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Wednesday 16th September, 2026

Sale at 1pm - Inspections from 9am

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200 Grade Rams available from mid-September

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Breeding for Quality with Productivity

2026

Season News

Throughout the past 12 months, there has been a renewed sense of excitement across the Australian sheep industry. Strong sheep and lamb markets have continued to reward producers, while the wool market has improved significantly, reaching its highest levels since 2019 and still rising. It is very exciting to see confidence returning to the industry and rewarding those producers who have remained committed to breeding balanced, productive, profitable sheep through all market conditions.

The past few years have reinforced the value of maintaining a balanced breeding approach. Merino breeders who have focused on producing sheep that perform across all income streams have continued to generate the strongest returns through sheep and lamb sales, with wool providing the constant backbone of their enterprises. Now, with confidence returning to the wool market, those persistent breeders are well positioned to capitalise on the huge opportunities ahead, enabling breeders to bank on two commodities in one year, wool and meat!

At Lachlan Merinos, our breeding philosophy has always been centred around balance and commercial relevance. We believe producers should not have to choose between fertility, growth, carcass performance and wool production. Our objective is to breed a balanced sheep that excels across all income streams, positioning our clients to take advantage of every market opportunity available to them. Whether returns are being driven by wool, surplus sheep, prime lambs or breeding stock, our focus remains on delivering genetics that maximise profitability and resilience.

To achieve this, we continue to invest heavily in genetic improvement through Embryo Transfer (ET), Artificial Insemination (AI) and comprehensive performance recording.

Every stud lamb born on the property is DNA tested and measured, with parentage, genomics and performance data collected throughout its lifetime. This information allows us to identify animals that excel in the traits that drive profitability. Combined with disciplined visual assessment and strict classing for structure, functionality, conformation and heavy-cutting, high-quality wool, we believe this balanced approach delivers meaningful and reliable genetic progress.

We were excited to be named by THE LAND, No. 1 Merino Stud in Australia for 2025, highlighting our ongoing commitment to the quality and improvement of our sheep, as we continue to push forward with innovation, genetic advancements, and a focus on commercial realities. We're also proud to share that 17 of the 50 Merino Studs have recently used Lachlan genetics. Additionally, Lachlan Merinos were the No.1 Merino Stud for Semen Sales, with 3350 doses sold in Australia, demonstrating that Lachlan genetics are highly sought after in the Merino Industry.

In 2026, we continue to operate as a productive family team, with Glen, Margot, Mitch and Kevin working side by side. It is a privilege to carry on this legacy across three generations. Mitch and Ruby were married in March this year, marking an exciting new chapter for our family. Campbell has returned to Forbes, where he is continuing his Fitter and Machinist apprenticeship with Midpro Engineering and further developing his skills in the trade.

We sincerely thank all our clients and friends for their continued support and the confidence they place in Lachlan Merinos. We look forward to continuing the journey with you and helping position your enterprise to capitalise on the exciting opportunities that lie ahead for the merino sheep industry.



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CLIENT *Spotlight*

A HUGE congratulations goes to Des and Irene Ryan (Des Ryan pictured below with Mitch Rubie), who have been using Lachlan genetics for the past 15 years, in their recent results at the Australian Merino Production Trial. Based on a **five - year average wool and sheep values**, their team produced outstanding results, recording:

- **Highest Clean Fleece Weight Team – 6.1kg, 31% above the trial average**
- **Highest Greasy Fleece Weight Team – 9.8kg, 24% above the trial average**
- **5th Overall for Total Sheep Value (fleece + mutton) – \$212.46, \$18.28 per head above the trial average**
- **\$308 Carcass Value per Head in the carcass component of the trial**

Given current wool market conditions, these values would likely be much higher today. These results demonstrate the ability of Lachlan - bred sheep to combine elite wool production with outstanding carcass performance, generating strong returns from multiple income streams.

A fantastic achievement by the Ryan family and another great example of how balanced, production - focused merino genetics can drive outstanding profitability.

The Australian Merino Production Trial (AMPT) is the largest commercial evaluation of merino genetics in the country. These trials not only help improve commercial operations but also allow us, as a seedstock enterprise, to continue advancing through informed decision - making, visual selection and accurate data.

A big thank you to everyone involved in making the event a success, especially Craig and Karen Wilson for their longstanding contribution to the industry, and the Fletcher International team at Kiagathur Station, Condobolin, for their excellent stock management.

The trial consists of **74 teams representing 40 bloodlines**, and Lachlan genetics once again ranked among the leading performers in the trial.

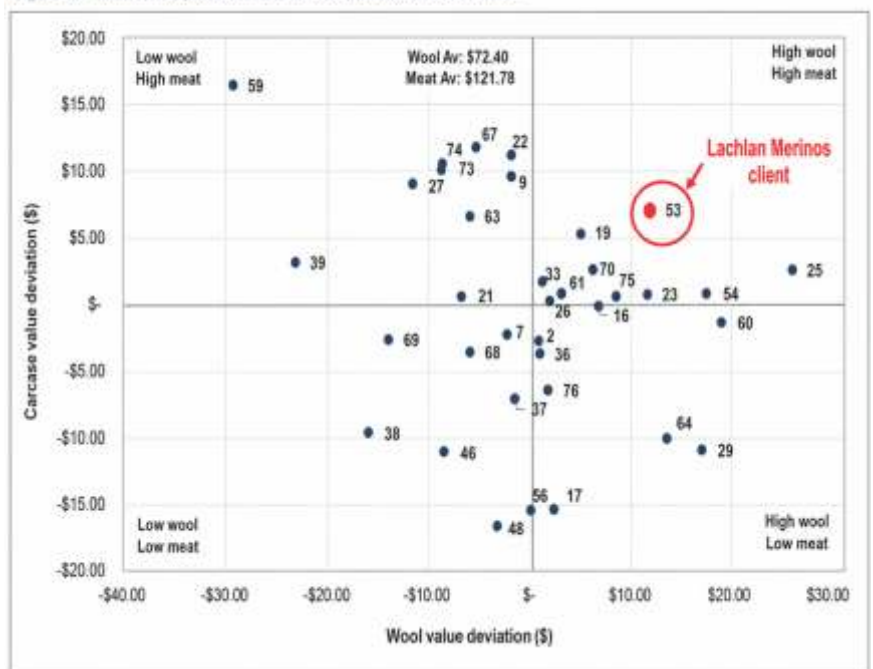
This performance also builds on the success achieved by the Jones family in the previous AMPT, where their Lachlan-bred team also recorded **the highest Clean Fleece Weight and highest Greasy Fleece Weight, also the highest valued overall team in the first year.**

This marks two consecutive Australian Merino Production Trials in which Lachlan bloodlines have produced the heaviest-cutting team in the trial, highlighting the consistency and wool-growing, carcase and growth capacity of the genetics under commercial conditions.

Few bloodlines can consistently perform at this level across both wool and meat traits under a commercial benchmarking system.



Figure 6 – Winter drop 2026 Wool Value relative to Meat Value



This further emphasises the balance of Lachlan genetics of high carcass and high fleece.

Lachlan Merinos

More than just a Ram source

At Lachlan Merinos, we go beyond providing top-quality rams. Our full range of services includes:

- **Expert Sheep Classing** tailored to your flock's needs
Glen and Mitch offer a free classing service to all clients at Lachlan Merinos. Having an experienced outside perspective to class your own ewes is a highly valuable process. This helps improve the evenness of your flock and boosts productivity by identifying top-tier structure, growth, fleece quality, and quantity. They're also more than happy to assist with ram selections, using their expertise to recommend the right types of rams that align perfectly with your breeding goals and program.
- **Ongoing support through regular advice on management and breeding decisions**
We are always more than happy to share our experiences and collaborate with our clients, as we believe this relationship is highly beneficial for everyone involved. This also benefits our breeding program—when visiting clients, it allows us to better understand how we can breed superior stock to further improve your flock.
- **Free ram delivery right to your doorstep**
We offer free ram delivery to all eastern states of Australia if you are unable to pick up your rams on sale day.
- **Comprehensive EID and technical support to keep you ahead**
Mitch has extensive experience in data collection and EID tag use. With the recent NSW EID mandate, if you have any concerns, questions, or would like to ask about our tag preferences, Mitch is happy to share his insights on how EID tags can benefit you and your sheep breeding program.
- **Assistance with surplus sheep connections and marketing to maximize your returns**
We regularly receive inquiries looking for Lachlan Merino blood ewes for sale. Lachlan Merino sheep continue to be in high demand on Auctions Plus. We are more than happy to help you achieve the maximum price for your quality stock—whether that's by connecting you with interested buyers or sharing your stock on our social media channels. We're committed to securing the best outcomes for our clients!

We're committed to helping you succeed at every stage of your sheep enterprise.



Above: 2nd Top Price Ram at our 2025 Sale, sold to Gerando Partnership for \$20,000 (Cutting 12kg at 8 months wool)

Lachlan Merinos

How many Lambs to pay for a Ram

HOW QUICKLY DOES A GOOD RAM PAY FOR ITSELF?

In 2025, Lachlan Clients, TM Brown, are transitioning from a crossbred operation to merinos, sold their wether lambs for \$380 per head. At today's market (June 2026), merino lambs are consistently making **\$11.00–\$11.50/kg cwt**, highlighting the strong demand for well-grown, high-performing sheep with excellent carcass performance. Those same lambs also cut a **4.5kg, 17.5-micron fleece** worth **\$45**, lifting total returns to **\$425 per head** (2025 values). At current wool prices, the value of that fleece would be even higher. These results demonstrate that Lachlan Merinos deliver profitability from every angle, combining quality wool production, rapid growth and highly marketable carcasses. While not every flock will achieve a **\$425 per head** return for wether lambs, let's use a conservative value of \$250 per wether lamb. This raises a simple question:

NUMBER OF WETHER LAMBS (CONSERVATIVE VALUE \$250)	COST OF MERINO RAM
8	\$2,000
12	\$3,000
16	\$4,000
20	\$5,000
24	\$6,000



As the 2026 ram selling season approaches, it's worth remembering that a quality ram is an investment, not an expense. Even at a conservative return of \$250 per wether lamb, a \$4,000 ram can be paid for by the sale of just 16 lambs. A ram may sire 150 – 250 lambs over his lifetime. If only 16 of those lambs repay his purchase price, every lamb after that is contributing to profit. Importantly, this simple example does not include income from wool sales, surplus ewe lamb sales, or the value of cast - for - age ewes at the end of their productive life. Nor does it account for the long - term genetic improvement delivered through better replacement ewes retained in the flock. When viewed over a ram's working life, investing in superior genetics is one of the most profitable decisions a Merino producer can make.

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With the dry spell breaking interstate last year and a late autumn break across NSW, market dynamics are beginning to shift. For the first time in several years, restockers have returned to the market in meaningful numbers, seeking to secure breeding stock and trade options as confidence improves and producers position themselves for flock rebuilding. The shortage of available sheep is creating intense competition, as restockers and processors compete, driving record prices across all classes of livestock.

As I write this at the end of June, the sheep and wool sectors are benefiting from exceptionally strong market fundamentals. We are experiencing mutton and lamb grid prices of around \$9 and \$12, respectively, per kilogram carcase weight, with spot market rates often exceeding these levels. At the same time, the Northern Market Indicator has finished the financial year above 2,000 cents per kilogram, providing significant support for wool - producing enterprises. These favourable conditions highlight the value of modern Merino genetics. Years of genetic improvement have delivered sheep with stronger growth rates while maintaining wool production performance. Combined with the current strength in both wool and sheep markets, producers are achieving returns of up to \$400 per head for quality Merino lambs.

The demand for breeding stock has also intensified, with scanned - in - lamb breeding ewes regularly making more than \$400 per head. This reflects both the scarcity of breeding females and the confidence many producers have in the long - term outlook for the industry. As a result, wool production is once again becoming a major financial focus around many dining tables. Strong wool prices, combined with high sheep values, are encouraging producers to invest in their flock rebuild and genetic improvement programs.

While national flock numbers remain under pressure, the outlook for the sheep industry is increasingly positive. With breeding ewe numbers in short supply and restocking activity gathering momentum, market signals suggest strong returns are likely to continue. The industry appears well - positioned for growth, offering encouraging prospects for sheep and wool producers in the years ahead.



SEMEN POLL SIRE: LM 220118 PP

(AI BRED) SIRE: GP180030
DAM: LM170639



2023 14.5 MTHS	2025 3 YRS OLD
MICRON	MICRON
17.7	18.1
SD	SD
2.3	3.1
CV	CV
13.0	17.0
CF %	CF %
99.9	99.5
BW	BW
109.5KG	143KG

ASBVS	WP	SM	PWT	YWT	YEMD	YFAT	YCFW	ACFW	YFD	YSL
	208	166	8.4	11.1	0	-1	42	39	-2.4	8.5

One of the most influential sires currently in the industry, Lachlan 220118 was identified early as a standout ram lamb and selected for both Artificial Insemination (AI) and Embryo Transfer (ET) use. From the outset, he has displayed exceptional correctness, balance, and presence. He stands square and correct on all four feet, with outstanding structural integrity and symmetry. His hindquarters are well shaped, and his overall body structure is strong, balanced, and correct. Width and capacity flow smoothly from front to back, complemented by a refined, pure, soft muzzle. He carries a long, soft, free - growing fleece on a loose, uncomplicated skin, with exceptional whiteness carried through to the belly. A highly versatile sire, he suits joining across a wide range of ewe types without compromise. Lachlan 220118 is the best ram we have ever bred, and his progeny performance continues to reinforce that belief. His offspring are consistently well balanced, displaying outstanding length, depth, and hindquarters, while carrying thick, waxy, white wool with excellent staple length and lock definition on uncomplicated skins.

Progeny Highlights

- 2025 On-Property Sale: 19 sons sold, topping at \$12,500 and averaging \$5,861
- 2024 On - Property Sale: 18 sons sold, topping at \$13,000 and averaging \$5,222
- 2025 Champion Hogget Ram **Victorian State Sheep Show**
- 2026 Supreme Ewe **Victorian State sheep show**

Over the past two years, LM 220118 has been widely used across more than 30 stud and commercial breeding operations. The resulting progeny data has delivered high - accuracy ASBVs that continue to strengthen with every new drop recorded, consistently validating the exceptional performance, consistency, and breeding power we have observed throughout his progeny.

The 2026 Ram Sale will feature our largest offering of LM 220118 sons to date, including ET, AI and naturally conceived progeny, providing breeders with a unique opportunity to access these proven, highly sought - after genetics.

SEMEN POLL SIRE: WP 220450 'KING' PP (AI BRED) SIRE: WP200037 DAM: WP180490



2023 14.5 MTHS	2025 3 YRS OLD
MICRON	MICRON
19.6	19.1
SD	SD
2.8	3.3
CV	CV
14.1	17.4
CF %	CF %
99.3	99.8
BW	BW
117KG	149KG

ASBVS	WP	SM	PWT	YWT	YEMD	YFAT	YCFW	ACFW	YFD	YSL
	207	160	7.3	8.8	0.2	-0.8	44.3	34.9	-1	15

One of the most influential sires in the Merino industry today. Originally destined to be retained as a stud sire at Wiringa Park, WA, we were fortunate to secure him privately for \$70,000, along with a 50% semen share, following the 2023 Australian Sheep and Wool Show in Bendigo. "This young ram stood out at weaning and has continued to develop into a tremendously well - balanced sire. He was used at Wiringa Park as a ram lamb, both through AI and natural joining, such was the confidence we had in him. He possesses all the attributes of a true modern stud sire – structurally correct with short pasterns, exceptional squareness, and wool that displays outstanding nourishment, lustre, staple length and density." – Allan Hobley, Wiringa Park

His wool quality is a standout feature, particularly through the hips and behind the poll, where he displays exceptional density, nourishment and style that are difficult to find elsewhere. With progeny now on the ground across NSW, VIC, SA, TAS, QLD and WA in 19 stud and commercial ram breeding flocks, WP 220450 is proving himself as a highly productive and adaptable sire. His offspring consistently exhibit excellent fleece weights, strong carcase traits and outstanding structural correctness. A key strength of WP 220450 is his ability to produce a high percentage of elite progeny with a remarkably low cull rate. Across a range of environments, his sons and daughters continue to demonstrate an ideal balance of wool quality, fleece cut and carcase performance.

Progeny Highlights

Lachlan Merinos 2025 Ram Sale

- 26 sons catalogued
- Top Price: **\$20,000**
- Average: **\$5,320**

Stud Progeny Sales

■ Terick West (VIC):

Sold progeny to **\$80,000** (AUS 2025 Top PRICE RAM) & **\$20,000**

■ Kamora Park (SA):

Sold progeny to **\$40,000** & **\$20,000**

Congratulations to all breeders who have achieved outstanding results with WP 220450 progeny, further demonstrating his ability to consistently produce elite, commercially relevant sheep sought after across the industry.

The 2026 Ram Sale will feature our largest offering of WP 220450 sons to date, including ET, AI and naturally conceived progeny, providing breeders with a unique opportunity to access these proven and highly sought - after genetics. After 2 joinings last season, our EMD scanner commented that WP220450 was the highest EMD he has ever scanned on a merino ram!"

SIRE Evaluation Results

Lachlan Merinos 220118 South West Slopes Sire Evaluation Results

We are extremely pleased with the performance of Lachlan Merinos 220118 in the South West Slopes Sire Evaluation. His progeny continues to impress both visually and on paper, with sire evaluation data confirming an outstanding balance of growth, fleece value, and carcass performance. This is reflected in his ranking as a trait leader across every index in the evaluation. Importantly, these results closely align with his ASBVs, which have continued to strengthen as more progeny data is added through Sheep Genetics, further reinforcing his status as a proven industry sire, as is clearly demonstrated in the tables below.



Scan QR code for more detailed results.

Congratulations to James Burge and the team at Sheep Metrix on managing another excellent trial. We look forward to the release of the remaining carcass and secondary fleece results.

Sire Code	Breeder's flock, Sire number	Number of Progeny	AMSEA Index Values			
			Fine Wool	Wool Production	Sustainable Merino	Merino Lamb
1	Aleburn Poll, 230469	35	66	77	86	99
2	Avenel Poll, 210052	35	102	111	90	90
3	Bella Lana Poll, 230680	46	111	118	116	114
4	Billandri Poll, 210979 (Link Sire)	40	123	122	114	103
5	Bogo, 230829	49	68	73	81	88
6	Bundilla Poll, 231813	46	83	94	99	105
7	Grassy Creek, 230476	57	115	115	93	97
8	GullenGamble Poll, 230597	37	103	100	106	99
9	Kurra-Wirra, 200427 (Link Sire)	50	76	80	96	101
10	Lachlan Merinos Poll, 220118	43	133	127	123	109
11	Mumblebone, 230511	61	77	72	95	101
12	Poll Boonoke, 220173	35	86	83	93	97
13	Rocklyn, 230857	44	76	78	101	103
14	Tallawong Merinos, 230001	59	113	101	87	91
15	The Yanko, 230023	53	126	132	113	97
16	Yarrowonga, 210958	49	116	118	104	105

Sire Code	Breeder's flock, Sire number	Number of Progeny*	Classer's Visual Grade	
			Yearling	
			TOPS %	CULLS %
1	Aleburn Poll, 230469	33	-10	-4
2	Avenel Poll, 210052	33	-6	4
3	Bella Lana Poll, 230680	46	-6	0
4	Billandri Poll, 210979 (Link Sire)	38	2	-5
5	Bogo, 230829	48	-11	0
6	Bundilla Poll, 231813	46	-1	-6
7	Grassy Creek, 230476	55	11	4
8	GullenGamble Poll, 230597	38	12	-11
9	Kurra-Wirra, 200427 (Link Sire)	49	-1	-11
10	Lachlan Merinos Poll, 220118	43	17	-3
11	Mumblebone, 230511	59	-6	0
12	Poll Boonoke, 220173	31	-11	11
13	Rocklyn, 230857	42	-9	12
14	Tallawong Merinos, 230001	57	-6	20
15	The Yanko, 230023	52	1	0
16	Yarrowonga, 210958	48	24	-10
Progeny group average		45	22	26

*Number of progeny is as at the Yearling classing event.

Wiringa Park Poll 220450 "King" Sire Evaluation Results

We are extremely pleased with the performance of WP 220450 in the South Australian Sire Evaluation Trial. His results reinforced what we continue to see in his progeny across the country. Not only was he a trait leader across every index in the evaluation, but his classing results were particularly impressive, highlighting his ability to consistently produce a high percentage of top-end progeny with very few culls. Combined with his impressive fleece results and positive carcass traits, 220450 continues to demonstrate an outstanding balance of profitability and practicality. With progeny now on the ground throughout NSW, VIC, SA and WA, he is further cementing his reputation as one of the industry's leading sires, as can be seen from the tables below.

Sire Code	Breeder's flock, Sire number	Number of Progeny	AMSEA Index Values			
			Fine Wool	Wool Production	Sustainable Merino	Merino Lamb
1	Gelton Poll, 190140	43	122	127	106	104
2	Glenville Poll, 220386	37	106	113	109	107
3	Gunallo Poll, 220067	40	145	146	120	112
4	Kelvale Poll, 221415	40	94	100	107	107
5	Malleetech Poll, 222357	49	55	53	86	95
6	Pepper Well Poll, 222047	46	68	61	84	93
7	Pyramid Poll, 220220	39	95	93	96	95
8	Richmond, 170013 (Link Sire)	49	103	100	105	106
9	Trefusis Poll, 210106	49	65	58	62	73
10	Wiringa Park Poll, 220450	34	145	149	123	108

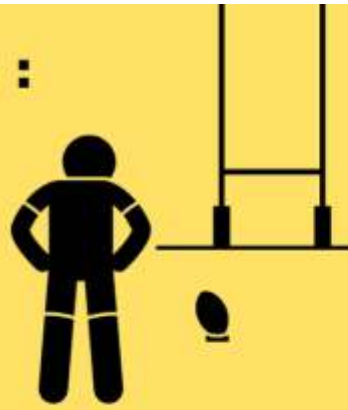
Sire Code	Breeder's flock, Sire number	Classer's Visual Grade					
		Number of Progeny*	Yearling		Number of Progeny*	Adult	
			TOPS %	CULLS %		TOPS %	CULLS %
1	Gelton Poll, 190140	38	-2	-5	23	6	-10
2	Glenville Poll, 220386	32	1	-7	14	26	-18
3	Gunallo Poll, 220067	33	5	-1	15	8	12
4	Kelvale Poll, 221415	35	11	-11	17	-19	2
5	Malleetech Poll, 222357	41	-13	2	22	-18	-2
6	Pepper Well Poll, 222047	38	-10	4	24	-18	32
7	Pyramid Poll, 220220	33	-3	15	19	15	-12
8	Richmond, 170013 (Link Sire)	39	-5	4	27	-6	1
9	Trefusis Poll, 210106	45	-18	18	21	-10	8
10	Wiringa Park Poll, 220450	31	34	-18	16	17	-12
	Progeny group average	37	18	27	20	28	25



Scan QR code for more detailed results.

PREJOINING PROGRAMS : ALL ABOUT GETTING INTO THE BEST FIELD POSITION TO GET THE BEST POINTS

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What does Rugby have to do with pre-joining programs and sheep reproductive programs? Pretty much everything Rugby is a great analogy. The pre-joining program is the same concept as pre-season rugby training or pre-game fitness testing . How many Wallabies took on the Lions recently without a fitness test? Answer - none - because winning is too important. In the sheep business game getting the best reproductive result sets up cash flow but also our ability to maximise selection intensity for genetic gain So the pre-joining program is like the score board at half time (scanning) - start strong & you are in a good position, but get a bad kick off and you're playing catch-up for a draw. As a veterinary-based sheep advice and services business our motto is "control the controllables" and setting up pre-joining right is in our control

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Here's our top 4 pre-joining tips

1 PRE-JOINING RAM EXAMS

We invest so much in quality rams to provide high performance, yet do we treat them like athletes? The pre-joining fitness exam occurs 10 weeks pre-joining - it focuses on Teeth, Testes and Toes . We do this a min 6-10 weeks prior, so that we can do any management , improve performance and make sure they are good to go. It's also cheap insurance against a Brucellosis disaster.

2 NUTRITION

No surprises here. Ewe body condition score at joining drives a large part of scanning results but learning how to body condition score and getting your hand on some ewes allows you to get an altimeter and get in great field position for when the ram goes in. Close to joining and a fair way off ideal? Flushing with energy/protein (esp lupins) is a great way to stage a comeback from inside your own half.

3 PRE-JOINING EWE EXAMS

Never heard of them? This was born from MLA research which shows that "unfit" ewes are 4.4 x more likely to scan dry, have 3x higher mortality rates and birth lambs with a 21% higher risk of death. Can we control the quality of ewes that take the field? We certainly can. Pre-joining ewe exams is super quick ...hint - focus on udders and feet.

4 TEASERS AND TRICK PLAYS

Who doesn't like a tricky back-line move where there's dummy passes tricking the defence? Well thats what using vasectomized rams does - tricks the ewes into cycling earlier. Great for maidens and ewe lambs. Joining before December? Regulin is a melatonin implant that tricks the ewe to thinking its peak joining season.



DRIVE *Genetic Gain*

Driving Genetic Gain in Self-Replacing Merino Flocks

Selecting the right rams & replacement ewes is an important decision in a self-replacing ewe enterprise. A structured approach can help ensure every ram purchased and every ewe classed in, contributes to long-term genetic gain and profitability on your farm.

1. Set a Clear Breeding Objective

Start by focusing on the traits that drive profitability in your production system, for example fleece weight, fibre diameter, reproduction or growth. In self-replacing flocks, balancing production, health and welfare traits with reproduction is critical, as more lambs create greater selection pressure and drive genetic gain.

Your breeding objective should be clear to everyone involved in your operation, especially your sheep classer. Sheep that don't meet your breeding objectives or have poor structure or conformation should not be retained for breeding.

2. Benchmark Your Flock

Understanding where your flock's current performance sits today helps you to identify a place to start.

Commercially relevant benchmarking such as the Australian Merino Production Trial, Flock Profile and RamSelect (Ram Team Manager) can help identify a genetic benchmark and current trends, strengths and weaknesses in your flock against industry standards. This information can also help you set breeding targets and create shortlists for future ram purchases.

3. Use Visual Assessment in combination to ASBV's to Select Rams at Sale

Australian Sheep Breeding Values (ASBVs) predict the genetic merit a ram will pass on to its progeny. Compare rams based on the traits that align with your breeding objective and aim for balanced improvement across multiple traits rather than focusing on a single trait.

Have the conversation with your ram breeder about what their stud's breeding objective is, ensuring it aligns with yours.

4. Measure Key Performance Traits on Farm (ewes)

Measure the traits that matter most to your enterprise and your breeding objective, such as fleece weight, fibre diameter, body weight, pregnancy scanning and rearing performance.

Your replacement ewes are just as important as your rams. Try to align data collection with key husbandry events, such as shearing, lamb marking, weaning or drenching. Measuring individual animal performance enables informed replacement decisions and accelerates genetic progress when aligned to your ram purchases.

5. Class, Review and Improve

Use an independent classer alongside visual assessment and objective measurements to identify top-performing ewes and remove poor performers. Tools such as within-flock RAMPOWER indexes can help rank animals and identify replacements. Retain ewes that align with your breeding objective, review flock performance annually (including udder assessment at marking), and use updated Flock Profiles and RamSelect (Ram Team Manager) data to assess genetic progress and guide future ram purchases. By combining a clear breeding objective, independent classing advice, benchmarking, ASBV-enabled ram selection and targeted performance recording, producers can make more confident decisions, achieve sustained genetic improvement over time and lift productivity and profitability in their flock.

Prepared by SheepMetriX, June 2026



It takes a Village

It takes a Village - A Yearly Commitment to Data Collection & Flock Improvement

Lachlan Merinos operates both autumn and spring lambing programs, allowing elite genetics to be utilised twice a year while maintaining continuous performance recording. Working with SheepMetriX, Lachlan Merinos follow a structured data collection program that captures and validates performance from joining through to ram sale. The time and effort invested by progressive ram breeders to get a ram to sales significant, with key activities throughout the year including:

☑ **Joining Preparation** - Prior to joining, rams and ewes are classed for structure, wool type and genetic merit before being allocated to AI, ET or natural joining groups. Outside sires are selected based on key production traits, and since 2026, MateSel was used to generate joining allocations that maximise genetic gain while managing inbreeding, coordinated by SheepMetriX.

● **November/December joining** → **Autumn drop**

● **March/April joining** → **Spring drop**

☑ **Pregnancy Scanning & Lambing** - Pregnancy scanning identifies dry ewes, singles, multiples and pregnancy stage (early, mid and late), providing valuable reproductive information and assisting flock management and feed allocation through out lambing.

☑ **Lamb Marking & Weaning** - At lamb marking, SheepMetriX independently records breech wrinkle and cover scores, collects DNA tissue samples and records sire groups from coloured tag discs alongside individual EID and VID identification. DNA results are used to inform pedigree and improve the accuracy of ASBVs. Individual liveweights are then recorded at weaning (100 days) and post - weaning (225 days) to assess early growth.

☑ **Fleece & Animal Performance** – Liveweights continue to be collected at yearling, hogget and adult stages to improve growth ASBVs and eye muscle and fat depth are recorded prior to sale. SheepMetriX also records greasy fleece weights and midside wool samples which are tested by Riverina Wool Testers for fibre diameter, yield and other objective wool traits. In 2025, Worm Egg Count testing was introduced to assess genetic resistance to internal parasites.

☑ **Classing & Ram Sale Preparation** - Rams and replacement ewes are assessed using both visual classing and ASBVs for structure, wool type, feet, legs and overall balance. SheepMetriX prepares ASBV data, ram sale catalogues and pen cards, while the Rubie Family coordinate marketing through social media, catalogue distribution and client communications in preparation for sale day.

☑ **Data Validation & Client Confidence** - Throughout the year, SheepMetriX manages all the performance data being submitted to Sheep Genetics. By combining objective measurements with on - farm performance records, Lachlan Merinos captures accurate raw data that generates ASBVs to give clients confidence in the genetics they purchase and demonstrate the stud's commitment to ongoing improvement.



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Data Quality Score - Overall



Data Quality Score: 80.7



5 Stars



MARTY'S SEASON REVIEW

2025/26 SEASON REVIEW &
2026/27 MARKET OUTLOOK

KEY MARKET SNAPSHOT



1,964 c/kg

EMI

↑ 58% YoY



243.9 Mkg

2026/27 FORECAST

↓ 4.5% YoY



94.8%

CLEARANCE RATE

↑ from 92.2%



\$2.46B

AUCTION VALUE

↑ 34.1% YoY

MARKET REVIEW



PRODUCTION

- 2025/26 production estimated at 255.4 Mkg greasy (-8.8%).
- 2026/27 forecast of 243.9 Mkg.
- Wool supply remains tight due to low flock numbers, seasonal conditions and strong sheep prices.



PRICES

- The EMI peaked at 1,964c/kg clean during June.
- Tight supply and stronger buyer competition lifted prices.
- Fine, well-prepared wool attracted the strongest premiums.



DEMAND

- Chinese buying remained resilient throughout the season.
- Demand for natural fibres continues to improve.
- Premium Merino wool remains well supported.



EXPORT MARKETS

	China	88.7%
	India	5.6%
	Italy	2.9%

Australia continues to supply around **77%** of the world's superfine wool exports.

2026/27 OUTLOOK



TIGHT SUPPLY

Tight wool supply expected to continue supporting prices.



STRONG SHEEP MARKETS

Strong sheep prices likely to limit flock rebuilding.



IMPROVING DEMAND

Global demand continues to improve.



NATURAL FIBRES

Natural fibres are gaining momentum with consumers.



PREMIUMS FOR QUALITY

Premiums expected for fine, bright, low-VM, well-prepared wool.

MARKET OUTLOOK

The outlook remains positive. Tight wool supplies, improving demand and continued strength in sheep markets are expected to keep quality Merino wool well supported throughout 2026/27.

2026

Ram Selling Season

Ram Sale Catalogue

Digital and printed copies of the catalogue will be available at our inspection day on Saturday 5th September. Please note the catalogue will be made up of data from the most up to date ASBV's from Sheep Genetics, as well as current, up to date raw fleece measurements.

Pre-sale ram inspection day

Sale Rams will be available for inspection prior to our 2026 Ram Sale, on Saturday 5th September.

If you are unable to attend either sale or inspection day, please contact one of the team to arrange an inspection.

Auction Agents

Nutrien Stud Stock NSW will be the agents conducting the Auction.

Contact Brad Wilson: 0417 467 911

Outside Agents

4% rebate will be offered to outside agents and classers in attendance on the day.

Semen Marketing Rights

Lachlan Merinos retains 50% Semen Marketing Rights unless negotiated prior to the sale.

For Buyers Unable to Attend on the Day

All rams will once again be videoed and available on YouTube, with the full catalogue accessible on our website.

If you are unable to attend the sale or inspection day, please get in touch with either:

Brad Wilson – 0417 467 911

Glen or Mitch from the Lachlan team

We're more than happy to assist with any remote purchases or provide additional information.

Lachlan Pro

The Third selection of Lachlan PRO Poll Rams will be available during the 2026 ram selling season, in the auction or for private selection. These select group of rams have been specifically bred from specially selected Lachlan Poll ewes, where the breeding objective has been for a greater emphasis on carcass, early growth, staple length and breech traits reduced breech wrinkle and cover. These sheep have the backing of some powerful ASBV's, as well as terrific width of body, depth in the hindquarter and structurally sound. We have proactively developed this family within the stud as an option for those breeders who have ceased breech modification or focusing more on carcass and early growth.

We urge you to consider this when buying rams this year

1. This year's selections will impact lambs born in 2027.
2. Progeny will be 1yr old in 2028
3. This progeny will still be breeding stock in 2031/2032

Now is the Time to Maximise Your Flock's Profitability!

The window to breed the most profitable sheep is brief when viewed in the context of long - term success. We commend our existing clients who have chosen Lachlan Genetics and encourage you to continue selecting rams that align with your breeding objectives — helping drive your flock forward in the years ahead.

For those not satisfied with their current bloodline, there is no better time than **now** to make the switch to Lachlan Genetics. Our rams are proven to increase productivity and profitability.

Come and inspect our genetics to see why **Lachlan Merinos** are renowned for delivering both quality and quantity in wool production, along with early growth and strong carcass traits.

Please don't hesitate to contact us with any inquiries.



2025

Ram Sale Summary

RAMS viewed by buyers as the 'future of the Merino industry' met strong competition at the 20th Lachlan Merinos sale on September 17. All 160 rams sold to a top of \$22,000 to average \$4560. Sid Dickens, Booligal, secured the top - priced ram, LM240775, ET bred by TW 200094 and out of LM170001. The August -2024 drop recorded a fibre diameter of 17.8 micron and ranked in the top 10% with +32.3 yearling clean fleece weight (YCFW), the top 20pc at +25.8 adult clean fleece weight (ACFW), and the top 30pc for - 1.5 yearling fibre diameter, and +177 wool production index (WP). This Ram boasts an outstanding pedigree. Over the past year, three rams from this ET joining have been retained as stud reserves. He is a beautifully balanced ram standing very square. His body is long with a perfectly straight topline. He has a soft pure muzzle, and his wool is waxy white all over with sharp crimping lock with density. "His dam has produced many top - end rams over the last five years that continue to perform."

Donald Grant, Collarenebri, bought the second top - priced ram, LM240365, for \$20,000. By Wiringa Park 220450 purchased by Lachlan in 2023 for \$70,000. The April - 2024 drop, 21 micron, was in the top 1% with +52.8 YCFW and +40.1 ACFW. He also ranked in the top 5% for + 198 WP, top 10% for +158 sustainable Merino index, and top 20% for +8.6 post weaning weight and +11.3 for yearling weight.

Mr Grant said the ram's long, dense and beautiful staple was a key attraction, describing him as an outstanding sire that reflected the direction the Merino industry must take. "He represents the future of the Merino industry, and if you breed sheep like that, you'll survive everything," he said. The purchase builds on their \$21,000 investment in LM230012 last year, with Mr Grant praising the continual lift in the quality of Lachlan's Rams.

Piney Range Pastoral, Walbundrie, bought LM240713 for \$13,500. Another Wiringa Park 220450 son and out of LM210013, the August - 2024 drop, 17.3 micron, was in the top 5% with +200 WP, top 10% at +32.7 YCFW and +28.9 ACFW. Volume buyers Mark, Carol and Brad Jones, Condobolin, purchased 24 rams to a top price of \$6500, twice, to average \$4687.

Mitch Rubie, Lachlan, said the progeny of Wiringa 220450 and Lachlan 220118 were highly sought after throughout the sale. Mr Rubie said that 2026 will see the stud having more than 200 progeny on the ground from both sires. In a progressive step, the daughters of each sire have been joined to the other, an exciting move the Rubies believe will drive the next phase of genetic advancement within the stud.



2025 Top Price Ram, \$22,000 ET bred, 13 month ram lamb, 109kg. Lachlan retained his full flush brother.

This year's sale also saw many new buyers, with an additional 16 registrations compared with the previous year.

They were drawn to Lachlan for the balance in the sheep, combining strong early growth and carcass traits with the retention of valuable fleece quality and quantity that remains the cornerstone of profitable Merino enterprises.

Looking ahead to the 2026 sale, Mr Rubie said he is enthusiastic about presenting a larger and more impressive lineup of rams, planning to offer at least 180 rams, and potentially more, to meet the exceptional demand we've seen again this year. We're extremely confident in the 2025 - drop progeny, which are showing terrific quality and promise.

An additional 50 rams were sold directly after the auction at \$1500, a result that highlights both the confidence buyers have in Lachlan genetics and the depth of high - quality sheep available. Nutrien conducted the sale with John Setttee, Dubbo, as auctioneer (The Land, September 2025).



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Join us throughout the year at leading sheep and wool events across Australia.



2026 EVENTS CALENDAR



Marra Field Day

Friday 10 July 2026



Australian Sheep & Wool Show

Friday 17 July - Sunday 19 July 2026



Dubbo National Merino Sheep Show

Tuesday 11 August - Wednesday 12 August 2026



Riverina Sheep & Wool Expo - Conargo

Wednesday 26 August 2026



SWS Stud Merino Breeders Field Day - Harden

Tuesday 1 September 2026



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LACHAN MERINOS ON-PROPERTY EVENTS



2026 On-Property Ram Inspection Day

Saturday 5 September 2026



2026 On-Property Ram Auction

Wednesday 16 September 2026

*We look forward to seeing
you in 2026*

For further information regarding any event or
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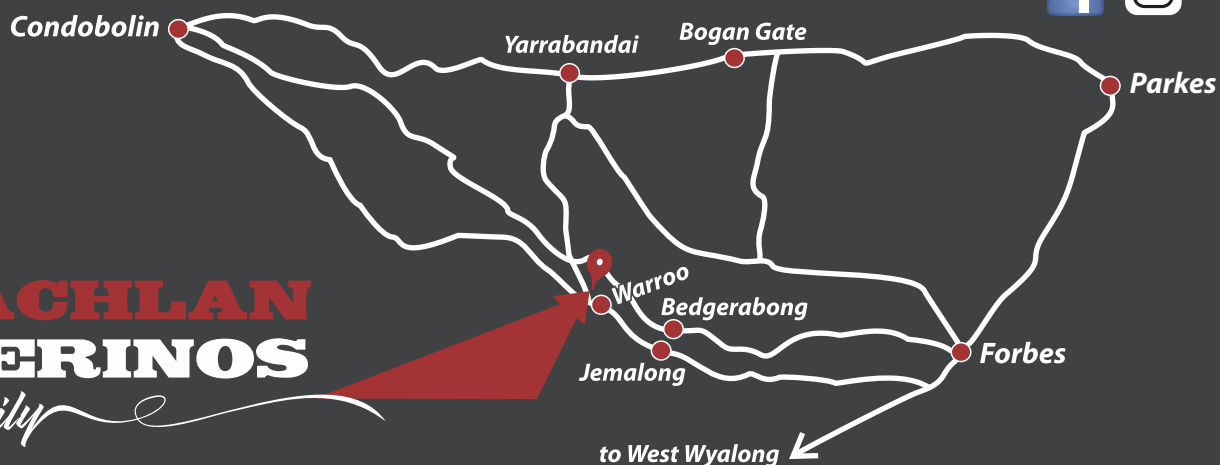
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