

White River Ram Win at the Royal Adelaide Show

White River stud Poochera made a triumphant return to the Royal Adelaide Show with a heavy cutting medium wool ram, winning its way through the March shorn classes.

The May 2015- drop ram – Venus 55 was the Hogget Ram of the Year at Hay, NSW, in June and has continued to grow, weighing 143 kilograms prior to the show.

The 21.5 micron ram, by home-bred sire Venus 80, had wool tests of 2.9 standard deviation, 13.5 coefficient of variation and 99.4 per cent comfort factor. It will be retained as a stud sire.

It was John and Marg and Wes and Jacqui Daniell's most successful showing since Kaldoonera won the supreme exhibit in 2010.

John said it was an enormous honour to win in a feature breed showing.

"It was a tremendous youngster, so we wanted the sheep world to see it" he said.

"It is a fantastically safe ram with great 21M wool and a lot of it, but also such a good carcase." Tas-based judge and Australian Stud Merino Breeders Association President Georgina Wallace described Venus 55 as the "complete package". "It has terrific purity, very even from head to toe and good underline with beautiful, crimping wool with plenty of nourishment," she said.



Glorious Return: Michelle Cousins, Burra, sashes the champion March-Shorn Merino ram from the White River stud Poochera. Also pictured are Claire, Wes and John Daniell and Ali Brands (second from right).

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