that 2020 will soon deliver drought breaking rains. We hope we will get to catch up with many of you during this year and that it may turn into a more positive and productive time for us all.

We sincerely thank all our Merrignee and Koonwarra clients for their support throughout 2019 at our annual on-property sales for both studs, and the stud sales that Merrignee attended during 2019.

We send our very best wishes and hopes to you all,
Jono, Anna, Digby, Toby, Zoe, along with Charlie and Pip

GREAT SOUTHERN SUPREME MERINO SHOW & SALE

We start 2020 with the GSSM. The show section will be held on the Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th January in the air conditioned Fitzroy Pavilion at the Canberra Showground (EPIC) while the GSSM ram sale auction commences at 11am on Monday 20th January.

We will be offering four Merrignee rams for sale (all horn sires). It is not often that one sire dominates a joining at Merrignee Stud, but for the second time an A.I. program using Glenpaen Merino Stud sire "Magic" has provided all four rams in Merrignee's GSSM sale team. We use "Magic" for his ability to lift fleece weight and frame size while keeping micron control. His own fleece figures when shorn at Dubbo Sheep show in August 2017 were 18.4 microns and 18.2 kgs of white, bright fleece, and he was also the Grand Champion Ram at that show. It is our aspiration to try and improve the ewe type when deciding on a second joining of an A.I. sire, Glenpaen "Magic" offered great fleece style as well as fleece weight and frame size. We have definitely consolidated the fleece figures, as shown by these four sale rams, with their micron ranging from 16.7 microns down to a low 14.5, and the comfort factor range is from 99.9% to 100%, excellent fleece figures for superfine and fine wool rams. These Merrignee sires for sale have very good frame size with strong bodies and high fleece weights for these superfine and fine wool crimp merino sheep.

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MERRIGNEE MERINO & POLL MERINO STUD



LANDMARK SALE TEAM

Landmark Sale Ram No. 1:

Station tag 077; Shearing tag M22656
Micron 16.7; SD 2.4; CV 14.4; Comf 100%; SpinF 15.5;
Bodyweight 110kgs

This sire is the largest in the group of four rams Merrignee will be offering at the 2020 GSSM sale. He has white, bright superfine/fine crimping fleece, a strong muzzle and

horn set as well as a large frame with very good spring of ribs, showing a good constitution. He was shown at both Bendigo and Dubbo shows in 2019 and was placed in the top three at both shows. He was also used as a two tooth sire in the Merrignee Stud in 2019, so we will be looking forward to his progeny in 2020 on-property ram sale.



Landmark Sale Ram No. 2:

Station tag 069; Shearing tag M22660
 Micron 15.2; SD 2.7; CV 17.8; Comf 100%; SpinF 14.4;
 Bodyweight 100kgs

This is a strongly built and robust sire with a strong muzzle and horn set, good spring of rib with a very square stance and is well balanced. He has a supple skin which gives a rich well nourished fleece of a fine wool type crimp, with very good brightness a soft handle. He was also used in the Merrignee Stud ewes joining in 2019, as we believe his wool type, with such excellent fleece figures, are profit makers for the merino industry.

ELDERS SALE TEAM



Elders Sale Ram No. 1:

Station tag 075 ; Shearing tag M22666
 Micron 14.5; SD 2.3; CV 15.9; Comf 99.9%; SpinF 13.6;
 Bodyweight 107kgs

This superfine sire, we believe, is one of the better rams which can definitely benefit a merino flock aspiring to produce large framed, high fleece weights. He has excellent fleece figures, micron 14.5 and comfort factor 99.9%, with a quality white fleece showing true Italian superfine crimp. This sire was a definite to use as a two tooth sire in the Merrignee Stud ewes in 2019 and we look forward to seeing his progeny.



Elders Sale Ram No. 2:

Station tag Black 003; Shearing tag M22659
 Micron 16.5; SD 2.7; CV 16.4; Comf 99.9%; SpinF 15.5;
 Bodyweight 112kgs

This sire is from our A.I. program using the sire Glenpaen "Magic". He shows the high profit traits of large wool cut with low micron – the reason we have used "Magic" in our breeding programs.

A large framed sire with superfine wool type, and physically very similar to the previous sire with a good square stance, spring of rib and very good body length. His fleece has the crimp style for the Italian wool mills, with brightness and soft handle, which we know will make a tremendous cloth for the high financial clients of the European clothing trade. Wool of this style brings high greasy fleece prices and along with the good fleece weight and low fleece figures helps the on farm profit levels.

2019 ON-PROPERTY SALES RESULTS

KOONWARRA MERINO AND POLL MERINO STUD's 42nd Annual on-property ram sale held on 25th September resulted in 93 of the 110 15 month old rams selling for an average of \$2,212 with the top price \$4,750 three times. **MERRIGNEE MERINO AND POLL MERINO STUD**'s 29th Annual on-property ram sale held on 11th October resulted in 89 of 90 12 month old rams selling for an average of \$2,241 with a top price of \$5,250.



2020 SHOWS, SALES AND FIELD DAYS

We will not be offering any Koonwarra rams for sale at public auctions during 2020, only at the 43rd on-property annual Koonwarra sale on Wednesday 23rd September 2020.

We will not be showing at Sydney Show this year.

BENDIGO SHEEP SHOW & SALE (VIC)

Friday 17th to Sunday 9th July 2020 | Showing Koonwarra and Merrignee | Merrignee sale ram

HAMILTON SHEEPVENTION (VIC)

Tuesday 4th August 2020 | Merrignee will be offering five rams (short wool only)

DUBBO ANNUAL MERINO STUD SHOW (NSW)

Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th August 2020 | Showing Koonwarra and Merrignee

SOUTH WEST SLOPES MERINO FIELD (NSW) Harden/Murrumburrah Showground

Tuesday 1st September 2020 | Koonwarra and Merrignee will have display teams

KOONWARRA ON-PROPERTY RAM SALES 110 May/June 2019 drop sale rams

OPEN DAY Friday 18th September 2020, 10am–4pm | **SALE DAY** Wednesday 23rd September 2020, 1pm

MERRIGNEE ON-PROPERTY RAM SALES 90 Aug/Sept 2019 drop sale rams

OPEN DAY Friday 2nd October 2020, 10am–4pm | **SALE DAY** Friday 9th October 2020, 1pm

FLOCK RAM SALES

Mid-October 2020 | Both Koonwarra and Merrignee merino and poll merino sheep available

MERRIGNEE POLL HEREFORD STUD

Bulls are available from our hereford breeding program



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