



:KEY INFORMATION:

- 41st On-Property Ram Sale Thursday 6th August 2020, 1pm start.
- 185/190 top quality dual purpose young rams available.
- Ram inspection will still be available.
- First offering of our home bred sire WR881



WHITE RIVER

MERINO & POLL MERINO STUD

DANIELL & SONS PTY LTD

Welcome to our 2020 Autumn Newsletter

May 2020

With the advent of Covid-19 - the changes, influences and restrictions it is having on everybody's lifestyle, work and business we feel it is important to maintain close contact with our highly valued client base to keep you informed of what is happening at White River.

THIS YEAR'S RAM SALE

Our 2020 On Property Ram Sale is programmed for August 6th **starting at 1pm.** We are currently preparing 300 April/May 2019 drop rams to select an offering of 185/190 top quality dual purpose young rams for the sale.

At Time Of Writing - Ram sales are deemed to be an essential service and are currently being conducted and will continue to be conducted unless the regulations change.

There will be certain pre sale conditions to be observed and sale day procedure to be adhered to including protocol for both the vendor and purchases and strict lunch and refreshment procedure.

As a result our intentions are to conduct the sale in the normal manner adhering to the protocol as required and also present the sale online through Auctions Plus with video footage of all lots offered.

We are confident we can work prior inspection of sale rams for clients that wish to do that. This may well involve staggered dates and times to insure no more than the maximum number of people in attendance at one time.

Ram deliveries – We can deliver rams purchased after the sale as required by clients.

2020 Sale Team

We constantly strive to improve our wool and carcass returns for our clients with constant sourcing of genetics focussed on growth rate, overall animal size and wool cut and quality. At the March ram shearing with 6 months wool growth wool cuts were up to 10kg (excluding belly wool and trimmings) from a son of WR 546 and averaged 7.3kg overall. Similarly at the March weigh in body weight average was 89kg bare shorn. The top was 112kg. Our previous 3 years have averaged 6.5 GFW and 83kg BWT at the same stage. These results are showing a genuine genetic improvement on previous years for both fleece weight and body weight. Our annual wool clip has remained unchanged at 19.5 micron 19.6, 19.5 the last 3 years.



The Poll Merino offering this year is highlighted by the first offering of our home bred sire WR881 – 2018 EP Hoggett Ram of the Year and placed 2nd in the Riverina Wool Australia Champion Hogget Ram award at the 2018 Hay Sheep Show. We believe his progeny quite outstanding for conformation constitution and wool growing ability. A genuine fleece weight improver by his benchmarking at our March ram shearing when his progeny cut 11percent

above the average. WR881 was represented by 56 sons in the 313 original sale team rams.

Another highlight is the first offering of Moorundie W252 progeny. Extra size and make and shape again with exceptional white bright wools with great testing ability. The 252 sons were very popular at our Burra Field Day display in March drawing very favourable comments from interstate sheep men as well as local breeders. Special wools on very big bodies and excellent fleece weights. Usual sires WR546, Moorundie, Old Ashrose 594 family, Premier, Moorundie Park are well represented.



Burra Field day display 2020

The Merino offering will highlight sons of Wallaloo Park 112 sold for \$52,000 in 2018. Well made and very well covered with exceptionally white bright soft nourished wools that test exceptionally well and a second offering of JC&S Promoter 212 that were so popular last year. Big, well made attractive medium wools with exceptional head and horns they should impress again.



Client Successes

Commercial client success is our paramount aim and “how” we gauge our success as a stud. But this time we would like to acknowledge some tremendous achievements by some leading Australian studs that have used White River genetics.

July 2019 “Boonoke” Poll Merino stud NSW won “Australian Champion Dual Purpose Merino Ram” at the Bendigo sheep Show with a son of WR546

March 2020 “Mulloorie” stud Brinkworth won “Champion Field Days Ram of the Year” at Merino SA Field Day at Burra. Another WR546 son.

March 2020 “Oakbank” Stud St Arnaud won “Grand Champion Poll” at the Balmoral Show in Victoria, also a WR546 son. And a number of studs topped their Annual On Property sales with sons of WR546 (including “Caroonboon” selling a son for \$18,000 at last year’s Classing Classic).



Freddie, Wes & John Ram shearing Feb 2020

2020 Lambing

White River joined the most stud ewes we ever have in Nov-Dec 2019. A total of 1856 ewes were mated and we had our best ever conception rate at preg testing in Feb 2020 with

mobs up to 94percent and averaging 90/91 percent in lamb. Lambs are dropping as we write this and we’re excited at the possibilities looking forward. We have introduced (through artificial insemination) the Poll Merino rams Glenlea Park 173 who was sold for \$100,000 at last year’s Adelaide Ram Sale and Old Ashrose 2019 Adelaide show Supreme Champion Ram PMA242 as well as the exciting youngster Moorundie 062.

Plus the outstanding Merino ram JC&S641 sold by Collinsville for \$73,000. The additions of these genetics should further bolster the quality of rams we offer in the future.

So “Watch this Space” we will keep the interests of all clients and their ram replacement needs foremost and look forward to your ongoing support.

We are happy to continue with our complimentary sheep classing service where and when possible
just contact us.

Please feel free to contact us to discuss sale procedure or indeed anything sheep related for that matter.

Stay Safe and All the Best

The White River Family





2019 On-property ram sale rams



Claire at shearing time 2019



Top price rams 2019

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