## **ACHLAN MERINOS**

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# **ON PROPERTY** RAM SALE



FREE RAM **DELIVERY AVAILABLE** 

Wednesday 15th September, 2021

160 Rams Offered (Poll and Horn) Grade Rams available from \$1000 mid-September Ram Inspection Day Friday 3rd September from 10am

Reg Flock no. 5022 | Reg Poll Flock no. 1415 | OJD approved vaccinates | Brucc acc | Footroot dec free







# 2021 / SEASON NEWS

We would like to thankyou all again for your ongoing support to our family, and we wish you all the success in 2021.

We have carried out the largest AI and ET program to date this year. Based on performance information and visual assessment, elite ewes were selected for the ET program. A mix of home-bred sires and leading outside genetics were used. To meet the growing demand for our rams, we will be offering 160+ poll and horned rams at our on-property sale this year, to accommodate all price ranges, on **Wednesday 15th September**.

All Lachlan ewes and their progeny have been DNA sampled, providing genetic pedigrees on all animals. All rams will have ASBV's, as well as full genetic pedigree. The sale will be interfaced with AuctionsPlus again this year, to make it accessible to everyone.

### ON PROPERTY RAM INSPECTION DAY, is on Friday 3rd September, 10-4pm, Dr Tim Gole, For Flock Sake Sheep Production Services, will be speaking at 12 noon.

Our youngest son, Campbell, who is currently in year 11 at Red Bend Catholic College, in Forbes, qualified for the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW/ASC Merino sheep young judges competition state final at the Sydney Royal Easter Show, after qualifying for group 10 and was awarded first place, winning the Hugh Lydiard Memorial Trophy. As state champion, Campbell will go on to compete in the national finals at The Ekka in Brisbane, being the youngest competitor at 16 years of age. Having seen the enthusiasm and passion for Merino sheep of his father and older brother Mitchell, Campbell has also taken a keen interest in merino sheep. We wish Campbell all the best in at the Ekka in August.

 $In \, October, our \, eldest \, son, Mitch \, will \, finish \, up \, his \, studies \, in \, Wagga, \, and \, will \, return \, home \, and \, be \, based \, and \, based$ 

at Lachlan Merinos, as well continuing his sheep classing work in the Central West and Riverina.

Lachlan Merinos continues to be a COVID Safe Business, and everyone attending our Ram inspection day and sale day will need to use the Service NSW QR code to check in.

Keep in the loop with what's happening at Lachlan Merinos, by following us on Facebook and Instagram, and also our website, www.lachlanmerinos.com.au or calling us with any questions.

We continue to provide a free classing service for any of our clients, helping you to select rams on sale day, as well as offering a free ram delivery service.



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# HISTORY & WHAT MAKES LACHLAN MERINO'S DIFFERENT?

**For 30 years**, Lachlan Merinos' has selected for fast growth rates in young sheep, which is vital for modern sheep-breeders, in terms of major financial gains that can be made by selling merino lambs in the prime lamb market. This principle also has benefits in maiden ewes, with improved conception rates.

**In 1994** ABC Landline produced a story about Lachlan Merinos selling merino lambs into the Sydney restaurant market. Lachlan Merinos were pioneers in this area, decades before the merino industry were selecting for not only wool quality & quantity, but also for early maturity & meat. Lachlan Merinos uses **commercial reality**, by pregnancy scanning, classing, weighing, selecting ewes & rams at 10 months of age. We believe that the 1st 12 months is the most important for growth. This turns into commercial profit. The size of the sheep after this age, as an adult is not as important. Our sires' success has been exciting over the past few years with a number of rams dominating, & excelling in sire evaluations & ASBVs for growth rates, CFW, classes tops to culls, WEC, N.L.W.N, setting new standards and being used as link sires around Australia.

NB.LM 30 has a growth rate, +13.6 YWT.

Lachlan Merinos semen has been sold to studs Australia Wide, including; NSW, VIC, QLD, SA, WA and Argentina and Uruguay.

**1995**: Broke the record for the heaviest merino lamb over the hook at Burrangong Abattoirs, Young. Dressed **39.8kg**.

**2004** (July): Merino lambs **\$128.00**, 6 wks off shears (new Midstate Saleyards record).

**2006:** 2 LM teams came 1st & 2nd in the National Lamb Challenge with highest value carcase (carcase dressed at 42.2kg) & fleece.

2009 (May): 9 month old Merino Lambs \$109 (off shears).

2013 (June):10 month old wether lambs brought \$137+\$48.40 fleece = \$185.40.

**2014:** Son of Lachlan LM 77 won the Production Class at Australian Dubbo

Nationals 17.1 mic, 16.9kg. 150 kgs Sold by RP to WA.

**2016:** 10-11 month wether lambs for \$183 + \$36 fleece = **\$219.** 

**2017:** Top price Poll, \$18,000 cut 12.2kg wool, 18.2mic **only 7 months wool.** 

**2018:** 10-11 month old wether lambs sold for **\$200 + \$71 fleece = \$271.** 

at the CW Livestock X Change in June.

We select for deep crimping, heavy cutting & silky white wools by 12 months of age, and select for superior genetics and not for the age. Lachlan have been using AI for over 30 yrs, and ET for the last 10 years.

Adult Flock average: 18.5-19.6 micron, 8.0-9.3kg (seasonal range)

## LACHLAN MERINO/SIRES

#### **SEMEN POLL SIRE: LM 200102 PP**



(ET BRED) Sire: LM 180001 Dam: 180744



LM 200102, ET bred, this family is a consistent breeder of elite tops. He carries width in his muzzle and top line through to his hindquarters. His loose, soft muzzle makes him so unique, mirroring his wool growing ability, which is a free growing (machine shorn 80mm @ 5 months), sharp, white, wafer lock. An ideal sheep for those shearing every six months.

**ASBVsTop 5%, Top 10%, Top 20%** 

#### **SEMEN POLL SIRE: LM 190657 PP**



(ET BRED) Sire: LM 170190 Dam: BJ104



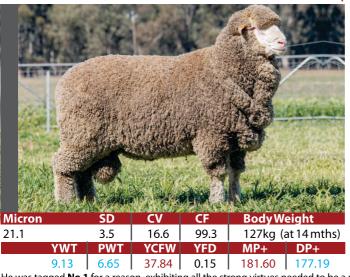
This ram has a potent pedigree in his breeding, his dam, LM BJ 104 was a prolific breeder for production and consistent quality. 657 was embryo transfer bred, PP and has width from his head to tail, with great constitution.

His wool is very white with a sharp crimping lock. He has the highest yearling weight bred at Lachlan to date.

His 2 ET brothers also sold for \$8.500 (ram on left in pic on back page) and \$7.500 in 2020.

#### SEMEN POLL SIRE: LM 180001

(ET BRED) Sire: WP 422 Dam: 76





He was tagged No.1 for a reason, exhibiting all the strong virtues needed to be a real sire. He has tremendous outlook and presence, balance and bone, which a sire needs. Standing over him, you can see the width, from his hips through to his head and muzzle, which is, wide, silky soft and pure. His wool growing ability is extreme. He has it all, combining length, alignment, density and surface area. His wool is gutsy, sharp, free growing, with a very long, soft, rich lock. His ET siblings are also no fools, with industry impacting genetics on both grand-dam (Charinga Pearler) and grand-sire (Wallaloo Park Real Deal) sides. This ram undoubtedly could be the best sire we've bred to date, who has the potential to be real game changer.

#### SEMEN POLL SIRE: LM140179 x Kamora Park 304





A ram with great width & depth & spring of rib. He has great heart room & stands very square with massive hindquarters, showing constitution plus! He stands well on his feet with heavy bone. With his purity & softness all these strong virtues make him special. He has a pure, silky face & is a real wool grower with **ASBVsTop 5%, Top 10%, Top 20%** massive staple length & follicle density.

## CLIENT SUCCESS/

### WHERE IT COUNTS



"Since changing to Lachlan blood 16 years ago, the improvement in our sheep has been dramatic.

Our wool and sheep have improved in all areas, including whiteness, length, softness, cut, ease of shearing & our length of bodies are longer, making our sheep a great dual purpose sheep.

The impact of Lachlan Merinos sheep has exceeded all our expectations.

We were overwhelmed with our wins in the Don Brown & then in the NSW Central West Ewe Comp in 2011.

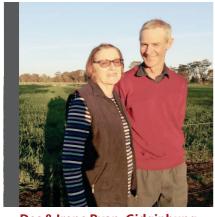
Our wool cut has gone from 6kg to over 9kg, and this year we sold our wethers with carcase & fleece, grossing \$280! We wouldn't hesitate to recommend Lachlan Merinos!"

#### Mark, Carol & Brad Jones, Condobolin

"We changed to Lachlan Merinos in 2010, at the time being based in Condobolin. We entered into this change fully expecting a gradual change over a number of years, and ended up with a huge change straightaway. Our lambs became a lot more uniform in type, with dramatic improvements in early growth rates, plainer bodies, better wool quality and quantity. Our lamb percentages also improved by 20%. In 2016 we moved to Dalgety in the Snowy Mountains. We took our ewes with us, and with Glenn's knowledge and support, the bloodline is thriving in a very different climate and topography. Our wool yields are exceptional, and the brightness and crimp very evident. The progeny have maintained very good early growth vigour, and we are able to turn off wether lambs to a good target weight. We thank Glenn, Margot, Mitchell and Cam for their continued support, and for the improvements that the Lachlan Merino genetics have enabled us to achieve over the last ten years. We look forward to the next ten years."



#### Glyn, Trynie, Nell & Eve Owen, Boloco Station Dalgety



Des & Irene Ryan, Gidginbung

"We have been using Lachlan Rams for 10 years and in that time our micron has dropped by almost 2.5 micron whilst maintaining cut. The wool on the Lachlan sheep was what attracted me to the stud initially with their long stapled, bold, deeply crimped, lustrous, waxy white wool which is coming through in our sheep now. It looks like 2020 will be the first season for many years where these traits will be able to express their full potential. Frame and fertility are also pleasing aspects of our sheep, with hogget ewes weighing up to 95kg. Pre-lambing and mature ewes averaged 153% scanning over the past 5 years. Shearability has also improved, I recently overheard our shearers discussing another client and the suggestion was made that he should buy his rams where the Ryan's buy theirs."

## 2020

## **SALE TALK**





Our 15th annual on-property ram sale saw 140 rams offered for a 100 % clearance with a total sale average of \$4077. In the breakdown, 116 Poll Merinos sold to \$11500 to an average of \$4088 and \$24 Merino rams sold to \$7,000 and averaged at \$4021, with another \$6 grade rams selling straight after the sale from \$1,000.

The top priced ram, 16-month-old polled ET bred son of the '18 Dubbo champion March shorn ram, Willandra 18, Lachlan 190007, with a 21.1-micron fleece, CV of 15.2 and a CF 99.6. His EMD was 42.5 mm and fat depth of 6.0 mm. He was purchased by the Woodhouse family, Myack Merinos, Tarcutta, who run about 250 stud ewes and a commercial flock of approximately 2500 ewes. They were looking for a good dual-purpose ram who had good structure with plenty of meat and wool. He was purchased for his frame and good eye muscle figures for dual purpose qualities, as well as his outstanding wool and beautiful skin. He is structurally sound with a nice straight top-line and will help put more frame on their sheep. The ram was shorn on sale day and cut 9.9 kilograms of wool with six months of beautiful free growing wool on him at 100mm. Two rams reached the second top price of \$9000 and went to Glenburn farms, Tungamburn, Victoria and Morgan and Vickery, Hollbrook. Volume buyers included the Ellis family, Panuaka with 22, the Jones family from Condobolin with 16 and Flick Estates, Cumnock also with a draft of 16. Purchasing for the last five years, James Flick from Flick Estates picked up 16 rams, he was looking for meat attributes as well as the wool. His draft topped at \$4500 twice and averaged \$3734. "We like the heavier sheep with early maturity but not losing out on wool," Mr Flick said. "We have been trying to get a true dual purpose and focus on the meat, "The Lachlan rams have been perfect for us." Commercial self-replacing enterprise of a few thousand ewes joined annually, Brad Jones, Condobolin was looking for nourishment, needing to improve his ewes after the drought. His draft of 16 topped at \$6000 and averaged \$4313. "We are basically all Lachlan blood now, we have noticed the improved growth rate and body structure and we are cutting a lot more wool." Mr Jones said. "These rams are the full package." Long time sale supporter and sheep classer Alison Rutledge thought the sale had an amazing result. "In all the years I have been coming here I think this was the best line up of wools," Mrs Rutledge said. "The most consistent line up of crimpy, stylish beautiful soft wools.

The Rubie family was very happy with the sale and also with our clients' feedback we are receiving about production. "They are telling us that the meat and wool quantity and quality is very pleasing," Mr Rubie said. "The top priced ram was ET bred, his mother was fully grown at 12-months-old, we shore her at our sale two years ago, she cut 10.9 kg of phenomenal white wool, he is very much like her. "Not many people have seen this ram, due to Covid, there were a lot of positive comments, interest and views. He is a very modern sheep. "Our average was very strong, it was great to see support from studs and ram breeders and commercial buyers. "Productivity is what everyone wants. Carcase and wool cut are important. "Most of our rams are paddock run, our rams averaged 103 kilograms, majority still lambs. "Some sheep in the industry take three years to mature, some don't get growth but most of these rams are fully grown." To back up our breeding goals each year, we shear 12-13 month old full sisters of the of the rams in front of the crowd. This years top ewe lamb, at 12 months of age, weighed 74kg, cutting 10.8kg of 17.5 mic wool, which was valued at \$92.98, Jemalong Wool, Forbes.

